

Brunswick Between Bookends

By Eugene Fallon



LOVE IS A WOUND. By Worth Tuttle Heddon. Crown Publishers, New York. 467 pp.

Here is a rather strange novel, which just misses being great. On the flyleaf is inscribed: "For Cousin Augusta Roberts who made the past vivid for me." It was signed by the author.

The inscription was directed to a Southport lady now deceased. The author of this brooding novel spent some time on several visits with her cousin here. The book was published ten years ago.

Briefly, the story concerns two

sisters who love the same man—a minister. The man of God plays hard to get, and wisely so, for the sisters might have stepped from the tormented mind of an Eugene O'Neil or a Tennessee Williams. The prize himself is not so placid or self-contained as one would expect of a man of cloth; but the sympathy of the reader remains with him to the end, because of the semi-evil machinations of the matrimonial-bent sisters. If the plot sounds complicated, it is; but the author possesses a greater share of writing skill than is usually encountered

in novels by women based on emotional things, and here-and-there throughout the book are passages of real power.

The scene of the impassioned tale is Southport, thinly disguised as "Bayport", which in turn, is said to be "some 25 miles from Wilmington, N. C." so, you see, there's little doubt left as to where the story is supposed to have unfolded. The circa is the late Nineteenth Century, in the 1880's to be more explicit, and incidentally the Southern colloquialisms in this one ring true and do not appear as perverted Uncle Remusisms, even when colored characters talk under the stress of extraordinary events.

Invertebrate movie-goers who may recall O'Neil's "Strange Interlude" will find much to remind them of that drama in these pages. Much of what transpires in Love is a Wound unfolds through the unspoken thoughts of the characters. This is especially true of the Rev. David Hummiston.

Without pointing a finger at the author, it seems pretty clear that she has read Walt Whitman. There's nothing wrong with this (every aspiring writer should, you know). The great poet's influence is obvious in such passages as the following:

"A bright fellow, quiet and industrious when not under the influence of monkey-rum. He made his peace with God and was resigned to his fate—his soul saved but his body wasted . . ."

The last sentence smacks of the Sage of Camden, and might, indeed, come direct from "Autumn Rivulets".

The weakest portion of the novel, it seemed to me, was its ending. After all the sweatings and ravings, it is not clear, at the end, who, if anyone got Dave Hummiston.

Southport readers may or may not like the story, but I think few natives will find fault with the author's treatment of their town. Treatment such as the following:

"Every day I live here I'm struck anew by the fact that nothing much changes in Bayport but the faces of the people who walk these oyster-shell sidewalks . . . yes, it's a sweet, stable old town. I doubt if there's another like it in the country and I'm thankful things worked out as they did and sister got her way about retiring to this peaceful, memory-filled spot . . ."

Summing up, I've read better books, but on the other hand have read hundreds of worse ones. The appeal of this one is, I think,

A new camellia variety, "Brigadoon," is offered by a California nursery.

Brigadoon is the result of a cross using "salvenensis x Princess Baciocchi." This variety is reported as being distinguished by its precocious blooming habit and profusion of extra large fuschia-pink blooms. The flowers have 12-15 petals, delicately scalloped, measuring up to 5 inches across. An earlier introduction by the same nursery, "Flirtation," is a hybrid from "japonica x salvenensis." This variety is reported as having complete sun tolerance, which makes it especially desirable as a colorful landscape plant.

FROM THE question box: "Someone told me I could control the peach tree borer with DDT. I tried this but it did not work."

There are two species of borers attacking peach trees in North Carolina, both of which can be controlled with DDT. The lesser peach tree borer usually feeds on the limbs, or high up on the trunk, while the peach tree borer usually causes damage near the base of the tree.

The timing of sprays is the key to successful control. It is standard practice for commercial growers to spray the trunks and limbs of trees July 1, August 1 and Sept. 1 with DDT. Parathion and Thiodan may also be used.

The only remedy now is to remove the peach tree borers from the base of the tree. (This method is not practiced for the lesser borer on the limbs.) Remove the soil from the base of the tree, and the gummy exudate. Locate the tunnels, cutting as little as possible, and kill the borers by pushing a flexible wire into the tunnel.

"I WAITED too late to prune my Muscadine vines and they are bleeding. Will this kill the vines?" No. We have no information to show that bleeding is harmful. When the temperature is low, bleeding will stop, and begin again when the temperature rises. When the leaves begin to grow, the bleeding will stop.

IT SEEMS almost impossible to keep an error from creeping into the column from time to time. In the Sunday, March 11, News and Observer fertilizer recommendation for a lawn should have been 35 pounds of 8-8-8 essentially to the distaff side—and a glance at the withdrawal card affixed in the back, proves that it has been devoured essentially by the dear girls. Available at the Southport Public Library.

fertilizer per 1,000 square feet instead of 35 pounds per 100 square feet, as given.

4-H Club News

By JAMES E. GOFF, Assistant County Agricultural Agent

A group of interested people met on March 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Harrelson in Shallotte for the purpose of discussing the possibility of organizing a Community 4-H Club. After hearing the explanation of how the club would be set up and operated the group was very much in favor of organizing a 4-H Club of this type in their community. They set another meeting date to begin making more definite plans as to how to organize a Community 4-H Club. They hope to complete the organization step and get their boys and girls active in 4-H as soon as possible.

The Sears Roebuck 4-H Poultry Chain will be carried out by 8 of the 4-H club members in Brunswick County. Those to receive the chicks will be Hickman Cross Roads (1) Donald Platt (2) Johnny Moore (3) Terry Thompkins (4) Tony Benton; Grissetown (1) Kelly Holden; Exum (1) Medford Mintz (2) Mary Lois Vereen (3) Jerry Little. The chicks will be placed with these 4-H club members on April 20. They will raise the chicks until they are approximately 6 months of age and then 12 select pullets will be given for a Poultry Show and Sale. These pullets will be judged and ribbons given to the boys and girls doing the best job of raising the chicks to 6 months of age. The pullets will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder and the proceeds put back into the bank to buy chicks for the coming year.

In 1960, a total of 19,155,510 pounds of North Carolina eggs were hauled in interstate commerce.

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BOOKMOBILE

BOLIVIA ROUTE Tuesday, March 27 Cecil's Place, Route 17, 9:45-10:15 a. m. Winnabow A. P. Henry's, Caudill's, 10:20-10:50 a. m. Arnold's Station, 11:00-11:20 a. m. Rabon's Store, Route 17, 11:30-11:45 a. m. Mae's Barbecue, Bolivia, 12:30-1:00 p. m. Randolph's Store, Piney Grove, 1:10-1:30 p. m. Hawes Store, Bolivia, 1:45-4:00 p. m.

WACCAMAW ROUTE Thursday, March 29 Watts Store, 10:15-10:45 a. m. Vereen's Store, Exum, 11:00-11:15 a. m. Babson's Store, Freeland, 11:30-12:15 Simmons Store, 12:20-12:35 p. m. Soldier Bay Church, 12:45-1:15 p. m. Shallotte, 1:30-4:00 p. m.

Read The Want Ads



By: JIM POWELL

THE WORD SELAH

This word occurs 77 times in the Old Testament. The noted scholar in the Hebrew language, Robert Young, who arranged a monumental concordance of the Bible, and wrote an excellent translation, says that Selah is a musical note, indicating a pause in the singing. Punctuation marks are used today to indicate pauses and emphasis, they are observed but not pronounced in reading. Selah may be omitted from the reading without changing the meaning.

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