THE TORCH

A department conducted for The Warren County Memorial Library

By MABEL DAVIS The Librarian

Books Old and New

Complying with my request to write something for this column about the books she has read this summer, a member of the faculty of one of the Raleigh city schools handed me the following terse and very interesting review:

"The Warren County Memorial Library offers an exceptional opportunity to the lover of reading. Even where libraries are to be found, the selection of books contained therein is not to be compared with the Warrenton Library. In the latter the selection reflects scholarship, artistic appreciation, the scientific spirit, and culture.

"Comments on the new books available in the library, or on the old books, or on the outstanding books would be revealing. This, however, is none of these but rather notes taken from a few weeks of reading at random.

Boyd, James—**'Roll River,**: A man in hospital about to die dreams through his own life and that of his aunt—the latter comes first in his book. Fair. Over 600 pages.

Pitkin, Walter B—**'The Psychology fo Happiness'**. A very sane outlook on life. The thesis is that the smooth functioning of the entire personality, chiefly physical, makes for happiness. 1929.

Schmalhausen, Samuel—**'Why We Misbehave'**: The book is dedicated to Freud, Adler, and Jung. 'History penetratingly conceived, is a branch of psychoanalytic psychiatry. Human life is a series of complications of the superior-inferior relation.

Baldwin, Faith—**'American Family'**: A young doctor's life. He loves three women—marries two of them. Better than most of Faith Baldwin's books.

Douglas, Loyd C—**'Green Light'**: Another book like Magnificent Obsession but not as strong. American Family is better.

Wilder, Thornton—**'Heaven's My Destination'**: A study in psychopathology. Very subtle. A young man becomes very religious; then loses his faith. He was crazy all of the time.

Anderson, Sherwood — **'Dark Laughter'**: Very good. Human nature with emphasis on sex but beautifully done.

Woolcott, Alexander — **'While Rome Burns'**: Splendid short sketches. A master at writing.

Overstreet, H. A.—**'Influencing Human Behavior,' 1925.** Good. Easy reading. The three cardinal points in influencing human behavior are: arouse interest, change human nature, exercise the creative powers.

Wolfe, Thomas—**'Of Time and the River', 1935:** Good descriptions though sometimes they become detailed. Repeats: words, words. Something like Gertrude Stein. The language is expressive, even earthy. The material is evidently autobiographical. The book is an epic of a modern artistic spirit.

Wilson, Charles Morrow—**'Backwoods America'**, 1934:U. N. C. Press. Illustrated by Mrs. Bayard Wooten. Very good.

Carmer, Carl—**'Stars Fell On Alabama,'** 1934: Stories of Alabama. Better than fair. The outsider might be tempted to say that the state is not highly civilized.

Werfel, Franz—**'The Forty Days of Musa Dagh,'** 1934, 817 pp.: A story of the Armenians during the World War. Very detailed and instructive.

'The New Generation,' edited by Calverton and Schmalhausen, 1930: A symposium of the family, parents and children. Excellent. Scientific.

Mann, Thomas — **'Death In Venice'**: A writer, who worships beauty, falls in love with a beautiful boy. At the end the writer dies. Somewhat like 'Good-Bye, Mr. Chips,' except that it is more artistically written.

Lawrence, D. H.—**'Sons and Lovers'**: A woman who is disappointed in her marriage showers her affection upon her sons, one especially. He develops a mother-complex, depending utterly upon his mother for happiness. He tries to love but cannot. Dreiser has worked out very much the same theme in 'The Genius' except that he attributes to the artistic temperament the inability of love to satisfy.

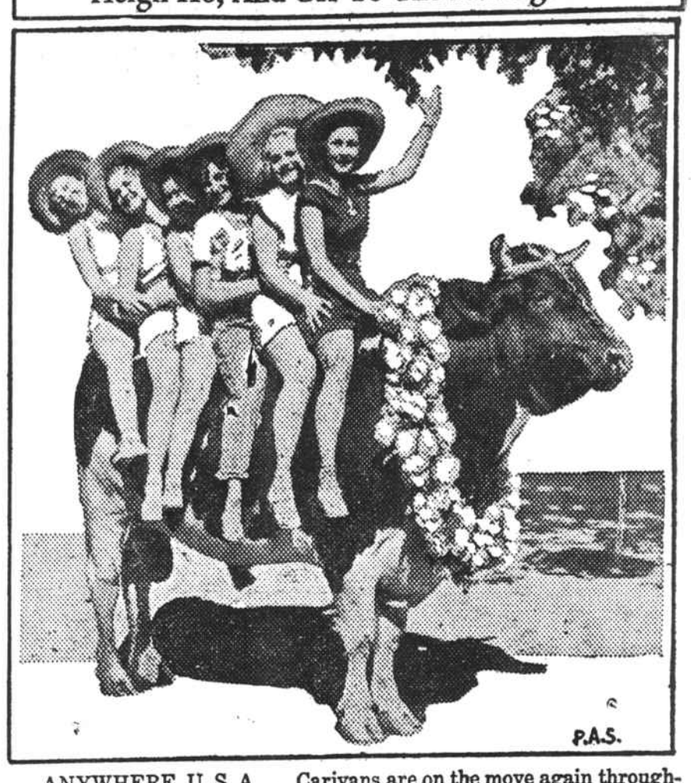
Buck, Pearl—**'East Wind: West Wind'**: A story of life in China. Pictures the break between the generations caused by western civilization. Very artistic.

Knittel, John—**'Via Mala'**: A story of peasant life in the Alps. Some psychology. Good. 677 pp.

Sheppard, Muriel Early—**'Cabins in the Laurel.'** U. N. C. Press, 1935. Illustrated by Bayard Wooten. Similar to 'Backwoods America.' Life in the mountains of N. C. around the Toe River. Sections of the book are presented with such feeling and understanding that one is tempted to make of these mountains 'his own country.' Chapter XII, 'New Cabins in the Laurel,' is especially interesting with its recital of beliefs and superstitions. The chapter, 'Comedy and Tragedy,' is suggestive of William Faulkener at his best. The explanation of the revival and popularizing of the fireside industries give additional meaning to articles which have long interested the discriminating. Something of the same atmosphere is to be found in 'Stars Fell on Alabama,' 'Lamb in His Bosom' and the books of Julia Peterkin, yet 'Cabins in the Laurel' will be more appealing to most of us since the people described therein are very distinctly our own."

—Mary Powell Brantley.

Heigh Ho, And Off To The Fair Again



ANYWHERE, U. S. A. . . . Carivans are on the move again throughout the land as Americans head for the big fairs. Note the majestic poise of 4-year old champion, "Don Triune Segis," as he wends his way toward the Los Angeles County Fair with Ynez Greene, Helen Cox, Jo Boyle, Lillian Neuman, Angie Ficker and Helen Baublits "six-timing" the champ for a free ride.

Paralysis Cases Show Decrease

While no cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in this county recently, four additional cases of the disease have been reported to the State Board of Health as the epidemic continues to show declining force.

The new sufferers were in Chatham, Guilford, Halifax and Mecklenburg counties and made 57 this month and 534 this year. During the first 15 days of July 109 cases were reported in the state.

The East Indian banyan tree is distinguished by the fact that roots descended from its branches and become auxiliary trunks, thus permitting the tree to extend over a wide area.

Today *and* Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

FLYING . . . . .safe and cheap

An airplane flew low over Indian Mountain, just west of my farm, last Sunday, and landed in Joe Springstroop's cow-pasture. No, it wasn't a crash. Nobody was hurt. It was just a couple of boys experimenting with a home-made plane, powered with a Ford engine. They hope to get a Government contract for cheap, safe planes.

Two other young inventors have just brought out small "foolproof" planes, that can be sold for $700 or $800. One of them made 110 miles an hour in a test flight. Experts say nobody could crash either of those planes if he tried.

Safe, cheap flying is almost here. I think it promises to be as big an industry as automobiles. Half the adventurous boys I know are going in for flying. When everyone takes to the air, what changes it will make in our ways of living and thinking!

LEMONS . . . . . and war

Next to lemon pie my family likes lemonade on hot Summer evenings. A two-quart pitcher of lemonade doesn't last us very long.

The other day my wife came home from the store indignant. "I had to pay fifty cents for a dozen little lemons!" she said. "Last week they were only 30 cents. Tom Fallon says the wholesalers have boosted the price to him nearly double."

I asked a friend in the citrus fruit trade about it, next day.

"It's the war in Africa," he said. "Italy has bought up all the European lemon crops and is bidding for California lemons. They need 'em for their soldiers, to keep them from getting scurvy."

"War," said my wife when I told her that, "is what General Sherman said it was. No more lemon pie until Mussolini and the Ethiopians get through fighting."

War anywhere certainly touches everybody somewhere.

FARMERS . . . . sans character

For a hundred years and more the old Hubbard farm, up near Long Pond, has supported, educated and made good citizens of generation after generation of Hubbards. A few years ago old Mr. Hubbard sold the place. I drove by the other day and saw an auction sale going on. The new owners were being "sold up" to satisfy their creditors, and the savings bank had foreclosed the mortgage on the land.

"Guess they just ain't good farmers," said Mr. Hubbard, when I stopped by his cottage down the road to ask him how come. I dropped in at the bank. "No character," was the banker's harsh judgment. "Thought they could make a living without working and spend money before they earned it. Do you know any real farmer who'd like to get a good place cheap? There's a bargain for a man and wife with character and a little capital. It's no place, though, for movie-hounds, joyriders or people that want short hours and long vacations."

I have a notion that a lot of the distress among farmers, that we hear so much about, comes down to that.

FARMS . . . . . selling again

I get reports from the Middle West of a revival of activity in farm land sales. Good farms in Nebraska have recently sold for from $100 to $150 an acre. One South Dakota farmer friend writes me that he has been offered $150 an acre for his quarter section. An Iowa farmer whom I know tells me that he refused $60,000 cash for his 600 acres recently.

Those prices do not compare with the speculative prices at which similar farm land changed hands in the boom days. They probably represent more nearly the actual value of the land, in terms of earning capacity in the hands of competent farmers.

A great deal of the farm distress has come from buying land at fancy or speculative prices.

SPECULATION IS . Speculation

I have never been able to see much difference between speculating in land and speculating in stocks. The man who bought Iowa farm land for $500 an acre, as I saw many buying it during the War, paying a quarter down and giving a mortgage for the balance, was heading for trouble just as surely as the city speculator who bought Radio or any other stock at the peak of the market, on a 20 per cent margin.

The speculative buyer of farm land has one advantage. It takes longer to foreclose the mortgage on a farm than it does to close out a stock-broker's customer, and in the meantime there is always the chance that a benevolent government will come to the farmer's aid. I have not heard of anybody offering to help the small speculators who were caught in the stock-market collapse, but there has been some concern about the losses of speculators in farm land.

He Wanted To Whisper

WASHINGTON . . . Lack of White House comment leaves the impression that no libelous action will be taken against E. P Cramer, Plainfield, N. J. advertising man (above), who admitted before the Senate Lobby Committee that it was he who suggested that the utilities people start a "whispering campaign" that President Roosevelt was insane.

SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

The following persons having failed to pay their Taxes on property in the City of Macon, N. C., for the year 1934, I will, on Monday, September 2, 1935, in front of the W. G. Egerton Store building, at 12 o'clock M, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following property. The costs and penalties are to be added.

J. E. SHAW, Tax Collector.

Mrs. J. R. Betts, 2 town lots.	$ 8.42
Mrs. R. D. Farrar, 1 town lot	1.92
Mrs. R. A. Harris, 2 town lots	14.72
W. H. Riggan, 1 town lot....	3.66
Colored	
S. W. Faulkner, 1 town lot..$	.36
J. H. Faulkner, 1 lot.....	.36
Thomas W. Wyrick's Estote..	2.04
Sallie & Laura Statman.....	.48

TWO GOVERNORS

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Chas. E. Foster
Civil Engineer, Surveyor
Littleton, N. C.

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Stuart is taking his vacation this week. He is a great fisherman, and we wish for him the best of luck during his holidays.

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