

Long Replies To Comment On Sermon About Luncheon Clubs

Statesville, Feb. 5.—Rev. MacKenzie R. Long, president of the North Carolina Bible League, who in a sermon Sunday quoted by The Charlotte Observer as having consigned civic clubs to the regions of eternal darkness, his remarks creating a statewide sensation, made his first explanation in his afternoon in his home paper—The Statesville Daily.

Books and Authors

Today we have two books for review and then we will give the remainder of the column to seeing something of the authors of today and also see some of the new books that the publishing houses of the country have promised us.

The Pacer. (By Viola Paradise) Published at New York by E. P. Dutton & Company.

Often when reading books and studying them for review the words "not" and "no" come to our mind. There have been many novels during the last few months which can be commented on only in negatives, and it is to this very large class that we would put Viola Paradise's book, "The Pacer."

The theme is the over-worked one of a triangle, the heroine and central character is Judith Hazlett who had been brought up by a dressmaker, Miss Tibbets. She called Miss Tibbets "Aunt Carrie," though they were apparently not related. Aunt Carrie was a good but not very successful dressmaker. However, she managed to save a little money and planned to send Judith to the University. But when Judith was 16 Aunt Carrie became ill, so very ill that a serious operation was necessary, making it impossible for Aunt Carrie to go on with her work and forcing Judith to do what she could to earn some money.

Word comes to the publishers in this country from London that H. W. Thomsen has nearly finished a new book, which will bear the alluring title, "Gallion's Reach." The notice of the publishers sent out says that the book will be an adventure yarn of the "Treasure Island" type, but in modern dress. It is to be serialized before it appears in book form. We hope that Mr. Thomsen will not ruin his story by making it first a serial as a certain woman did in this country when she wrote "Mannikin."

"Mr. Editor, you utter a notable thing when you say 'There has come a generation of newspaper reporters who have imbued false ideas of correct journalistic work, chief of which is that something must be done to attract attention.' Journalism is too great a craft to be disgraced by stymphalians, dropping the poisoned plume of malice on the very men who support it, and its highest ideals. I love my home paper. I have a personal affection for its editor. I would not induce the paper nor its publisher for the world. And I am sure that our editor here has shown that he would never trot truth off to the Dry Tortugas of distortion without investigation. I believe all real editors are of his opinion. I say Amen and first sensation mongering will be so condemned, editorially, that it will never be able to post the craft of Journalism."

Although this book is several months old we want to pass on a review of it for your consideration. This review is taken from an issue of the New York Times and is the conclusion that the book reviewers of the Times came to in regard to this book.

The review is as follows: "There may be other writers on the American scene possessing profounder intuitions and greater technical skill, but it is difficult to think of one so far from the author of 'Tar.' The book is purely Sherwood Anderson at his freest and least strained. He is involved with his subject; it is a part and parcel of himself; it becomes, in a last consideration, the recreation of a fancy that began in reality. It is also a quiet book, and this does not mean that the surface is not agitated by ripples. The ripples are there but they are rhythmic and they are held in restraint. It is, in fact, a book that is plainly the result of brooding, and though there is passion of a sort in it this passion is almost subterranean. It is the mysterious undertow that crawls below the surface of 'Tar.' It is a book in which the scene is dimmed by distance, the book of a far-away childhood in a far-away Ohio town in a far-away sea. A faint quaintness flows through the period. And yet one can hardly say why this is so or point to any obvious examples of it. It is the atmosphere in toto occasioned probably by a sensitive story teller feeling into the inchoate muck of his stored impressions and drawing forth material that time has translated, as only time can, into the realm of fancy."

Rex Beach, Harper and Bros. inform us, has sold his house at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson and has gone to Florida for the rest of the winter. The Ardsley place comprised about ten acres of ground, with a house containing thirty rooms and seven baths, besides a gardener's cottage and a garage with chauffeur's quarters. We can see from the description that the sale of books "or something" made considerable money for this popular author and yet we don't blame him for selling it for a man with a house that size would be expected to throw house parties at frequent intervals and those things run into big money these days.

Professor William Ellery Leonard, whose narrative poem, "Two Lives," was published recently by the Viking Press, has been elected to the American Institute of Arts and Letters.

A NEW MEDAL OF MERIT SIRE



North Carolina Bull Wins Highest Possible Award

New York, Feb. 7.—The purebred Jersey bull, Oakwood D's Fox, owned by R. L. Shuford, Newton, has been awarded the Medal of Merit by the American Jersey Cattle Club, New York. The gold medal is awarded in recognition of the remarkable production records made by daughters of the bull.

Twenty-five daughters of this sire have been tested and three have won Medals of Merit and four have won Gold Medals for high production. The average mature production of the daughters is equivalent to 483 pounds of butterfat in 385 days. The average mature production of the daughters is 625 pounds of butterfat. This means that the daughters of Oakwood D's Fox show increased production over their dams of 142 pounds of butterfat per year or 27 per cent. His three Medal Merit daughters all produced over 800 pounds of butterfat, with calf, in 365 days. The dams of these cows average 454 pounds of butterfat in yearly tests. In this case the increased production is equivalent to 90 per cent, a most remarkable showing.

Mr. Shuford, the owner, started breeding Jersey cattle 35 years ago with a few foundation cows. Every animal now in the herd, except one cow and one bull, was bred by Mr. Shuford. The American Jersey Cattle Club, 324 West 23rd St., New York.

They and Machinery Keep 1,100 Miles in County in Good Shape. (From the Birmingham News) Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Modern machinery and convict labor have, during the past two years, given to Tuscaloosa county over 1,100 miles of good roads. According to a statement made by William Toxey, county engineer, all work so far done on roads controlled by the board of revenue can be directly traced to the installation of tractors, scrapers and a gasoline shovel, the first purchase of any road machine having been made two years ago.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the work done by Tuscaloosa county is the comparison between the efficiency and cost of operating modern machinery and work done by the use of mule teams. Today, in addition to two caterpillar tractors and a few others of lighter type, Russell graders and the motor operated shovel, Tuscaloosa county works many of the narrower highways with mule teams, three convict gangs, each supplied with ten mules, being employed on such roads.

The total cost of operating the highway department of Tuscaloosa county is approximately \$4,300 monthly, this including feeding, guarding and clothing convicts, as well as hiring convicts from Lafayette county. According to figures obtained from the county records, it is estimated that over half the monthly expenditure is for the upkeep and operation of work on roads worked by mule teams, less than one-eighth of the entire county road system.

Tractors of the caterpillar type are used, together with motor trucks and Russell graders. This particular branch of the business, according to Mr. Toxey, is maintained at less than the cost of keeping in operation one of the mule camps. The county is crossed and counter-crossed by a network of excellent roads, all of these being due to the work of Probate Judge Woosley Finnell, Engineer Toxey and County Commissioners W. H. Clements, J. H. Shepherd and John B. Taylor.

Famous Artists on Radio February 18th New York, Feb. 7.—Miss Mary Garden, soprano of the Chicago Opera Company, Emilio De Gogorza, baritone, and Hans Barth, pianist, are announced as the artists who will present the fourth 1927 radio concert of the Victor Talking-Machine Company, on the evening of February 18th.

Stonewall Jackson Indirectly Connected With Davidson College

Davidson, N. C., Feb. 6.—Thomas Jonathan Jackson, known to readers of history as the immortal "Stonewall" Jackson, and hero of many battles in the War between the States, was indirectly connected with Davidson College, and if tradition is considered, he was directly connected with the Presbyterian institution. The former is historically correct.

His indirect connection with the college was through his second marriage with Miss Mary Anna Morrison, whose father was Rev. E. H. Morrison, D. D., first president of Davidson College, which received its inception in 1837. Mrs. Jackson published a history of the life of her husband many years ago, and this is the source of the authentic information.

In speaking of the life of her father in its relationship to Davidson, Mrs. Jackson says that he, "Rev. Dr. R. H. Morrison, a Presbyterian minister, had in his earlier days been a pastor in towns, and was the first president of Davidson College, in North Carolina," followed by the statement that Dr. Morrison had been a graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1818 in a class with President Polk, Bishop Green, of Mississippi, and several other men of eminence in the church and state.

Before Mrs. Jackson wrote her history, her pastor had paid a double tribute to her father and to Davidson, with questions asked in regard to the future of the institution. Her pastor wrote, "Davidson College, of which he was founder, has risen to eminence among the institutions of America. Its high standard commands the respect of the whole country, whilst the moral influences which govern and surround it are unsurpassed. During the fifty-two years of its existence, it has given to the church two hundred ministers of the gospel. Who is able to compute the sum total of blessing accruing from this one source alone? Who is able to measure its influence for good through all coming time? And who is able to estimate the indebtedness of society, the state and the church to its noble founder? Davidson College is his monument, for which generations yet unborn will rise up and bless the name of Dr. Robert Hall Morrison."

When the alumni catalogue of Davidson was issued in 1924, it revealed the fulfillment of the prophecy of the unnamed pastor, who paid a tribute to its founder and incidentally to the institution and the ideals and principles inculcated within it. Up to 1924, the number of Davidson College students entering the ministry had tripled those who had gone into the profession 52 years after it was founded, for 638 students of Davidson had chosen the ministry for their life profession. That has now well advanced beyond the 700 mark in the last two years, which is indicative of the remarkable good that has already accrued and will continue to do so. The final answers to the questions asked by this pastor still remain unanswered because of the years of service that are yet before Davidson.

Another Connection. Miss Morrison, the latter's father "could not trust his emotional nature enough to marry any of his daughters," said Mrs. Jackson in her history, and so the ceremony "was performed by a favorite old ministerial friend of mine, Rev. Dr. Drury Lacy," on July 18, 1837. Dr. Drury Lacy was then president of Davidson College being the third one to occupy this position, though Mrs. Jackson did not mention that fact in her history. Dr. Lacy was president of Davidson from 1835 to 1839.

Dr. Drury Lacy is father of the present state treasurer of North Carolina, and grandfather of Dr. Ben H. Lacy, a graduate of Davidson in 1906, and now president of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Jackson's history reveals the fact that during the War between the States that Dr. Drury Lacy was a chaplain and was a constant companion of her husband. This recalls the service of Dr. Ben Lacy, who served in the same capacity during the recent World War, fifty-six years later. The latter's work was known to the entire American Expeditionary Force, and his valiant work was similar in many respects to that of his grandfather.

Professor at Davidson. Tradition tells us that "Stonewall" Jackson was a professor of Davidson College for three weeks, but verification of this is lacking at the present time. The story is told that he was visiting D. H. Hill (later General D. H. Hill) who was professor of mathematics at Davidson at that time. General Hill and "Stonewall" Jackson married sisters, and it is believed that the incident occurred during their "courtship" days. While Jackson was visiting Mr. Hill, the latter is said to have become ill. Desiring that his classes continue without interruption, he induced "Stonewall" Jackson to take his position as professor of mathematics until his recovery. Mr. Hill recovered in three weeks.

Since Mr. Jackson was a graduate of West Point and later a professor at Virginia Military Institute, his preparation for the task was admirable, and this belief can be easily comprehended. History also tells us that Mr. Jackson at one time applied for the chair of mathematics at the University of Virginia, which verifies the fact that he was eminently suitable for the task. His preparation was good and he was capable of substituting in this capacity, but this belief cannot be set forth as authentic.

But Mrs. Jackson's history historically indicates that he was indirectly connected with Davidson College, since her father was the first president and founder of this institution, and they were married by a minister, who was the third president of Davidson.

Charles Dickens' Office Boy. London, Feb. 5.—Many people who pass through the Temple, that beautiful old corner of London at the back of Fleet Street, wonder who a fine, white-haired old man is who is generally to be seen there. He is Frederick Erupt, a retired gate-keeper of the Temple, and his claim to fame is that he was once office boy to Charles Dickens. More than sixty years ago, when Dickens was editing "All the Year Round," Mr. Erupt fetched his proofs, posted his letters, and brought him his brandy. Mr. Erupt is now eighty-eight years old, and talks of his old master, the world-famous novelist, with pride.

REPORTER BACKED BY EDITOR AGAINST JUDGE. Editor Takes Up Arms To Dislodge Judge Who Reputed Interview. As a result of the repudiation by a judge in Madison, Wisconsin, of the Madison Capital Times, published in the Madison Capital Times and credited to the judge, William T. Eryue, has begun a campaign to unseat the judge as unfit.

The editor defended the truth of the interview, stuck by the reporter, Eryue Griffiths, who wrote it, and another reporter who was present at the time of the interview, and retaliated with startling charges against the judge.

In the interview, the judge, O. A. Stolen, charged that rum was flowing around the capitol square (the principal business section) and that the sale of bootleg liquor went on freely among the business men, without intervention of law enforcement agencies, because of the power of the business men over the police officials.

The interview, published on Friday, was denied by the judge on Saturday in both a formal statement and an address before the Dane County W. C. T. U. delegates.

Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians shocked the women of her own Court when she appeared a year or so ago with her hair shingled. One of her ladies-in-waiting went so far as to tell her Royal mistress that a shingled head was insufficiently dignified for a Queen. But Queen Elizabeth liked her shingle and keeps to it.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF G. B. ALLREDGE. Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of G. B. Allredge, convicted in the Recorder's Court of the City of Concord, Cabarrus County, N. C., on the 9th day of April, 1926, for the crime of abandonment and sentenced to work on the roads of Cabarrus County for a term of two years.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to send their protests to the Governor without delay. This the 7th day of February, 1927.

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SOUTH TAKES LEAD AS TEXTILE CENTRE Cotton Mill Production at Last Dues North, Higgins Says; Industries Booming. The general level of prosperity will be maintained in the South in 1927 despite the decline of approximately \$800,000,000 in purchasing power caused by the fall of cotton prices, according to a study made by Emore F. Higgins, Vice President of the Bank of America. Cotton is only one factor in the Southern economic situation and accounts for only a fraction of the total income, Mr. Higgins says. A survey reveals that other crops have been uniformly large and will benefit their producers, particularly those farmers who heeded the appeal for crop diversification. The new South of 1927 is becoming primarily an industrial South," he says. "The textile manufacturing plants, particularly in the Piedmont section, the iron and steel industry centering in Birmingham, the great lumbering industry, the railroads, the growing mining developments in many parts of the South and the shipping and lumbering activities are the vital indices of the true economic conditions of that part of the country and the purchasing power of it people. It has been estimated that the total annual income of the South is \$18,000,000,000. For the first time in the history of this country the number of cotton mill spindles located in the Southern States has at last exceeded that in New England, thus establishing the South as the most important textile manufacturing region in the United States. The Southern mill owner is not only operating more skillfully but is producing more than twice as much as the New England mill owner per unit of machinery. The iron and steel industry also enjoyed an active and profitable year. The lumber industry has maintained a heavy rate of operations. The shipping industry of the South continues prosperous. Conditions in the building industry indicate a return to normal conditions after the boom of 1920-1925. "Railroad activity in the South continued at a high level through the year. Coal production in Alabama and Kentucky increased sharply and these regions are becoming important producing areas. "Farm mortgage payments have been made with regularity in recent months, and collections by mortgagees are reported as satisfactory. With such sound credit conditions, the solution of an excess crop is greatly facilitated and there is every reason to expect that the general level of prosperity will be maintained during 1927. Cornell and University of Pennsylvania teams have engaged in two basketball games each year for the past 23 years. Of the 46 contests that have been played thus far Pennsylvania has won 31 and Cornell 15.

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