THE BOOK CORNER

Reading From Left To Right
—With—
FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

To those of us born and reared in the deep South and cared for by a devoted Mammy and waited upon by a white-haired "Uncle" comes the full appreciation of the little book "ENEAS AFRICANUS"

The book written by Harry Stillwell Edwards has become a classic and can be read and re-read without losing any of its humor and pathos. No one can read the letter Eneas wrote from Jefferson County, Alabama so characteristic of the old-time darkie without feeling a decided tug at the heart strings and a desire to help him even while knowing how the truth could be manhandled at all times. And there was much good sound common sense behind his illiterate communication. His closing line was a masterpiece and certainly is an inward prayer of most all of us, though we express it a bit more delicately. He wrote: "Do comp'n an do it quick."

"ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN" and usually does. George and Helen Papashvily have written one of the cleverest small books that has come off the press in some time. Quoting George, the book makes the reader "Happy and full of prance." On almost every page you are brought to the realization the confusion our mixed up English language can cause in the mind of a countryman of another part of the world. But George manages to get himself into and out of jobs, scrapes and Hollywood with miraculous and unbelievable speed. And you laugh with him as he struggles with our language and you slap him on the back when he becomes a naturalized citizen and you heartily join him in his toast "Here's to Home. It's roof is the earth; it's roof is the sky."

So very appropos is the book, "COMING HOME" written by Lester Cohen, whose successful novel "SWEEPINGS" made such a sensation a year or so ago. Lester Cohen should know the background for his writings about service men returning home and what they will find there for his family have worn the different uniforms of the United States. His wife is a private in the WAC, and his son a private in the Army. Lester Cohen has lived in most of the great cities of the world, including Moscow, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Paris, London, Berlin, Shanghai, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Who could be better fitted to be the author of such a book as "COMING HOME"?

Joe Drew, a Marine, went through the Hades of Guadalcanal but those agonies were trivial to the sufferings he mentally endured when he returned a year later with a battle-wounded and a malaria-ridden blood stream. He found a battle at home that he would have to fight single handed. But like all Marines, he was equal to the occasion and relearned the basic lesson of good and evil.

Did you read "THE GUN BOW INCIDENT"? If you did then you will be vitally interested in the latest novel by the same author, Walter Van Tilberg Clark. The locale of this book is Reno, Nevada, but he rises above the reputation built up in that city for its divorces. Instead you find the story of Tim Hazard, who struggles through the pleasures and tortures of youth to find himself on the top rung of the ladder. Along with him in his climb to manhood there are many others, all carefully delineated and characterized by the naturalism for which the author has made himself so well known.

This book is the interpretation of a new and rising generation of the West and the closing paragraph expresses the true beauty of the ideals that prompted Tim to carry his ambitions to the heights. "Upon the west the splendid peaks behold it."

Nazi alibi: "We are not responsible, we only obeyed orders." If only the tortured had thought to order them to stop.

Library Notes

MARGARET JOHNSTON
County Librarian

Mountaineers Wanted

The files of The Waynesville Mountaineer are to be bound for the Haywood county library for their value in local history. The following issues are needed immediately to make the files complete: Jan. 1-November 26, 1942, July 8 1944, Jan 11, 1945. Please help us in conserving this valuable record. Anyone who has any of these issues is asked to leave them at the library.

Reading For Fun Club

On Saturday, which ended the third week of the Reading Club for boys and girls, 215 books had been read. Sixty seven parachutes are shown floating down to earth from the different types of planes which are placed across the top of the bulletin board. Nineteen boys and girls have already made one complete jump. Of this number six have completed two jumps. Laura Woody, Lulia Ann Stovall and Judy Mann are all making their third jump.

Speaking of our youngsters reminds us to invite you to see our children's room. The tables and chairs bright red and a new bulletin board with the jackets of new books all invite you to stay and read. Each day you'll find old and young there enjoying books. Some of the best art of today is to be found in these books. If you were born 30 or more years too soon, don't let this keep you from spending an afternoon in our children's room and see what we offer the boys and girls. Incidentally our juvenile circulation last year increased two and one half times over the previous year. We're proud of our children's room and our boys and girls reading, for we realize along with you that good reading helps to decrease juvenile delinquency.

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Letters To Editor

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In fact, I've been hoping and waiting for 40 years for just such a hotel to materialize. And I am afraid that unless some courageous and public spirited promoters start doing something practical and tangible to bring that hotel into being, it will be another 40 years before it is built, and I'll miss entirely the pleasure and pride of seeing and enjoying it as a reality.

May I, therefore, be pardoned for offering the following observations and suggestions:

(1) If those ten men, whose opinions are quoted in the "Voice of the People" and whose names are: Chas. E. Ray, Mayor J. H. Way, R. L. Prevost, Guy Massie, David Underwood, Paul Martin, J. E. Massie, Ed Sims, L. N. Davis, and John Boyd, would consent to serve as a volunteer Civic Committee for the purpose of soliciting stock subscriptions, I am sure the necessary funds could be raised in less than six to eight weeks.

(2) A public need so long standing and so urgent should furnish a solid base for a sound and profitable financial investment. Such an enterprise should not, therefore, be considered or publicised as a precarious financial adventure. We all know money right now is more plentiful and mortgage money the cheapest in the long history of American finance. **Now is the propitious time to finance that modern hotel.**

(3) If we show our faith in the project and our town, by our own generous subscriptions, we will **then** have no difficulty in securing any outside capital that we may require.

(4) I do not believe that we could induce the outside chain hotel operators to **finance our hotel**. But I do know they are eager to lease and operate hotels soundly financed and modernly constructed by local people who have the pride and the push to work, spend and sacrifice for the consummation of a much needed community hotel project.

(5) I do not believe the Town could assist in this financing without special legislation. It could and would, however, render valuable assistance otherwise.

(6) Your paper has given articulation and impetus to the movement. Why not keep it rolling and red-hot until the financing, etc., becomes a glorious and glad reality. To show my faith in the financial soundness of such an undertaking I'll be pleased to subscribe for some stock.

Wishing you the best of luck and success.

FRANK SMATHERS

HOPE PARK WILL BE DEVELOPED

Editor The Mountaineer:

I suppose I am indebted to you for receiving the copies of THE MOUNTAINEER which covered so thoroughly the meeting with park officials in that area recently.

The stories about the meeting and its results were read with much interest and have been clipped for further reference. Down here we hope that the park service is really going to make the N. C. side attractive and accessible so that the state may realize more benefits from it.

Very truly yours,
BILL SHARPE,
Division of advertising and news Dept. of Conservation and Development.

MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE BLIND ON DOMESTIC AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Editor The Mountaineer

During the period of time from World War I up to World War II the people of this nation has been mislead by the commercial, political, and ecclesiastical elements that create wars. Our wars are not produced as a rule by the men who do the killing. The wholly innocent are sent into the battle fields to slay each other by the commercial, political powers of each nation for their gain.

The Lord God has declared that in His due time a complete reckoning shall be had for the ruthless and breaking of the everlasting covenant.

Our country has sent out to each nation to govern our affairs, our diplomats to negotiate between other nations, and what has been the results? It seems now they keep all the dangers under cover from the American people. Now the war is over in the European countries, and the sacrifices have been great in life, and many to our country, and now our soldier boys are called on to exercise their duty in Europe as an occupational service from now on.

If we would be a wise piece of work if the United Nations would agree on terms and disarm Germany proper into parts to each of the small nations, and the same terms with Japan. Neither nation is subject of a honor to be called Germany or Japan in the future world to come. If this is not done, it looks as if we are in for another great World War III. In long enough time Germany will get out from under being guarded, and will organize again and wage war again.

The "Three Great Powers" are subject to fall out among ourselves in this occupational service, and another loop hole left in our peace program. It looks as if to me, as a small individual, to get out of wars is to do away with the countries which produce these wicked wars. No Germany, no Japan for the people to worry about for all time to come.

I recall about War I. We Americans were fighting to end all wars, or they said there would be no more wars. The loop hole was left for the one we are fighting now. The end of this war will be great yet until Japan is defeated. So it is getting time our people are awakening and not get ourselves in another great war by letting the commercial, political powers mislead us again. If a political party fails one time in a peace program, they will fail again. It was said our country would not go into another foreign war, our sons would be kept at home, so the story goes on. Unless our fundamental principles are based on a sound policy, it will be the same old thing again, but I know we have some smart men in our country, but it is hard for them to do anything because everything is in such a mess.

If most of the people in our country can't see our problems at home, they are then blind sure enough, because mistakes have been made in numbers on domestic affairs at home.

Let me say now, the New Deal is responsible for our conditions at home. The first mistake was our unpreparedness a few years ago, gave rise to Hitler's ego and conceit, otherwise he never would have started this war. The second mistake was selling scrap iron to Japan in exchange for a little silk, and 5-10c toys. Now the sacrifice is great, paying in blood and life of our sons. "What an individual or nation sows, so shall they reap."

I recall a few years ago we Americans were blessed with plenty of food in our nation. This program our commercial, political powers got up to destroy so much of it and make prices go up. Just look now, our country in war, you can't buy meats, and other foods. 'Business' are closing their doors. I don't think Mr. Hoover had anything to do with this. It looks as if the New Deal is responsible for our condition.

The law of that covenant also means that no man can rightfully take the life of any animal or fowl unless it is taken for the purpose of food for man or for the purpose of his protection. The terms of the everlasting covenant has been broken by every people, and every nation of the earth, and some day God will require at the hands of the responsible ones a full account thereof.

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Pfc. Faraday Rathbone Assigned To Pacific

Private First Class Faraday B. Rathbone, son of Mrs. W. P. Rathbone, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, has reported to the headquarters, redeployment camp, Camp Arlee, France, for service in the Pacific area of operations, according to information received from overseas.

Pfc. Rathbone has been in the European theatre for the past ten months. Camp Arlee, one of the three hugh staging areas near the Mediterranean port of Marselle, has a capacity of 100,000 soldiers. It is commanded by Lt. Col. P. F. Shipe, of Palmerton, Pa., and staffed by men of the 66th Infantry Division.

Jas. C. Hargrove, S 2/c, Here On 22-Day Leave

James C. Hargrove, seaman first class, son of Mrs. Ella Hargrove, of Hazelwood, is spending a 22-day leave with his family. Seaman Hargrove entered the service in December, 1943, and took his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He has recently returned from sea duty in the European theatre.

At the time he entered the service Seaman Hargrove was employed as a weaver at Royle Pilkington, Inc. When his leave is completed he will report to Charleston, S. C., for his next assignment.

Balsam News

By Beulah Beck

Balsam is enjoying one of the best tourist seasons in years. The Lodge and Hotel both report "full house", and most all cottages in Ballough's Hills are occupied. The square dance at the hotel attracts large crowds each Saturday night.

Cpl. Clifton C. Bryson, USMC, spent a two-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryson. Cpl. Bryson has recently been transferred from Vero Beach, Fla., to Cherry Point, N. C., as Radar instructor.

Mrs. W. S. Christy has arrived from Glade Springs, Va., and has opened here home for the month of August. Her daughter, Miss Edith Christy of Greenville is with her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight and children, of Florida, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Knight for several days.

Pfc. Dewey McKay and Brother Cross Elbe

Private First Class Dewey McKay and his brother, Private First Class Robert H. McKay, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Luther McKay, of Hazelwood, who were serving in different groups crossed the Elbe together, according to information received by their family.

Pfc. Dewey McKay entered the service in March, 1942, and was inducted at Fort Bragg and from there was sent to Camp Claiborne, La., and then back to Fort Bragg prior to being sent overseas in September, 1943.

Pfc. McKay was attached to a glider infantry group of the 82nd Airborne Division and his brother served with combat engineers. The former has served in England, and was with the invasion forces on D-Day and later served in Holland, Belgium and Germany.

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