

BOOK CORNER

Reading From Left To Right
—With—
FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

Just look at the boldness of the ideas as encompassed in the novel. This book has been steadily climbing up the ladder of best sellers and has reached an enviable place on the top rung.

There are many new books coming to the book shelves that have been out so short a time that the reviewers have not had time to give their ideas about them. But one of the very latest to make its appearance is "NIGHT AND THE CITY," written by Gerald Kersh, and before very long everybody will be giving their own personal reaction to the book.

The central character, Harry Fabrian, is probably the most completely loathsome character in modern fiction. The reader will despise him and those with whom he spends his evil-thinking time. The half-world of gangsters and all that goes with this type, are his habitations. He lives their lives and their vicious ways and you'll hate him with a vindictiveness that will keep your eyes on every page of the book until you regretfully reach the last page.

But as in all books . . . and in life, too . . . there are some beautiful aspects to the story . . . and you will sympathize with the two lovers and watch their love unfold as does a lovely flower even though planted in the most dismal surroundings.

Ernie Pyle's admirers . . . and they were legion . . . will welcome the publishing of his last book called, "LAST CHAPTER." His first book, "HERE IS YOUR WAR" has sold 1,320,000 copies and his second, "BRAVE MEN" sold to the staggering amount of 1,300,000 copies. The newest, and most unfortunately, the last one will in all probability not sell either of the other two.

Every man who shared bunk with Ernie Pyle will want to read this book of their buddy, for that is just what Ernie was . . . a buddy and pal with every man in the outfit. What was bad enough for the boys to plow through, wasn't too bad for Ernie to be at their side, plodding along in mud and night blackness.

J. Ross Eakin Former Park Official Dies

Major J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National park from 1931 until ill health forced his retirement a little more than a year ago, died at a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital Saturday night. He was 66 years of age.

Major Eakin suffered a stroke in December of 1934 while en route from Washington to Gatlinburg. He never recovered.

A veteran of 39 years in government service, Major Eakin had been with the National Park service 24 years.

West Virginia Native
A native of West Virginia, Major Eakin was graduated from the college of engineering at the University of West Virginia. A few days later he joined the U. S. Geological Survey as a topographical engineer.

He continued with the Geological Survey from 1903 to 1921 except for military service during World War I. He entered the army as a lieutenant and later was promoted to captain. One year of his service was in France.

His work with the Geological Survey took him to all sections of the United States and Alaska. He worked for six years in the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky, measured the peaks of the Cascade mountains in Washington, and the valleys in the Big Bend country in Texas. His work in Alaska took him to the Mt. McKinley National park and to the treacherous Muldrow glacier.

Joined Park Service
On leaving the Geological Survey, he was transferred to the National Park service. His first assignment with that agency took him to Glacier National park as superintendent. After three years there, he was sent to the Grand Canyon National park, and returned from there to Glacier park for another three and a half years.

It was from there that he was sent here to take over the newly created Great Smoky Mountains National park as the first superintendent. Under his direction the park was developed from a vast mountain wilderness to the nation's most popular National park. He was always active in striving for greater appropriations with which to build roads, trails and other improvements in the park.

Widely Traveled
During his travels he had been in every National park in this country except Crater Lake park in Oregon and Sequoyah in California.

It was during his tour as superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National park that Major Eakin became the center of a

KING HUMBERT CASTS HIS VOTE



IN THE FIRST FREE NATIONAL ELECTION in Italy since Fascism, King Humbert casts his ballot in Rome, along with some 60 per cent of the population. The plebiscite determines if the nation will be a republic or a monarchy. The verdict will be known June 7. (International)

Snap Shots Of The HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE

—By—
FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

My dear Son:
This thing of being a father is a pretty serious proposition as you will well know some of these days. Children grow up so fast!

Why, only yesterday you were a brand new citizen in this busy world of ours. Naturally, I was pretty well set up over the fact that my first son had arrived on schedule and was a mighty husky sort of a chap, even at that early age. Then, all of a sudden you had outgrown those baby wiles and were preparing for your first day at school. Of course, womanlike, your mother wept a bit secretly over the fact that our baby was a big boy now. But I saw visions of your progress at a rapid pace and before I fully realized it, you were an All-American and your picture on every sport page in the country.

You took your graduation in your usual quiet, dignified manner and the honors of valedictorian were worn with the same assumption as were your cap and gown. My son, you will never know the pride that surged through my being when you smiled that one-sided smile of yours as you passed me on your way back to your seat. Somehow, it was the greatest day in my life.

Then you brought THE girl home to meet your mother and me,

of course she was just exactly right you wouldn't select any other sort. Your mother pressed my hand pretty tight after you had gone and the tears just wouldn't stay put. After all, son, it's pretty hard to share your son with another woman after all the years of devotion, companionship and motherhood. But she was a good sport, your mother. And she dilled up for the wedding until she looked like a bride herself.

The papers said it was very beautiful and that you were one of the most promising young lawyers in town, and predicted that you would go far in your profession. You did. Being the young man to ever sit on the Supreme Court was about as much honor as a man your age could ask for, and I sat back and blinked my eyes at the wonder of it all!

Your mother and I aren't taking any credit for this, son, because no matter how much we would do for you it had to be in your makeup to carry on to a successful fruition. We do feel that heredity and environment play a large part in the progress of humanity but the foundation has to be there before any building of importance can rise. And the building up of that great structure lies solely in the hands of the builder himself. You took this for granted, I am sure, for you have risen to the heights under your own power.

And now your mother and I can lean back in our old age and enjoy the fruits of your life knowing well that your future is in such hands as your own. The sleepless nights and the lines of worry that necessarily goes with the rearing of children are all forgotten in this hour of supreme satisfaction.

Yes, son, this thing of being a father is a pretty serious proposition. You WERE born only yesterday and already have reached the ripe age of twenty-four hours. But good you know the greatest joy a father can have is to dream of what his son will turn out to be!

Devotedly,
Your
DAD.

Capital Letters

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but the Jim Crow law is on the way out, whether you like it or not.

In times past, we have permitted treacherous Japs, dirty Wops, and Hitler-loving Germans to sit where they pleased on buses and trains and in theatres, and we sat with them and talked to them about their great countries . . . but if Negroes sat anywhere near the front of the bus or on the same car with us, we thought it was terrible.

Even now here in the South we permit foreigners of every color and description to ride on the seat beside us . . . but if the Negroes who helped build the South and did work we wouldn't do, try it, we become highly insulted.

Sounds silly, but that's the way it is . . . If the young Negroes will be as sensible as their parents, and will not jump to take advantage of this U. S. Supreme Court decision, there shouldn't be any serious trouble. In other words, it's largely up to the Negroes.

HEARD AND SEEN — Wake County will vote on June 25 on the matter of a 17-cent tax supplement for improvement of Wake County schools . . . Dollars to doughnuts that it won't pass, and here's hoping it will. . . Assistant Agricultural Commissioner D. S. Coltrane and Dr. E. W. Constable, state chemist, went down to Atlanta last week, one to attend a feed meeting, the other a pure food meeting. On Tuesday, Dr. Constable congratulated Coltrane, who had been elected president of the Southern Feed Control Officials . . . and on Thursday, Coltrane congratulated Constable, who was elected president of the South-eastern Food and Drug Officials. The teacher load is expected to be larger next year . . . Don't ask why.

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REVIVAL

AT

BIG TENT

Hazelwood, N. C.

Sunday, June 16th
7:45 P. M.

TOPIC

"The Unpardonable Sin"
It is not rejecting the Lord at some revival. What is it? This question will be answered.
MONDAY — NO MEETING
Tuesday --- What Is Grace?
A Big Surprise Awaits You
WEDNESDAY 7:45 P. M.

The Saddest Verse In All The Bible

THURSDAY, 7:45 P. M.

Just Three Big Words

FRIDAY, 7:45 P. M.

The Four Biggest Cheats, Named

SATURDAY, 7:45 P. M.

A Time When Millions Will Be Speechless