

New Books Listed By Regional Library

By Ashton Chapman
Among the books recently placed on the shelves of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library are:

TAX GUIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESS, 1966 Edition. Issued by the Internal Revenue Service, this is an invaluable guide for individuals, corporations, partnerships in figuring income, excise and employment taxes.

ARMOR by Sean Morrison; illustrated by the author, is a history of armor, the men who made it and those who wore it from earliest times to "when knighthood was in flower."

WESVICKING by Farley Mowat is a highly original and convincing reconstruction of the 10th-Century Norse voyages which resulted in the settlement of Greenland and discovery of North America.

ROBERT KENNEDY at 40, with photos, deals in depth with the man he is today: the Senator, the politician, the man who wants to be President.

RE: JOYCE by Anthony Burgess is a brilliant study of James Joyce, and an excellent introduction to the reading of his works.

FREEHAND DRAWING is a primer by Philip Thiel based on many years of experience in teaching free-hand drawing to architec-

ture students and in evening classes.

MAG'CIAN'S MAGIC by Paul Curry, profusely illustrated, shows how, from ancient Egypt to the present, certain types of magic tricking have mystified the beholder.

EARTH AND WATER by Sheelagh Kanelli is the true story of a personal and cultural collision when a young English woman marries a Greek and finds she must also marry Greece.

GOING TO MEET THE MAN, the first collection of James Baldwin's short stories, including three recent works never before published.

On **THE FARM**. In this short novel by John Updike a 35-year-old advertising consultant employed in Manhattan describes the visit made by himself, his newly acquired second wife and his 11-year-old stepson to the farm where he grew up and where his mother now lives alone.

THE ANYTHING BOX is an excellent collection of short stories by Zenna Henderson, each notable for its displays of fantasy and imagination.

THE GOLDEN EAGLE. With a wealth of scientific observation and a swiftly sustained pace, Robert Murphy tells the short, exciting

life, and the tragic death, of Kira, a female golden eagle.
MEMORABLE QUOTATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, compiled by Maxwell Meyerson, is a wide-ranging collection of quotes from one of the most articulate men ever to occupy the White House.

THE ASSAULT ON POVERTY: AND THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE, edited by R. N. MacIver who says the resources to abolish poverty are available through science and technology; the obstacle is the inertia, the lack of imagination and concern among those who have these resources at hand.

MARCEL PROUST: The Fictions of Life and of Art, by Leo Barsani, is notable for its emphasis on certain psychological aspects of Proust's **REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST**.

ORNAMENTAL TREES FOR HOME GROUNDS by Harold O. Perkins, with photos, shows how important trees are to the home setting and demonstrates their value, giving information every home owner should have.

I'VE DECIDED I WANT MY SEAT BACK by Bill Mauldin. The nearly 200 cartoons in this collection range from the incisively witty to the explosive and amount to a cartoon history of an extraordinary period, the autumn of 1961 through the spring of 1965.

GARDEN TIME

BY M. E. GARDNER

A very interesting letter has been received from Mr. Dwight Nichols, publisher of the Wilkes Journal-Patriot. Supposing that other readers may have similar problems. I have elected to devote this column to answering his questions.

Last winter Mr. Nichols requested help concerning insect and disease problems he was having with his bunch grapes. I suggested a spray schedule which, he says, "was a perfect solution. I had top quality grapes in eight varieties and hope to have 10 bearing this year." If you need a spray calendar, see your county agent or write me for one.

He continues: "I have another problem. Five years ago I set an Abundance plum and a Burbank for cross pollination. Last year the Abundance produced at least a bushel of fine plums. The Burbank had only two or three plums because it blooms in March and has no chance getting by freezes. Is there something I can put in place of the Burbank which will bloom along with the Abundance, some two weeks later?"

The question puzzles me a little, but this is the way it looks to me with the information at hand. Most of the Japanese (Oriental) plums are self-unfruitful, when planted alone, but produce very well when two or more varieties are planted together. Both Abundance and Burbank are in this group. Also, these varieties should bloom closer together than Mr. Nichols indicates. At least the blooming periods should overlap enough to give a fruitful combination.

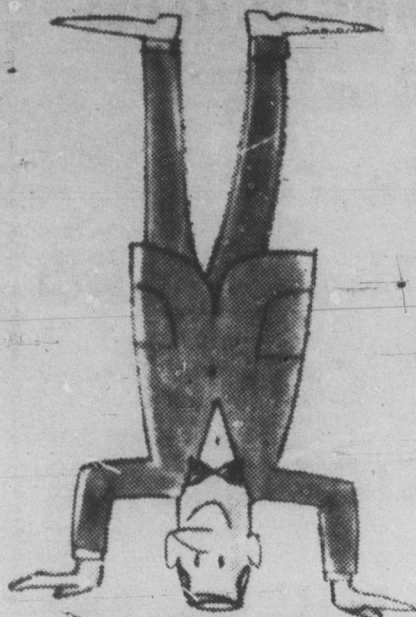
The sex life of plants is more than complicated so I will not pursue the problem further here. I am writing Mr. Nichols for additional information, but in order not to leave you in a quandary, suggesting varieties of plums which should give a fruitful combination in case you want to plant trees this spring.

You will find these varieties satisfactory and they are listed approximately in order of ripening: Methley (reddish purple); Red June (mottled garnet red); Abundance (bright cherry red); Burbank (bright reddish purple); Santa Rose (purplish crimson); Stanley (deep purplish blue); Shropshire (dark purple). Shropshire is a Damson type.

From this group, select two or more varieties always including Santa Rose as one of them as it is a good pollinator for other varieties.

Mr. Nichols also poses a strawberry problem. "It looks like Tennessee Beauty is on the decline. Last spring I set some of them along with Surecrop, Pocahontas and Midway. All grew well except Tennessee Beauty which made few plants and poor growth last summer."

It is my opinion that the "decline" of Tennessee Beauty was caused by one of the virus diseases or by red stele, which is a fungus disease. Only disease free (certified) plants should be purchased. Sometimes, even with the best of care, these diseases will slip by the nurseryman.



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