

BOOK CORNER
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Plain Speaking, an oral biography of Harry S. Truman, 1973, Pp. 432. Published by Berkley Pub. Corp. Distributed by G.P. Putnam Sons, N.Y.
"If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." This motto of former President Harry S. Truman is as true today as

it was during his term of office, states Merle Miller, author, in the oral biography, **Plain Speaking**, of Harry S. Truman, number one on current best seller list.

And there was plenty of heat in "the kitchen". Think of the repercussions that arose from such issues as the dropping of the Bomb, the formation of the UN, the Hiss case, the firing of MacArthur, the birth of Israel, NATO, the Marshall Plan, McCarthyism, etc. "And through it all, for almost eight years, Harry Truman was there, not in the eye of the storm, he was the eye of the storm. He did it, all of it--and no regrets." His opponents could scream to high heaven that he was crazy, had lost his mind, would be defeated at the next election, would burn him in effigy, etc. Such "fuss 'n feathers" never upset Harry, for when he felt that he had made the right decision, he stood firm as the rock of Gibraltar.

Yet, basically, Truman was a very modest man, seeking only to do the most good for the greatest number of people. He always did his homework well before proceeding, without fanfare, to put his plans into action. If he made mistakes, he never blamed anyone else for them. There were triumphs too, but he never called attention to them. Love for the common man dictated all his actions because he said he had been just a common man himself before he became President.

"The Greeks have said that a man's character is his fate. Chance, in good part, took Harry Truman to the presidency, but it was his character that kept him there and determined his historical fate. He is, without any doubt, destined to live in the books as one of the strongest and most decisive of the American Presidents."

Time-Life Book of Family Finance, by Calton Smith. Isn't it about time you made your money work as hard as you worked for it? That is what this book is all about: packed with hundreds of practical ideas and methods that any family could use.

ABC of Driftwood and Dried Flower Designs, by Florence M. Schaffer. This contains the inexpensive answers to collecting and preparing driftwood for use as planters, wall pockets, trays, bowls, baskets, candle holders, animals and abstract forms.

Hide and Seek: A Continuing Journey, by Jessamyn West. In pursuit of solitude, Jessamyn recently lived by herself for 3 months in a travel trailer on a remote bank of the Colorado River. Hiding? Yes, in a way. Seeking? Of course, yet the quest was uncertain. This is a remarkable memoir including her experiences, observations, and thoughts during those months.

In Search of Nixon: A Psychohistorical Inquiry, by Bruce Mazlish. Who is the real Nixon, and why does he behave the way he does?

The Little Girl Who Lives Down The Lane, by Lair Koenig. Who was the little girl who lived in such a strange seclusion? Lonely innocent seeking shelter from a hostile world? Or a consummate liar. The Hallets were determined to find out. It was then the terrible secrets emerged.

Colonial North Carolina, by Hugh Lefler and William Powell. This first book-length narrative of colonial N. Carolina details the course of North Carolina's history from its founding to the time when it joined the other colonies revolt against the mother country.

Going Gently, by Robert Downs. Two men who share a hospital room also share the knowledge that both of them are dying of cancer. This is a story of death, and at the same time it is an affirmation of life.

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News Report From Fairview

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson and family have been in Lakeland, Fla. for over a week visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents.

T. J. George was found dead at his home Wednesday afternoon, March 27th.

It has been reported that Mrs. Fred Shuford is improving some. She is still in a Winston Salem hospital.

News has been received here that Mrs. Nina Johnson of Rt. 4, Marion, N.C. has been admitted to Marion General Hospital. She is formerly of Yancey County and the daughter of the late Ed Gibbs. Friends here wish her a speedy recovery.

The family of William McMahon wish to thank their many friends for their kindness, all the food offerings, and the beautiful flowers during the time of their sorrow. Also they wish to especially thank the Yancey Hospital and its staff for their help and kindness during the illness of their brother.

Mrs. Bertha Gilley has been discharged from Crossnore Hospital and is staying with her son, Zealand Williams in Estatoe, N.C.



Cane River News Forum

New High School Is Named

On Wednesday, March 6, the Cane River student body met for a short assembly to learn that two senior girls had won the one-hundred-dollar cash prize for naming the new consolidated high school. Their suggestion, Mountain Heritage High, was chosen from a list of two-hundred or more names suggested.

Opening the assembly was the superintendent, Mr. Edgar Hunter; and announcing the winners was Mr. Claude Vess, chairman of the Board of Education. The girls receiving the prize were Sarah Deyton and Sue Fox. Each girl has received a check for fifty dollars.

Faculty Victorious Over Seniors

On Tuesday, March 26, the male faculty of Cane River High played the senior boys, who were the winners of the intramural ballgames played earlier. The scores stayed within a difference of five to ten points during the entire ball game. In the final moments of the game, the faculty passed the seniors and won by a score of 53-50.

Cane River DECA Represented at State Leadership Conference

Friday, March 15, 1974, Judy Arrowood, student delegate, accompanied by Mr. Harold

Bennett Jr., sponsor, traveled to Winston Salem to attend the State DECA Leadership Conference.

Friday afternoon a variety of workshops were held for the visiting delegates. These workshops were both interesting and educational.

Delegates also enjoyed a dance held at the Civic Center and a tour of the Reynolds House. They arrived home on Saturday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

Outstanding Teenagers Chosen From

Cane River High School students Marsha Peterson and Broome Bradford have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1974, according to Mrs. Cara W. Cox, principal.

Selection for the Outstanding Teenagers awards program automatically qualifies these students for further state, regional, and national honors and scholarships totaling \$7,000.

Nominated by their principals, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in academic achievement and community service. The local students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by the state's governor. Similar trophies will be presented to the winners in other states. The state winners are selected by the Outstanding Teenager Awards Selection Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Advisors.

Trout Season Opens Soon

The season on mountain trout in Western North Carolina opens half an hour before sunrise on Saturday, April 6 this year, and anglers will find a new type of sign marking the some 1,800 miles of public trout streams.

The new signs are permanent ones, made of metal, and they merely replace the old cardboard signs used previously. Though actual fishing regulations pertaining to the streams will not be printed on the new signs, the classification of the stream will appear. There are three classifications of public trout streams in North Carolina -- "General", "Native", and "Trophy."

Basically, "general" streams are open to hook and line fishing with bait permitted, and they are stocked by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Also, on "general" streams, the daily limit is seven trout, but there is no minimum size limit.

Most of the state's public streams--some 1,600 miles--are open under "general" regulations. The remaining 200 miles of streams are open under

"native" or "trophy" regulations which carry special restrictions to protect wild trout populations. "Native" and "Trophy" streams are not stocked.

On "native" streams, anglers can keep four trout per day, with rainbow and brown trout being at least 10 inches long and the brook trout being at least six inches long. On "native" streams, only artificial flies or artificial lures having one single hook are permitted.

On "trophy" streams, anglers can keep one trout per day with rainbow and brown being at least 16 inches long and brook trout at least 12 inches long. Only artificial flies having one single hook are permitted.

Actually, "trophy" streams are open to year round fishing, but "native" and "general" streams are closed part of the year, and reopen to fishing this year on April 6.

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