

MARGIN NOTES

By Lester McDonald

This is national Book week. It has been so designated by mutual agreement between publishers, retailers, libraries and readers. From the reader's point of view it should become a period of reflection over the literary output of the year. It has been a slim period for production of good books. Very few commendable works of fiction have been published. The outstanding titles of the season have been non-fiction books. Biographies have taken the lead, and we have seen a colorful parade of kings, knights, courtesans, scoundrels, writers, soldiers, and politicians.

The week was started with an important bit of news. Sinclair Lewis won the Nobel prize, most celebrated of literary awards, for his "Babbitt." However, many think that "Babbitt" was not the outstanding book, there is the fact that the prize has come to America.

In surveying the list of titles, one is tempted to make a selected list of books that may have a chance for survival. Naturally such a list will be open to violent diversion. Individual appraisal is naturally conditioned by the traditions and taste by the one who judges, as well as the merits of the composition. Seidel Canby said once: "It is with books somewhat as it is with universities,—we get from them up to a certain point that which we set out to secure, and we are exalted by a book and persuaded of its greatness in proportion as we derive from it the clarification of our ideas, the crystallization of our emotions, or that liberation of our thoughts which we crave."

Rightly to be called a "great book," it must have timelessness. Something that is universal, and filled with feelings that belong to all ages of mankind than to our own. Many fine books lose their value as enduring pieces of writing because they are pertinent only to the times in which they are written. That is valuable, of course. But only in study of that particular time. One doesn't read Shakespeare, Aeschylus, or other of the immortals simply for a picture of their times.

Thus a judgment of books of our own period is dangerous. Posterity is removed from the causes and passions that the particular era is aware of, and find little in books that it has proclaimed.

No book during this year, this reviewer thinks, is great enough to warrant the expression "it will last." But some of our novels and non-fiction may have a chance. Below is his list.

Fiction

- "Angel Pavement," by J. B. Priestley.
- "On Forsyte 'Change," by John Galsworthy.
- "Vagabonds," by Knut Hamsun.
- "Quiet Street," by Michael O'Sorgin.
- "The Son of the Avenger," by Sigrid Undset.
- "Doctor Serocold," by Helen Ashton.

Non-Fiction

- "The Story of San Michele," by Alex Munthe.
- "R. V. R.," by Hendrik Van Loon.
- "Kaiser and Chancellor," by Friedrich Nowak.
- "Our Times," by Mark Sullivan.
- "The Adams Family," by James Truslow Adams.
- This is by no means a list of the readable fiction and non-fiction of the year. There are a number of other books very much worthwhile reading. Among the fiction there are: "The Great Meadow," by Elizabeth Madox Roberts; "This Pure Young Man," by Irving Fineman; "Cakes and Ale," by Somerset Maugham; "Years of Grace," by Margaret Ayres; "Anna Svard," by Selma Lagerlof; "The Dance of Youth," by Herman Sudermann; "The Edwardians," by V. Sackville-West; "Shepherds in Sackcloth," by Sheila Kaye-Smith; "Twenty-four Hours," by Louis Bromfield; "Fifteen Rabbits," by Felix Salten; "Revelation," by Andre Birabeau; "This Day and Time," by Anne Armstrong; "A Short Story of Julia," by Isa Glenn, and "Every Mother's Son," by Norman Lindsay.

Among non-fiction we find a number of titles including: "The Life of the Ant," by Maurice Maeterlinck; "Three Titans," by Emil Ludwig; "Those Eminent Victorians," by Esme Wingfield-Stratford; "Grandmother Brown's Hundred Years," by Harriet Brown;

"The Outlaw Years," by Robert Coates; "The Conquest of Happiness," by Bertrand Russell; "Lone Cowboy," by Will James; "Mahatma Ghandi," his own story; "William Howard Taft," by Herbert Duffy; "This Land of Liberty," by Everett Dean Martin; "The Donne Tradition," by George Williamson, and "This Land of Liberty," by Ernest Sutherland Bates.

The Co-op has a fascinating display of old and rare books for book week. Some of them are displayed in the front show-window, and there are many more titles on the balcony in the High Hat department. For those who find real joy in fine editions, Mr. McClain's collection will prove a rare treat, and for those who like the investment side, the prices are remarkably low. Among some of the titles are: "Stowe's Chronicles," printed in 1600; "Plutarch's Lives," printed in 1683; Horace's "Opera," a facsimile of the 15th century edition, printed in London in 1881; early editions of Aristotle, and some of the English poets.

WHAT SHOW TONIGHT?

Guild Hall—"Holiday," with all-campus cast. Three-act comedy.

McDonald—"Three French Girls." Comedy.

Colonial—"Let's Go Native," with Jack Oakie. Farce.

Heilig—"The Way of All Men," with Doug Fairbanks, Jr. Drama.

McDonald Has French Comedy
A sure-fire hit is "Three French Girls," playing today at the McDonald for the last time. It is a hilarious farce of Reginald Denny's encounters and experiences with three naughty but nice French modistes. The latter are Fifi D'Orsay, Yola D'Avril, and Sandra Ravel. Almost stealing the show, Cliff Edwards with his uke attempt to help entertain the enticing threesome.

Oakie at Colonial
A hilarious comedy of hula girls and the exotic lure of the South Sea islands (with Skeets Gallagher as king of one of them) is the basis of the latest talking picture of Jack Oakie, "Let's Go Native," closing its run at the Colonial.

Lovely Jeannette MacDonald plays the feminine lead with that subtle perception of comic acting that so few cinema actresses have.

Heilig Has Fairbanks, Jr.
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., does some of the finest dramatic acting in his brief career in "The Way of All Men," now playing at the Heilig theatre. Cast in many comedy roles, this part gives Fairbanks an opportunity to do a more serious characterization. The picture deals with the sex weakness in all men's characters.

Plans for Press Meet To Be Made

Committee To Convene on Campus Next Saturday

Plans for the annual Oregon Press conference to be held at the University of Oregon January 22, 23, and 24 will be arranged Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock when the program committee of the conference will meet at the Journalism building.

Dean Eric W. Allen of the school of journalism was in Portland last week making arrangements for the meeting. He also attended a meeting of the executive committee at Corvallis at which time he was elected to life membership of the State Editorial association. Those who will meet here to plan this program for the conference are: L. D. Felsheim, editor of the Western World, Bandon, and president of the conference; George E. Hamilton, of the Myrtle Point Herald; George F. Cornwall, editor of the Portland Timberman; Harry N. Crain, managing editor of the State Capitol Journal, Salem; William M. Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard; Prof. Arne G. Rae, of the school of journalism, and secretary of the state newspaper association, and Dean Allen.

Extension Schools Now Have Class in Clogging

Miss Ernestine Troemel, instructor of physical education, journeyed to Portland yesterday, to teach a class in advanced clogging in the University extension schools. The course, which will be taught once a month, comes under the direction of Robert Krohn, supervisor of physical training in the Portland public schools, and will be of primary interest to teachers.

Policeman Likes College for Beat

CAMPUS cops! Oregon has one. Did you know it? If you didn't, next time you see a tall, rather heavy-set man in a gray-brown greatcoat, slightly ruddy complexion, and genial blue eyes, watching the campus traffic, realize that he is Mr. J. C. Macy, the campus cop.

Mr. Macy is starting his second year on the campus. He has had 15 years in police service and has served several years on the local force.

"Sure, I like fine here," he said yesterday when asked what he thought of the campus as a police beat. "The college kids aren't half as bad as they're supposed to be. I don't have a bit of trouble. Once in a while a freshman gets kind of cocky, but he soon learns better." He laughed.

Guild Player Resembles Star



Left, Mary Astor, who played Julia Seton in the talkie version of "Holiday," and right, Helen Mielke, who plays the same part in the Guild Hall production of the play first presented last night.

Robinson Prepares New Correspondence Course

A new correspondence study course, "The Child and His Learning," has just been prepared by K. K. Robinson, Ph.D., under the supervision of Dr. B. W. DeBusk of the school of education, with the purpose of helping teachers throughout the state to better understand the psychology of the child with respect to his learning process.

Three term hours of university credit will be given to correspondents who complete satisfactorily the 16 lessons and pass the final examination.

Women's Debate Manager To Plan 1930 Schedule

Bernice Conoly, women's debate manager and member of the varsity team, has written to the University of Washington, Washington State, University of Idaho, and Whitman college to arrange the schedule for the women's debate team this year.

She has submitted to these schools two questions which will probably be used in debates this year: Resolved, that Ghandi is an evil influence to India; and Resolved, that advertising is more harm than good to the United States.

Thirteen Students Made Captains in Oregon ROTC

Thirteen students who were graded previously as cadet first lieutenants in the military department here on the campus were yesterday promoted to the rank of captains by Major F. A. Barker, professor of military science.

The students receiving this promotion were: William H. Ayers, Raymond L. Bell, Harold E. Blackburne, Jesse S. Douglas, John H. Erdley, Donald R. Flynn, Donald H. Guild, Harold J. Kinzell, John W. Kitzmiller, John E. Londahl, Elmer J. Pahl, M. Foard Smith, and Carey W. Thomson.

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Student Quartets Given Impetus by Ensemble Room

Two-Piano Recitals Being Organized by Number Of Students

Two string-quartets composed of students have been organized at the school of music this term. The addition of an acoustically perfect ensemble practice room to the school's equipment has heightened the interest in ensemble work among the students, according to members of the faculty.

The first string quartet is composed of Howard Halbert, first violin; Frances Brockman, second violin; Esther Wicks, viola; and Roberta Spicer, violoncello.

The members of the second quartet are Juanita Oskins, first violin; Beulah Wynd, second violin; Gifford Nash, viola; and Miriam Stafford, violoncello.

The two cellists are students of Ferenz Steiner, and the other members are studying with Rex Underwood.

A number of two-piano ensembles are forming, according to Mr. Underwood, and it is probable that

Red Cross Drive Meets With Success on Campus

The response to the National Red Cross roll call being conducted among the various living organizations of the campus has been very favorable and prompt, according to Bess Templeton, chairman of the drive among the students. Several houses have given \$10 instead of the \$5 asked for, she said, and many students have voluntarily taken out individual memberships.

The student committee met with Dr. Philip A. Parsons, dean of the school of applied social science, at a luncheon at the Anchorage yesterday noon to make further plans for the drive.

Military Men Get Chance To Attend Maryland Camp

An opportunity to attend the chemical warfare service R. O. T. C. camp at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, has recently been made by the war department and announced by Major F. A. Barker of the military department.

Attendance at the camp is limited to advanced course military students who are pursuing courses leading to a chemistry degree. Students who elect to attend this six weeks' camp at Edgewood Arsenal will not be required to attend the R. O. T. C. camp at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

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