

Biology Department Head at Willamette University Has Book of Verse Published

Professor Morton E. Peck's Notable Volume, "The Book of the Bardons," Is Received in Salem

Lovers of poetry do not have to go far afield this season to find one of the most notable contributions of the year in the realm of first books of verse, for Professor Morton E. Peck, head of the department of biology at Willamette university, is announcing the appearance of his anticipated volume, "The Book of the Bardons," in the local bookstores. Richard G. Hadger of the Gorham Press in Boston is Professor Peck's publisher.

A primal loveliness haunts the stanzas of this volume; an immense humanity—though often solitary—sweeps through the pages; and in each line the impress of a master craftsman appears over and over again.

Professor Peck's new book is unlike the many; it is representative of an author who prefers to take as his subject matter, not those things that are inconsequential and passing, but rather, the meanings of life that are inexorable and permanent. It is a book of passions and ideals where other volumes are too often of moods and ideas of the smallest content.

Humility—but humility that has become a grandeur—is admirably expressed in the stanza, "Dedicatory," which opens in the following eloquent manner:

The countless paths that I have walked
And never followed till they ended;
The countless hours that I have talked
And never said what I intended;
The thousand journeys I have made
And never crossed our threshold over;
The thousand little plans I've laid
Like dreaming lass and fellow lover:
To this sad heap of broken things
I add these rhyms as sadly broken....

Sad, even tragic, some of the poems that follow admittedly are, but broken never, save in the manner that life itself is a broken thing, through the very fact of being finite. And the sadness, when it appears, before the close, merges into a spiritual triumph of one sort or another.

To the title poem, "The Book of the Bardons," practically half the book is given over. Though a narrative poem in blank verse this one epic alone offers all the necessary drama. It is packed with incident; it is cumulative to the last; it depicts human conflict; and closes by bringing a resurrection out of the tragedy. In addition, "The Book of the Bardons" is made after so standard a poetic

pattern and plucked out of an atmosphere so redolent of a home in the wilds that the vast poetic appeal of the whole is unmistakable. Love and sacrifice are the elements that motivate and stir throughout this tremendous poem.

"The Visionary," an anachronism, the second poem in the volume, is noteworthy for the amazing imagery used and the un-failing choice of diction. The revelation that comes after following tortuous paths of understanding is replaced in "Ad Finem" by an exposition of the extremities to which man will go before he allows life to reduce him to an appropriate humility, a phase of the selfsame philosophy of which Francis Thompson writes in his "Hound of Heaven." Following the rebuke in "A Soul's Failure" comes a poem of considerable local interest, entitled "The Sleeping Giant." It is prefaced with the following pictorial explanation, "The eminence known as Table Rock, when viewed from Salem, Oregon, during the winter, presents a striking resemblance to the human features on a vast scale...."

Ten poems, of varying length, remain in the volume, each quite as notable as the last. Particularly picturesque is the final poem in the volume, "In the Canyon of the Des Chutes River." "To a Young Norse Bard" is just as melodious as the one of preceding mention is picturesque. What is probably the most lyrical poem of all closes the book with the following incantation of devotion:

CLING TO HIM THEN
When tears are but as May showers are,
Smiled from the eyes,
Love can not grow as the flowers are
Under spring skies,
Give him the death and the winter
Flowers—not a sign;
When the loud hoiss' wrath and splendor
Maple and pine,
He will grow stately and taken,
Strong with the strain,
All summer promise spoken
Fused in his grain,
Cling to him then, he will hold thee
Where thou canst rest;
So would I shelter and fold thee,
Love, on my breast.

Professor Peck, one of the most prominent members of the Writers' section of the Salem Arts League, is a splendid example of the scholar whose learning has merged the sciences and the arts for aside from being a naturalist of distinction, Professor Peck is also a sincere student of the classics, as one eager reading of "The Book of the Bardons" will well attest.

SOCIETY

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was the birthday surprise for which Mrs. J. H. Bowerman was the inspiration, the occasion being her eightieth birthday. Mrs. Bowerman, whose friendship is cherished by a host of friends, is one of the oldest members of the organization.

The members are devoting their interests to the Children's Farm home at Corvallis. They are also making plans for an important meeting on the last Tuesday of the month.

Miss Eyre Home

Miss Rosemary Eyre, a freshman at the University of Oregon, arrived in Salem yesterday from Eugene to spend the Christmas holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Eyre.

Church Sponsors

Vanishing Teas

The Leslie Ladies Aid is sponsoring a series of vanishing line parties. On Dec. 10, Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson entertained with a silver tea for the following ladies: Mrs. J. W. DeYoe, Mrs. Amos Vass, Mrs. C. T. McIntire, Mrs. Daisy McIntyre, Mrs. Adam Ohmart, Mrs. E. T. Barkus, Mrs. W. J. Linfoot, Mrs. Gillen, Mrs. E. A. Rhoten, Mrs. Moorhead, Mrs. H. Boxrud and Mrs. L. C. McShane. These twelve ladies will also entertain with eleven guests from the church membership or their friends.

Mrs. Tomlinson was assisted in entertaining by Miss Mildred Tomlinson and Miss Helen Borchardt who gave several interesting musical numbers.

On Dec. 11, Mrs. Amos Vass opened her home for the pleasure of a group of the older ladies and on Dec. 15, Mrs. E. T. Barkus entertained 18 ladies who brought their Christmas needlework and spent the afternoon in sewing and music.

Thursday Mrs. Ohmart entertained at her home on the Pacific highway for her neighbors. Later in the month another of the hostesses will entertain so that the entire church membership will be invited to one of the teas. The ladies hope to promote the good fellowship of the church members and to raise funds with this plan of entertaining.

Sale of Christmas Seals To Close This Week

The work of selling the Christmas seals in Marion county will come to a close next week. Mrs. John E. Brophy who was appointed by the Salem Woman's Club officers to take charge of the booths in general and her direction a number of sub-committees have carried on the work very successfully. Those who have had charge of the different booths around the city the past two weeks and who will continue to

until Wednesday are Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. P. G. Bowersox, Mrs. Claire Vibbert, Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., Mrs. Erwin Smith, Mrs. Z. J. Riggs.

Those who are selling Christmas seals in the various booths next week are as follows:

Mrs. W. J. Busick, Mrs. Daryl Proctor, Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. U. G. Boyer, Mrs. F. M. Erickson, Mrs. Ben Vick, Mrs. John Caughill, Mrs. H. J. Waite, Mrs. William Holmes, Mrs. Edwin Baker, Mrs. Edwin Gillingham, Mrs. Myrtle Lawrence, Miss Zoe Stockton, Mrs. E. M. Holden, Mrs. John Alberts, Mrs. Fred Powell, Mrs. J. F. Barrett, Mrs. Walter Koyes, Mrs. C. K. Spaulding, Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. Joe Baumgartner, Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Cliff Lewis, Miss Martha Rainer, Miss Ada Rankin, Miss Mattie E. Hearty, Mrs. Keith Brown.

Mrs. John E. Brophy announces that after Tuesday the booths will be closed, except the at the post office and Miller's store where the seals will be on sale Wednesday, and if anyone should wish the Christmas seals on Thursday they will find them at Patton's book store on State street and the Commercial book store on Commercial street. The booth sales have been as large as ever before.

Musical Skit

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Central Congregational church will present to the public Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 a musical skit entitled "A Country Pedagogue" and a farce "Why Not Jim." The program for the evening will also include a saxophone solo by Paul Allan and popular numbers by the male quartet of the society.

Two Holiday Affairs At T. S. Roberts' Home

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Roberts on North Summer street is always a favorite gathering place for friends, and during the holiday season is particularly so. Last week two Christmas affairs followed each other in delightful succession, the Yomarc club of the First Methodist church meeting on Tuesday evening, while on Wednesday the Roberts' home was the scene of another memorable evening when Mrs. Roberts sponsored a class demonstration of the Dunning System of Music for Beginners. The work was attractively presented and showed what could be done with even the tiniest tot—as young as five years.

The program was interspersed with readings and music. Three of Miss Caroline Dibble's junior pupils gave delightful readings, followed with an instrumental solo "Christmas Time," by Lucile Mosher. Giving readings were Katherine Ellis, Virginia Pugh, and Lucile Hackett. "Teddy at the Circus," was Katherine Ellis' number; "Come Buy My Dolls," and

until Wednesday are Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. P. G. Bowersox, Mrs. Claire Vibbert, Mrs. William McGilchrist, Jr., Mrs. Erwin Smith, Mrs. Z. J. Riggs.

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