

The Reader's Corner

Book Reviews

from the City Library
By Mrs. Addie May Nixon

The Corinthians by Nicholas E. Wyckoff. This novel is about people who lived during the time of the early Mormon movement about the year 1846. Simon Weddle befriends the Mormons and finds most of the towns people (including his wife Clorinda) against him. The Mormons make no move to convert him, but he is impressed by their singleness of purpose, industry and zeal for their beliefs. Perhaps because he was so influenced by them he creates for himself a double life, one with Clorinda, and another with Rachel. This story deals with the tensions—the joys and sorrows of these three people. Clorinda with her strange loyalty and faithfulness, and her deep pain that she is not able to give her husband children, and with Rachel and her love for Simon Weddle, and his guilt and concern for both of them. Rachel dies and Clorinda is forced to make a decision that few women have been forced to make. This is really a historical novel of the American scene of 200 years ago.

New Books at the City Library

Heaven Knows Who by Christianna Brand. The blurb says that this is "a fascinating, scrupulously accurate recreation of a famous Scottish murder case a century ago." Jessie McLuchlon was brought to trial in Glasgow for the ferocious murder of her dearest friend, Jess McPherson who died on the night of July 4, 1862. The author has recreated the whole episode, and her research has been painstaking. This is a good novel based on fact for the person who likes suspense novels.

The Man Who Rode the Thunder, by William H. Ranken. This book is about the Marine Lt. Col. William Ranken who in July, 1959, was forced to bail out of a plane at 50,000 feet. After dropping seven miles in a free fall he plunged into the grip of a violent storm. For over a half hour Colonel Ranken was an air borne captive of the storm. This is his story of that perilous time. He also tells about his life as a Marine in World War II. All of his life seemed to shape him into the person who was able to go through this ordeal. This is an interesting biography that should be very popular with men.

My Story, by Zsa Zsa Gabor. An autobiography of the famous movie star. The actual writing of the book was done by Gerald Frank who wrote Lillian Roth's story of her life, "I'll Cry Tomorrow," and Diana Barrymore's, "Too Much, Too Soon." A book of interest to those interested in theatrical celebrities.

The Chess Players, a novel of New Orleans and Paris, by Francis Parkinson Keyes. Another book by the very popular author of "Joy Street" and many others. This is a historical novel about Paul Morphy who was the greatest chess player of all times. Paul Morphy lived during the time of the Civil War, and was a Confederate agent in France. This book will be enjoyed by Mrs. Keyes many admirers.

Daughter of Eve, by Noel B. Gerson. We have had many historical novels in recent years. This is another one, and it deals with the life of Pocahontas. We have all known about her from childhood, but we have known just the bare facts. The author has found that her life was a full rich one, and has written an absorbing novel.

Great Reading from Life. This is a treasury of the best stories and articles chosen by the editors of Life. The books published by Life have been fine beautiful books, and this one is no exception. It contains the writings of some of the finest writers of our time. Fine historical articles, exploring, articles about philosophy, and many others. The blurb sums it up very well when it says, "Here, in permanent form, superbly presented for the whole

family, is the best of the best—the greatest of the great reading life has brought American readers.

Upon My Lips a Song, by Kate Smith. The life story of the famous and popular singer. Kate Smith is a person to whom the years have brought peace and enjoyment of life. Not a glamour girl she is a person people feel comfortable with. People who enjoy hearing her sing will like this book.

Love and Mrs. Sargent, by Virginia Rowans. This should be a very popular book. It is written by Patrick Dennis, the author of "Auntie Mame." He uses the name Virginia Rowans as a pseudonym. This is the story of a woman who writes advice to the lovers. She manages everything beautifully until she falls in love. The book should be enjoyable for most every reader.

The Case of the Shapely Shadow, by Erle Stanley Gardner. This is a Perry Mason Mystery, and as Erle Stanley Gardner is a great favorite among mystery fans this book also should be very popular. Those people who welcome a new "who-done-it" story will be happy over this one.

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million acres of old growth. Currently, more than 95 per cent of the road mileage is operator-built through timber sale contract arrangements.

"It takes three million board feet to develop a mile of road. At the current level of allowable annual cut this will build about 1,000 miles a year. This annual rate of road construction would complete the national forest mainline road system in about 30 years at an intensity of four miles per section or one mile per 150 acres," summarized Fedkiw.

He charged that the present system of national forest road financing fails to make adequate positive provision in the rate and direction of road development for maximum utilization. It essentially precludes proper management of young growth. It leads to inefficient utilization of accumulated salvage and mortality losses and delayed conversion of the least productive timber capital to more efficient public investment.

Fedkiw said that there are eight million acres of old growth timber, 65 per cent of it in public ownership and 20 per cent in large industrial holdings. Cumulative losses in this timber type during the next 40 years will be enormous—not less than 75 billion board feet. This is enough to keep the industrial capacity of the region fully supplied for six to eight years.

Weathermen Are Needed

The Air Force will realize a critical shortage of qualified weather officers during the coming year.

In an effort to fill the many predicated vacancies, the Air Force Air Weather Service is conducting an education and commissioning program which offers almost unlimited opportunity for qualified individuals.

Maj. William Harris, weather officer at Kingsley Field, pointed out that although 30 semester hours of college credits are generally a minimum requirement for acceptance into this program, those individuals who have prior meteorological experience will be considered.

A government-paid college education and an Air Force commission are two of the aspects of this program which makes it a unique and unequalled opportunity for any individual who can qualify.

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