

They'll Do It Every Time

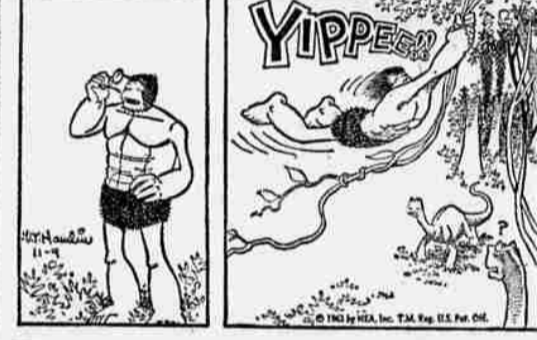
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BIGDOME EATS AT HIS DESK AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A LITTLE SHOWER....

BUT A DELUGE AT A FOOTBALL GAME--THAT HELL WALLOW IN AND ENJOY NO END....



COMICS



Good Books

United Press International

The Letters of F. Scott Fitzgerald, edited by Andrew Turnbull (Scribner's \$10): These letters from Fitzgerald to his daughter, wife, author friends, business associates and others afford a revealing look into the personal life of this warm-hearted and troubled man. Whether he was giving advice to his daughter (Scottie) in college or arguing with Maxwell Perkins of Scribner's over a new novel or discussing literature with Edmund Wilson, Fitzgerald's letters had something new and interesting to say. They leave the reader wishing he could read the replies too, but one can't have everything.

Ark of Empire, by Dale Van Every (Morrow \$6): Americans today are accustomed to think of their country as one great nation, whose unity was sustained by the Civil War. Few realize how narrowly the country escaped Balkanization in its earliest years. Van Every describes the crucial period between 1784 and 1803, when the nation we know took shape. The "Old Frontier" felt no particular loyalty to the United States. The settlers had to fight their own revolutionary war, mostly against Indian raiders, and they went on fighting it for years after the seaboard states had made their peace with Britain.

All kinds of schemes for secession, independently or in alliance with Britain, Spain or France were considered by the westerners. In 1794, the fat really hit the fire: western Pennsylvania was in open revolt (the Whiskey Rebellion), one of the biggest Indian armies ever seen was massing in what is now northwestern Ohio, and Britain was apparently lining up with the Indians. "Ark of Empire" is an authoritative, carefully researched account of these largely forgotten but vitally important years. Although complete in itself, it is also the third volume of a contemplated tetralogy which Van Every calls "The Frontier People of America."

The Roots of Evil, by Christopher Hibbert (Little, Brown \$6.95): There was a time in England when criminals were commonly pilloried, tortured, hanged, drawn, quartered and, posthumously, gibbeted with their heads displayed on London Bridge as a warning to others. In 1531, an English cook was boiled to death for poisoning her master. These are among the facts gathered in Hibbert's history of such offenders, their punishment, crimes, and the means of prevention employed from the first century A.D. to the present. The book is admittedly tedious. Hibbert seeks to prove "that cruel punishments have an inevitable tendency to produce cruelty in the people," and his arguments are well drawn. At the same time, the hundreds of facts and anecdotes which he has gathered in 461 well documented pages make good reading and do not tediously argue.

The Columbia Encyclopedia: Third Edition (Columbia University Press \$49.50): This one-volume compendium of information about every important facet of human knowledge contains 2400 pages, 7.5 million words, 75,000 entries. The second edition came out in 1950 but all kinds of events and changes have occurred since then making it necessary to rewrite the entire book and make it 200 pages longer. People, places, events, sciences, arts, pastimes are all treated in sufficient space to satisfy the casual reader or lead the researcher to further sources.

Animal Life and Lore, by Osmond P. Breland (Harper & Row \$6.95): A non-technical collection of facts and fables about the most interesting animals including mammals, birds, fish, arthropods, mollusks and others. Which are the biggest, smallest, fastest, most dangerous, most useful? The book is packed with fascinating information in easily digested short paragraphs and sections containing the answers to questions children ask which often enough stump their elders.

REMAINS ON DUTY WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department said Wednesday that Otto F. Otepka would remain on active duty as its chief security-risk evaluator pending final department review of charges against him. Otepka was charged by the department Sept. 23 with violating State Department procedures in giving information on loyalty matters to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. He has denied the charges.