

PART TWO

# The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and Literary Criticism

by Doris Flint

## A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU

Very often I am asked how I happened to choose this particular work as my hobby. I expect that a chance reading of an article in a high-brow literary magazine which presented the information that "most people are still reading 'Kenilworth,' 'Ivanhoe,' Sears Roebuck Catalogs and Dr. Miles' Atlases as the books of the hour, spurred me on. This article went on to say that most rural people had never heard of Anthony Adverse and such gibberish as 'C. Wells, Franz Werfel and Mari Sandoz were as 'biblical to their ears.' Since I too, am a sister of the soil I took exception to the inference that we who live out in the broad open spaces are a bunch of dumb-wits or hairy-hill-billies who never even hear, much less read, any book that has been published during the past twenty-five years.

With this challenge confronting me I set about to track out the problem and it occurred to me that I did not know of one weekly paper that carried any book reviews, publishers advertisements, literary gossip columns or chatty book determinations which in metropolitan papers remind the reader that there are interesting books being published. It is also suggested to me that it was really someone, duty to society—some one who had the time and the money to read the books to give an unbiased report of the matter as they are through the avenues of literature. For surely there is no end to the pleasures that can be found in that field.

In writing these reviews and special articles I have attempted to give information as to price and the publishers name wherever possible. Many of the articles have been on very old classics, and to be well read one must know the old classics as well as the new books. Many of the special articles have been for the boys and girls in the family. For instance, the "Reference Shelf" was planned so as to take care of every member of the family while "Reading for the Top Ten Teachers" was for children of that age. It is next to impossible to find time to write about every worthwhile book and I am

sure that I have left out many; however, insofar as possible I have tried to at least mention them even though these "leaves" be but time and space to include full reviews.

The expository method of reviewing has been used in nearly every case which is briefly telling the high spots of the story. This experiment has been a source of great pleasure to me and if a few readers have enjoyed the column won't you please tell your editor for I am sure that he will be glad to print it if he knows that his subscribers are benefiting from it.

Following is a brief list of the outstanding books of the past twelve months:

"The Last Puritan—Santanyan. (Gone With the Wind—Margaret Mitchell.

"I Have Four Apples—Josephine Lawrence.

"Kydons in Giza—Aldous Huxley (Harper \$2.50).

"Wake Up and Live—Dorothea Brante.

"The Big Money—John Dos Passos (Harcourt, Brace \$2.50).

"Dreams Along the Mohave—Walter D. Edmonds (Little Brown \$2.50).

"Crash of Life—Louis Adams (Harper \$2.50).

"Abraham, Abraham—Wm. Faulkner (Random House \$2.50).

"The Enchanted Voyage—Robert Nathan (Knopf \$2.00).

"Green Martins—E. P. O'Donnell (Houghton, Mifflin \$2.50).

"The Home Place—Dorothy Thomas (Knopf \$2.00).

"I Am the Fox—Winnifred Van Etten (Little Brown \$2.50).

"Gumma's Daughter—Siriid Underst (Knopf \$2.00).

"The Old Arabian Place—Margaret Flint (Dodd Mead \$2.50).

"The Trouble I've Seen—Marie Gilmore (Morrow \$2.50).

"Whiteoak Harvest—Marie de la Roche (Little Brown \$2.50).

"Auldubon Constance Rourke (Harcourt, Brace \$2.00).

**PAYS LICENSE IN PENNIES.** Tallahassee, Fla.—A woman saved \$10.25 in pennies by paying for her automobile license, accumulating them in a tin can and taking them to the State Highway Department. Leaving her a desk prior to counting the pennies, clerks were forced to hurry it to a bank when they found more than 100,000 pennies were instantly dropped into the jar by passersby who apparently thought it some sort of charity collection.

**UNLIKELY** Labor is expected to sponsor an amendment to the constitution, authorizing Congress to regulate wages and working hours. The probability is, however, that this will not get enthusiastic administrative support and, consequently, will travel slowly.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN.** The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1936.

Present, Hon. H. Russell Holland, Circuit Judge acting during the temporary absence of the Judge of Probate.

Maude D. Conroy, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for the presentation of claims against said estate. It is further Ordered, that the 1st day of May, 1937, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said estate.

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## MME. NAZIMOVA AT CASS NEXT WEEK

Actress To Play Leading Role in "Ghosts" and "Hedda Gabler"

For her engagement at the Cass Theatre, Detroit, limited to one week, commencing Monday, January 12, Mme. Nazimova has decided on Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" for her first half-week's offering, to be followed by Ibsen's "Ghosts" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and at the Saturday matinee.

Nazimova has long been considered the greatest exponent of Ibsen in America. She has portrayed all the important types, becoming, presenting many of them to American audiences for the first time. In her present productions of "Hedda Gabler" and "Ghosts" she has brought to the stage a new and more complete understanding of the characters and the situations. Her supporting cast, Nazimova has chosen with great discrimination. In "Hedda Gabler" she is followed by Ibsen's "Ghosts," which she has brought to the stage with a new and more complete understanding of the characters and the situations.

**Grant Wood Talks On "Regional Art" At Fisher Jan. 13**

Grant Wood, famous Iowa artist, will speak on "Regional Art" at Fisher Theatre, Wednesday morning, January 13, at eleven o'clock.

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## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

Did you know that Mr. V. H. Lee of Royal Oak lost a valuable cow last week?

J. W. Fowler, late of Troy, could be considered a mean, contemptible scoundrel.

A. S. King of Pontiac wants to buy seasoned lumber. Read ad in cheap column.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas eve the school at Big Beaver very pleasantly surprised their teacher, Miss Emma Hall, by presenting her with a beautiful and useful album.

David Green of Bloomfield Center, left for Flint on Monday last to attend the Normal school. He will take a thorough business course. Dave is a good fellow and we wish him every success.

Miss Zilpha Bayley is teaching the most satisfactory school in the township of Avon. Miss Zilpha is a most estimable young lady and reliable.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

Found on the mill pond, a two-acre tract by proving property and paying for this ad.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Wednesday morning, Jan. 19 at 2:30 with M. A. McDonald on Pierce street.

Dr. George Clark has a first class Al toboggan slide in his yard and he all he invites you to come and slide.

Miss Jennie Todd, E. home for the holidays.

Mr. Lambart is the happy owner of a six horse power gasoline engine that he has just purchased from J. M. Lambart & Co. Lambart is very enthusiastic over his new engine.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN.** The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1936.

Present, Hon. H. Russell Holland, Circuit Judge acting during the temporary absence of the Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Christine A. Mills, Deceased.

Thomas E. Bailey having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner and events entered in the will do in some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, that the 25th day of January, A. D. 1937, at 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

H. RUSSELL HOLLAND, Circuit Judge acting during the temporary absence of the Judge of Probate.

## 14,445 Pontiacs Are Delivered Dec. 1-20

Retail deliveries of new Pontiac cars in the first 20 days of December nearly doubled those for the comparable period of 1935 and established a new all-time high for this season of the year. C. F. Simpson, General Sales Manager of the Pontiac Motor Division announced today.

First 20-day sales in December totaled 14,445 new cars as compared with 7,532 to December 20 last year and with 19,694 in the first 20 days of November, 1936, Mr. Simpson said.

Sales to December 20, 1936, were 25 per cent more than for the first month of December, 1935, he added.

Although the plant has been breaking all production records for this time of year, Mr. Simpson announced that practically no dent is being made in accumulated unfilled orders and that no sizeable build-up of field stocks has yet been possible because of the sustained retail demand.

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