

Meyer Completes Summer Training

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Eric M. Aug. 24 at the transportation training command, Fort Eustis, Va. Colonel Meyer received training with members of his unit, the 925th reserve training unit, regularly at West Palm Beach, Fla. He is a veteran of service in the Asiatic-Pacific theater during World War II. The colonel was graduated from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington in 1941. He is president of the Conditioned Water corporation, Delray Beach, Fla.

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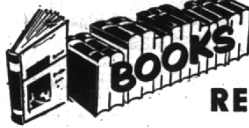
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Tip On A Dead Jockey and Other Stories By Irwin Shaw. New York. Random House. \$3.75. Reviewed by Fred Mallender

his only conclusion is that maybe he had better leave the continent. On the other hand "Age of Reason" and "The Sunny Banks of the River Lethe" are very smooth-written little chillers. In the former a man dreams that something tragic will happen to his sister on May 14th. The way in which he begins to believe that the sister in the dream was merely symbolic of his wife, and the impending arrival of May 14th serve to build a good deal of tension.

THE LATTER is a cheerless tale of a man's speedy and steady loss of his mind. Finally he is reduced to counting the ships that pass on the river. The remaining seven stories, in interest and presentation, fall somewhere between these two types. None of them are as tightly written as the two above mentioned, most being quite aimless. Certain general ideas reappear in all or a number of the stories. No marriage can be happy, this generally being the fault of the wife. Happiness cannot last, as one character says, "I let the summer go on one day too long." Every body is bored with life, with people and with themselves, but nobody bothers to do anything about it. In style all of the stories are very New Yorkerish. The dialogue is generally being the fault of the wife. Happiness cannot last, as one character says, "I let the summer go on one day too long." Every body is bored with life, with people and with themselves, but nobody bothers to do anything about it.

The Man Who Presumed By Byron Farwell. 320pp. New York. Henry Holt & Co. \$5.00. Reviewed by Louise M. Renfrew

Byron Farwell has written a scholarly and enthralling account of the life of Henry Morton Stanley. Mr. Farwell has traced this man's story from his humble, sordid beginning to its triumphant ending. The man who was knighted by Queen Victoria, whose name will forever remembered in Africa, started life in Wales, the illegitimate son of a mother who never claimed him. She left him with relatives, who, refusing the care of the bright, shy boy, placed him in a workhouse. Workhouses in the early nineteenth century, as Charles Dickens has so described them, punished the impetuous cruelly; and, after an undeserved flogging, the 15 year old John Rowlands ran away to Liverpool. HE SOLD SKETCHES of the battle scenes to newspapers and became a roving reporter for Mr.

James Gordon Bennett, publisher of the New York Herald. Mr. Farwell has the happy faculty of making the people under his pen come alive, and his conversations and transactions from one event to another are as natural as though the book were fiction. When Bennett sends young Stanley to Abyssinia and later to Africa, you take the journeys with him. Dr. Livingston, a missionary who had spent twenty years in Africa, was reported missing and Bennett sent Stanley to find him. The world knows the result of that trip but Mr. Farwell takes you to Stanley's rehearsal of the meeting and you sympathize with his planned and since famous greeting, "Dr. Livingston, I presume!"

THE YEARS that followed were strenuous ones for Stanley. He had a driving ambition, strength beyond belief and a strong conviction that Africa could be made into a brave new world. He followed the Congo River, mapped Lakes Victoria and Tanganyika, and marked a streak of known territory across twenty five degrees of longitude on Africa's map. For King Leopold he established the Belgian Free Congo and opened to other nations the vast territory to trade. After his last African trip, he married Miss Dorothy Tennant, and they adopted a son. He was a prolific author and lecturer, but as his health failed, he retired to his English estate where he died in 1904.

MR. FARWELL tells with clarity and keen sympathy a remarkable tale. From a formidable bibliography, he has chosen a single thread, a man's life, why he lived it as he did, what forces drove him to perform his almost superhuman feats, the development of his character and the impact of this man upon his contemporaries. There is a great excitement in reading the narrative and a greater excitement in knowing that the author is a Birmingham resident. We are proud indeed to have an author of such caliber in the city and are impatient to read his succeeding works.

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