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The Book Nook



Neil Bell

Here is a drawing of Neil Bell, brilliant young English novelist who has just written "Life and Andrew Oway," which will be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons on Feb. 3. This book is the February choice of the Book League of America.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

BEEN asked to name a novel in the crime line that is different from the regulation mine run of this type of story.

I have found such a story in "The Scarred Hand," by Neil Bell, author of "Smiles: A Rose of the Cumberland," which is now in its fifty-fifth thousand.

Not only is the construction of this book so different from the average crime story, but the plot itself has a ring of newness and novelty.

Richard Kirby, facing a disgrace of which he was not really guilty (the money entrusted to him was stolen from his safe) wanted to die, but he didn't have the nerve to pull the trigger of his service revolver.

When a burglar entered his room one night with a pocketknife wrapped in a handkerchief to look like a revolver, Kirby decided this was the man to do the job and the deed would not look like suicide.

But the burglar wouldn't do the job. Then while Richard covers the burglar with a revolver, Richard tells the story of the crime and the rotten deal which gave him in an effort to convince the burglar should kill him.

The deal is finally made but—maybe Richard changes his mind and wants to live. That would be tough after hiring a guy to bump you off.

Read "Scarred Hands" and have several nights of bully fine reading if you can lay the book down that long.

It is published by L. C. Page & Company and sells for \$2.

Have before me the "Hound and Horn" for January and March, 1932, and it is a masterpiece. This magazine with each new issue is meaning more and more to me.

In "The Lincoln Chronicle," an authority on the stage, writes of O'Neill's "Mourning Becomes Electra," "For not by the widest stretch of a considered imagination can 'Mourning Becomes Electra' be described a great play."

There is a great difference of opinion on that.

KATHERYN L. MASON, 52 North Fifteenth avenue, Beech Grove, is the winner of the book review this week and she will have choice of one of several good books when she gets in touch with this department.

Her review of "Sackcloth and Ashes" by E. W. Savi is as follows:

"Sackcloth and Ashes" is a story of beautiful Dena Reid-Morgan. Although it may be said that the plot is a common one, it is not to be treated lightly. Dena's trouble starts with one of those mad war-time loves, but later learns her husband was killed in the war. Here she plays a cruel hand and the husband returns to the world. Dena suffers and suffers for her folly. To compound her misery she is deceived by her former husband, who is denounced by her proud and society-minded parents. As an outcast of her people she lives bitterly in sackcloth and ashes. She is living with the man she loves, but her dead husband's shadow is over her. With her pride bent she goes back to her parents. A serious illness follows and she remains in the hospital. Of course she marries her long and faithful lover.

This review may lead one to believe that the book is just "cheap" fiction, but it is far from it. As the author tries to give the readers the impression that when one repents for a folly it is already in "sackcloth and ashes" or not at all.

"I believe that in the future, Mexico will fill an important role—as an esthetic producer," declares Diego Rivera, Mexican artist whose murals in New York City are attracting much attention. J. B. Lippincott Company published recently "Mexican Maze," by Carlton Beals, a book which contains seventy-five intimate drawings of Mexican life by Diego Rivera.

JEFFERY FARNOL has returned to the Merrie England he has made so indubitably his own, in "A Jade of Destiny" (Little, Brown & Co.). He has written a glowing romance of the days of Queen Bess—a romance dealing to some extent with one of many plots directed against the life of Elizabeth.

Two contrasting love stories are woven throughout a swift moving drama in which Farnol again is at his best in the use of English idiom which has baffled his many imitators.

Recommended strongly to those who revel in his "The Broad Highway" and "The Amateur Gentleman."

HOOVER CREDIT BILL TO PASS HOUSE TONIGHT

Measure Is Expected to Be Given President for Signature Next Week.

FARMERS TO GET LOANS

Cities Lose in Fight to Receive Portion of Relief Funds.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Passage of the \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction corporation bill, which President Hoover is sponsoring to restore prosperity, is scheduled in the house by tonight.

The measure, which the senate has passed, should reach the White House for the chief executive's signature early next week.

Republican Floor Leader Snell of the house reported the rapid progress of the bill to President Hoover today and predicted it would be approved in final form by congress within a few days.

Other callers at the White House included Senator Reed (Rep., Va.) and Undersecretary of the Treasury Mills.

The house bill as it stands contains a provision that President Hoover does not like—authorization for diversion of \$200,000,000 of the \$2,000,000,000 to intermediate credit banks and agricultural and livestock associations for loans to farmers.

An administration attempt was expected today before a final vote to strike out this amendment, which slipped over quite by surprise.

Ban Loans to Cities

New York and Chicago, the latter the picture of a pitiful financial plight, sought in vain to get a provision which would permit the corporation to extend loans to city governments.

This was the fate of many amendments which were offered, after another day in the effort of various interests to broaden the provisions of the measure. Farmers alone were successful in changing the bill in a radical way.

The objection raised to the Jones amendment is that both houses already have passed a bill which increases the capitalization of federal land banks, the house by \$100,000,000; the senate by \$125,000,000. This bill was ready today to go through the final conference stage to be made ready for dispatch to the president. It is designed solely to aid farmers.

Fight Meyer Appointment

The house got into one of the frequent squabbles that occur in both branches whenever the name of Eugene Meyer Jr., governor of the federal reserve board, is brought up. Representative La Guardia (Rep., N. Y.) attempted to exclude Meyer from being a director of the corporation, and lost by only a narrow margin, 123 to 131. He accused Meyer of being too friendly with big New York bankers and also repeated charges made against Meyer previously regarding his conduct of the war finance corporation.

The reconstruction bill may be delayed longer than originally expected, because the house insisted on considering its own bill instead of that passed by the senate. This will require the bill to go back to the senate instead of straight to conference.

Personnel Is Reported

As the bill progressed, reports strengthened that Henry M. Robinson (Rep.) Los Angeles, Bernard Baruch (Dem.) N. Y., Edward N. Hurley (Dem.) Chicago, and Angus McLean (Dem.) N. C., would be directors of the corporation. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Governor Meyer of the federal reserve board, and Paul Bestor, chairman of the farm loan board, will be ex-officio members.

Once the directorate is established, amounts of loans and interest rates will be decided. It is understood interest rates will be low and that loans to responsible institutions may be of considerable size.

Loans for railroads will form an important part of the corporation's business, since millions of dollars of insurance company funds, trusts, and estates are tied up in rail shares.

Youth Accused

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 15.—A check for \$40, alleged worthless, which Morris Peavler, 19, Greenwood, gave William Kelley, in payment for an automobile, arrested Thursday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretense in a robbery investigation.

Peavler was arrested again today as he left the court of Municipal Judge William H. Sheffer following a hearing on charges filed Thursday by John Hook, head of the Hook Drug Company.

Hook charged that Peavler, posing as a private detective, obtained nearly \$1,000 to conduct a search for John Velonis and John Patrick, who held up and beat J. H. Free, Hook Drug Company collector, stealing \$3,000 from him, more than a year ago.

Sheffer continued the trial on charges of false pretense, carrying concealed weapons and vagrancy until Jan. 26.

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Arson Charged
By Times Special
FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 15.—Charged with setting fire to a truck owned by Clarence Palmerlee, William L. Wood, Indianapolis, is a prisoner here awaiting trial.

Recovering



Josephine Dunn, film star, is in a hospital at Hollywood following an emergency operation for appendicitis. She was stricken suddenly.

JOB INSURANCE ALMOST LAW

La Follette Expected to Sign Wisconsin Bill.

By Times Press

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 15.—The signature of Governor Philip La Follette only was needed today to initiate unemployment insurance in Wisconsin—the first state to take such action.

He was expected to sign the measure, which was passed by both houses of the legislature.

The bill makes the plan compulsory, unless employers adopt a similar system voluntarily embracing 175,000 employees by July 1, 1933.

The employers are required by the act to contribute an amount equal to 2 per cent of their weekly payroll to establish a fund totaling \$75 for each employee eligible for the benefit.

The maximum benefit would be \$100 a year, paid at a rate of \$10 a week and not more than 50 per cent of the average weekly wage for not more than ten weeks a year.

Those exempt from the insurance plan include farm labor, teachers, domestics and workers guaranteed a fixed salary eleven months a year or an annual income of \$1,500.

CHURCH HEADS NAMED

Hollett Senior Warden; Mayor Is Chosen Vestryman.

John E. Hollett has been elected senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal church. J. E. Mocking is the new junior warden. Vestrymen are: Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, John W. Holtzman, Albert Maguire, Ralph M. Drybrough, former Judge James A. Collins and Albert Rabb.

Scott Clifford, grandson of Scott Butler, former Butler college president, will fill the vacancy in the office of clerk held by the late Charles A. Greathouse.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE

FACES NEW COUNTS

Additional charges of operating a detective agency without a license and impersonating an officer today were placed against Thomas J. Reilly, 35, of 3128 Central avenue, former detective, arrested Thursday on a charge of obtaining money

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LUDLOW FACES SHOWDOWN ON DRY LAW VOTE

Anti-Prohibition Association to Quiz All Aspirants for Congress.

OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED

Opponents of Referendum Will Be Fought in Next Election.

Congressman Louis Ludlow must take a definite stand on the prohibition question and proposals for a national referendum on the subject before the May primaries. This is the dictum which went out today from the offices of the Indiana division of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

For that matter, not only Ludlow, but all congressional aspirants, will have to make clear their stands, declared William Stokes, secretary.

First step in the offensive came today with the announcement by Chairman Nelson A. Glavin that Frank L. Littleton had been appointed to head the special committee to investigate the prohibition attitude of candidates for congress from the Twelfth district.

Ludlow Is First

Ludlow, of course, will be the first to be interrogated, because he was listed in the Indiana Anti-Saloon League in 1928 and in 1930 as being a "dry." He also is shown as a contributor to the league in the 1930 report, Stokes declared.

Ludlow also was a sponsor of the recent dry meetings in Cadle tabernacle.

For years the Anti-Saloon League has been sending interrogations to all candidates, and then listing them either for approval or opposition. By swinging this club the league has effectively controlled the congressmen, Glavinings asserted, "and has maintained a two-thirds majority in congress, this blocking any move to pass a resolution repealing the eighteenth amendment."

Will Demand Stand

"The association in all Indiana districts will demand knowledge of the attitude of candidates in the primaries, as well as in the fall elections."

"Every member of the association is pledged to vote for and support only those men who favor permitting the people to decide upon the question of the retention of prohibition."

"The people of this country never have voted on national prohibition. If incumbent congressmen are against permitting the voters to exercise their constitutional right, steps will be taken to elect only such men as will be in favor of a referendum."

SHOT DURING HOLDUP

Negroes Surprised by Two Cops in Hiding.

Shot twice by a policeman Thursday night in the alleged act of robbing a pedestrian near Vermont street and the canal, Homer Ward, Negro, 1058 Holburn street, was held today at the police detention ward on a charge of vagrancy.

Ward's companion escaped, and the wounded man refused to disclose his identity.

The two Negroes were surprised by patrolmen Clifford Brown and Harry Hayes, who were hiding in a vacant house near the robbery scene. The officers ran to the aid of Jack Kiser, 31, of the Colonial hotel, whom the bandits had slugged and robbed.

Ward was shot in the foot and leg as he fled.

Officers Brown and Hayes had been stationed in the vacant house to observe another house where a law violation was suspected.

DRINK WHILE YE MAY!

Only 13 Horse Troughs Remain in City

OLD DOBBIN is reaching the point where his neighs begin to resemble the tune of "How Dry I Am."

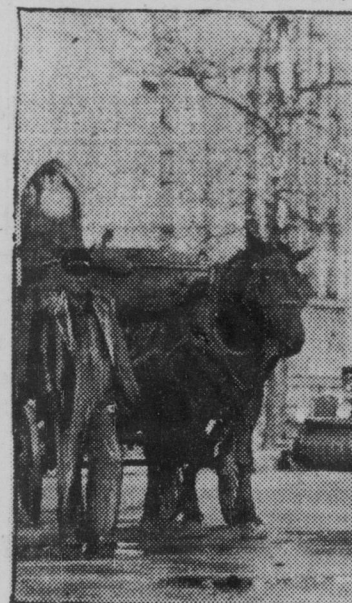
In fact Dobbin looks upon Indianapolis as a Sahara desert despite New Year's celebrations and "Gomorrhah" slams against the city by ardent dries.

And why shouldn't he? For in this city of 432,000 residents with its hundreds of refueling depots for cars there're but thirteen ordained spots where Dobbin can quench his thirst.

Filling stations for autos topple over each other but the equine's glory of glories, the watering trough, slowly is becoming as extinct as saloon signs.

HOPE that the thirteen troughs left in the city will remain forever is stilled by city officials as they say, "As the troughs wear out they'll be taken out."

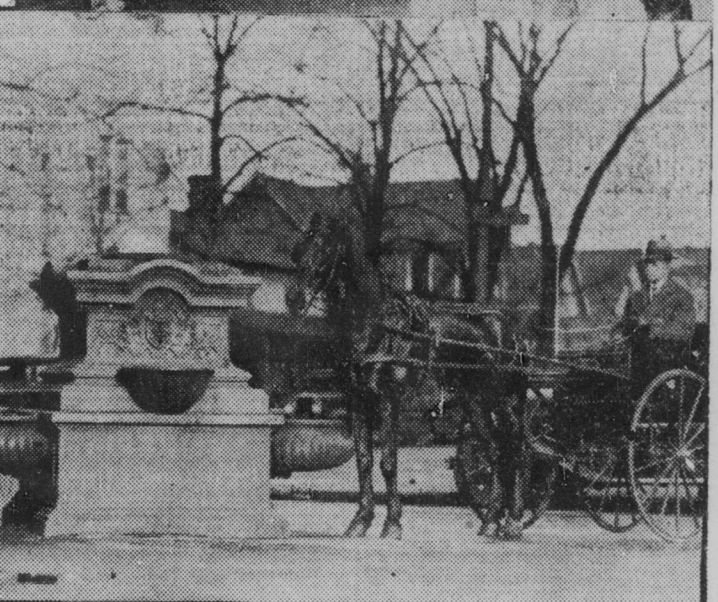
The troughs are situated as follows: Indiana avenue, just north of New York street; Walnut street, Park and Massachusetts avenues; Edgemoor and Northwestern avenues; Northwestern and Sixteenth place; Tenth and Locke streets; Maryland and Alabama streets;



Hillside and Floyd avenues; Twenty-fifth and Oxford streets; Ninth street and Columbia avenue; Virginia avenue and Shelby street; South Meridian and McCarty streets; Blake and Michigan streets, and Harrison and Pine streets.

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LESLIE'S TAX COUP AMAZES AUDITOR

Governor Has Nothing to Do With Fund Distribution, Williamson Says.

Governor Harry G. Leslie stole State Auditor Floyd E. Williamson's thunder today, boldly announcing that he had approved distribution of \$4,063,138 of state gasoline tax funds to the Indiana counties, to be made now instead of March 1.

Williamson had been working on the idea for some time and was ready to send a questionnaire to county officials asking them if they wanted the money.

When he saw that Leslie had taken the limelight today, he was astounded. He pointed out that distribution of gasoline tax money rests entirely with the state auditor under the law in Indiana, and neither the Governor nor the state treasurer has anything to do with it.

Announces His Own Plan
So, after delaying until the Governor got the glory, Williamson announced his own plan of distribution today.

In the first place, there will be no general distribution of the funds until the regular date, March 1, he declared. But counties needing the money now can make application to the state auditor's office and can get about \$15,000 apiece to spend on road work for unemployment relief or to put on deposit in their local banks, where such funds would be useful.

The original Williamson idea was to distribute the money to aid the local community banking situation, rather than to have it spent at once for road work.

Will Aid Banks
The law provides that 1 cent out of each 4 cents a gallon gas tax collected must be given to cities, counties and towns for road and street repair.

Williamson said that \$15,000 cash would be a big aid to many small town banks.

In announcing the fund distribution, Governor Leslie took the credit to himself as being part of his unemployment relief program.

This program recently had been termed a "do-nothing" one by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

But the whole idea of distributing the gas tax before March 1, is not a new one. It was distributed a month earlier last year.

CHANGE RAIL SCHEDULE
Penny Officials Announce Two Vincennes Time Changes.

Changes in the passenger train schedules of two lines of the Pennsylvania railroad, effective Sunday, were announced today by J. L. Gressitt, general superintendent.

Train 334 on the Vincennes branch will leave there at 1:20 p. m. and will arrive here at 5:20, one hour earlier than the present schedule.

Train 333 to Vincennes will leave Indianapolis on its present schedule, but will arrive there ten minutes later than previously.

Banishment to Pasture Facing Police Mounts

TEMPORARY banishment to a life of ease, on pasture, today loomed for the city's ten police horses, which the safety board, as an economy measure, vainly has sought to sell.

Several months ago the city decided it no longer could afford the \$3,600 annual cost of maintaining the police mounts, had the horses appraised and offered them for sale.

Twice bids were sought, but none was as high as the appraised price. Consequently, they were rejected.

One enterprising automobile dealer proposed to trade the horses for automobiles, offering \$100 in

SUMMER REIGN TO END; COLD WAVE ON WAY

Blizzard Sweeps Through West; Tornado Takes Lives in South.

MERCURY SOARS TO 104

Pennsylvania Reports Record Temperature; California Gets Snow.

By United Press

The weather experts who have been marking up cold records in warm regions with one hand and heat records in frigid areas with the other, awaited a return to normalcy.

The winter strawberry growing in the north and snowball hurling at Pacific winter resorts is about at an end, they say.

But the toll of the weird dislocation of weather that brought terrific blizzards to the west and summer heat to the east mounted with another of the succession of tornadoes that have swept the south.

Nine were dead and several expected to die after a savage twister wrecked a farm home near Trenton, Tenn.

End of 'Summer' Forecast

Today, hailstorms, accompanied by thunder and lightning, presaged the end of the balmy era in the Midwest, the weather bureau predicted. The January lightning display in Chicago was almost unprecedented, meteorologists reported.

A sub-zero wave from the northwest drove into the central states, accompanied by rain that turned to sleet. Temperatures from Montana to Minnesota ranged below zero. The weather bureau, which has been predicting an end to the heat for days, once again announced that frost threatened blooming winter flower beds.

In the east, where the sensational mark of 104 degrees in the sun was reported at Altoona, Pa., 72 at Philadelphia, 76 at Washington, D. C., and 68 at Boston and New York, the forecasters were uncertain what would come next. But they were convinced that the "summer" could not last long.

Cold in Rockies

In the west skies were clearing with bitter cold reported in the Rocky mountain area. Lander, Wyo., had 26 below zero. On the Pacific coast, snow was falling at Portland.

From San Francisco, where snow fell for the first time since 1922, to Los Angeles, where ice filmed occasional puddles, and the sky was overcast with smoke from citrus smudging, a cold snap gripped California today.

Southern Californians bundled up in overcoats and mufflers, and workmen lit bonfires on street corners to warm their hands.

Smudge pots poured forth billows of smoke which mingled with clouds and overcast the sky.

Snow piled to depths as great as sixteen feet in the mountains, and many roads were closed at high altitudes.

South Hit Hard

Floods and tornadoes in the south have made thousands of homeless and taken thirteen lives in Alabama and Mississippi.

The storm deaths were near Tuscaloosa, Ala., and at New Hamilton, Miss. The heavy flood damage extended over nine counties in the Tallahatchie-Coldwater flood basin of northern Mississippi.

area thousands were homeless today, many being destitute and hungry.

Rain continued to fall as rivers over-run their levees. Dynamite was used in some sections to rip away the embankments to relieve pressure further downstream.

Boats supplied the only means of transportation for the nine flooded counties. All roads were blocked or under water. Railroad service was badly impaired.

Mercury Falls Here

After detouring three days, cold weather stood at Indianapolis threshold today, bringing with it a 19-degree temperature drop in six hours.

The edge of the cold wave, moving from northwest to east, struck Indianapolis shortly after 6 a. m., forcing the mercury from 56 to 37 at noon. The temperature is to continue its slide until it rests near 25 tonight.

The change in weather conditions, following heavy rains during the night, removed Indianapolis from the "heat wave" area.

Heavy rains during the night totaled 9 inch, but additional precipitation was not expected today.

Saturday is scheduled to be fair and cold. Duration of the cold snap is not predicted by the weather bureau.

JAIL CLEANUP BEGUN BY NEW GRAND JURY

Hope to Clear Docket of All Cases Awaiting Action.

Move to clear the Marion county jail of all prisoners whose cases by the investigation was made today by the new grand jury, which started work Wednesday.

Following instructions from Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker the grand jury also will inquire carefully into any charges of misconduct by public officials which may appear during its terms, ending next July.

Allen Parker, retired army colonel, was named foreman. Other members of the new jury are William H. Kilman, 1616 North New Jersey street; Thomas J. Gray, former policeman, 927 West Thirty-fourth street; Lester McClain, Actor; Charles E. Knapp, R. 7, Box 296, and Clarence P. Laitinger, R. 3, Box 903.