

The Times Book Page

THE FIRST READER . . . By Harry Hansen 'Intruder in the Dust' Gets High Rating Among Novels; Portrays Story of South

"INTRUDER IN THE DUST," by William Faulkner. Random House, New York, \$3.

FOR HIS FIRST NOVEL in eight years William Faulkner, of Oxford, Miss., the foremost living novelist of the deep South, illuminates the new situation of the Negro in a way far superior to anything in recent synthetic novels on this subject. He calls it "Intruder in the Dust." (Random House, \$3).

Here, in the murky half-light of minds darkened by years of abhorrent social conventions, we see cold facts bring a sense of justice to overbearing, inbred whites; village cowards, ready for a lynching, shrink away when leadership fails them, and patience repay the man with Negro blood who has been calmly standing his ground.

With Scriptural exactness, it is a boy who gets the grudging help of his elders when he presents his case.

TO UNDERSTAND what Bill Faulkner is aiming at, and to unravel the mysterious doings in the dark that appear like an unfinished dream, we have to remember the obstacle technique of "Sanctuary" and the social plane of "The Hamlet."

Here we meet again that jumble of thoughts and spoken words by which Mr. Faulkner tries to disclose the story as it is understood by the principal actors.

This is not the place for a reporter anxious to meet a newspaper deadline with a clear-cut narrative about two muddled men, a growing lynching, four grave robberies (same grave) and the grotesque recovery of a corpse by which a father jumps into quicksand and alights on the shoulders of his dead son.

Viewed in the light of the police blotter, Mr. Faulkner's imagination surpasses the most macabre inventions in the history of crime.

WILLIAM FAULKNER is not a mystery writer, but a recorder of psychological tensions, both individual and communal, and as such, he is a writer of the first rank. He takes high rank among his published works. For in taking the timely subject of the Negro's readjustment in Southern society, Mr. Faulkner speaks with the authority of the small-town Southerner who knows the Negro intimately, and who also knows the half-literate whites who hold their power to browbeat and overawe solely by doings in the dark.

First there is the fact of resentment, both personal and general, against Lucas Beauchamp, who with a modicum of white blood, meets the whites on a plane of equality and looks them calmly in the eye.

The lad who is humbled by him and wants to humble him in return is held in thrall like the Ancient Mariner when Lucas is rushed to jail for shooting a white man in the back.

So the boy gets his uncle to

become Lucas' lawyer, even while those eager to spill blood are congregating in the dismal alleys of Jefferson.

THE SLOW-MOVING sheriff is not antagonistic to Lucas; here is a new sheriff, willing to listen to evidence.

The ghoulish doings in the graveyard, where corpses appear and disappear in the same grave within the space of a few hours, are done in the Gothic murkiness of half-remembered things, as in a nightmare.

A 70-year-old spinster further clogs clarity; I could not be sure that she had not strayed in from another story lying on Mr. Faulkner's desk.

Toward the end our author gets preachy and philosophical, warning Northerners against interference in the South's specific ailments; indeed, the story suggests that the South is doing its own readjustment, to the advantage of the Negro and lifting the burden of guilt from the white man's conscience.

But the strength of the novel is in its style, and even Mr. Faulkner's devious literary inventions, now becoming a bit antique, like an impressionist's painting in an abstract gallery, still lure the true admirer of falconry.

Hate Highlights

New Western Book

"THE FURIES," by Niven Busch.

A girl with a terrific hate is the central figure in Niven Busch's new western thriller, "The Furies."

Seems Vance Jefford loved her father so devotedly that when he married again her love turned into violent hatred.

He was a big ranchman with a passion for gambling; she thought up a devilish scheme to revenge herself on him.

As Mr. Busch relates this, it is not a Greek tragedy, and while he describes in her the customary Western heroine, he also makes it impossible for the reader to be sympathetically interested in her or anyone else.

H. H.

Publish New Book

By Hoosier Author

"This Same Flower," by Jeanette Covert Nolan, author of "Gather Ye Rosebuds," has been published by Appleton-Century-Crofts Inc.

This book by the well known Hoosier author is the story of a young woman's adventures in the Chicago of 1911.

TONIGHT!
MARGARET O'BRIEN
Introduces her Aunt,
Marissa O'Brien
in an exciting drama on
Hollywood Star Theatre.

Presented by Anacni

THE CAMEL CARAVAN
Vaughn Monroe

WITH HIS FAMOUS ORCHESTRA
NEW TIME TONIGHT
FOR CAMEL CIGARETTES
WFBM-6:30 P. M.

"GRAND OLE OPRY"
WITH
RED FOLEY
ROD BRASFIELD
MINNIE PEARL
EXTRA TONIGHT
GEORGE MORGAN
WIRE, 9:30 P. M.

PRINCE ALBERT
SMOKING TOBACCO

WFBM-9:15 A. M. SUN.
Dr. E. Burdette Backus
Speaks on
"Science and Conscience"

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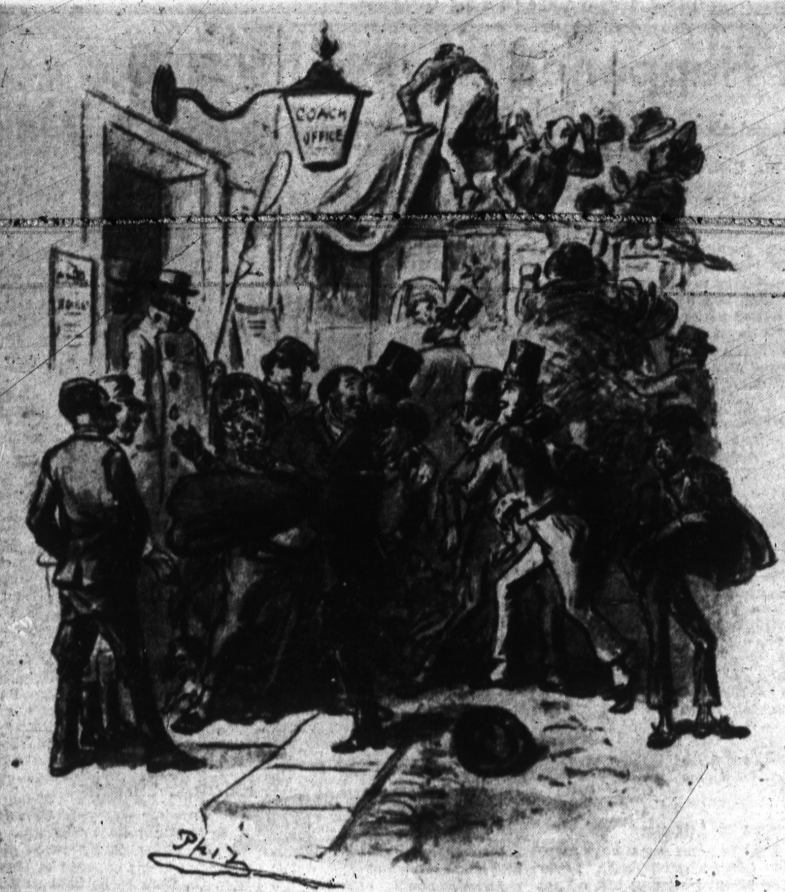
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AT HERRON—Theatrical Emotion of Mr. Vincent Crummles, an original water color portraying the ham actor in Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby," is on display at the John Herron Art Museum. This water color by Phiz (Habit Knight Browne) was done for the first edition of the Dickens classic. With other original illustrations, it will be displayed until Oct. 24.

Ruark Rocks Quality Rules Sea Novel; Margaret's 'Diary' Is Frank

"I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED," by Robert C. Ruark. Doubleday, New York, \$2.50.

I HAVE never known an author to make things as easy for a reader as Robert C. Ruark.

He takes the first two pages of his new book, "I Didn't Know It Was Loaded," to explain there is no connection between the title and the text. So that's settled.

Then he prints an index, a device that practically disappeared with the scarcity of paper, and thus a reviewer can see at a glance who's mentioned inside.

Finally Mr. Ruark adds a number of chapters already printed in this newspaper, and since I don't want to give away the plots of the rest, my work is practically done.

I MUST add, however, that the chief character is not listed in the index. That is Robert C. Ruark himself.

Make no mistake; he may be describing Claudette Colbert, or Sam Goldwyn, or Jimmy Durante, or Dale Carnegie, or the Bobbsey Twins, but he's there, making the words go off like pinwheels and the sentences like Roman candles.

He invites you in and gets chummy with the headline hunters. He makes the whole world kin, including his relatives.

FROM THE evidence Robert C. Ruark is down on psychiatrists, bony manikins, hang-overs, and kids, but he admires Arthur Godfrey, Jimmie Durante, Raymond Chandler and Fred Wolman.

By the middle of the book you are on his side in everything, including the announcement that he would just as soon look at a horse's halter as at an ankle strap. It's a good time for everyone.

H. H.

"The SS-State" is a definitive study of the German concentration camp system, is now being translated into English and will be published by Farrar, Straus in 1949.

A Religious Center With a Civic Circumference

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RADIO PROGRAMS

THIS EVENING

WFBM 1260 CBS	WIBC 1070 Mutual	WIRE 1430 NBC	WISH 1310 ABC	WXLW 1590 FM After 7:00 P. M.
4:00 Make Mine Music	Iowa-Indiana	N'western-Purdue	Iowa-Indiana	Scoreboard
4:15 " "	Football Salute	Jordan Music	Speedrome	" "
4:30 " "	" "	Lassie	Dorothy Fuldheim	" "
4:45 " "	Take a Number	Allen Jeffries	Ernie Felleo	Music Hall
5:00 Lake Success Memo	True or False	Football Scores	Saturday Date	" "
5:15 Teen Canteen	" "	News & Sports	Harlin Brothers	" "
5:30 Football Scores	Football Scores	Music-Box	Luke Walton	Music You Like
5:45 " "	Gene Kelly	Sammy Kaye	Frank Edwards	Eddie Lamar Orch.
6:00 Gilbert Forbes	Charlie Spivak	" "	Famous Jury Trials	News
6:15 Music for Moderns	Perry Como	Allen Jeffries	" "	Fiesta Time
6:30 Vaughn Monroe	20 Questions	Hollywood Theater	Johnny Fletcher	Music from 'Hwyd.
6:45 " "	Quiz Show	Truth, Consequences	Dick Jurgens	Proudly We Hall
7:00 County Fair	Camp Fire Music	" "	Chiropractic	" "
7:15 Sing It Again	Hoosier Hit Parade	Hit Parade	Gang Busters	Football Game
7:30 " "	" "	" "	What's My Name?	" "
7:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
8:00 Give & Take	Farm Hit Parade	Dennis Day	Whizz Quiz	" "
8:15 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
8:30 Ignorance Pays	" "	Grand Old Opry	Hayloft Hoedown	" "
8:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
9:00 Wayne King	Gene Kelly	Allen Jeffries	News & Scores	Good Music Hour
9:15 " "	Popular Batons	Morton Downey	Dance Band	" "
9:30 Guy Lombardo	" "	Dancing Party	" "	Western Trails
9:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
10:00 Gilbert Forbes	Easy on Record	News-Sportsman	Variety Hour	Sign Off
10:15 Bandstand	" "	NBC Orch.	" "	" "
10:30 Football Scores	" "	Rollini Trio	" "	" "
10:45 Chuck Foster	" "	The Smoothies	" "	" "

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

WFBM 1260 CBS	WIBC 1070 Mutual	WIRE 1430 NBC	WISH 1310 ABC	WXLW 1590 FM After 7:00 P. M.
7:30 Christian Hour	Country Topics	Brotherhood Hour	Boreas Hour	Sun Dial
7:45 Voice of Prophecy	Ed Rickenbacker	" "	" "	" "
8:00 " "	Public Report	World News	Calvary Tabernacle	" "
8:15 " "	The Funnies	" "	" "	" "
8:30 Sermons in Song	Hoosier Pulpit	Living Music	Church of Christ	" "
8:45 E. Power Biggs	" "	" "	" "	" "
9:00 Wheeler Mission	Christian Science	Catholic Hour	Revival Hour	Rhythm Ranch
9:15 Bible Speaks	Sweet Music	" "	" "	" "
9:30 Dr. Backus	Fire Prevention	Circle Arrow Show	" "	News Waltz Time
9:45 News	Uncommon Sense	" "	" "	" "
10:00 3d Christ'n Church	" "	I. U. Roundtable	101 Bible Class	Bing Crosby Bright Spot
10:15 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
10:30 Sunday Serenade	Everson Class	Sunday Sunshine	Deluxe Four	" "
10:45 Serenade-News	Ave Maria Hour	" "	Piano Varieties	" "
11:00 Bid to Learning	Church Service	" "	Texas Jim	Patli Clayton
11:15 " "	Rabbi Fox	" "	UN Reporter	Hawaiian Echoes
11:30 Ray Noble	News	Church Services	Miniatures	Jan Garber Orch.
11:45 Sparks & Riffer	Sunday Serenade	" "	News	Peggy Lee
12:00 Gilbert Forbes	Wm. L. Shirer	Donald Bruce	Capitol Capers	Serenade
12:15 Paul Roberts	J. B. Kennedy	Bob Eberle	Band of Week	News Tropicans
12:30 Curtain Calls	Pet Show	Visiting Fireman	" "	" "
12:45 Remember	Four Top Singers	Norman Cloutier	" "	" "
1:00 Festival of Songs	Movie Menu	1st Piano Quartet	Perry Como	Dixie Four
1:15 " "	In Hoosierland	" "	Music by Martin	Loan Back, Listen
1:30 You Are There	Tomorrow's Stars	University Theater	Mr. President	Topnotchers
1:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
2:00 Symphony Orch.	Vic Damone	" "	Changing World	Make Believe Ball
2:15 " "	Guest Star	" "	Sam Pettigill	" "
2:30 " "	Juvenile Jury	One Man's Family	Treasury B'd Show	" "
2:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
3:00 Dateline Israel	House of Mystery	Quiz Kids	Cal Toney	Ray Bloch Show
3:15 " "	" "	" "	Johnny Thompson	" "
3:30 Skyway to Stars	True Detective	Symphonette	Wilton Cross	News Songs of Our Time
3:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
4:00 Thrift Parade	The Shadow	Vic Damone	Star Stories	Gay Nineties
4:15 Designs by Dennis	" "	" "	Side St.-News	Three Suns
4:30 Philip Marlowe	Quick as a Flash	RCA Victory Show	Counter Spy	Prevue
4:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
5:00 Family Hour	Roy Rogers	Bulldog Drummond	Drew Pearson	London Showcase
5:15 " "	" "	" "	Monday Headlines	" "
5:30 Pause Refreshes	Nick Carter	Boston Blackie	Greatest Story	Lyn Murray Show
5:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
6:00 Gene Autry Show	Sherlock Holmes	Jack Benny	Go for the House	Music-for Dining
6:15 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
6:30 Favorite Husband	Behind Front Page	Harrie-Faye Show	Carl Massey	News Jim Amoshe Show
6:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
7:00 Sam Spade	Don Bolt	Charlie McCarthy	Stop the Music	Concert of Seven
7:15 Buddy Clark	" "	" "	" "	" "
7:30 Cabin B-13	It's a Living	Fred Allen	" "	Voice of the Army
7:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	Ripple Aires
8:00 Electric Theater	News-Ray Bloch	Merry-Go-Round	Walter Winchell	Skyway Serenade
8:15 " "	Vaughn Monroe	" "	Luella Parsons	" "
8:30 Our Miss Brooks	Jimmy Fidler	Familiar Music	Theater Guild	Make Believe Ball
8:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
9:00 Lum & Abner	Wayne King	Take It or Leave It	Theater Guild	" "
9:15 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
9:30 Strike It Rich	Larry Richardson	Horace Heidt	Jimmy Fidler	News Good Music Hour
9:45 " "	Guy Lombardo	" "	Red Feather Man	" "
10:00 Gilbert Forbes	Shirley Evans	Donald Bruce	News Musical Album	" "
10:15 Political Talk	Dance Orchestra	Carmen Cavallero	Youth for Christ	Evansong
10:30 Buddy Moreno	" "	Music U Rememb'r	" "	" "
10:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "
11:00 Tex Beneke-News	" "	News-B. Smith	Sacred Four	Sign Off
11:15 Tex Beneke	" "	Beasley Smith	Rhythm & News	" "
11:30 Art Mooney Orch.	" "	Music & the Muse	25th St. Baptist	" "
11:45 " "	" "	" "	" "	" "

MONDAY PROGRAMS

	WFBM 1260 CBS	WIBC 1070 Mutual	WIRE 1430 NBC	WISH 1310 ABC	WXLW 1590 FM After 7:00 P.
6:30	Back to the Bible	Weather & Mkts.	Dawn Patrol	Indiana Farmer	Sign On-News
6:45	" "	Emmy Lou	" "	Breakfast Review	Del Porter
7:00	World News	Gordon Graham	World News	News-Dunkin' Time	Sun Dial
7:15	Hoosier Headlines	Time 'n Tunes	Musical Clock	Dunkin' Time	" "
7:30	Bing Sings	" "	" "	News-Rise & Shine	" "
7:45	News	Happy Hank	" "	Rise & Shine	" "
8:00	Flying Weather	Gordon Graham	" "	Breakfast Club	" "
8:15	Quiz Club	McGee Galling	Donald Bruce	" "	" "
8:30	Mrs. Farrell	" "	Alan Roth	" "	" "
8:45	" "	Easy Listening	" "	" "	" "
9:00	Songs for You	" "	Fred Waring	My True Story	My Serenade
9:15	Judy & Jane	" "	" "	" "	Three Suns
9:30	Arthur Godfrey	Bing Sings	Road of Life	Betty Crocker	News
9:45	" "	Easy Listening	Joyce Jordan	Listening Post	Waltz Time
10:00	" "	News-Stocks	Nora Drake	Kay Kyser Kollege	Cornbread Mat.
10:15	" "	Victor Lindisch	We Love & Learn	" "	" "
10:30	Grand Slam	Art Baker	Jack Berch	Ted Malone	" "
10:45	Rosemary	Waltzes	Lora Lawton	What Makes U Tick	" "
11:00	Wendy Warren	Both Our Houses	Linda's First Love	Welcome Traveler	Make Believe I
11:15	Aunt Jenny	Kate Smith Sings	Record Player	" "	" "
11:30	Helen Trout	Beauty Show	Dr. G. W. Crane	Wishing Well	" "
11:45	Our Gal Sunday	Crossroads Party	Record Player	Luncheon Party	" "
12:00	Gilbert Forbes	Gordon Graham	Donald Bruce	Frank Edwards	Musical Quiz
12:15	Ma Perkins	Pick-a-Pocket	Surprise Party	Bing Crosby	" "
12:30	Farm Circle	Dixie Four	" "	Kay Reporter	News
12:45	" "	Westerners	Big Sister	Jimmy Boyer	Travel to Musi
1:00	2nd Mrs. Burton	Queen For a Day	Double or Nothing	Catherine Daniels	Concert
1:15	Perry Mason	" "	" "	" "	" "
1:30	Nora Drake	Annie's Almanac	Hearts in Harmony	Bride & Groom	Sports Page
1:45	Evelyn Winter	Cedric Foster	Editor's Daughter	" "	" "
2:00	David Harum	PM Party	Life Can Be B'iful	Ladies Be Seated	" "
2:15	Hilltop House	" "	Ma Perkins	" "	" "
2:30	House Party	Easy Does It	" "	Galen Drake	" "
2:45	" "	" "	" "	Listen to This	" "
3:00	Hint Hunt	News-Easy	Backstage Wife	Second Honeymoon	" "
3:15	" "	" "	Stella Dallas	" "	" "
3:30	Random Rhythm	Easy Does It	Lorenzo Jones	Request Time	" "
3:45	" "	" "	Wildcat Brown	" "	" "