

NEW NORTH CAROLINA BOOKS

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JOHN BAKELESS. *Daniel Boone*. Harrisburg, Pa.: Stackpole Company, 1965. 480pp. Illus. \$6.95.

When this book first appeared in 1939 it was called "the best book that has been written about the most fully realized life ever lived," a "fully documented biography of a national hero," and "the first definitive BOONE." There is no reason to lessen the praise for this reprinting of a very readable and fascinating text. A bibliographical essay, extensive page notes, and a full index add to the usefulness of the text. Boone, of course, had close ties with North Carolina, and there is much about early North Carolina here.

This reprint is handsomely bound, has attractive maps for its endpapers, and is on good quality paper. In short, it has none of the unattractive features so often found in modern facsimile reprint editions.

JEAN BOTHWELL. *Lady of Roanoke*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1965. 254pp. \$3.95.

Written for the 12 to 16-year-old group, this book is a fictional account of the "Lost Colony" after John White returned to England in 1587. Miss Bothwell tells a pleasant and entirely plausible story. She introduces it with a concise statement of fact and concludes it with an epilogue which explains why her story might actually have happened. It deserves to be widely read by young Tar Heels.

LEONA HAYES CHUNN. *Rouse with the Dawn*. Birmingham, Ala.: Banner Press, Publishers, 1965. 60pp. \$3.00.

Ohio-born Mrs. Chunn now lives in Swannanoa, North Carolina, and Lakeland, Florida. She edits the biennial *Bay Leaves* for the North Carolina Poetry Society, and her own poems have won prizes offered by the Poetry Council of North Carolina. These are good poems in this book, some of them also prize-winners, and Tar Heel readers will frequently know the scene or the mood which inspired many of them.

JOHN PORTER EAST. *Council-Manager Government, The Political Thought of Its Founder, Richard S. Childs*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1965. 183pp. \$4.50.

The author, a member of the political science faculty at East Carolina College, wrote his doctoral dissertation on Richard S. Childs, "father of council-manager government." In the present study Dr. East presents in concise form the political thought of Childs with respect to local government. Librarians in North Carolina would do well to get this book into the hands of local governmental officials.

East Carolina College Publications in History, Vol. II. Greenville: Department of History, East Carolina College, 1965. 166pp. \$2.50. (paper).

This second volume of a promising series is marked "Essays in Southern Biography." The introductory sketch concerns Charles Griffin, North Carolina's earliest known school teacher, who first appeared about 1705. Professor Herbert R. Paschal presents new infor-

mation on this trail blazer. The concluding article deals with the career of ex-Senator Harry Flood Byrd in Virginia. In between is material on ante-bellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction period leaders of importance, a senator who championed Philippine independence, and on D. A. Tompkins, early leader in the advancement of the New South.

From 2 to 20,000 Volumes, The Lanier Library, 1890-1965. Diamond Jubilee. Tryon: The Lanier Library Association, Inc., 1965. 128pp. \$2.00.

Marking the 75th anniversary of the Lanier Club, which became the Lanier Library Association, this privately printed volume relates the history of a community library. An impressive number of donors and workers through the years have obviously contributed greatly to the cultural life of the community. An appendix contains a complete list of programs and speakers presented by the Club and Library. This handsome book is marred by the lack of an adequate title page indicating the author and publisher.

EDWARD DIXON GARNER. *For All the Lost and Lonely.* Statesville: Poetry Council of North Carolina, Inc., 1965. 54pp. \$2.95.

This is marked Series I, Number 3, Old North State Poets, and it is indeed a worthwhile addition to the series published by the Poetry Council of North Carolina. Edward Garner has spent most of his life in Asheville, and many of his excellent poems reflect his surroundings. A log cabin, the hill country, a Cherokee Indian, a mountaineer, trailing arbutus, the Great Smokies, and other aspects of life in Western North Carolina are the subject of his skillful poems. His work has been published in newspapers, in Chicago, New York, and Washington, as well as in North Carolina and elsewhere.

WILLIAM W. HASSLER, editor. *The General to His Lady, The Civil War Letters of William Dorsey Pender to Fanny Pender.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1965. 271pp. Illus. \$6.00.

W. D. Pender was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in 1834, and graduated from West Point in 1854. After seeing service in Florida, New Mexico, and elsewhere, Pender returned home briefly to marry Fanny Shepperd. She accompanied him to Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, San Francisco, and Pennsylvania, until he resigned his commission in the U. S. Army to join the Confederate Army early in 1861. This book consists of very moving, personal letters from Pender to his wife from this date until his death at Gettysburg. The editor has provided excellent notes to explain what is necessary for the reader to know to understand the letters.

HUGH TALMAGE LEFLER. *North Carolina History Told by Contemporaries.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1965. 4th ed. 580 pp. \$7.50.

With each successive edition of this popular work, which first appeared in print in 1934 but was used by Dr. Lefler's students in mimeographed form even earlier, new material on the recent period has become available. Every library in the state should have at least one copy (more if the local demand and the budget warrant) of this latest edition because it makes available quickly so much recent history. Young people who discover it will become aware that history is being made during their own lifetime.

WILLIAM S. POWELL. *North Carolina*. New York: Franklin Watts, Inc., 1966. 92pp. Illus. \$2.65.

This book for young people 12 to 16 is designed to tell what North Carolina is like today and how it came to be that way. There are chapters on geography, on the people who make up the state, on history, and on making a living, playing, sights to see, schools and colleges, and a collection of brief biographical sketches of Tar Heels who have been important at the national level. It is illustrated with many photographs, both contemporary and historical, and with a map.

ARTHUR STUPKA. *Wildflowers in Color*. New York: Harper & Row, 1966. 144 pp. Illus. in color. \$5.95.

Illustrated with more than 250 full-color photographs of common American wildflowers, shrubs, vines, herbs, and trees, this is both a field guide and a book to browse through at leisure. Many of the photographs were made along the Blue Ridge Parkway and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Brief descriptions give locations of specimens, flowering dates, common and scientific names, and other information.

PAUL WAHL and DONALD R. TOPPEL. *The Gatling Gun*. Arco Publishing Company, Inc., 1965. 168pp. Illus. \$12.50.

Richard Jordan Gatling was born in 1818 in Hertford County, North Carolina, and died in New York City in 1903. Between those dates Gatling made a number of useful and important inventions, but none of them brought him more fame than the deadly Gatling gun. Having removed to Indiana, Gatling patented his "revolving battery-gun" in 1862, and it evolved into the familiar machine gun. Today Tar Heel Gatling's gun has been improved and modified into the Vulcan Gun for aircraft. It fires 7,200 shots per minute.

LOUIS B. WRIGHT, editor. *The Elizabethans' America, A Collection of Early Reports by Englishmen on the New World*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965. 295pp. \$6.50.

The North Carolina subject interest of this delightful collection of fact, poetry, and drama concerns the Roanoke Island adventures. Four of the forty-two selections are on this topic. Included are Arthur Barlowe's, Ralph Lane's, Thomas Hariot's, and John White's reports, all drawn from contemporary printed sources. The other accounts, equally as valuable to the student of early American history, will also appeal to a good many readers. Adequate headnotes precede each document; there are special notes at the end of the text for many of the selections; and a full introduction to the whole collection rounds out the volume. This is a book meant to be read for pleasure and not used for research: it has no index.

He that loves reading has everything within his reach. He has but to desire, and he may possess himself of every species of wisdom to judge and power to perform.—William Godwin, *Enquirer: Early Taste for Reading*.