

## BEST TAR HEEL JUVENILE

*Peanut* (Oxford) by Ruth and Latrobe Carroll of Asheville has been declared the first winner of the new AAUW cup for juvenile literature by North Carolinians. The announcement was made at the annual festivities of the State Literary and Historical Association meeting in Raleigh last December. Chosen from a list of nineteen entries, *Peanut* had already been widely praised by reviewers.

The *New Yorker* commented: "Perhaps there never could be a puppy small enough to sleep in a teapot, but this fetching account, with its winning drawings, of the tiny Peanut and his pranks with his boy master will make him very real to five to eight year olds. His jealousy of a Great Dane introduced into the household sends him traipsing off with a mouse family into some thrilling experiences."

The AAUW regulations state that the author (or authors, in this case) must have lived in North Carolina three years prior to the beginning of the competition. The book need not concern North Carolina.

Ruth and Latrobe Carroll moved from New York to Asheville in 1950. Their books are thorough collaborations, though writing is Mr. Carroll's background and art Mrs. Carroll's. By the time the two complete a book, however, neither is sure just who has done what.

Librarians will be interested in the other eighteen entries by Tar Heels in the juvenile contest. A second book by the Carrolls was *Salt and Pepper* (Oxford). *Yaller-Eye* (Viking) by Thelma Harrington Bell of Sapphire, illustrated by her husband Corydon Bell, is about a three-legged cat in the North Carolina mountains. Bertha B. Moore of Bostic wrote *The Triplets Take Over* (Eerdmans) and, under the pseudonym of Brenda Cannon, five books of the Jolly J's series (Moody).

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Two sports stories for high school boys are *Phantom of the Foul Lines* and *Second-Season Jinx* (both Lippincott) by Burgess Leonard of High Point. *For Girls Only* and *For Boys Only* (Tupper & Love) are frank health discussions by Dr. Frank Howard Richardson of Black Mountain. *A House for Leander* (Cokesbury) is a boy-and-dog story by Rebecca K. Sprinkle of Durham.

Glen Rounds of Pinebluff entered *Whitey and the Blizzard* and *Whitey and the Rustlers* (both Holiday), two Western yarns. Manly Wade Wellman of Chapel Hill continued his well-loved books with *The Haunts of Drowning Creek*, *Wild Dogs of Drowning Creek*, and *The Last Mammoth* (all Holiday).

Other awards announced on the same day as the AAUW were the Mayflower Cup for non-fiction to LeGette Blythe of Huntersville and Dr. Mary T. Martin Sloop of Crossnore for *Miracle in the Hills* (McGraw-Hill), the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for fiction to Frances Gray Patton of Durham for *The Finer Things of Life* (Dodd, Mead) and to Inglis Fletcher of Edenton for the seven novels of the Carolina Series, and the Roanoke-Chowan Cup for poetry to Frank Borden Hanes of Winston-Salem for *Abel Anders* (Farrar, Straus & Young).

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