

In The World of Books

With Will R. Bird

The biggest news in the book world this week is the announcement by Doubleday Canada Limited that beginning this fall they will maintain United States prices on all Doubleday books to be published between August 1 and through November, never before in Canadian book publishing history has there been such a sweeping maintenance of lower American prices for the benefit of the Canadian reader.

MONSOON by G. H. Johnston; Dodd, Mead & Co., \$3.50. Readers will remember that some time ago a review of "High Valley" appeared in this column, the work of a husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnston. Now, for the first time, Mr. Johnston goes it alone, and does a remarkably fine job. High Valley was an unusually good book. The Johnstons are Australians, and know whereof they write. Monsoon is really an unusual love story, extremely well written and quite touching in its emotions. The author handles every situation cleverly, even the old one of a man imprisoned for a crime he did not commit.

The wronged man had been an officer in a British regiment stationed in India, and Mr. Johnston adds greatly to his story with his pictures of the Indian scene, his revelations of Indian mentality and spirit. We want to know how those people regarded the English after the long occupation of their land, and in this novel you are introduced to the situation with candor and clarity. The man who was cashiered, Michael Casey, became bitter toward life during his imprisonment and when released turned to painting. He stayed in India, for he was interested in its people, and he wanted to put upon canvas the soul of the country.

In good time, and with real skill, the author introduces Casey to a charming American girl, and they become interested in each other. The girl is not hampered by conventionalities and has plenty of intelligence. She soon sizes up Casey's bitterness toward the British who rule the country. They were at Benares when the monsoon came and an epidemic of riots began. It seemed as if the violence that had lain dormant so long was suddenly released. Bands of rioters fought each other, and then turned against the British. Casey, of course, was on the side of the Indians, and they soon regarded him as one of their champions. The military found out about him, dug up his discharge papers and soon condemned him a second time for wrong he had not done. Mr. Johnston shows his mastery of fiction when he brings in representatives of two of the ruling castes as close personal friends of Casey. There is great play of loyalty and friendship, so well done that it makes the reader feel that for knowing the book, Balance is kept by bringing in the old British sense of fair play, and all ends well.

It is not enough to say that this book presents a new picture of India, that the descriptive writing is superb. Mr. Johnston has shown his readers glimpses behind the ordinary curtain of life. One is given an understanding of the emotions and tempers that sway the people of India, and the influence of nature is portrayed. Not many people know the climate intimately. Not many can place the philosophy of its people on paper. Few writers of this decade can equal the work of this Australian. Here is a sampling:

"The rains came with no other warning than the descent of the black and straining pregnancy of the clouds. A few drops, scattered and huge, fell hissing into the alleyway and the glossy stains shone for a moment like silver rupees and then were sucked into the warm, absorbent, polished stones.

In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Andrew Arsenault who died August 30th, 1949.

One year ago we had to part With one we loved with all our heart. We miss his face and kindly ways With him we spent our happy days. Many a day his name is spoken And many an hour he is in our thoughts. A link in our family chain is broken. He is gone from our home but not from our hearts.

Yet he has not lived and died in vain For proudly we can say He has left a name without a stain For our tears to wash away. God only knows how we miss him In a home that is lonely yet. But the hearts that always loved him Are the hearts that never forget.

Inserted by His Wife and Children.

In loving memory of Mr. Andrew Ramsay, who departed this life August 30th, 1949.

All that is left is just a memory As we see your vacant chair. Since you went to be with Jesus And we hope to meet you there. Inserted by His Loving Wife.

In memory of Flight-Sergeant Donald Alastair Macdonald, R. C. A. F., who was killed Aug. 20th, 1944. "One of many, but he was ours." Lovingly remembered by Mother, Dad, Ian and Angus.

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MacEDWARD MANOR Will close September 5th for the summer season.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON Drugstore will be open this afternoon and evening.

FREE 5 X 7 ENLARGEMENT given with every roll of film, finished at Burke's Portrait Studio, Charlottetown.

TENNIS raquets, half price. The Bike Shop.

CHERRY VALLEY UNITED CHURCH - Preparatory Service Friday, September 1st, at 8 P. M. Communion Service Sunday, September 4th, at 11 A. M. Rev. John F. McKay, B. D., Minister.

LEAVES TODAY FOR NEWFOUNDLAND - Col. J. H. Shaw, Assistant Director Medical Services, Headquarters Eastern Command, leaves today for Newfoundland where he will confer with the Medical Society there regarding military medical affairs. Col. Shaw expects to return on Saturday.

ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. MacDonald, Flat River, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucille Tweedy, to Edward Claremont MacLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred MacLean, Orwell Cove. Marriage to take place in September.

ENGAGEMENT - Mrs. Alexander Docherty announces the engagement of her daughter Blanche Elaine to John Samuel Willis, Kingston, P. E. I., son of Mrs. Willis and the late Hubert Willis. Marriage to take place in the near future.

LEFT FOR HALIFAX - G. G. Williams, Summerside, was the lone recruit to Canada's Special Force making the trip to Halifax yesterday. Today the recruiting team will visit Montague and on Thursday will pay a visit to Souris.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GEORGE A. MACLEAN The neighbouring countryside and her wide circle of friends were saddened to learn of the passing on August 23rd of Mrs. George A. MacLean of Lewis at the home of her daughter Mrs. Raymond Smith, Orwell Cove, where she was visiting when she was stricken with pneumonia. This disease impaired her health to such an extent that although she survived it she steadily grew weaker until she peacefully passed away on the above mentioned date.

The late Mrs. MacLean was born at Wood Islands, daughter of Murdoch MacLean and his wife Catherine Munroe. She received her education at the local school, Flat River Grammar School and Prince of Wales College. She is fondly remembered by many former pupils who attended schools of the local area where she taught. She later married George A. MacLean and from then on resided in Lewis where her many acts of kindness especially to the sick and aged endeared her to the whole community. Until her health failed she was very active in affairs of the community such as Women's Institute etc. For many years she was a valued member of Caledonia Church choir and took an active part in Women's Missionary Society and Sunday School.

She leaves to cherish her memory besides her husband, four daughters and two sons: Margaret, Mrs. J. W. MacKenzie of Summerside; Catherine, formerly Red Cross Commissioner for New Brunswick and P. E. I. and now Mrs. H. O. McLellan of Saint John, N. B.; Mary, Mrs. Ken S. Nicholson of Dartmouth, N. S.; Effie, Mrs. R. S. Smith, Orwell Cove. P. E. I.; Murdoch formerly of the R. C. M. P. and now residing in Moncton, N. B. and Angus formerly a Wing Commander in the R. C. A. F. and now residing in Lewis. Two other sons, Malcolm and Duncan died in childhood. She is survived by twelve grand children. She also leaves to mourn their loss one sister Mrs. Christine MacMillan and one brother Donald MacLean, both of Wood Islands. Three brothers and two sisters predeceased her which was largely attended was held from Caledonia Church on Friday August 25th. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Evans, Charlottetown assisted by Rev. A. C. Fraser, Rev. J. R. MacDonald and Rev. H. E. D. Ashford. The pallbearers were John A. MacLean, Chester Martin, George Grant, James Stewart, Faber Dreelan and Donald Crawford. Burial was in Caledonia Cemetery.

Card of Thanks I wish to thank every one who helped, out and took part in the programme and who helped make our Convention a success. Signed Mrs. James F. Griffin, Secretary Emyvale W. I.

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RAMSAY - In Loving Memory of our dear Father, Andrew N. Ramsay, who passed away August 30th, 1949.

"His memories are as dear to-day As in the hour he passed away; THY memory fades and life departs He'll live forever in our hearts." Tenderly Remembered by Daughter Helen and Son-in-law Albert.

Breadalbane and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacLeod of Summerside were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacLeod, Breadalbane.

The farmers in this district are busy cutting the grain. They report it to be a bountiful harvest.

Little Miss Cathy Fraser and her brother Clarence of Breadalbane are guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Moxley of Tignish.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Large and daughter Gloria of Charlottetown visited Mrs. Large's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Woodside on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bismark Cousins have as their welcome guest Mr. Cousins' sister, Mrs. Bragdon of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Miss Mary Morrison, Mr. Arthur Morrison and Mrs. D. J. Morrison of Charlottetown visited here during the week-end. They were the guests of Rev. W. B. MacPhail.

The many friends of Mrs. Kenneth Fraser regret to learn of her illness in the Prince County Hospital and wish her a speedy recovery.

A regrettable accident occurred on Breadalbane Railway Crossing on Wednesday as a result two gentlemen and one lady were taken to the Hospital.

A number of folk from Breadalbane attended the afternoon service on Sunday in Rose Valley United Church. The Royalty Quartette were in attendance and their singing was greatly enjoyed by all.

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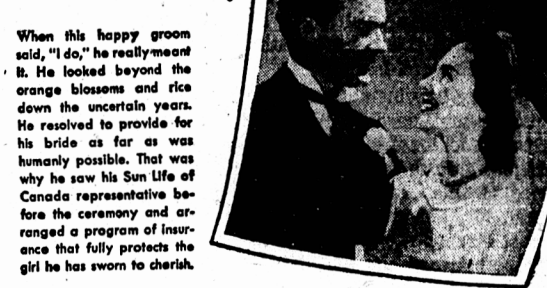
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