

N. B. Writer Again Wins Literary Award For Fiction

TORONTO (CP)—David Walker, 43-year-old St. Andrews, N.B., writer, was named winner of the governor-general's literary award for fiction for the second consecutive year.

A Scottish Canadian who settled in the Maritime provinces in 1948, Mr. Walker won the 1953 award with "Digby," a light humorous novel. Last year he was successful with "The Pillar," a story about prison camp life.

Announcement of the fiction prize and four other 1953 awards was made by Dr. Frank Stilling of London, Ont., chairman of the awards board of the Canadian Authors Association.

IN OTHER CLASSES

Other awards: Creative non-fiction: "The Nature of Things," Norman J. Berrill, Montreal.

Academic non-fiction: "Canada, a Story of Change," J. M. S. Careless, Toronto.

Poetry: "The Net and the Sword," Douglas Le Pan, Washington.

Juvenile: "Rebels Ride at Night!" John F. Hayes, Montreal.

David Walker is a former British Army officer, who, after attending military college at Sandhurst, went to India in 1932 with the Black Watch. At the outbreak of the Second World War he was aide-de-camp to the late Lord Tweedsmuir, then governor-general of Canada. Returning to England, he rejoined his regiment.

In 1940 he went to France with the 51st Highland Division and within a month was captured at St. Valery. During five years as a prisoner he took up writing. Subsequently he went to India as comptroller to the late Lord Wavell, then viceroy of India.

In 1947 Mr. Walker returned to Canada with his wife, the former Willa Magee of Montreal whom he married in 1939. They have three sons. He recently returned from India where he gathered material for a new book.

SCIENTIFIC WRITER

Prof. Berrill, winner of the creative non-fiction award is Strathcona professor of zoology at McGill University. His specialty is marine biology, and his studies have taken him to many countries.

He has written several scientific papers. In 1948 he branched out in a new direction and started a book which appeared in 1951 as "The Living Tide," a fascinating study of marine life for the general public. A second book "Journey into Wonder" was published in 1952. The prize-winning "Sex and the Nature of Things" is a pageant of evolving life from the most primitive to the most civilized forms. He has been assisted by his wife, Jacquelyn, who has also written two nature books for children.

Born in Bristol, England, 51 years ago, Prof. Berrill went to McGill in 1928.

Prof. Careless of the University of Toronto, winner of the academic non-fiction award, served at Canadian naval headquarters in Ottawa during the Second World War and subsequently with the department of external affairs. As a diplomatic officer of the department he was engaged in the exchange of Allied and German prisoners of war. He joined the staff of the department of history, University of Toronto, in 1945.

He is an editor of the Canadian Historical Review, Canadian editor of the Book of Knowledge and joint author of a recent work, "Canada and the Commonwealth." Currently he is engaged on a biography of George Brown, a father of confederation.

WON POETRY PRIZE

Douglas Le Pan, who won the poetry award is a counsellor at the Canadian embassy in Washington. He was born in Toronto and is an honors graduate of University of Toronto Schools and the University of Toronto.

During the Second World War he was Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton's personal adviser on education. He served throughout the Italian campaign with the 1st Field Regiment, R.C.H.A. His experiences there are what he recalls in "The Net and the Sword."

After the war Mr. Le Pan joined the department of external affairs and was for some time secretary at Canada House in London. His first volume of poetry, "The Wounded Prince" appeared in 1948.

John F. Hayes, winner of the 1953 juvenile award also won the 1951 award with "A Land Divided."

Born at Dryden, Ont., 49 years ago, he worked at many jobs and in 1923 came to Toronto to enter the publishing business as a copy and layout man. His rise in the publishing field was rapid, and he is today vice-president and general manager of the Southern Press, Montreal, and director of the Southern Company Ltd.

Mr. Hayes began writing fiction in his spare time. "Rebels Ride at Night" is the fourth of his books to be published.

JUDGING PANELS

Judges for the 1953 awards were:

Fiction: Original panel: C. T. Bissell, vice-president, University of Toronto; W. E. Nichols, Vancouver; Constance Bessford Howe, department of English, McGill University, Montreal. There was a three-way tie with David Walker's "Digby," "Torveg" by Grace Campbell and "Desired Haven" by E. R. Richardson. Ties: Breaking panel: B. K. Sandwell, Toronto; James Scott, Seaford, Ont.; Douglas Leechman, National Museum, Ottawa.

Murray River and Vicinity

A. B. George White of H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax, is at present spending a ten day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, Murray River.

Mr. George Saunders who has been employed in Goose Bay, Labrador, has returned to his home in Murray River.

The many friends of Mrs. John Miller, Murray River, are sorry to hear of her misfortune, falling and breaking her arm in two places. It is hoped she will have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Moore, Charlottetown, spent the week-end of May 8th, in Murray River, visiting at the home of Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Sadie MacLeod.

Mr. Fred MacLean, has returned to his home in Murray River, after spending the past month with members of his family in Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin MacDonald and young daughter, Eleanore Jean, of Greenhill, N. S., spent the week-end of May 8th at home of Mrs. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Whiteway, Murray River.

Mrs. Harry Herring of Truro, N. S., was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Reynolds, Murray River.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. James Livingstone, Dover, whose death occurred on May 7, in the Montague Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Strickland and family recently purchased a home in Murray River, and have taken up residence here.

Mrs. Ford Keenan and daughters, Marilyn and Gail, Murray River, were recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders, Murray River.

Miss Janet Stewart, Charlottetown, spent the week-end of May 8, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Stewart, High Bank.

Mr. Basil Mullins, Weymouth, Nova Scotia, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders, Murray River.

Creative non-fiction: G. E. Reaman, department of English, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.; W. Graham Allen, Dalhousie University, Halifax; W. G. Stobie, Winnipeg.

Academic non-fiction: R. A. Allen, vice-president, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.; Walter H. Johns, dean of arts and science, University of Alberta, Edmonton; C. L. Bennett, Dalhousie University.

Poetry: Philip Child, Trinity College, Toronto; Roy Daniells, department of English, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; H. G. Alexander, department of English, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Juvenile: Herbert McManus, Toronto; Desmond Pacey, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton; Grace Crooks, Prince Albert, Sask.

The governor-general's awards will be presented at the annual dinner of the Canadian Authors Association at Banff in July.

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Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, and family of New Glasgow, N. S., were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. MacLeod's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murdoch, Murray River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rafuse and family, Murray River, and Mrs. Lilah Acorn, Summerside, spent the week-end of May 8, visiting in Trenton, N. S., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnston and family.

A. B. Leon Buell and Mrs. Buell and two children, Halifax, are spending some time in Murray River, visiting at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Buell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cuddy.

A. C. 2 Arnett MacLean who is stationed in Halifax, is spending his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard MacLean, Murray River.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the husband and family of the late Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, High Bank, whose death occurred suddenly at her home on Saturday, May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd MacLeod and daughter, Karen of Dartmouth, N. S., spent the May 8, week-end at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin MacLeod, Murray River and Mrs. Bell of Iris.

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Mrs. Dorothy McDearmid, Carleton Place, Ontario, is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murdoch, Murray River.

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Canadians Read As Many Books As Before TV

TORONTO (CP)—Canadians are reading just as many books now as in the pre-television era.

Speaking to the third annual convention of the Canadian Retail Booksellers' Association, President E. H. Williamson of Toronto said his firm's sales have not been affected by TV.

"The people who read books are the type who will go on reading books, television or no television," he said.

He thought magazines, on the other hand, had been seriously hit by TV's appeal.

Bennett Cerf, famous American humorist and publisher, speaking at the convention dinner Thursday night, predicted trouble ahead for the publishers of pocket-sized books. The market is over-supplied, he said.

Mr. Blake Murdoch, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Murray River, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murdoch.

Mr. Howard Hooper of Pictou Island, N. S., was a week-end visitor to High Bank, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Moore.

Miss Alice MacLeod, Montreal, Quebec, arrived home to attend the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, High Bank, whose funeral was held from Little Sands United Church on May 11.

Mr. Earl Bruce who is a student at Mt. Allison University in Sackville, recently spent a few days at his home in High Bank and left for Northern Quebec where he has employment for the summer months.

Mr. Ralph Derby third year student of P. W. C., is spending a short holiday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Derby, White Sands.

Mrs. William J. MacKay, High Bank, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown, guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Irving.

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Found Guilty Of Counterfeiting

QUEBEC, (CP)—Gerard Gagnon, 36-year-old Quebec City exporter, Tuesday was found guilty of counterfeiting with two other men to produce counterfeit Canadian banknotes. He will be sentenced today.

Gagnon and Paul and Andre de Chevigny de La Chevigniere were arrested in March 1953, in a Quebec provincial police raid on a home at nearby St. Gabriel de Valcartier. A large quantity of printing material was seized.

The de Chevigny de La Chevigniere brothers are awaiting trial. In concluding his 62-page judgment, Judge Achille Pettigrew of the Court of Queen's Bench said, "The discovery was made in time; the opportune intervention of provincial police saved the Quebec city population thousands of dollars."

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