

The Reviewing Stand:

"The Hills Beyond" Completes Thomas Wolfe's Published Work

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Edited by his own people, Thomas Wolfe added to the time of the appearance of "Look Homeward, Angel" in 1929 until 1947 in the Spring of that year. Tom Wolfe came home to Asheville, and his homecoming was quite an event in the life of the whole state of North Carolina. Paul Otter and he were the most famous of the State University alumni then, and of course he had to visit Chapel Hill.

How will I remember the day that Tom Wolfe was the guest of Phillips Russell's creative writing class. We moved into a larger room that day and invited several other classes to meet with us. Coming early, I got a front row seat. From what I heard I got an impression of Wolfe which never has left me. More than anything else he reminded me of a young man who had a "strong sense of direction," and far from the front of the room as a torrent of words poured from his mouth. His shock of black, disorderly hair added to the juvenile resemblance.

TWO THINGS REMEMBERED
Two things Tom Wolfe said that day that I remember more distinctly than anything else. Both were in answer to questions about his writing methods. Our class had been discussing form and content in writing for weeks. Now was the time to get the views of our class on the matter. One of the greatest American writers since Whit-



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man. About form Wolfe said that the didn't concern himself so much with minute details of organization of his material, but that he had a "strong sense of direction," and far from the front of the room as a torrent of words poured from his mouth. His shock of black, disorderly hair added to the juvenile resemblance.

selection in the volume is worthy of the Wolfe tradition.

WOLFE ON WOLFE
Of great value to the follower of Tom Wolfe's life and writings is "A Note on Thomas Wolfe" by Edward C. Aswell, editor of his posthumous books. In this note we get the clearest analysis of Wolfe which has been made. "His writing," Mr. Aswell says, "has the form of his life. Tom believed with all his soul that the most that could be expected of a writer, or of any artist for that matter, was that he observe life closely and see it as it really is, not just the surface but the inner reality as well—and then that he depict it in all its lights and shadows just as he sees it, and do it so faithfully, in such exact colors, that even those of us who go from cradle to grave half-blind (which means most of us) cannot fail to see it also. Anyone who reads all the books will see that they are not separate entities, not even the actual ones. Tom really wrote only one book, and that runs to some 4,000 pages. . . . For, although Tom did not plan the published books which we know, he did plan the parts in themselves, and in some cases part in relation to all the other parts. What is more, he planned the whole from first to last, and the whole was complete within him before he began to write."

One more reference to Mr. Aswell's note, and I will leave it to contain a remarkable letter which Tom wrote to his mother in April, 1923, while he still was at college in it, six years before the appearance of his first book. He outlined his whole life work as we know it today, after it has been completed. In his letter he said, "The only thing that can stop me now is insanity, disease, or death." We know what it was that stopped him.

TITLE PIECE
While each selection in this last volume of Wolfe's published works is worthy of special comment, it is the title piece that is most significant. It is the best example of the change which was taking place in the author's writing methods at the time of his death. It is the most objective piece of writing that he did. The setting, as usual is Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina. In the book this is Lake Lure, Zebulon County, Ona Catawba. The principal character is Zachariah Joyner whose real-life counterpart was Zebulon Hunter Vance, Civil War Governor of North Carolina. The story is that of the Joyner family, beginning with "Bear" Joyner and continuing through his grandson Edward. In this piece the booky and the repetitions which characterized Wolfe's early work are missing. In a large measure, it is the poetry I can't decide which I like best of the Wolfe, or the Wolfe that was becoming.

Purse With \$700 Stolen

School Principal Reports Theft
City Police today continued their investigation of the theft of a purse, containing more than \$700 in bonds, checks and currency, from the office of Mrs. Nettie E. Wear, principal of the Sevierville School.

Report of the loss was made in police yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Wear said she left the purse on the desk in her office while she was engaged in duties about the building. When she returned it was gone. In the purse were \$21 in currency, \$500 in bonds, and two school board checks, totaling \$500.

Joppa Lodge To Confer Degree

Joppa Lodge, No. 120, of the Masonic Order, at Charlotte, will confer the fellowship degree on a class of candidates in a special meeting tomorrow at 7:30 P. M. in the Masonic Temple.

Minister Receives Diplomatic Corps

TOKYO—United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, dean of the diplomatic corps, headed diplomatic representatives of eleven nations today at a formal reception by Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo.

20 Men From Caldwell Will Be Sent to Army

LENOIR—Twenty Caldwell County men will be sent to Fort Bragg Nov. 7, to be inducted into the U. S. Army under the Selective Service Act. George Greer, secretary of the local draft board, has announced.



ONE-GUN JOE—Climbing into the "driver's" seat, Representative J. Buell Snyder of Pennsylvania (in civilian clothes), gets some expert lessons in how to operate a 50-caliber anti-aircraft machine gun at Fort Bragg. Snyder was one of a party of Congressmen who toured the Carolinas maneuver area this week. With him here are men of the 212th Coast Artillery.

"100,899" Brochure Impresses Large Firm

B. Kuppenheimer of Chicago is Pleased And Surprised at Charlotte's Advantages

"We have never seen anything quite like the town of Charlotte," as made known to us surprised and pleased B. Kuppenheimer of Chicago by the blue brochure, "100,899, the Story of the Queen City of the Carolinas," the great Chicago clothing concern writes the Ed Melton Co. here. Because the letter is a typical reaction to what Charlotte since The News-distributed booklet went out some weeks ago the letter is reprinted for the interest of local citizens.

There came to our Executive Office today the most attractive brochure compiled by the Charlotte News entitled "The Queen City of the Carolinas." Looking it over and visualizing the acres therein, the vista of Tryon Street, the public buildings and the general city aspect, we want to say we have never seen anything quite like the town of Charlotte and we don't wonder that your local public relations committee should seek to tell the world the merits of your North Carolina metropolis. We quite agree with the Charlotte News in their statement that the city of Charlotte has a city of such commanding physical aspect could not have been given "the Topaz" but must have resulted from those principles of physical enterprise which sponsored its growth and truly made it the Queen City of your region.

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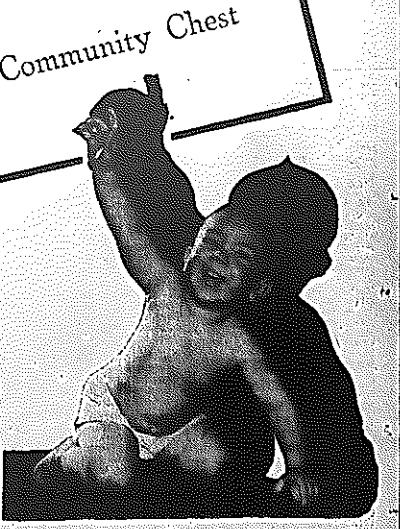
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Charlotte's Community Chest — your Community Chest — is asking you to give liberally of your means during this campaign. The responsibility rests on you, on all of us, each according to his ability to give. Whether you make \$12 a week, or \$50,000 a year, you should give something. The smallest contribution will be welcomed just as heartily as a large one of hundreds of dollars.
Little children whose mothers work every day . . . blind people groping in eternal darkness . . . families stricken by disease, death, and disaster . . . the courageous, the beaten, the old . . . boys and girls who need wholesome recreation . . . soldiers and strangers within our gates. The list is long, the need is great.
Remember! Your one contribution represents 15 gifts for a whole year! It will be spent wisely, not only to fill immediate needs, but also to correct the causes of such needs. Your help will make Charlotte a finer place in which to live. So, give liberally, from your heart to the Heart of Charlotte!

Begins Tonight!
OCT. 30
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1. Charlotte Day Nursery—2. Mecklenburg Association for the Blind—3. Y. W. C. A. (White)—4. Mental Hygiene Clinic—5. Y. M. C. A. (White)—6. Y. W. C. A. (Colored)—7. Y. M. C. A. (Colored)—8. Charlotte Defense Council—9. Salvation Army—10. Family Service Association—11. Children's Service Bureau—12. Girl Scouts—13. Travelers' Aid Society—14. P.T.A. Student Aid Project (White)—15. P.T.A. Student Aid Project (Colored).

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