

Spotlight Guest Column

Someday: a Critic's Critic

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When publishers send copies of their newest books to the nation's book reviewers, they figuratively cross their fingers in hopes that the reviews will be, what has often been termed "generous" to the author's efforts.

The truth is that critics, most of whom are human, have their ups and downs just as do the authors of the books being criticized.

And what might be one critic's steak might be another's ground hamburger.

Reviewing novels, for example, is much simpler than reviewing an anthology of Upper Michigan poetry. And reading and evaluating something is much more fascinating than evaluating something that is 90 per cent fancy and 10 per cent fact.

(Although some biographies wind up that way.) The public should realize, too, that the aver-

age critic has his pet subject. Newspaper editors, who suspect the background of the book reviewers on the staff, when sent a copy of "How To Handle Your Relatives and Still Live" are not wont to turn the copy over to the office bachelor who hasn't even seen his mother since he ran away from home in Toledo before World War I.

But the worst to review is the technical paper. One has difficulty finding "imaginative genius" or "provocative romance" in such works as "A Redefinition of Gastroenterology" and what it did to a 38-year-old male who had hemochromatosis of the liver.

Even the fact that the co-authors of this type of book gave up a luxurious life at Cape Cod to do research falls to grip the book reviewer's emotions.

Perhaps, someday, the world will see a critic's critic, who can analyze the critic's mood as well as the author's.

Then you'll have something.

Uncle Ray's Corner

Mole Is Speedy Digger

It may be that the gopher should be given first place as a digger of tunnels, but the mole is a strong rival. It surely ranks among the speed demons.

When it is in a hurry, a mole may make a hole large enough to enter in 10 seconds. One mole is reported to have cut a tunnel 100 yards long in the course of a single night.

Two things are of special importance in helping a mole to dig in a hurry. I am thinking of the pointed snout and the strength of the front paws.

The pointed snout helps a mole to wedge itself through the ground. The forward motion is something like the movement of a plow.

The front paws are armed with strong claws which can spread out almost an inch. The paws are large for an animal with a length of only five or six inches.

Some of the tunnels made by moles are made to a depth of a foot or more. Quite often, however, a tunnel is made just below the surface of the ground, raising the sod and making a small ridge.

People speak of such a ridge as a molehill. Another kind of molehill is a small heap of soil at the entrance to a tunnel. When a mole goes into the ground, it



5/25 - Mole digging in the ground. Paper

Some kinds have black fur, but others are colored gray, gray-blue or brown. A special demand exists for the skins in certain countries. In a single year, more than one and a quarter million moleskins were sold through dealers in London, England.

Moleskins are of small size, and it takes many of them to make a fur garment. One thousand may be used in making a good-sized moleskin coat. More common than moleskin coats are woolen coats trimmed with this fur.

Moles are covered with soft fur.

Today's Radio Highlights

Religion

8 a. m. — Ave Marie Hour (WISC): "The Fourth Beatitude" story of young married couple in series of eight.

Discussion

9:30 a. m. — Northwestern University Reviewing Stand (WGN): "What Does Puerto Rico Mean to Us?" will be discussed by Antonio Ferron-Jern, resident commissioner of Puerto Rico to U. S. Clarence Jones, dept. of geography at Northwestern; and Rexford Tugwell, professor of political science at University of Chicago.

9:35 a. m. — Invitation to Learning (WBBM): "Return of the Native," by Thomas Hardy, will be discussed by critic Virginia Peterson and author Lloyd Morris.

10:30 a. m. — EN Is My Beat (WBA): Isador Lubin, U. S. delegate to UNESCO is interviewed by Clark M. Eichelberger.

1:30 p. m. — Hats in the Ring (WIBA): presidential candidate Harold Stassen will speak.

2 p. m. — Viewpoint, U. S. A. (WIBA): "Your Stake in Flood Control," discussed by John Gage, former mayor of Kansas City, Warren M. Fuqua, Missouri farm bureau federation, and Lloyd Partlan, vice-chairman NAM's national resources committee.

3 p. m. — University of Chicago Roundtable (WIBA): "How Can Democracy Control Its Foreign Policy?" discussed by Hans J. Morgenthau, University of Chicago, and Walter Johnson, history dept., University of Chicago.

B. B. C. World Theater (WHA): "Reverence for Life," an exposition of the thought of Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Drama

2 p. m. — The Falcon (WMAQ): Mike Waring mistakes his friend for a murderer and gets a surprise.

3:30 p. m. — Martin Kane (WIBA): a barroom brawl leads to a murder investigation for the private detective... Private Files of Matthew Bell (WISC): "The Face of Murder," with Dr. Bell tries to find a killer who is hiding his face underneath a mass of bandages.

4 p. m. — The Shadow (WISC): "Murder Always Kills Twice," as both the murderer and his victim die... Hollywood Star Playhouse (WIBA): Barbara Stanwyck stars in "Mrs. Teckey," story of a young woman who marries a millionaire for his money only to find she has an imaginary rival.

4:30 p. m. — Whittell 2121 (WIBA): a physician solves his domestic problem by murdering his wife and her servant, but his own sense of guilt traps him.

4:30 p. m. — True Detective Mystery (WISC): a woman takes over the leadership of a team of hotel thieves and succeeds in baffling the police.

5:30 p. m. — Nick Carter (WISC): "Case of the Red Dragon," a couple of Mah-Jong tiles in a dead man's pocket lead the detective to a murderer.

6 p. m. — First Nighter (WIBA): "A Dollar A Second," the story of a man who is willed a secret formula for making gold.

7:30 p. m. — Playhouse on Broadway (WKOW): Jeanne Allen, Stephens University sophomore, stars with Melvyn Douglas in "Rebecca." Theater Guild on the Air (WIBA): "The Bishop Misbehaves," starring Charles Laughton, Josephine Hull and Vanessa Brown.

8 p. m. — Screen Guild Theater (WKOW): Ann Blyth and Robert Young co-star in Ferenc Molnar's comedy, "The Good Fairy."

Music

12 noon — Joey Tantillo (WIBA): plays "Bob's Schottische," "Nobody's Sweetheart Now" and "Charmaine."

2:15 p. m. — Invitation to Music (WKOW): 14 bird-call recordings made by the laboratory of ornithology at Cornell University will be played.

3 p. m. — University of Wisconsin band (WHA): parents weekend concert.

3:30 p. m. — Heartstrings (WENR): new summer musical program featuring ABC string orchestra.

8:30 p. m. — West High School Concert (WIBA): highlights from the annual West high spring concert.

9 p. m. — FM Concert (WHA-FM): "Quintet in F Major," by Bruckner, played by Pro Arte Quartet and Beatrice Hagen, viola.

9:05 p. m. — Classical Hour (WKOW): "Carnaval," by Sebastian, and "Symphony No. 9."

Sports

12:25 p. m. — Baseball (WISC): Chicago vs. Detroit. Baseball (WIND): Chicago vs. Pittsburgh.

3 p. m. — Baseball (WISC-FM): Chicago vs. Detroit.

Table of radio programs for Sunday, May 25, 1952, listing stations (WIBA, WISC, WKOW, WISU) and their respective programs and times.

WHA and WHA-FM

Table of radio programs for WHA and WHA-FM stations, listing programs and times.

WFOV-FM

Table of radio programs for WFOV-FM station, listing programs and times.

Variety

6:30 p. m. — Star in Khaki 'n Blue (WIBA): Margaret Truman is mistress of ceremonies on this program for talented servicemen.

Children's Programs

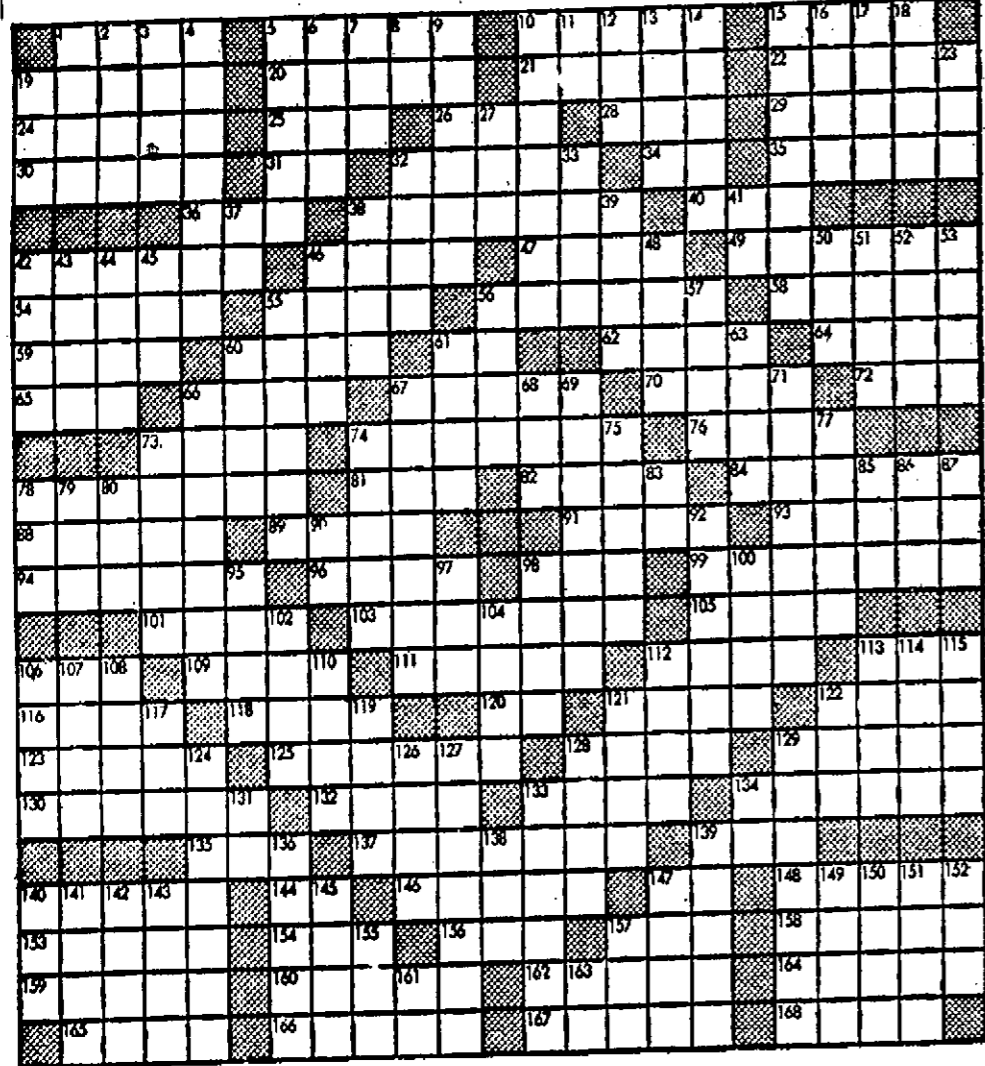
7:05 a. m. — Story Trail (WISC): stories will be "ClickLock," "Train to the Zoo" and "God Bless America."

Advertisement for Madison Radio Shop, featuring photos of Douglass Laughton, Lubin, Tugwell, Young, and Truman, and a guarantee for TV service.

Advertisement for Borden's Milk, featuring a carton of milk and the slogan "All dressed up and going places!"

Advertisement for a 2nd Annual World Championship Rodeo at Penn Park, featuring a cowboy riding a bucking horse.

Sunday's Crossword Puzzle



- A list of words for the crossword puzzle, categorized by horizontal and vertical directions. Includes words like 'Germinated', 'Turner', 'Spurred', 'Malay paw-tar', etc.

Advertisement for Home Talent Baseball Round-Up, featuring commentary by Lew Cornelius and a 5:45 P.M. broadcast on WIBA.

Advertisement for Armstrong Fertilizer, promoting it as a fuel eater and offering a 36-month financing plan through Prideaux Sheet Metal & Heating Co.

Advertisement for the 2nd Annual World Championship Rodeo at Penn Park, listing various rodeo events like Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling, and Bull Riding, along with ticket information.