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A Memorial to Mrs. Depew Head 1886-1962

by Martha Kinney Cooper
Founder and Honorary President of this Library

It is with much sadness that I write a memorial to my good friend, Florence Head, who passed away April 26, 1962. She was a woman of culture and rare gifts whose literary background was outstanding. She had a wide acquaintance, and all who knew her respected her abilities and admired her mental capacities. Her zest for life gave buoyancy to all her activities.

Coming to Columbus from Marion, Ohio, Florence made early use of her talents in her work with the Ohio State Library. It was during the period that she was serving as its Field Representative that we first met. Having decided to make a collection of books by Ohio Authors to house in the Governor's Mansion, and having planned to promote the works of our Ohio writers and musicians as far as it was possible for me to do as the wife of the Governor, I was in need of someone to help in this project. Many people had been considered but none had qualified. Upon becoming acquainted with Florence Head at a literary display of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Dayton, I discussed the subject with her and found her enthusiastic. Though still connected with the State Library for sometime afterward, she gave unstintingly of her time and interest in helping with this Ohioana Collection. We went into an uncharted field together—much of it by trial and error—but we worked closely and in harmony.

Florence Head brought to her work vision, an alert creative mind, and an unusual knowledge of books, authors, and relevant facts about them. Many Ohioana projects were initiated and brought to fruition through her efforts—the final one being Ohio Authors and Their Books, started by Ernest Wessen and completed by Dr. William Coyle. It is sad to know that Florence Head could not have been present when Dr. Coyle was honored at a meeting shortly after her passing. This book is one of her memorials, of which she has many, as her time and thought were devoted to inspiring people with the worthwhile things of life.

We, of the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library, owe much to this outstanding woman. Her passing is a great loss to her family and her many friends. Our gratitude to her is great and we say of her life—"Her works speak for her. She has accomplished much and will not be forgotten."

"Everybody Writes in Ohio!"

A Graceful Tribute To a Great Book

by William Charvat

Some of you may remember that the monumental work whose publication we gather here to celebrate was preceded—and perhaps inspired by—another ambitious Ohioana project. This was an annual fellowship offered in support of research in fields of Ohio history and culture. As chairman of the Fellowship Committee I was entranced with the title of a proposed book by one applicant—"Columbus, Gateway to the Orient." The gate must have been flung open about the middle of the nineteenth century, but I remember wondering how a boat, however slow, could ever have gotten to China—starting from Broad Street and the Scioto River.
But the writer's prospectus reminded me that the canals in this town were linked with rivers, and that these rivers linked with other canals and with other rivers, which eventually joined with the Ohio River, which still joins with the Mississippi, so that, really, the traveller who was dissatisfied with his fried eggs at the Neil House could stomp out of the door to a boat which started him on a water journey which eventually re­warded him with eggs foo yong in Hong Kong.

I reflect now that the applicant's imagination was less extravagant than that of our science-fiction wizards—that she may have dimly foreseen the day when a different kind of canal—the St. Lawrence Seaway—makes it possible for Toledo to send cargoes to the seas of all the world. She could hardly have predicted that in our time a man from New Concord would, by routes however indirect, travel to regions which are literally out of this world.

Deep Roots

Colonel Glenn's journey supplies an apt theme for a meeting like ours. For this man who has travelled in uninhabited space, has deep roots in a small community. I am not especially original when I say that the most wholesome condition for persons in our time is to be members, at once, of the world at large, and of a neighborhood small enough—whether it be a village or the suburb of a metropolis—so that he recognizes other persons when he takes a walk to the store. One condition without the other is not enough.

I think of Ohio Authors And Their Books not as a provincial document only but as one which links our state with the United States. For if, as my title states, 'Everybody Writes in Ohio' (I took the title from the New York Times Sunday Book Review notice of the project), Ohioans do not stay at home—at least not all of them, all the time. (I have met far more New Yorkers who have never been out of New York). As even a casual skimming of these pages shows, Ohioans come from everywhere, and go everywhere. This fact should discourage any excess of parochial sentiment in users and reviewers of this book.

I think it was Willa Cather who said that everything of deep and lasting importance in a writer's life happens before he or she is fifteen. This was an exaggeration of course. Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin owes more to her mature years in Cincinnati than to her childhood in New England. And O. Henry, whose stories show such a deep compassion for the erring, did not take up residence in the Ohio Pen when he was a youngster. Yet there is profound truth in Miss Cather's statement. Childhood impressions usually do color a writer's views of life when he is fully matured and living in another country. That coloring may be good or bad; in the best writers (like Willa Cather) it is usually both. At the age of sixty, Sherwood Anderson wrote of a certain small town: it is 'like a goldfish bowl . . . I see the most sensitive ones breaking down, becoming drunkards, going all to pieces because of the terrible dullness.' He happened to be describing the town of Marion, Virginia, where he then lived. But he was seeing Marion as he remembered the villages of Ohio and as he recorded them in Winesburg, Ohio. Of course, Winesburg, as we read about it now, was anything but dull—it was more like Peyton Place. And while I am at it, let me observe that Winesburg has inspired a vast amount of contemporary fiction. John O'Hara states that there is much resemblance between his posh Pennsylvania towns and Winesburg. He means, of course, that lifting a rock in a pasture to see what is crawling underneath it, gets the same results as lifting a stone slab in a suburban patio.

'Can't Go Home Again'

There is much truth in Thomas Wolfe's statement that writers can't go home again. One of the greatest inspirations for creative achievement in literature is reaction against one's early environment. Of course such rebellions often turn into loving nostalgia. But, with writers, you never can tell. The pleasant villages inhabited by Tom Sawyer's and Huck Finn's become hives of greed and cruelty in the imagination of the aging Mark Twain. James Thurber's early memories of his home town were decidedly mixed, though they became increasingly tender as he grew older. We read, in our volume, those words in his message to Ohioana in 1953 which record his pleasure that he had not been forgotten by the state he can't forget. I believe that his statement was completely sincere and at the same time ambiguous. Things may be unforgettable for different reasons, and the truth, for a writer like James Thurber, is never simple. Certainly there was a time when Ohio was not so proud of him as it is now, and he was not always proud of some of its institutions, one of which I forbear to name—for obvious reasons.

Yet it must have touched him deeply that Ohioana did not wait for him to die to honor him. Mr. Dooley once made some observations about the Carnegie Public Libraries. On the tops of all the bookcases, he said, are 'statutes' of famous authors—Shakespeare, Milton, Dante, Homer, etcetera. 'Those are the dead authors. The live ones stand outside and wish they were dead.' We may take great pride in the fact that Ohioana's main business every year is to honor the live ones.

Curiously enough, Ohio Authors And Their Books is not an easy book to talk about. It is, of course, simple enough to leaf through it and read about the writers one is interested in. And for the loyal resident of a particular town, Mr. Coyle has supplied a useful appendix listing authors by counties. But no one sits down to read through a book like this. It is a reference book, and a splendidly executed one; and as such it will take its place on the open shelves of libraries all over the state. And in good libraries elsewhere, too, because, as I have said, Ohioans live everywhere.

Superb Introduction

But my difficulty in talking about the book as something else than a reference work is Mr. Coyle's fault. I had hoped to offer a little interpretation of the mass data in it, but Mr. Coyle's superb introduction almost did me out of a job. I could not presume to interpret materials that he alone has mastered; and I thought morosely that I was left with little to do today except eat my free lunch—unless I simply read his preface aloud. In it he reveals patterns in Ohio literary culture which do not become apparent to anyone who does not know as much as he does; and his analyses are honest, objective, perceptive, and lucid.

(To be concluded in the next issue.)
Ohioana: of Ohio and Ohioans

George Bredehoft, husband of our Ottawa County Chairman, in his column "Old Timer" in the Ottawa County Exponent printed a contribution from one of his readers listing the nicknames of his boyhood friends. The nicknames apparently had no connection with the Christian name or surname. There were so many that it almost seems as if every boy of his acquaintance had an inexplicable nickname. Was this true only of the boys in Oak Harbor, or was it generally true?

The spring Bulletin of the Philadelphia Museum of Art relating to its exhibition "The Shakers: Their Arts and Crafts" contains an article by Hazel Spencer Phillips, our Warren County Chairman. It is entitled "Shakers in the West." The Bulletin also contains pictures of furniture loaned for the exhibition by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jones of the Golden Lamb and by the Warren County Historical Society, of which Mrs. Phillips is the director.

Back numbers wanted -- the Library will be glad to receive donations of back numbers of its engagement calendar year books. There seems to be a small but steady demand for them.

Romaine Aten Jones (Mrs. Benner Jones) of Jackson, who was for twenty-five years the Jackson County Chairman for the Ohioana Library, and is now an honorary life member, was chosen for the dedication of the 1961-62 Grandjon of Rio Grande College by the Student Publications Board. The Grandjon is the college year book. Mrs. Jones is a member of the college board of trustees and has long been particularly interested in the college library.

Miss Velva Brashares, of Gibsonville, our new Hocking County Chairman, has obtained from the Hocking County Schools an order for seven of our Ohio Literary Maps. This is a good idea, for there is nothing more stimulating to the youthful mind than a map, especially of the home state.

Would your friends like to see a sample copy of this magazine? We will be delighted to send copies if you will furnish us with the names and addresses. This is a good way to spread the glad tidings of the good things in Ohio life.

Memo to County Chairmen: New members joining between now and the end of the year are charged dues for next year but not for the balance of this year. In other words, they get the rest of 1962 free.

Walter Brahm, State Librarian, who will be honored at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon for Ohio Authors and Composers on November 3, wrote the eighteen-page article on Ohio which appears in the 1962 edition of Collier's Encyclopedia.

Oberlin College has commissioned Donald M. Love, secretary of the college, to write a volume on the history of the college from 1865, where the Fletcher History of Oberlin ends, to 1927, the end of the King administration. The proposed history will be in effect Volume III of A History of Oberlin College. The first two volumes were written by the late Professor Robert S. Fletcher and cover the period from Oberlin's founding through the Civil War. Dr. Fletcher was a trustee of the Ohioana Library.
A Fascinating Memoir
Of a Fabulous Person

Bromfield's Daughter Writes
With Great Frankness

This is a fascinating memoir of a fabulous person. It is also a remarkably frank biography of a significant figure in two seemingly unrelated fields, American literature and agriculture, an intimate critical analysis of his personality, and a surprisingly objective evaluation of his faith and purpose and of his legacy to his daughter Ellen.

For many who thought they knew Louis Bromfield this book by his competent and understanding biographer-daughter will come as a shock, for it reveals the whole man who was known only to his family and his closest associates. It displays a man who was warm and tender, considerate, generous to a fault, delightful as a companion, good humored and gay, wise and assuring, magnetic, dynamic, resolute, incredibly curious, and blessed with an overwhelming love of people and other animals, nature, the land, music, and books; it unmasks also in the same man a person who was mood-ridden, headstrong, stubborn, egocentric, egotistical, possessive, selfish, thoughtless, domineering, tyrannical, garrulous, quarrelsome, defiant, noisy, illogical, given to exaggeration, and susceptible to flattery and adulation.

He was a king of men, determined to conquer the world and live life fully and freely and grandly; yet he was also gardener and farmer, "instinctively shy," lonely in his independence, one may suspect, and devoted to the land and the forests and to the plain people of the soil. One of the "sad young men" of the "lost generation," Bromfield, or part of him, never grew out of the carefree, rambunctious, noisy Jazz Age of the twenties, and, at the same time, another part of him became the country gentleman, dedicated to the ideals and way of life of the English and American squirearchies of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Near Paris
The Heritage opens near Paris in the ancient village of Senlis. The particular setting is the Presbytère de St. Etienne, which over 200 years earlier had begun its existence as a Capuchin monastery, but since 1925 has been the home of Louis and Mary Bromfield. Royalties from The Green Bay Tree and Possession had provided the means for this escape to France, where, with other expatriates, including Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, Edith Wharton, and Edna Ferber, he devoted himself to the pursuit of pleasure and to writing such successful works as Early Autumn, A Good Woman, The Strange Case of Annie Spragg, The Man Who Had Everything, The Farm, and The Rains Came. Here life was dedicated to gaiety, and the Presbytère was always full of a "motley group" of guests of every race, creed, and point of view, from peasants to Leslie Howard, Picasso, the poker-playing Maharani of Baroda, and La Mère Supérieure of the Convent du Sacré Coeur at the far side of the village.

Bromfield always had to be surrounded by people. He was more at home in a crowd of guests than alone with his family. Only during a few summers on the Brittany Coast, when his children were quite small, does he seem to have been able to enjoy the sole companionship of his family. Though a highly emotional man, Bromfield, Ellen says, was "perhaps shiest of all with those he most admired" and remained to the end of his life incapable of expressing warm affection, indeed abhorred showing affection. Better for him to have impersonal, exuberant relationships with people, and moreover, having lots of people about him protected him from intimacy.

Among his guests he was always the...
main attraction, the "magnetic force," leading them in play or conversation or violent argument, serving them his own culinary concoctions, and satisfied with the generosity of his own nature. While Bromfield worshipped independence and respected the show of independence in others, he nevertheless ruled the lives of those about him. He was indeed, "The Boss" of the Presbytère and later of Malabar.

His Headquarters

The Presbytère was the center of the Bromfield world. It was headquarters of his campaign of conquest. From it he moved to Switzerland in the winter season to consort with the "International Set," and traveled to India and other parts of the world in search of knowledge and of beauty, returning always to the excitement of his castle on the Nonnette, with its celebrated Sunday luncheons for a hundred or more guests in the once "austere refectory" of Capuchins, to the peace of his renowned garden of flowers, vegetables, and trees, and to the creative pleasure of his writing desk in the long, narrow, forest green room which opened upon "that calm, sunlit spot which was my mother's room." But Europe's sickness and the war brought an end to this "vital life . . . born out of one man's desire to live and to know," and sent Bromfield back to his home country in the Richland County hills, not however, according to Ellen, before her father had arranged to turn his French royalties over to the free French underground he knew must arise.

Now Bromfield sought to reestablish the self-sufficient life of his ancestors, though the result was on a so much grander scale that it must have disturbed their spirits. In reality, up to now Bromfield had been living the life willed upon by his restless, ambitious, determined mother; now his father's quiet dedication to the soil and to the restoration of old, tired, and abandoned farms took root in his son's soul. Three contiguous farms in Pleasant Valley, comprised of 640 acres, many of which were worn from careless cultivation and wild with neglect, were purchased, largely with earnings from The Rains Came. On them Bromfield created Malabar Farm, which was to become famous in American agriculture and literature.

Here he built the Big House "with many rooms for many different people . . . spacious and cheerful enough to suit everyone's longing for lightheartedness and warmth and a noisily rambunctious yet inexplicably peaceful existence." In this home the life of the Presbytère continued, altered only by its location in a foreign country—the United States—and on a large general farm. The family consisted of Louis, Mary, three daughters, Hope, Ellen, and Anne, Nanny, who was Jeanne White, the Scottish governess, George Hawkins, a rotund unbridled character who served as Bromfield's business manager, secretary, typist, and fearless critic, Ma and Pa, the Bromfield grandparents, and seven boxer dogs. But the great house was always full, and frequently guests were bedded down on sofas in the living rooms and on hammocks on the porch.

Besides sleeping guests, others, including the neighboring farm families, were invited for a day or an evening. Frequently the large living room, with its mirrored wall topped by forty-eight stars and a golden American eagle and --its mirrored wall topped by forty-eight stars and a golden American eagle and -- its celebrated Sunday luncheons for a hundred or more guests in the once "austere refectory" of Capuchins, to the peace of his renowned garden of flowers, vegetables, and trees, and to the creative pleasure of his writing desk in the long, narrow, forest green room which opened upon "that calm, sunlit spot which was my mother's room." But Europe's sickness and the war brought an end to this "vital life . . . born out of one man's desire to live and to know," and sent Bromfield back to his home country in the Richland County hills, not however, according to Ellen, before her father had arranged to turn his French royalties over to the free French underground he knew must arise.

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His Guests

At Malabar, Bromfield's guests were expected to work, follow him on long and wearying hikes through the fields and forests, or stay out of the way. Thus, Ellen can remember Ina Claire "with tomato juice dripping from her elbows," Clifton Webb crying over a "mound of onions" he had been assigned to peel, Kay Francis, in full dress and dark glasses, "stirring apple butter in a caldron at arm's length with a wooden hoe," Joan Fontaine, in negligee and slippers, witnessing the birth of a calf, Lady Patricia Ward trying to stop a herd of stampeding cattle with a willow wand, and Inez Robb, taunted by Bromfield, dumping her freshly cooked succotash over his head at the dining table.

In the midst of the hurly-burly, Bromfield worked most every morning at the large table in the dining room, though he had a private study. While he was writing novels and short stories, his farmer's blood also poured into Pleasant Valley, a book about his farming adventures, which materially altered life at Malabar. Now farmers and would-be farmers, agricultural specialists, conservationists, and the curious crowded onto The Farm to see and hear the sage who enthusiastically and oftentimes exaggeratedly and inaccurately preached scientific agriculture, demonstrated its efficacy by experiments on his own acres, and held high the torch of independence and self-sufficiency for the common man who tilled his own soil.

Over the vehement protests of his family and George Hawkins, Bromfield devoted his Sundays to lectures and tours...
for garden clubs, women's clubs, farmers' groups, crackpots, and others, always climaxing the afternoon with a climb to the top of Mt. Jeez, Malabar's highest hill, from which most of the farm could be seen and which George had named for what he called Bromfield's "Sermons on the Mount." But his devotion to agriculture as farmer and as teacher was genuine, and out of it before his death in 1956 came three more farm books, Malabar Farm, Out of the Earth, and From My Experience.

Exciting Life
It seemed that the exciting life at Malabar must go on forever. The farm prospered, herds of cattle tramped out the thorns and restored the grazing fields with their manure, and the tomatoes and vegetables were converted annually into an abundant supply of "Dr. Bromfield's Tonic"; novels and short stories, farm books, newspaper columns, and radio scripts flowed freely from Bromfield's pen; guests came and went and came again, and some stayed forever; Great Aunt Julia Post, Mary's wealthy New York aunt, arrived from time to time in her limousine to attain immortality as Mrs. Parkington; Christmas after Christmas passed by, leaving the amusing recollections of the antics of the "Three Witches."

Time and the cosmic order, however, intervened in this gay round of work and play and took their toll of Bromfield's world. Pa and Ma died, the latter, "a Force, nature itself incarnate . . . and like the Elements, forever right," leaving a void that Bromfield, who had resisted her possessiveness, could not now deny. Then George Hawkins, who was entertaining Hope at Jack and Charlie's "21," excused himself for "one hell of an important date I'd completely forgotten" and returned to the St. Regis to die of a heart attack a few minutes later, leaving Bromfield embittered by this seeming desertion. Hope and Ellen married within two weeks of each other at the end of 1950, and Nanny went to live with Hope. Finally, Mary died in 1952, sad and lonely in her need of tender affection, a dependence upon himself that Bromfield never understood. In his loneliness and fighting to maintain his own courage and independence, Bromfield turned possessive and vindictive, inflicting upon his family an unwanted secretary, withholding trusting friendship from his daughters' husbands, and resisting the love and help his children offered, until they moved from the land to which they were passionately attached, Hope to a Virginia farm, Ellen to Fazenda Malabar-do-Brasil.

Alone, except for Anne whose personality remained locked within herself, and without the guiding hands of George and Mary, Bromfield continued to spend freely, his expenses rapidly surpassing his income, and to surround himself with guests at Malabar. But the world was now moving too rapidly for him, and he began to seek peace within himself. He found it finally at his daughter's new Malabar in Brasil, where he came to realize the vitality of his legacy to Ellen in the success of the fazenda she and her husband were developing. Now, the "warriness began to give way as if the terrible shyness and suspicion which had arisen from our being father and daughter had at last disappeared, as if now we saw one another simply as friends." Resting and thinking in his whitewashed

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NEWS AND NOTES

A NEW ONE-VOLUME EDITION of James Ford Rhodes's *History of the Civil War* with an introduction and notes by E. B. Long has been published by Ungar. This celebrated history was first published in three volumes from 1895 to 1904. The author was a member of a well-known Cleveland family.

THE ANNUAL SELECTION of "Notable Children's Books" has been announced by the Book Evaluation Committee of the American Library Association. The chairman of the committee is Margaret A. Skiff, coordinator, with children, Cuyahoga County Public Library. The list includes one book by an Ohio author, *Ships, Shoals and Amphoras* by Suzanne de Borhegyi of Columbus (Holt, Rinehart & Winston), and four books published by The World Publishing Company of Cleveland, not by Ohio authors.

"HISTORICAL SOCIETIES: Their Magazines and Their Editors" is an article by James H. Rodabaugh of The Ohio Historical Society which should be of interest to every historical or similar society that publishes a magazine, newsletter or other periodical. It appears in the Winter, 1961-62 issue of *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

LOUIS KRONENBERGER, drama critic for *Time* magazine since 1938, who is a native of Cincinnati, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Libraries have acquired their first typescripts of a modern novel—Nelson Algren's "The Man With the Golden Arm." They will be used by scholars to reconstruct the development of the novel and to study the author's compositional technique.

THE ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY of the Ohio Society of New York will attend "Mr. President" on January 21, the first available date after the opening which is scheduled for October 22. Russel Crouse, a native of Findlay, and Howard Lindsay have written the book and Irving Berlin the music and lyrics.

THE FIRST AMERICAN PERFORMANCES of the Phakavali Dancers and Musicians of Thailand on September 14-16 will highlight the summer music series at Antioch College. The Thai company will arrive on the Antioch campus following a five-month tour in state and royal theatres in Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

THE INTERNATIONAL POETRY ACADEMY presented Dora Flick-Flood in a performance of her "Cleveland Concerto" at Lambert Castle, Paterson, New Jersey, in June. The composer is a native of Cleveland.

THREE NATIONAL MATHEMATICS ORGANIZATIONS have appointed Oberlin College Professor E. P. Vance chairman of a newly formed Interim Central Coordinating Committee on Films and Television. The committee will coordinate and supervise the production of films and other audio-visual materials used to teach mathematics at all levels.

Publishers' Weekly reports that a three-day National Poetry Festival will be held in the Library of Congress October 22-24, featuring outstanding American poets. The theme will be "Fifty Years of American Poetry."

LORING WILLIAMS, who with his wife Alice Crane Williams edits *American Weave, A Literary Journal*, from his home in University Heights, Cleveland, has tentatively chosen the title *Five Ohio Poets* for an anthology of poems by William Dickey, Judson Jerome, Ralph L. Kinsey, Hollis Summers, and Lewis Turco.

JOHN M. HARRISON, a former Associate Editor of The (Toledo) *Blade*, now teaching journalism at Pennsylvania State University, is seeking letters, journals, and other memorabilia of David Ross Locke (Petroleum V. Nasby), the Nineteenth Century *Blade* editor. He would appreciate hearing from owners of such material.

THE JULY-SEPTEMBER ISSUE of *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* edited by Esther Powell, 36 N. Highland Avenue, Akron, comments on the disgraceful neglect of cemeteries in this country. The editor says that she has found that vandalism in Ohio cemeteries has more than doubled in the past year.

THE PORTAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY has named ten outstanding citizens "whose careers on the national and state scenes brought fame to their home county." The list is headed by James A. Garfield, nineteenth President of the United States.

SCRAP'S OF ODDS AND ENDS around the house can be converted into useful things. A fruit bowl can be made from an old record, a jewelry chest from an old cigar box or hot plates from milk bottle caps and pieces of yarn. All this and much more is told in *Creating From Scrap* by Lillian and Godfrey Frankel who hail from Cuyahoga County. (Sterling Publishing Co., $2.50).

THE SEVENTH book publication of *Kid Gallabad*, the famous football story written in Bellaire by Francis Wallace, was the Bantam paperback edition of this summer. It coincided with a remake of the motion picture starring Elvis Presley.

THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENT of the Special Libraries Association is a Cleveland, Ethel S. Klahre, librarian of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. The organization has an international membership of 5300 professional librarians.
Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival
To Be Honored at Ohioana Meeting

by Harry Ridenour

The Ohio Contribution to music which will be recognized at the Ohioana Library’s 1962 Annual Meeting and Luncheon for Ohio Authors and Composers is the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival. The Festival’s famous Brass Choir, and perhaps other performers, will play at our meeting and luncheon on November 3.

The story of this nationally known organization is told in the accompanying article. Dr. Ridenour, professor emeritus and former head of the English Department at Baldwin-Wallace College, is widely recognized as a ballad singer and folk lore authority.

An Outstanding feature of the 1962 Bach Festival at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, (May 25-26) was the unveiling of a bronze plaque on the college’s Memorial Wall. The plaque carries this wording:

Dr. Albert Riemenschneider
Class of 1899
Professor of Piano and Organ—1897-1948 Founder of the Conservatory of Music and Its Director—1913-1948 Acting President of this College—1949

In fifty-two years of outstanding and devoted service as Teacher—Musician — Administrator — Author — Composer—Editor—Scholar—and as Founder and Director of the Conservatory, The Bach Festival and the Bach Library, he made a profound contribution to the development of this College.

May 26, 1962
THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY,
THE BACH FESTIVAL

This tribute to Dr. Riemenschneider will epitomize the tremendous contribution he made not only in organizing and guiding the development of the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival, but also in Bach scholarship and in College administration.

Long before the first Bach Festival (1933), Riemenschneider had been pioneering in northern Ohio in presenting organ programs and choral presentations of the best of Bach. He was an indefatigable protagonist for Bach, and his efforts were increasingly and tremendously successful.

Through the years he had the devoted, driving, dynamic assistance of his wife, Selma Marling Riemenschneider. Since his death, her interest has been unabated. She comes back each year from her home in California, and gives vigorously of her time and vast knowledge in helping to promote the Festival.

Since 1951 the Festival has been planned and directed by the Bach Festival Committee, composed of Mrs. Albert Riemenschneider, Honorary Chairman; Cecil Munk, Director of the Conservatory, Chairman; George Poinar, Festival Musical Director, and Delbert Beswick, Editor of Program Notes.

Presented in May

The Annual Bach Festival is presented the last Friday and Saturday of May. In order that the college students (who make up probably 80% of the chorus, 70% of the orchestra, and 100% of the brass choir and the college choir) may have opportunity in a college generation to sing the four major choral works of the Master, these are given in a four-year cycle and include: *Mass in B Minor, Passion According to St. John, Passion According to St. Matthew, The Christmas Oratorio*. This year the Festival included the first complete performance in the United States of The Easter Oratorio “Come, Hasten and Show Us.”

One of the chief objectives of the Festival is “to present as complete a picture as possible of Bach’s creative genius.” Every work is given in its entirety and the repertoire consists of choral, instrumental and chamber music. It is impossible in a short article to indicate the wealth of material which has been presented during these thirty years. The *Mass in B Minor* has been given seven times; the *Magnificat in D* (a perennial favorite) ten times—but space is not available for a continuance.

Here are some cold figures: besides the six larger choral works (one or more of which are given every year), the chorus, soloists, a Cappella Choir and orchestra have given over sixty separate cantatas, six motets, over thirty spiritual songs, many excerpts from larger works, many “miscellaneous” numbers. Presented by orchestra or large ensemble groups have been twenty-four numbers (many oft repeated), including *The Art of Fugue*, four *Overtures*, the six *Brandenburg Concertos*, thirteen other concertos. There...
have been presentations of twenty-seven chamber music works, many clavier works, twenty-seven organ works, a generous number of organ chorales. Surely, as John Dryden said of Chaucer's vast product, "Here is God's Plenty."

One of the delightful features of the Festival has been the work of the Brass Choir. This choir plays five or six numbers from the Marting Hall tower before each of the Bach Concerts. On the shaded campus, Bach lovers sit and enjoy this half hour of shorter Bach numbers.

Cooperation

Albert Riemenschneider personally directed the Festival and conducted the orchestra and chorus in the annual productions for many years. He had vigorous cooperation from Carl Schluer, George Poinar and Cecil Munk in the conducting of instrumental works, chamber music and choir.

Others who have conducted (in whole or in part) since Dr. Riemenschneider's retirement include: Cecil Munk (now Director of the Conservatory); Harold Baltz (Riemenschneider's immediate successor as Director of the Conservatory); George Poinar, Frederick Ebbs, William J. McBride, Kenneth Snapp, Varner Chance, John Robinson, James Lech. Since 1953 George Poinar has been Musical Director of the Festival.

Much could be written concerning the pleasure received by the members of the chorus and of the orchestra in the intensive study of the "Master of those who know" (as Dante described Aristotle) in the realms of music. To study Bach (likewise, to read Milton) is a mountain-top experience.

A word concerning the finances: over 200 guarantors give $25 or more (some give much more) apiece each year. This, added to income from a modest endowment, cares for the necessary expenses.

It remains but to add a word of appreciation for the scores of people from all parts of the country, the college, the townpeople, and the women's auxiliaries, for the interest and devotion shown by them and others in making the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festival each spring a Mecca for music lovers.

Central Ohio Hunt'n Pecker

Helen Ray Ferril (Mrs. Thomas H. Ferril), a native of Columbus, is here being watched by a bird while she edits her latest book on bird watching The Complete Indoor Birdwatcher's Manual (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, $2.95). It is definitely a book for the watchers and not for the birds and is a reprint in one volume of her two previous books on the same subject. The witty illustrations are by her daughter, Anne Ferril Folsom.

Edwin M. Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of War, A Native of Steubenville

Fine Biography of a Difficult Man to Understand


At the northwest corner of Ohio's capital building stands a well known statue called "Our Jewels." Created for the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, it portrays Ohio men outstanding in their contribution to "saving the Union" in the Civil War.

One of the most prominent of its figures is that portraying Edwin McMasters Stanton, of Steubenville, Secretary of War in the cabinets of Presidents Buchanan, Lincoln and Johnson, and for a few days an appointed justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Of the controversial figures in the Civil War—and there were many—Stanton has held a foremost place. For his work as Secretary of War, he has received great commendation. For his crucial part in the attempted impeachment of Andrew Johnson, time only adds to the condemnation of his actions and those of his radical associates who were determined on a policy of vengeance on the South, and to this end staged an act generally regarded now as one of the most dangerous in its implications in the country's history. Few men have run the gamut from praise for selfless patriotism to condemnation for alleged duplicity and intrigue as has Stanton.

The 642-page book under review has been received as an outstanding contribution to the mass of volumes dealing with the Civil War now pouring from the presses. Written by Benjamin P. Thomas and Harold M. Hyman, it appears to be as objective a life, as complete in its details, as may be expected concerning this most controversial character. Thomas wrote in 522 pages what is almost universally acknowledged as the best one-volume Life of Lincoln, and he was en-
gaged in research for the Stanton volume when death came. Hyman, presently an associate professor of history at UCLA and a historian of some note, then took upon himself completion of the volume. A praise-worthy job was done.

Some followers of Thomas have been unable to decide just how much represents Thomas, and how much Hyman, and there is no certainty that in all the conclusions they agreed. Some of the conclusions, as might be expected, seem distinctly Hyman. Previously there had been no extensive life of Stanton for 90 years, and only a very few of minor degree. The present writers have been handicapped to some degree by the fact that many papers were lost either by members of the Stanton family or by earlier writers to whom they were loaned. Enough material remains, however, for the presentation in this volume of consequential viewpoints of the Secretary and of the motivations underlying his career. Full advantage has been taken of the available sources to present Stanton as objectively as possible and yet to endeavor to secure for his career as favorable a reaction as possible from readers and students of the present day.

"A Gnomelike Figure"

Of Stanton the man, perhaps the best description comes from Thomas' Abraham Lincoln: "A gnomelike figure, short-legged and heavy-set, with a black, bushy hair and long black whiskers streaked with grey, Stanton had an explosive personality." Domineering, with an unbending will, absolutely honest financially, bending will, absolutely honest financially, with Lincoln were close and of the utmost importance. As Thomas says, "Lincoln and Stanton, in their wide differences of personality, often cancelled out each other's faults." Some historians will question the allegation that there was a warm affection between the two men.

This biography portrays a human side of the brusque war secretary, a tenderness that was not revealed to many who dealt with him in war activities. Revealing is the tender letter which Robert T. Lincoln wrote Stanton's son upon the Secretary's death, expressing his very deep appreciation for the comfort Stanton had given to him in the tragic hours after Lincoln's assassination. Robert T. Lincoln does not have the reputation of having written too often in such an appreciative vein.

Stanton's relationship with Lincoln began in the famous McCormick Reaper Case in Cincinnati where Stanton, with extreme rudeness, thrust Lincoln aside and permitted him no share in the case, although Lincoln had been employed before Stanton. In the days immediately preceding the Civil War, Stanton's comments about Lincoln were, in some cases, almost unprintable. Lincoln ignored all this when he greatly needed a man of ability, energy, and determination to bring order out of what to us today seems an almost impossible morass of imbecility in the war affairs. Stanton sensed, as did few men, that the struggle was not to be a "90 day holiday." He marshalled and made possible the military forces necessary for ultimate victory. President Grant characterized him as "one of the great men of the Republic" and said his death on his 54th birthday was truly a war casualty. President Grant's desire for a full state ceremony with the body on display in the capitol rotunda (an honor reserved for those regarded as very great) was not fulfilled because of the family desire for simplicity. Even the suggestion reveals the regard which many held for Stanton as "one of the most conspicuous figures in American history." The country is indebted to these authors for the complete and objective way in which Stanton's contribution to the winning of the war is portrayed.

Favorable Light

When this is said, however, it seems only fair to say that one has the feeling the book endeavors to place the most favorable light possible on another phase in Stanton's career. As Cabinet member in Buchanan's cabinet, Stanton "carried messages" revealing what was going on to Unionist leaders in Congress. There were times when he was contemptuous of Lincoln's decisions. He refused to go to the Gettysburg ceremonies where the President was to make his immortal tribute, saying "Let the dead bury their dead." Apparently he felt at the time that Lincoln was on his way out as President. As member of Johnson's cabinet, he played a basic part in the impeachment proceedings, today regarded by most governmental students as, perhaps, the most disreputable and dangerous political event in the country's history. He became an ardent devotee of Sumner's "enfranchisement fanaticism," shifting, as these writers show, from a moderate viewpoint to the vengeance viewpoint concerning the treatment of the South. He refused to leave the Cabinet even when Johnson so requested. These writers seem to feel that the rise in esteem for Johnson in the last forty years is questionable. Whether so intended or not, one gains the feeling they approve of much of what was Stanton's viewpoint. They make clear that Stanton in all of this deviousness found his motivation in unquestioned loyalty to the Union and "the winning of the war" and its aftermath.

Many readers of this life of Stanton point with regret to its deficient attention to charges that the War Secretary may have been a factor in the assassination of President Lincoln. This charge was elaborated in detail by Mr. Eisenschiml of Chicago in Why Was Lincoln Murdered? (1937), and has been the subject of numerous volumes since. Fantastic and unbelievable as the charge seems to be, it has become a chief item of discussion in Civil War groups. It has been reinforced by the story that President Butler of Columbia found Robert T. Lincoln burning his father's papers because, as was stated, in them were evidences of the treachery of an unnamed Cabinet member. The expectation that such evidence would be found in the papers of President Lincoln when they were opened in the Congressional Library twenty-five years ago remained an unanswered expectation.

To dismiss these charges, as does this new Life, with a mere footnote remark that they "offer conclusions which seem unsupportable;" and that they are not based on adequate standards of historical research, seems a cavalier way to dispose of what has become for large numbers of people a conclusive judgment of Stanton. It seems like "the ostrich burying its head in the sand." This is said by a reviewer who does not believe in the charges but who has to admit that "many

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He Was Engineer
And Businessman
And Single Taxer

Alger-Like Life
Of J. C. Lincoln
Told by Moley


RAYMOND MOLEY was born in Berea and holds degrees from Baldwin-Wallace, Oberlin and Columbia as well as several honorary degrees. A former New-Dealler who served as assistant secretary of state, he has been for twenty-five years a contributing editor of Newsweek magazine. He is the author of many books.

The American Century of John C. Lincoln is primarily a biography.

It also is a testimonial to the American way of life, a dissertation on economic challenges and a sermon against government excesses.

It can be considered an all-Ohio story about one of the Buckeye State's most eminent natives—his failures, successes, and the impact his philosophy left on succeeding generations.

The 209-page volume was written by syndicated columnist Raymond Moley, also an Ohioan.

It was dedicated to John Willis Love, another Ohioan 'who should have written this book.'

When he died unexpectedly, Love was business editor of the Cleveland Press and dean of Ohio's economic writers. He spent two years gathering information about John Cromwell Lincoln, and compiling notes.

From that data and from records and reminiscences of relatives, friends and business associates, Moley has put together an interesting account of the Horatio Alger-like life of the man who died in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 93.

"He conceived of life as an endless quest for answers," Moley wrote.

"A mere recital of the engineering, scientific and business career of John C. Lincoln brings forth the outstanding qualities of untiring drive, insatiable curiosity, the ingenuity of genius and confidence in the validity of his judgments."

Reviewed by Mardo Williams, Business News Writer of the Columbus Dispatch.
Briefly Stated

Listed are the vital statistics:

* Born in Painesville, Ohio, on July 17, 1886.
* Resident of a dozen other cities throughout the midwest (including Hope, near Columbus, and Marysville, Ohio) before his preacher father returned to Painesville.
* Educated in Painesville and Columbus

High Schools and Ohio State University.

* Married three times—to Myrtle Virginia Humphrey of Columbus, Mary Dearstyn MacKenzie of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Helen Colvill, former teacher in Circleville High School. She survives.

* Holder of 54 patents, including several that vitally affect the operating efficiency of electric motors and the success of industrial welding.

* Successful businessman for 64 years, even during the 28 years between his "semi-retirement" to Phoenix in 1931 and his death in 1959.

His life was almost as productive after age 65 as it was before. During those golden years he patented another score of inventions, directed copper and gold mining operations, acquired large tracts of Arizona land, wrote a 134-page book on "Christ's Object in Life," established the Lincoln Foundation, assisted in worth-while philanthropies like the Desert Mission of Sunnyslope, Arizona, and actively supported the economic teachings of Henry George, the Single Taxer, and his School for Social Science in New York City.

George more nearly taught the philosophy of Lincoln than any other man, said Moley. For example, the Cleveland industrialist believed that "ground rent" should go to the community, not to the landlord. Lincoln's conviction: The opportunity for land-owners and speculators to gain unearned fortunes results in haphazard and uneconomical growth.

"Housing develops in spots," he was wont to explain, 'while great areas are kept in slums in the urban areas and in weeds in suburban areas by those who expect to gain unjustifiably high prices."

Enviable Record

Even prior to relinquishing much of the operational detail at Lincoln Electric Co. to younger brother James F. Lincoln—the decision which permitted him to move to Phoenix—the elder Lincoln could have rested on an enviable 30-year record of accomplishments.

He had completed a remarkable series of inventions, started three businesses, became associated with several others, helped make Cleveland first in the electrical industry, and had proceeded with a career that spanned "a veritable revolution" in the application of electricity, Moley noted.

"This was the pattern of his life—always to look to new horizons," the author commented.

Although Lincoln had attended Ohio State University for three years, he did not receive a degree from that institution until 1913. Then he received the honorary degree of Electrical Engineer in Mechanical Engineering.

He was made an honorary member of the newly created OSU chapter of Tau Beta Pi fraternity in 1931. He was honored, it was noted, because of "outstanding achievements as an engineer, inventor, and for his well known character, and his relationship with his employees."

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LOUIS BROMFIELD

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room under the low eaves of the old house, he discovered Albert Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life" and the importance of the spiritual to the sanity of humanity.

Not long afterward, he returned to this country, where, bearing the secret of his cancerous bones, he continued life as usual till his death in the Spring of 1956.

What was Ellen's heritage from her father? Not Malabar, for it had to be sold to pay taxes and debts! It was, indeed, far more and more permanent, a love of life, gaiety, good books and music, beautiful things, and people, an insatiable curiosity, a fervent devotion to the land, an ardent dedication to personal freedom and independence, an extraordinary talent for writing and storytelling, and vivid memories, all handed down "by a lively teacher, a brilliant, temperamental, deeply human man, for whom, just at the mention of a new idea, life had had a way of beginning all over again in all its vigor and beauty, time after time after time."

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E. M. STANTON

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queer things" are associated with the Secretary's conduct at the time of the assassination and during the trials. Whatever this deficiency may be, this _Life_ is invaluable to any student of the Civil War and the Johnson period. It may eventually come to be ranked as the definitive life of a man both great and weak. It is, as its jacket states, a judicious and honest portrait of a stubborn, dedicated man, and portrays much about the times in which he lived. It does not seem likely that further research at this late day will add much to its general contents.

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