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THE COW-TAIL SWITCH AND OTHER WEST AFRICAN TALES, by Harold Courlander and George Herzog. Drawings by Madye Lee Chastain. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., N.Y. \$3.27.

"Africa is Many Things"--and these stories, most of them gathered by Harold Courlander and George Herzog on expeditions to Western Africa, are themselves many things, for there is quick humor in the story called "Talk," and irony, for instance, in "Guinea Fowl and Rabbit get Justice." Why children "cry for nothing" and how debt came to the tribe are true folk tales. "The Cow-Tail Switch" is one of many stories which reveal incidentally many of the customs and ways of thought of the West African people.



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Children will love the humor and the fantasy; adults will appreciate the philosophy, the subtle thrusts of human foibles; storytellers will find a rich source of material in the rhythm of true storytelling.

Harold Courlander is well known as a novelist and a student of folklore. His book on the folk customs and music

of Haiti is considered one of the best in the field. He has also published one collection of Haitian folk tales. During World War II he spent about eighteen months in Northeastern Africa, and later was with the OWI in India.

George Herzog was born in Hungary, studied at the University of Berlin, and came to the United States in 1925. He studied under Dr. Boas at Columbia where he earned his doctor's degree. He has also done research work at the University of Chicago and at Yale, was a member of the University of Chicago expedition to Liberia in 1930-31, and has made numerous visits to American Indian reservations. He is a specialist in primitive music and languages, and at present is a member of the Anthropology Department at Columbia University.

The drawings were made by Madye Lee Chastain with the advice and collaboration of the two authors who made sure that every detail of form and design were true to the section or tribe of Africa from which the stories came. The artist also spent hours at the Museum of Natural History sketching sansas and stools and other objects mentioned in the stories to give a true picture of things strange to us but familiar to the people telling and hearing the stories.

Madye Lee Chastain was born in Texas and lived there until she entered Oglethorpe University at Atlanta, Georgia. She also studied at the art school at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. Later she came to New York where she was a student at the Grand Central School of Art. She is married and has a daughter for whom she has already illustrated several books.

School Board Candidate

LAYMAN NUNNELLY announced, this week, that he is a candidate for the office of School District Trustee #2. He filed his notice of candidacy on May 10 and is already engaged in an active campaign for the post now held by Claire Woodbury. It is not known yet whether the present incumbent will seek another term.

Nunnelly, a 17-year resident of Las Vegas, is a Lathe Operator at Titanium Metals Corporation and a member of the United Steelworkers Union. He was the first Negro to be employed at TMC in any other than a custodial capacity. There are now however, over one hundred Negroes so employed.

Mr. Nunnelly is a former Las Vegas Police Officer and resides at 1315 Bluff Street, North Las Vegas with his wife and four children.

The candidate said he is seeking the office because he has strong convictions that Negroes should be represented at every level of government, and he is particularly interested in the vital area of Education.

There is presently no Negro on the School Trustee Board. Mrs. Helen Crozier held office as a School Trustee from 1961 to 1964 when she was defeated in a bid for re-election.

JO MACKEY PTA



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Jo Mackey School PTA from left: Floyd Plymouth, Parliamentarian; Mary James (standing in for Melvin Johnson, Treasurer), Eva Poole, President; Delma Buford, Secretary; Deloria Whittaker, 1st Vice President; Jo Mackey Principal, H. P. Fitzgerald, 2nd Vice President.

The Jo Mackey PTA met and held its regular monthly meeting, Wednesday night, April 27, 1966 in the school's multi-purpose room at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Delma Buford, who represented the group at the recent State's National PTA Convention held in Elko, Nevada, made an excellent report. She was enthusiastic over new ideas and ways to strengthen our PTA.

Our officials for the coming year are as follows: Travis and Eva Poole, President; Deloria Whittaker, 1st Vice President; H. P. Fitzgerald (principal), 2nd Vice President; Delma Buford, Secretary; Jarvis Holloway, Assistant Secretary; Melvin Johnson, Treasurer; Parliamentarian, Floyd Plymouth (teacher); Council Coordinators, Ronald Ward and Curtis Hall, Sr.

Mrs. Mary James was elected chairman of the refreshment committee, with Mmes. O'Berá Turmon, Sammie Jones, Rosie Harris and Wonda Ester Dukes serving as committee members. The group is preparing for its first annual PTA banquet scheduled for May 25, 1966, in the multi-purpose room. By Eva Poole

Kit Carson Dinner

Home cooked meals can be obtained every Friday from the Kit Carson Elementary School with free delivery service available by calling 649-2323.

Menus will vary from week to week, and a telephone call to the above number will provide requested information as to "Special of the Week", etc.

Proceeds from the dinners will be used to defray expenses of students' recent excursions to Lee's Canyon, April 18-19, to Death Valley on a geological field trip, May 4, and a trip to Disneyland scheduled for later this month.

Bible Sponsors Expanded GI Bill Benefits

WASHINGTON--Senator Alan Bible has co-sponsored a measure to make benefits under 1965 Cold War GI Bill equal to those extended World War II and Korean War veterans.

The new legislation would cover on-the-job training, on-farm training and certain flight training--programs available to Korean War veterans but omitted from the Cold War program.

"These are essential features that should be available to the current generation of veterans as much as to the last," Bible said. "Since the primary intent of any veteran benefits legislation is to assist in establishing ex-servicemen in useful civilian pursuits, there is no practical reason for deleting these training programs."

Bible noted the modifying legislation would also bring educational benefits for Cold War GI recipients on a par with those of World War II and the Korean War.

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STATE JOBS

The personnel Division of the Nevada State Employment Service has announced the filing period is now open for Open-Competitive Examinations for the following positions:

- VISITING HOMEMAKER: Salary--\$216 to start. Merit increases to \$262. . . Senior Clerk Typist: Salary--\$348 to start. Merit increases \$422. . . Senior Clerk Stenographer: Salary--\$364 to start. Merit increases to \$422. . . Intermediate Clerk Typist: Salary \$316 to start. Merit increases to \$382. . . Intermediate Clerk Stenographer: Salary--\$332 to start. Merit increases to \$402. . . Reproduction Machine Operator Trainee: Salary--\$348 to start. Merit increases to \$422. . . Museum Attendant: Salary--\$316 to start. Merit increases to \$382. . . Engineering Technician I: Salary--\$442 to start. Merit increases to \$536. . . Intermediate Clerk: Salary --\$316 to start. Merit increases to \$382. . . Nursing Assistant Trainee: Salary--\$302 to start. . . Nursing Assistant: Salary--\$332 to start. Merit increases to \$402. . . Heat Plant Engineman: Salary--\$488 to start. Merit increases to \$590. . . Highway Patrolman: Salary--\$562 to start. Merit increases to \$680.

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