

A NORTH CAROLINA BOOKSHELF

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An important addition to any library bookshelf, public or private, is *North Carolina, the History of a Southern State*, by Hugh T. Lefler and Albert R. Newsome (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press). Histories of two of the older counties of the Piedmont recently published are *The Rowan Story, 1753-1953*, by James S. Brawley (Salisbury, Rowan Printing Co.) and *Orange County, 1752-1952*, edited by Hugh T. Lefler and Paul W. Wager (Chapel Hill, Orange Printshop). Another book on Orange County, long out of print, has been reprinted. It is *Hillsboro, Colonial and Revolutionary*, by Frank Nash (Chapel Hill, Mrs. Frank Nash). Personal reminiscences of life in a Methodist community in Person County are related by Henry M. Wagstaff in *Wiley Buck and Other Stories of the Concord Community* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press). Impressions of the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk from the standpoint of North Carolinians who knew them are given in *The Birth of Aviation*, by Aycock Brown (Winston-Salem, Collins Co.). Robert C. Ruark, a Southport native, writes and illustrates an account of his African safari in *Horn of the Hunter* (New York, Doubleday). The extensive bibliography of Thomas Wolfe has two important additions in *Thomas Wolfe at Washington Square*, by Thomas Clark Pollock and Oscar Cargill and *The Correspondence of Thomas Wolfe and Homer Andrew Watt* (N. Y., New York University Press). Paul Green affirms his belief in regional literature as displayed in the "Off-Broadway" theater in *Dramatic Heritage* (New York, Samuel French). A slender volume of verse, *Search Party*, by Julian Mason (New York, Pageant Press) pictures the local scene with imagination and beauty. Negro spirituals are evaluated as historical documents in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States*, by Miles M. Fisher (Ithaca, Cornell University). A new edition of a useful reference work, *North Carolina Almanac and State Industrial Guide, 1954-55*, edited by Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Mrs. Carl Goerch (Raleigh, Almanac Publishing Co.) gives information on government, population, industries, natural resources, historic facts, etc. The North Carolina Wildlife Commission has published *Tar Heel Wildlife*, by William L. Hamnett and David C. Thornton which includes photographs of various wildlife and maps showing their habitat in this State. Marshall W. Fishwick has edited *Since I Was Born* (Richmond, Whittet & Shepperson) by Robert L. Durham, who lived through Reconstruction and three wars.

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