

# Collection of Thurber Trivia Disappointing

No one is more partial to the works, philosophy and drawings of the late James Thurber than I. For years I have kept a number of Thurber titles close at hand to brighten an evening dulled by the pompous nonsense of more myopic observers of their times.

What more could a reader ask than to reread "The Thurber Carnival," "Thurber Country," "Men, Women and Dogs," or a score of others, including the little books, like "The Last Flower"?

Like all writers, Thurber produced some second-degree material. I am distressed to report that much of this has been swept into a posthumous Thurber book called "Credos and Curios."

In a foreword, Helen Thurber writes that among scattered notes she found after her husband's death was a contents page of what was to be his next book. With this as a guide, she put together, as far as possible, this collection.

Between some good enough Thurber appear some relatively meaningless pieces, such as a brief preface to a collection of Mary Petty drawings of 1945; a foreword to "The Fifth New Yorker Album" and others that seem to be wrapped into this Christmas mix merely for the record.

Second-degree Thurber is still more palatable than glittering material by his competitors, if any. But when one recalls Thurber at his so frequent best, one feels cheated upon finding something less, published posthumously.

A little book, "I Think Rome is Burning," by Cynthia Seton, may find an enthusiastic audience, especially among women. Mrs. Seton is a Northampton (Mass.) journalist and mother of five young children. She speaks of herself as "an embattled statistic." She questions the necessity of Mother's Day.



HAROLD H. LITTEN

## Watt Puts Litten in High Post

**Given New Position**  
The appointment of Harold H. "Hank" Litten as director of public relations and advertising for the R. A. Watt Construction Co. and its subsidiaries was announced by President Ray Watt.

Litten's appointment is another step in the personnel expansion program by developer Watt, 1963 Home Builders Assn., president, whose residential, industrial, commercial and mobile home projects stretch from Sacramento to San Juan Capistrano.

Litten, who attended San Jose State College and Washington and Lee University before graduating from his home town Whittier College, is a veteran newspaperman and public relations executive. He was one-time assistant executive director of the Public Relations Society of America and is active in the society's Los Angeles Chapter where he has served as vice president and member of the board of directors. For the past five years he has been assistant to the president of one of Southern California's prominent development firms.

One of his first assignments is to develop an immediate and long-range public relations and advertising program for the highly diversified R. A. Watt organization which has 13 projects currently in operation and owns more than 2,000 acres of land in California for future development.

among other of our cherished, if beautifully absurd, institutions.

Many American housewives and mothers may feel they have found their leader in Cynthia Seton. For the past six years she has been speaking her mind in weekly newspaper columns, winning friends and encouraging dissent thereby.

With bared teeth and talons,

she discusses the rigors of getting along from day to day — "happiness schools" for children who perhaps should be learning things: fallout shelters; the PTA; government questionnaires; singing commercials; dreary summer vacations.

She avoids the arch aside and whimsical chuckle of the chic nonconformist — snares and delusions to which so

many lady humorists fall dreadfully prey. To those accustomed to the spare beauty of prose like E. B. White's, Mrs. Seton may seem a little talky. But she makes good sense and will warm many a chilled heart. A sample:

"We are strong supporters of UNICEF and buy their greeting cards every year and are pleased to explain that the money is used to help

other children all over the world. . . . The Daughters of the American Revolution have asked all patriots not to buy UNICEF cards because, before you know it, Christmas will just stand for universal peace. I wonder what in the name of God they think it stands for."

**CREDOS AND CURIOS** By James Thurber. Harper, 180 pp., \$2.95. **I THINK ROME IS BURNING**, By Cynthia Seton. Doubleday, 184 p., \$2.95.

Cancer Films Ready

"Is Smoking Worth It?" and "Life Story," two new cancer education films, are now available, according to Dr. Richard Lescoe, district education chairman of the Cancer Society. The films are available for private and public showings. Interested persons should call OR 2-8148.

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THE TORRANCE HERALD 33

## TEAC to Study Schools' Foreign Language Program

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will hold a luncheon meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at the Torrance Masonic Hall. Harold Umbarger will moderate.

There will be presentations of the pilot programs for foreign language instruction in Torrance's elementary grades.

Martin Beaudit, principal of Casimir will report on the progress of the foreign language program at that school. Hugh Dowley, principal, Crenshaw Elementary School, will discuss the success of his school's extension of foreign language instruction.

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