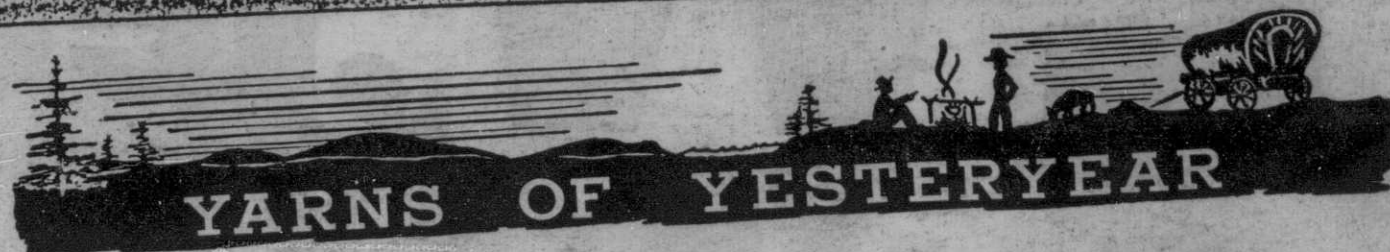


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A New Story Feature and New Plan For Preserving Folklore of West

HISTORY is a lot of little things. It is a broken wagon wheel beside a grass-grown trail. It is an abandoned homestead shack beside a lone cottonwood tree or a rusting pile of steel and tin in the coulee, the "Maxwell" nameplate long ago weathered away.

Do you know a good story about something that happened in Montana or Wyoming? Maybe it happened to you or to some member of your family. Maybe you heard about it first hand from some of your friends. At any rate, you know it is true. Perhaps it was an incident that made you laugh or perhaps it tugged at your heart strings, but it has stuck forever in your memory and whenever you relate it to your friends it is always good for a laugh or a tear.

Let's put it into print.

The Montana Historical Society and Montana Farmer-Stockman invite you to tell your story for publication and for preservation in the historical archives of Montana.

Here's the way to do it:

Just write out the story as you would tell it to your friends and send it to Montana Farmer-Stockman. Each month the editors of the Montana Magazine of History, official publication of the Historical Society of Montana, and Montana Farmer-Stockman will select for publication one or more of the best stories submitted to date.

To each person whose story is selected for publication in either magazine, Montana Farmer-Stockman will present a book which will be the writer's own choice from a list of books by such well-known Montana authors as Charles Russell, A. B. Guthrie, Joseph Kinsey Howard, Norman A. Fox, Mildred Walker, Dan Cushman, Eric Thane and others.

The writer will also be presented a handsomely engraved certificate suitable for framing or for use as a bookplate, declaring the writer to be a member of the Montana Society of Historical Writers and listing the publication which carried his story and the date.

The rules are simple:

The stories must be true accounts of events or incidents that happened in Montana or Wyoming.

They can be any length under 1,000 words.

They may be either typed or in longhand.

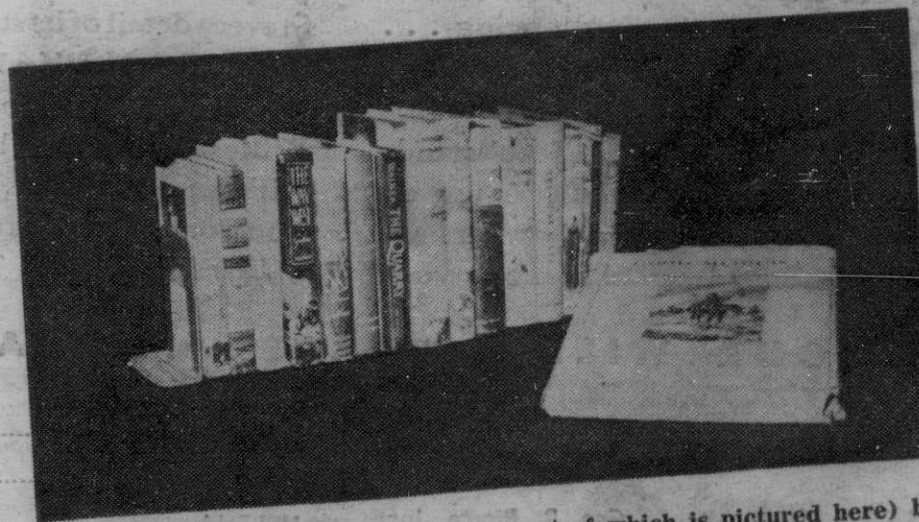
Selections by the editors must be considered final and manuscripts cannot be returned.

Write your story today and send it to Montana Farmer-Stockman, Great Falls, Montana.

For the first of the published "Yarns of Yesteryear" see page 6.



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And from a wide selection of books (part of which is pictured here) by well known Montana authors, the writer may have his choice.