advantage here, for he is so close to the Miller years; important UMWA and personal papers were not available to him.

Despite some limitations, *Miners' Fight* is a fine book. Well researched and clearly written, it is the best work available on the subject of contemporary union reform. It would be an invaluable source for anyone interested in recent UMWA politics. *Miners' Fight* deserves the serious attention of all students of American labor history.

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*Flatlanders and Ridgerunners: Folktales from the Mountains of Northern Pennsylvania.* By James York Glimm. (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1983. Pp. xxxi, 199. Preface, two introductions, notes. $11.95, cloth; $5.95, paper.)

Soon after the author, a native of Long Island, came to teach English at Mansfield State College (now University) he became aware that north-central Pennsylvania had a culture and a life style of its own. After some years of collecting material, he took up the study of folklore in Scotland and at Indiana University (Bloomington).

This book, the result of his collection and study, is a worthy contribution to the field of regional folklore and, to a lesser degree, oral history. It includes a segment on material collection, an introduction to the history of the area, and short introductions to segments on culture pressure, proverbs, tall tales, the impact of the Depression, folk beliefs, and animal tales. The body of the work contains 123 short tales, and lists of proverbs, "life signs," weather signs, and folk cures. Notes are principally sources and type comparisons.

The subdivisions and arrangement of material are sometimes surprising, but this in no way detracts from the reader's pleasure.

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