

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

GOD'S COUNTRY AND MINE by Jacques Barzun (Little, Brown \$5.00). This is a brilliant and stimulating book about America. It stands at the top of the list in The Saturday Review's poll of the critics as the book more of them want to recommend than any other. For my money, it belongs there.

Like a fresh wind in a dusty room is his new appraisal of the usual clichés about our culture, whether it is smug complacency about "the American Way" or European head-shaking over our vulgarity, materialism and hurry-hurry. Jacques Barzun, French by birth but coming to this country thirty years ago while still in short pants, has a background of rich contacts with the culture of two continents, a zest for living and a talent for expressing himself in vivid phrases.

Take materialism: "If modern Americans are to be convicted of greed and self-indulgence because they own cars and radios, then what is the meaning of the castles, statues, private parks and beautiful objects of art that we are supposed to admire in Europe? The same love of ease surely and a far greater love of ostentation." The above is only one point in an argument about which more can be said and was in Barzun's lively and entertaining discussion with Dr. Anton Schliagobers, psychiatrist from Vienna. This device of presenting ideas in dialogue adds a great deal to the readability of the book.

Mr. Barzun is far from being unaware of the drawbacks of living in a democracy and an era of mass production, but he makes intelligent distinctions between what things are necessary hardships to achieve the benefits we want and what might be ameliorated by intelligent action.

No short reviews can give any idea of the sweep of this book—government, business, the arts, schools, domestic life are examined with a fresh and penetrating eye. His final conclusion is given by the title. Mr. Barzun is unaffectedly glad to be part of America and considers our contributions to civilization unique and considerable. Not the least of these is a deep, emotional conviction of man's rights as man, "a deliberate undertaking to behave as impartially as we know how towards all men, not a silly and impossible measurement of their deserts."

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WITH THE Armed Forces

Airman Third Class Paul Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams, Southern Pines, is now attending an intensive 44 weeks course in the Russian language at the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

Army and Air Force students, ranking from private to full colonel, learn to speak, read and write one or more of the 24 modern languages taught at the school. They also study the history, culture and customs of the people speaking the language.

Williams is a former student at the North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

Sgt. Robert McGregor, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rushie McGregor, Aberdeen, Route, was recently transferred to the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

McGregor had been serving as a squad leader with the 45th Infantry Division which is being returned to the U. S. He will finish his Korean tour of duty with the 2nd Division, now training to maintain combat efficiency.

Sergeant McGregor entered the Army in October, 1952, and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Pvt. Harvey D. Auman, whose wife, Hilda, and mother, Mrs. Minnie M. Auman, live on Route 1, Jackson Springs, is serving with the 28th Infantry Division in Germany.

Auman is a rifleman in Company B of the division's 112th Regiment. His platoon received the highest score in the regiment during the recent training tests taken in the field.

Private Auman entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Sgt. Robert E. Craft, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Craft, 665 N. Ashe street, recently completed the eight-weeks Leaders Course conducted by the 41st Tank Battalion of the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Leaders' Course candidates are selected from the enlisted ranks of the Third Army Area. The school develops the individual's potential for Army leadership with emphasis on Infantry weapons and combat leadership. The course consists of three weeks of practical training as an acting non-commissioned officer in one of the 8th Division's training units.

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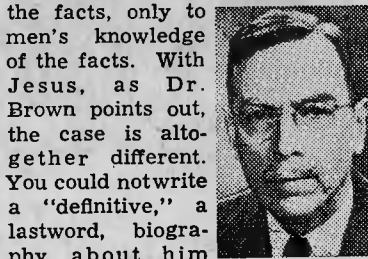
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Scripture: John 19:41-42; 20:21.
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 4:1-11.

Our Living Lord

Lesson for April 18, 1954

TO SPEAK about Jesus as if he were simply a historical character is a mistake, said William Adams Brown. When other men die, their obituaries can be written. There is nothing to add to the tale of their life. Even in the case of the great and famous men about whom new books appear every so often, each biographer merely edits newly discovered material at the most. If he adds a chapter to other biographies, it is simply the record of a chapter hitherto unknown—but it adds nothing new to the facts, only to men's knowledge of the facts. With Jesus, as Dr. Brown points out, the case is altogether different. You could not write a "definitive," a lastword, biography about him even today, because he still lives and is active in the world. Jesus is not someone who was; that is not the whole truth. Jesus is. The message of Easter is not only that Jesus did not die forever; it is more that he lives forever, that he lives now.



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In the Church

The Church is called in the New Testament the "body of Christ." In a very real way, that is true. One contemporary theologian has put this in a startling way. He says that Christ and the church are the complete Christ, just as a man and his body together are the complete man. This may be putting it too strongly. But no thoughtful Christian will deny that without the church, without some church, Christ would be bodiless in this earth. Without the church he would be a "houseless wraith of deities," but with the church he has eyes, ears, hands and feet. This is not to say that any church is perfect; in the best of churches Christ walks lame and speaks in a murmur often hard to understand. Just as any musician would be hampered by a broken arm, so Christ is hampered by broken and self-seeking churches. Yet taking it all in all, Christ does live and speak and work through his church today. He is there in the sacraments, there in the message of truth and grace, there in the life and service of every church that ministers to men in his name.

In Men and Women

But the church does not exist apart from the men and women who are its members. (We mean real members, not just people whose names appear on the membership lists.) Christ lives again in every individual who loves him, is devoted to him and (to use St. Paul's memorable words) is "growing up in all things into Him." When St. Paul said, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," he was saying only what countless Christians have said because they had discovered it was true. Christians less famous than Paul have known him in their lives. A man who had had a great deal of trouble with a certain temptation was asked one day by his pastor how he was getting along. "You know," the man replied, "I used to have a lot of bother from the devil and I didn't always get the best of him. But now when Satan rings, I just say, 'Lord Jesus, won't you answer the door?'"

At the Right Hand of God

The Apostles' Creed, which Christians in all lands know by heart, declares that Christ "sitteth at the right hand of God." By this the church has never meant that Jesus is spending eternity sitting down on a throne somewhere. What we mean is that Christ is not only alive on this small planet but that he lives and works with God. Just as in ancient times when a king held royal court, the seat on his right was reserved for his most trusted and most active personal representative, so Christ lives on in the presence of Eternal Power today, in ways that the heavenly glory hides from our sight. We dare not guess at all what he plans and does; but the Church is certain of one thing: he is praying for his people. "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." If it is a comfort to know of the prayers of any friend, how much more to know that the living Lord is praying for us! So on Easter Sunday the church sings—how can she help it? The flowers and the music are not to keep alive the memory of one who once upon a time rose again, but are in honor of one who lives now, in and above the church and the world.

Rites Held For Dennis Baxley, 46

Dennis Dixon Baxley, 46, of Washington, D. C., died in the Veterans Hospital at Washington Thursday of last week. He was born in Moore County, son of Mrs. Addie Phillips Baxley and the late Charles C. Baxley.

Graveside services were held at Buffalo Cemetery, near Sanford Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. K. Taffe of Cameron.

Surviving are his mother; three brothers, A. R. and John C. Baxley, both of Carthage, and W. W. Baxley of Newport News, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Frank McDonald and Mrs. D. L. Thomas, both of Carthage and Mrs. D. W. Cole of Greensboro.

March 1 intentions of North Carolina farmers were to plant 1,120,000 acres of oats, wheat, rye and barley, 4 per cent under last year's acreage.

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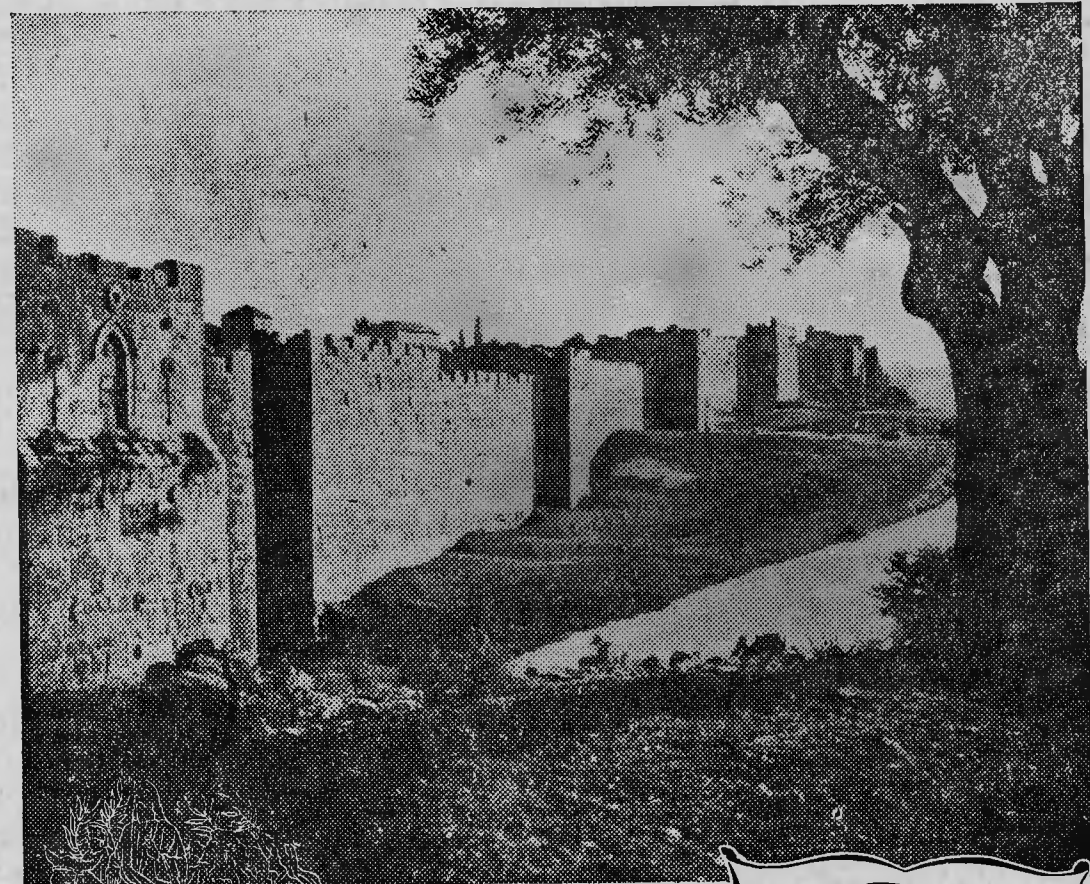
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Long ago in ancient Palestine, the prophet had heralded the coming of a king. But now few thought it more than the usual procession of some new earthly ruler. Yet no king ever came as He came. No king ever built such a kingdom.

This was the King of Heaven who rode into the hearts of men and built there a Kingdom of Love!

They crucified Him, but death could not stop His coming. He comes in every age to all who will believe. He comes to you.

Go to church this Palm Sunday, for "thy king cometh." Let the King of Heaven ride into your heart.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter Verses
Sunday	Mark	11 1-10
Monday	Mark	12 28-34
Tuesday	Mark	14 22-42
Wednesday	Mark	15 22-39
Thursday	Philippians	3 7-14
Friday	Colemans	3 1-17
Saturday	I John	3 13-24

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Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.

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