

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

WHITEY TAKES A TRIP by Glen Rounds (Holiday House \$2.00). Glen Rounds who is currently spending his time in the exploration of a swamp down Pinebluff way, has given his young readers something to cheer about. Whitey rides again! And this is a longer and more substantial story than we have had about this young cowboy for several years.

As those familiar with them know, Whitey and Uncle Torwal keep house together on Rattlesnake Ranch, and Whitey, although considerably short of being full grown, takes an active part in ranch affairs, doing, in his own opinion "pretty much a man's work."

The present story begins with a situation that offers a real challenge to the boy. A team of horses has been sold to a rancher, who lives two days journey away. The ranch hand who was to deliver them breaks a leg. With roundup time upon them, the other ranch hands have their hands full, and Whitey volunteers. Uncle Torwal is dubious, and the two discuss the matter. The conversation between them is one of those typical Rounds bits that caused a child psychologist to say that he wished parents would read these books. The talk is conducted on a basis

of complete mutual respect, and the youngster's views are given full consideration. In fact, this time he wins the argument. Whitey starts off on his two-day trip through "open range country" so that he'd probably not see a soul all the way.

Of course, there is trouble. Some of it occurs through Whitey's own carelessness and some from quite extraneous causes. In either case, Whitey is not one to turn back or to sit down and cry. He feels it is up to him to figure a way out, for hadn't he said he was about as good as a man? He does his best to play a man's part and make no fuss about it.

The language in which Glen Rounds writes his Western stories is convincingly local and flavorful. He makes the country of the great plains real to us both in words and drawings. These excellent line drawings are so integral a part of the story itself that one turns back and looks a second time before one realizes how much they have added to atmosphere and characterization.

THE NEGRO AND THE SCHOOLS by Harry Ashmore (University of N. C. Press \$2.75). This study has appeared at the precise moment when it is most needed. The material for it was gathered by a staff of 45 scholars,

and the editing was done by Harry S. Ashmore, editor of the Arkansas Gazette, formerly an editor of The Charlotte News.

The publishing of the carefully assembled facts, and the impartial conclusions drawn from them come at the time when the Supreme Court has just handed down its decision outlawing segregation in the public schools of this country. Of that decision, James Reston of the New York Times wrote, "The court's decision reads more like an expert paper on sociology than a Supreme Court opinion." He was referring to such sentences as the following: "To separate them (Negro children) from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race, generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

Now, when the newspapers are full of the reactions of the American people to this decision, we have this splendid and sober book that gives us the history of this movement to help the minority group to equal opportunities. It began over a hundred years ago. The first half of the book traces the course of this struggle, and the last part is made up of charts, giving factual information on the problem. The book should be required reading for all educators having to meet this problem, and we hope it will be widely read by parents and everyone interested in education.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Scripture: II Kings 4:8-37; 6:8-23. Devotional Reading: Psalm 125.

Power Unseen

Lesson for May 30, 1954

WHY does a President of the United States go to church? He may have many good reasons which are not the principal one. He may do it because it has been a tradition since the time of George Washington. He may go because he likes the minister; or because he feels he should set a good example; or because he knows that churches help make good citizens and he wants to encourage churches just as he encourages schools, boy scout troops and the Red Cross. But a much better reason why Presidents and the rest of us go to church or read the Bible or pray, is that we feel the need of strength.

Foxhole Religion

A man who has been more or less independent all his life, not feeling any special need of God, will wake up to his need of something more than he has, when he finally gets into some trouble, some situation where he can't figure out the answers and where he knows he is not equal to the demands the circumstances make on him. We have seen in our time a President who has hardly taken office before he is baptized and joins a Christian church. Is this a sudden conversion? Probably not. Brought up in a devout Christian home, this man has always been aware of religion, he never denied God. But now, with a burden of responsibility and leadership which he never had before, he becomes not merely aware but acutely aware that by himself, even with all the human help he can get, by himself he is not enough. It has been said that there are no atheists in foxholes; and fox-hole religion has been low-rated as the religion of the scared-to-death. Nevertheless many a man whose religion began in a fox-hole did not end there.

A Dark Doorway to God

The Bible stories for this week describe several of the darker doorways to God. This is not quite the right way to put it, for God is not like a closed room. Rather, we are in closed rooms of our own, and the doors of our cells open out to the ever-present sunshine of God. Some of the doorways of life are somber enough, yet it is through some of the most forbidding of these that men and women have come through to a living faith in the true God. For example, the story of the woman of Shunem who had everything she wanted except a child. It was in her longing for a child of her own that her faith came to a burning-point. Then when the child was born and grew into boyhood and lay at the gate of death, again her faith blazed up. She did not usually seek the prophet Elisha except on stated days (she is not alone in this), but this time she went on the day of her distress. It was so with the king of Israel. His eyes were adjusted to the ordinary lights of this world; but on one memorable occasion God let him see the army of light surrounding his prophet.

Resources of the Spirit

Why is it that some people can endure what crushes others? To say it is faith that upholds the weak, is only part of the truth. The hymn says, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!" The foundation is not faith; faith rests on the foundation, namely God and his promises. Faith alone is a poor support. It is God who is the true upholder of the weak. How shall the unseeing have their eyes opened? How shall those who never feel the nearness of God come to know him as ever-present, our hope and our help? It is today as it was in the far-off days of Elisha; those who know God must make him known to others. If it had not been for Elisha, comfort and faith might never have come to the woman of Shunem. If it had not been for Elisha's prayer, the eyes of the young frightened king might never have been opened and he would have collapsed in panic. Faith, if you have it, is not something to be kept to yourself. It is something to share. Faith, if you do not have it, is something you may be helped to acquire, all the better, if you make friends with one who has faith.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week May 31-June 4 has been announced as follows:

Monday—Lakeview (Bob Guldge home), 4 to 4:20; Dunrovin cafe on Highway One, 4:40.

Tuesday—Red Hill church route out from Cameron in afternoon.

Wednesday—Highway 27 between Robbins and Biscoe with various home stops and around talc mine, 1:30 to 4:30.

Thursday—Carthage Library, 11:30 to 12:30; Eureka route, 2 to 4.

Friday—Lee Comer's, 1:45; Wesley Thomas home, 2; Lamm's Grove neighborhood, 2:15 to 2:40; White Hill community, 2:45 to 3:30; across "plank road" to Highway One and back to Southern Pines, 3:40 to 4:45.

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Attend the Church of Your Choice Next Sunday

THE THRESHOLD!

The Baccalaureate speaker was right. This was the threshold of life. Beyond today, spanning the years, were many paths each leading to a different goal. Someone in Bob Adams' position need only to choose his path.

Bob wasn't frightened. The choice would not be difficult. In fact, it had already been made.

Not that anyone had told Bob which profession to follow . . . which opportunity would be most rewarding. No! Those decisions were not yet final. . . .

But one decision was final. He had made it some years before—on the day he had become a member of the Church.

Bob had decided to build his life on faith . . . on the principles the Church had instilled in his conscience . . . on the truth and the power and the love of JESUS CHRIST. Bob Adams had chosen HIS Path!

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 the sake of his children and nation, (3) 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.

Sunday	Psalm	Chapter	Verse
Monday	Jeremiah	90	1-17
Tuesday	Matthew	1	4-12
Wednesday	Luke	7	1-14
Thursday	Luke	10	25-37
Friday	Colossians	11	5-13
Saturday	I Peter	1	9-17

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BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Cheves K. Ligon, Minister
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. Women of the Church meeting, 8 p. m. Monday following third Sunday.
The Youth Fellowship meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
New Hampshire Ave., So. Pines
Sunday Service, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p. m.
Reading Room in Church Building open Wednesday 3-5 p. m.

Sunday, 6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people).
Sunday, 8:00 p. m., The Forum.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York avenue at South Ashe
David Hoke Coon, Minister
Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Training Union 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p. m.; midweek worship, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p. m.
Missionary meeting, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p. m. Church and family suppers, second Thursdays, 7 p. m.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Grover C. Currie, Minister
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship Service, 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings, 7:30. Fourth Sunday morning, 11 a. m.
Women of the Church meeting, 8 p. m. second Tuesday.
Mid-week service Thursday at 8 p. m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
Charles V. Covell, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a. m. (except first Sunday).
Church School, 9:45 a. m., with Adult Class at 10 a. m.
Morning Prayer, 11 a. m. (Holy Communion, first Sunday).
Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10 a. m.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Catholic)
Vermont Ave. at Ashe
Father Peter M. Denges
Sunday masses 8 and 10:30 a. m.; Holy Day masses 7 and 9 a. m.; weekday mass at 8 a. m. Confessions heard on Saturday between 5-6 and 7:30-8:30 p. m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY
West Pennsylvania at Hardin
Fr. Donald Fearon, C. SS. R.
Sunday Mass, 10 a. m.; Holy Day Mass, 9 a. m. Confessions are heard before Mass.

THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)
Cor. Bennett and N. Hampshire
Wofford C. Timmons, Minister
Sunday Worship, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

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