

By LOCKIE PARKER

### Some Looks At Books

**ZAPOTEC** by Helen Augur (Doubleday \$4.50). This book was inspired by a trip through southern Mexico, but it is a good deal more than a travel book. From the first Miss Augur was charmed by "the three great valleys that flow together below the pyramids of Monte Alban" and by the serenity and dignity of the native people, the Zapotecs, "perhaps the oldest people of gentle breeding on this continent."

Most of us have known vaguely that archaeologists have been making remarkable discoveries of old civilizations in the remoter parts of Mexico and Central America in recent decades, but it is amazing to learn how definitely they can now date these by nuclear physics. The oldest, which centered around Monte Alban, goes back to 1500 B. C. Here, in the millennium that followed, a proud people built a great city with noble temples and tombs, they studied astronomy and perfected a calendar. It is doubtful that the earliest people here were Zapotecs, but the predominance of their racial type in early carvings would indicate that these Indians have been here more than 3000 years.

Miss Augur has given us delightful descriptions of the Zapotecs of today, their festivals and markets, their domestic and political life. Primitive though they seem in some respects, they are conscious of their part in Mexican life and have produced several political leaders, the greatest of whom was Juarez.

There is much in this book for those who like to extend their horizons, either by knowledge of the remoter lands of today or vertically into the past. A judicious selection of photographs adds to our acquaintance with the modern Zapotecs and illustrates the findings of the archaeologists.

**THE ROYAL BOX** by Frances Parkinson Keyes (Messner \$3.50). Those who are familiar with Mrs. Keyes' novels know that her latest will be good narrative and well documented. In the introduction, she graciously thanks all of the people who have helped her in getting background material for this novel.

It is a mystery story as was her "Dinner at Antoine's". The scene of the murder is England, but the flashbacks take us to lands as varied as the people who take part in the investigation. The author makes her people very real and one reads with absorbed interest of their present and past lives. This is a genuine gift, and Mrs. Keyes has it to a greater degree than most authors. Recommended reading for all who like stories of suspense and also for those who like well written fiction.

—JANE H. TOWNE  
**MR. HOBBS' VACATION** by Edward Streeter (Harper \$3.00). It is a pleasure to find a gay

book like this that poses no problems—at least, not serious ones. Mr. Streeter's hero does have problems, but of the homely and somewhat comic kind that are common to family life. They include difficulties with the hot water heater and garbage disposal when they rent an old house near a fashionable resort in Maine. It is not hard to recognize this sort, if you happen to know it, but this is not important. The story might have been laid in any of our national playgrounds from Maine to Florida.

As in Mr. Streeter's earlier book, "The Father of the Bride," the father is a lovable character, fussing about his three daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren, but really devoted to them all.

Mr. Hobbs, like Walter Mitty, is a dreamer and had hoped to vacation on a faraway tropical isle. Instead, he finds himself in the midst of a large family, and even involved in the community social life. However, in spite of this, he managed to get away from the crowds, when he was doing the chores or fishing or taking an early morning swim. Then he could "commune with nature," and his vacation was a success.

—JANE H. TOWNE  
**DEAD AND NOT BURIED** by H. M. F. Prescott (Macmillan \$2.50). Connoisseurs of mystery fiction will find this a rare bit. Distinguished as an historian and novelist, Miss Prescott brought rare talents to the concoction of this tale. It has irony and a sort of grim playfulness like the note sounded by the title; but it is primarily a study of human beings under stress, and the suspense lies in waiting for their reactions to the changing situation as much as in wondering whether the real murderer will be discovered despite his cleverness and some luck.

In a startling first chapter we almost witness the murder. We are present a moment after when the shock of the event is still resounding as the two guilty parties face each other. "Lock that door," shouts one, as the other leans weakly against it. Panic, revulsion, fear are shown clearly, but the murderer is never named. Later we meet several men from the little English village of Benmarsh and are given the chance to match their characters against that of the murderer as revealed in Chapter One. It is a nice puzzle, and the development is logical—no tricks.

This book was published in England in 1938 and is one of a group that are being revived for an American audience. The name of the series is "Murder Revisited." An earlier sample, "A Shilling for Candles," by Josephine Tey was reviewed in this column.

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### Navigational Aids Will Be Highlight Of Skydrop II

Navigational aids to be utilized by the Army's aviation section will be one of the highlights for the forthcoming maneuver, Skydrop II. Full scale tests of aids was scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 1.

Included in the list of electronic machines which could have come straight from the pages of the latest science fiction thriller will be a talking radio beacon and an automatic position "fixer," which can be dropped by parachute wherever desired.

Although the devices which the Army plans to use during the air-plain vs 'copter tests are not new to the aviation industry, Skydrop II is the first opportunity the Army has had to make extensive tests of navigational aids adapted to wartime strains.

At the Camp Mackall air strip, the 9460 TSU Signal Corps Army Aviation Center is now making preliminary tests on a Swedish-made talking radio beacon. The only one of its kind in the United States, the device features a crisp feminine voice giving compass readings at twenty-degree intervals as its antenna swings through the compass. The machine provides a beam along which a plane is able to fly to its destination.

Also at the Mackall air strip is a new portable control tower which can be ferried by helicopter if necessary. The Army is evaluating the tower as a means of gaining better aircraft traffic control in remote field operations. Although weighing far less than a ton, the control tower utilizes in compact form the equipment of a permanent installation.

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons  
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN  
Scripture: II Kings 14:23-29; Amos 7-8  
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 58:1-8

### Social Justice Lesson for June 6, 1954

IS THE country prospering? Ask the Chamber of Commerce and they will give you a commercial answer, as you would expect. They will give you figures on the national income and the national debt; they will furnish you with statistics on farm prices and freight-car loadings and employment figures. If all these look good, then the C. of C. will tell you the country is sound and prosperous. Away back in the times



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of the Bible, in the administration of Jeroboam II, if there had been an Israelite Chamber of Commerce, they must have been optimistic, even enthusiastic, about the prosperity of their country. Wealth had risen to unprecedented levels, trade was active, the territory of Israel was growing. There never had been so many millionaires in Israel.

### Funeral Rites For Mrs. Dock Hudson Are Held At Vass

Mrs. Bertie Cameron Hudson, 52, wife of Dock E. Hudson of Vass, died in Lee County Hospital, Sanford, Wednesday night of last week after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Friday at the Vass Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. K. Taffe, and the Rev. William Hudson, with a large crowd in attendance. There were selections by a choir, and Mrs. Bobby Hudson sang a solo. Burial was in Johnson's Grove Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Mack Cameron of Greensboro and Edwin Cameron, Joe Caviness, Lacy Frye, Johnny Boggs and Buster Cameron, all of Vass.

Mrs. Hudson was born in Harnett County daughter of the late R. M. and Kate Cameron. For many years she had resided in Vass, where she was held in high esteem.

Surviving are her husband; five sons, J. A., C. L., J. E., and B. C., all of Vass, and Clifford of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Roy Dinkins of Sanford, Mrs. Douglas Blackman of Vass and Miss Annie Ruth Hudson of the home; three sisters, Mrs. H. G. Jessup of Vass, and Mrs. D. L. Gaddy and Mrs. Arch Johnson, both of Cameron; three brothers, Joe Cameron and Arch Cameron, both of Greensboro, and Charlie Cameron of Vass; and nine grandchildren.

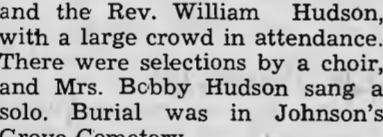
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### A Few Questions "Social Justice" or its opposite, social injustice, is a big all-inclusive phrase. If you think it has nothing to do with religion, you have the Bible against you. Let us bring it down to cases, as Amos did. Is there social justice in your community, your state? Before you can answer that cover-all question, you will have to break it down into particular questions. For example: Are there any second-class citizens in your community? Are the same jobs open to all, at the same wages or salary? If a man has to borrow money can he get it at a reasonable rate of interest or do the loan sharks run wild where you live? Are the responsible citizens of your community and state willing to be taxed for the benefit of better schools? Compare salaries paid in your state to horse trainers, with salaries paid to school teachers. Do horses seem to be rated higher than children? Does every child in your state have an adequate opportunity for an education, or are children penalized for being born in the country?

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### Two little girls left alone! It sounds like the beginning of a sad story.

But look again. There are certainly no tears. There is a comfortable home; and pretty clothes. But these children have been given a great deal more than the ordinary comforts of life. There in the older child's hand is a book, "The Story of Jesus."

How reassuring to see that they have been given the advantages of a Christian training. Somehow all doubt has been removed from our minds. We feel that these little girls will be safe—not only during this one evening, but through their entire lives.

All of us want our children to be shielded from life's hardships and temptations, but we can guarantee no such protection. Our surest course is that we rear them in a Christian atmosphere, sending them to the services of the Church regularly. Then, and then only, will we know that we have done everything in our power for their future success, happiness and salvation.

### Health Department Schedules Clinics For Immunization

Free immunization clinics for schoolchildren and others will be held under auspices of the county health department at the Southern Pines elementary school on three successive Fridays, starting today.

Public health nurses will be at the school from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. today, June 11 and June 18, to give shots for typhoid fever, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and also to vaccinate against smallpox.

Since three shots must be given for typhoid and also for diphtheria, the former one week apart and the latter one month apart, the public health staff urges that persons wishing these shots start them as early as possible, preferably at the first of the three clinics.

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Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. Women of the Church meeting, 3 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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