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Some Looks At Books

Cook Books in Brief

With the season here for June brides and the hot weather ready to addle intellects and appetites, it is time to review, briefly, a few cook books.

Seasonable and new is the **Summer Cookbook** (\$3.00) by Marion Clyde McCarroll. Woman's editor of King Features Syndicate. This book will be a boon to the cook whose family's appetites have flagged. It gives menus and recipes that are devised to interest and which are quickly and easily prepared. This book is divided into two sections, menus with recipes and Summer Specialties. Her chapter on "Quick and Easies" should appeal to any cook. There are also chapters on picnics, barbecues, cold dishes, salads and food for weekend company.

The **ABC's of Casseroles, Barbecue, Cocktails and Canapes** (\$1.00 each—Cocktails and Canapes come boxed at \$2.00) would make a good shower present for the bride. The recipes are tasty, imaginative and easy to follow. However a word of warning concerning the Cocktail ABC—taste your cocktails before serving, as they seem to have the experienced drinker in mind.

Nell Nichols' **Good Home Cooking Across the U. S. A.** (\$4.95) is a book about food more than recipes. It is fine reading and gives regional foods and how she came upon the formulas. The recipes are more for the accomplished cook than the novice. A few of the foods she lists for North Carolina are barbecue, Brunswick stew, artichoke pickles, fruit leather, persimmon pudding and grape leaf pickles. Mrs. Nichols says when she attempted to explore the best home cooking in the South she felt "like a child whose parents ask her to count the stars on a clear summer's night." This book is for those with a lively curiosity about food.

The **Best I Ever Ate, June Platt and Sophie Kerr** (\$3.50) is amusingly presented with some exceedingly fine recipes. It is not a collection of elaborate recipes but recipes for the gourmet. For their definition of "gourmet," which to my mind is the real one, read the last chapter in the book. It is a book that will take out of cooking and make it fun. The **Mennonite Community Cookbook** compiled by Mary Emma Showalter (\$3.50) is a collection of 1,100 Mennonite recipes. It is

brought up to date with measurements and directions. It is a homey cookbook of simple country cookery.

Of course, no list or review of cookbooks would be complete without the mention of **Fanny Farmer's Cookbook, The Joy of Cooking, Rombauer and Beck, and the Encyclopedic Cookbook** edited by Ruth Berolzheimer, one or all are mandatory for the woman who cooks. Mrs. Beeton's **English Cookery** is much the same idea. Incidentally who says the English are poor cooks?

The finest book on desserts I have seen is Margaret and John Storms' **A Treasury of Fine Desserts**—exotic or native the recipe is there. —BARBARA P. PECK

THE WIDOWS OF THORNTON by Peter Taylor (Harcourt \$3.75). This is an unusual book. It will never make the best seller list, but those who like it will like it very much and be grateful to the publishers for having given us something so delicate and distinguished. In a series of short stories, the author has dealt with the relics of a vanishing age, centering his tales around the old Southern town of Thornton. He writes of these lingering traces of the Old South with affection but without sentimentality or nostalgia.

His chief concern is for shades of character in the people left over from this vanishing era and still attached to it. "In mourning my family," said the downright Miss Patty, "I mourn that world's disappearance." In this first story, her attitude is contrasted with that of two former schoolmates who are also of that era but whose personal reactions to the changing times have been different and more devious.

Not all of Mr. Thornton's characters live in Thornton in the flesh. Some have moved on to Memphis, Detroit, Chicago, but to all of them Thornton is still "home" and affects their daily behavior in a thousand ways. One of the most successful examples of this is "The Death of a Kinsman." In straight dialogue with no comment from the author, we get a complete domestic picture of a transplanted Southern household benignly ruled by a maiden aunt. We share the satisfactions of this domestic power in her role but face with her, too, a rude revelation of its inadequacy. Chekhov would have appreciated these stories.

Citizens Study Town Insurance, Find All In Order

A review of the Town's insurance program, made at a public meeting Wednesday night, wound up with general agreement that everything was in good order.

Some suggestions for minor adjustments were made, which might result in the saving of a few dollars, but this, it was decided, was "a matter of opinion." The review was made after some citizens had expressed their feeling that the \$9,208 budgeted might be too high. Town Manager Tom Cunningham and Councilman Voit Gilmore had asked citizens Fred G. Brindley and Dean S. Dorman to go over all the policies, and come up with some suggestions. Both men are members of the municipal advisory commission.

Dorman led Wednesday night's meeting, checking over the policies one by one, asking questions, making suggestions and receiving others from the small group present.

The \$9,208 figure is a deceptive one, it was revealed, but had to be set in the budget to give the city manager authority to issue the checks at the proper times. Actually, during the course of the year it is reduced by policy dividends, and town employees will pay a part.

Some \$2,000 of the total will be deducted on a weekly basis from the employees' pay, for that part of the hospital insurance they have voluntarily taken on for their dependents. (The Town pays the group insurance coverage on the employees themselves.)

The sum of \$1,600 in the budgeted figure is for social security, a matter of law. Also set by law is the workmen's compensation, covering all categories of employees. Other phases of the program are: \$100,000 blanket insurance on all town-owned buildings, with valuations set by standard insurance formulas to arrive at a reasonable total (Only the old police station building is not covered in this policy, as it was in process of sale when the policy was taken out); automotive insurance, with special policies for the police car and fire trucks; and "fidelity insurance"—the blanket bond covering all employees except the treasurer and tax collector, who are bonded separately.

John S. Ruggles, representative of the P. T. Barnum Insurance Co., with which the Town holds considerable of this insurance, was present to explain how the program had been set up, and the figures arrived at. Appraisals of buildings were made by non-local experts in the field, he said, and the program is always subject to review and change, as changes and improvements are constantly being made in insurance itself, resulting in improved coverage at lower rates.

E. C. Stevens, with whom the Town also has insurance, was unable to be present.

Two Graduate At N. C. College

Two Southern Pines students were among the 330 recipients of undergraduate and graduate degrees at North Carolina College's 43rd commencement exercises in Durham on Tuesday, June 1.

The two students, both of whom received the Bachelor of Arts degree, were Eulah Viola Blue of 1063 W. Illinois Ave., and Helen Virginia McLean of 154 Gaines St.

Amos predicted that his country would soon fall because of its sins, and fall it did. No doubt the drinkers of his day thought their liquor drinking helped them to escape from their troubles; Amos could see that it only brought on more troubles. The truth about liquor is seldom to be had from people who are its victims, more seldom still from those who make money by it. Ministers, doctors, welfare workers, see the situation from the standpoint of those who have to try to patch up the wrecks. Do you want a strong America? Strong countries, like strong people, are not made so by strong drink.

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Scripture: Amos 2:6-12; 4:1-2; 6; Devotional Reading: Romans 13:7-14
Amos on Alcohol
Lesson for June 13, 1954

THE prophets of Israel are singularly up-to-date. They lived thousands of miles away from here, thousands of years ago. Yet the problems of mankind are much the same then as now. The prophet's inspired eyes could see what was wrong with the world around him, and he would say bluntly what it was. But few prophets often used that blanket word "sin." No-body's in favor of sin. What the prophet always did was to name sins. These habits, these acts, these customs, he would say—these are what our country is dying from. These things are fatal. So it was in 800 B.C., so it is in 1954 A.D.

Liquor Is Not Alone
It is only fanatics who believe that is only sin is by itself destroying the country. No sin, in fact, exists by itself. Also it is true that when a country is destroyed, it dies of more than one disease. The prophet Amos named a number of evils which were eating into the vitality of his nation and people. The consumption of liquor was one of these. But Amos never said that liquor was the only thing wrong with his country. He associates it with selfishness, greed, indifference to real problems, adultery, dishonesty and other sins. One of the bad features of liquor is that it attaches itself to other evils and makes them worse. There would be speeding on the highways even if everyone were always cold sober; but drinking drivers make the problem worse and the accidents more often fatal. (There really can't be such a thing as a drunken driver—a drunk can't drive at all. It's the drinking drivers who make the trouble.) There would be murders if whiskey had never been heard from. But every day murders are reported in the papers that would no doubt never have been committed if everyone concerned had been sober at the time. Rape and seduction are not unheard of by any means, in Mohammedan countries where alcoholic drinks are completely forbidden. But liquor pushes many young people over the edge who without it could retain their self-control and self-respect, but with it in them, lose both.

'The Best People'
In the time of Amos he took note of some quite "respectable" people who were drinkers. Church-goers he mentions first of all, people who drink wine "in the house of their god." (This of course has nothing whatsoever to do with the communion service, a sacrament instituted by Christ.) He condemns these church-goers more than he does the riff-raff. It is worse for some people to drink than it is for others; and perhaps worst of all for church people. After all he said and done, people who know little and may care less about what is right and what is wrong, will think that anything a church member does must be all right. One church member who is known to drink, even if he is very temperate about it, can do more harm than a dozen alcoholics. Another respectable class Amos mentions are the women of wealth and social position. Amos is not exactly respectful to these ladies; on the contrary he calls them cattle, "kine of Bashan"—a specially fat kind of cattle of these days. Again, the use of liquor by wives of successful men, women who are leaders in their communities, does more harm than all the drinking down in the poolrooms. The harm done to others by the drinker is often greater than what he does to himself.

Amos Saw It Coming
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Tar Heels Cast In 'Horn' Show

North Carolinians will dominate the cast of Kermit Hunter's colorful outdoor drama "Horn in the West" when it bids for its third successful season on opening night, June 25. Performances will continue nightly at 8:15, except Sundays, through September 6.

Tar Heels, especially those from the mountain region, are cast in almost every important part in the play. Boone's own Ned Austin will return for his third year in the role of Daniel Boone. Several other Watauga County residents are assigned to important parts.

The leading role, however, will go to a Batavia, N. Y., native who was acclaimed widely in the part last year. He is Irvine Smith, a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Smith has been with the drama since its opening in 1952. He plays the part of Geoffrey Stuart, around whom the story revolves.

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So many of us are like Johnny. We'd like to be able to accomplish something, but we aren't willing to spend the necessary time and effort.

The same holds true in the practice of our Christian religion. How can we hope to understand the will of God without reading His Word or without supporting His Church?

In order to live the richest life, we must devote our time and talent to God's work. We will learn to direct our efforts where they will accomplish most if we will study His Word and worship in His House.



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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.

Sunday	Book	Chapter	Verses
Monday	Deuteronomy	5	1-21
Tuesday	Job	5	8-16
Wednesday	Matthew	6	1-15
Thursday	Luke	6	20-26
Friday	Luke	7	18-28
Saturday	1st Corinthians	9	6-15
	Titus	2	1-15

BROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Cheves K. Ligon, Minister
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. Women of the Church meetings, 8 p. m. Monday following third Sunday.
The Youth Fellowships 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.

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.

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.

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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