

Some Looks At Books

BY LOCKIE PARKER

GENERAL JO SHELBY, Undefeated Rebel by Daniel O'Flaherty (University of North Carolina Press, \$6.00). This is an exciting book about a great romantic, and the author has a most contagious enthusiasm for his subject. Modestly disclaiming any qualifications as a scholar or military expert, Mr. O'Flaherty still seems to have done a reasonable amount of research and he does not scant the accounts of battle tactics and campaign strategy. His chief triumph, however, is to have given us a full length portrait of one of the most glamorous and least known figures of the Civil War.

Among General Shelby's claims to fame, as set forth by his biographer, are that "He marched and raided more miles than any other Confederate cavalryman", "he was the only ranking Confederate commander on active duty in 1865, never to surrender" and "even without his whirlwind passage through the Civil War, his life was one of high adventure never matched by any of his countrymen before or since."

Actually this life began prospectively enough. Jo Shelby was born in Kentucky of a distinguished Bluegrass family. His stepfather gave him a good education and taught him the hemp business, a major industry in Kentucky in those days. When he reached twenty-one and came into his inheritance, he was eager to start in business for himself. Like many young men he went West, with a cousin, he started manufacturing hemp at Waverly, Missouri and, for a few years, the firm was prosperous.

Then came the bitter and bloody fights over the Territory of Kansas with Shelby in the forefront of those who were determined that Kansas should not be yielded to the abolitionists. The events of those years showed his talents as fighter and leader but were nothing to the achievements of the young cavalry officer in the Civil War itself where he amazed and sometimes annoyed his superiors. His daring raids into enemy territory, his improbable escapes, his brilliant maneuvers as the rear guard of harassed troops form perhaps the climax of the book.

But a close second is the Mexican chapter. Disgusted by the surrender of the Confederate army, Shelby led several hundred of his troops into Mexico and offered their services to Emperor Maximilian. He dreamed of making Mexico a haven for other souls unreconciled to the outcome of the war, a place where

the civilization of the Old South could be reconstructed. He was still young, a vigorous thirty-five, full of enthusiasm and dauntless courage. When one plan failed, he tried another. There is both comedy and tragedy in those Mexican years, but they ended, of course, with the end of Maximilian.

His last three decades were spent at his home in Missouri but were far from dull. He still had his flair for doing things in the grand manner and to the last, lived up to his chivalrous code, the code which in 1865 had caused him to refuse to take from the Governor of Texas any of the money in the subtreasury which he and his long unpaid soldiers had just rescued from guerrillas. He explained this action to his ragged followers by saying, "We are the last of our race. Let us be the best as well."

THE MAMMAL GUIDE, Mammals of North America north of Mexico, by Ralph S. Palmer (Doubleday \$4.95). This is something for which we have been waiting. There have been bird guides and flower guides, and even handy little books for the identification of insects and snakes, but this is the first good handbook on animals; so if you have been seeing some interesting creatures around your place and want to know more about them, here it is. It covers everything from mice to bison and whales.

There are 250 figures in full color and information on tracks, habitat, range (with maps), reproduction and even suggestions on when and how to stalk them to get a closer look yourself. As a sample, there are three pages on the beaver that include succinct data on their feeding habits and economic status as well as the points mentioned above.

The author is State Zoologist of the New York State Museum and State Science Service. He has written for several scientific and technical journals.

THE MYSTERY OF THE RUINED ABBEY by William MacKellar (Whitely \$2.75). A young American, an escaped convict, a mad piper and a haunted abbey are the ingredients of this thriller designed for the teen age. As you may guess from the author's name, the Scotch background is genuine. It has the special flavor of a youthful relish for outdoor life in the highlands.

The tale moves fast from the moment when the fat little constable of the quiet community comes bursting out of his cottage and races for the village. No one

UNC Students To Leave Soon

Students in this county who are planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this year have been advised that registration for the fall term will be held September 14-15 and that class work will start September 16.

The orientation period for Freshmen will begin Friday, September 10, and continue through the following Monday.

Many of the new men are planning to attend the annual YMCA Freshman Camp to be held at New Hope Camp near Chapel Hill September 6-10. Total enrollment at the University for the fall semester is expected to be around 6,000, an increase of some 300 over the corresponding period last year.

remembers that they have ever seen Sandy MacLean run before. When he reports that Red Dougal, convict and murderer, is loose on the hills, the men of the village turn out to find him, including the local laird. As the pursuit lengthens to days, a series of robberies occur and the mystery deepens.

Chip and Neal, the two boys around whom the story centers, have an active part in events. They follow clues of their own, have some close calls with danger, save Laird Morton from quick death, and Chip gets arrested for robbery. Readers who like to work out their own solutions get enough data to do it, but for myself, I was greatly surprised at the outcome.



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THE BIBLE SPEAKS
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Some One Needs You
Lesson for August 29, 1954

IS RIGHT belief all that is needed to make a Christian? In several places in the New Testament a plain NO is given to this question. For one thing, there is the example of Jesus. The first biography of him we have is the thumb-nail sketch from Peter's sermon at Caesarea, spoken (of course) years before the gospels were written down: "He went about doing good." Jesus not only was good, he did good, he spent his time helping people.

What can we say of a "Christian" who makes no effort to do as Christ did? Then James and John, different types though they were, agree on the same point. James says flatly that faith without works is dead, and a look at the whole paragraph where he says this, shows that the "works" he is thinking of are just the giving of "things needed for the body," to those who are ill-clad and in need of daily food. As for John, he makes the same point: if a man sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be in such a man?

Need for Bread
Some one needs you. This is as certain as that you are a human being. Nowhere in the New Testament is it suggested that any one should be so super-generous as to make a pauper out of himself. But all through the New Testament it is strongly suggested that if there is a need in the world that we can supply, we do not have to ask ourselves, What shall I do? but only **How** can I help? The simplest needs are physical. There are children in our own families; there are the perpetually poor, the unemployed, the defectives, in every community. There are people without work, hard-up people, even in the best of times. These are people you can see.

And you do not have to travel farther than the nearest church to be reminded of hungry people you will never see but whom you can help through that church. In Korea, for example, missionaries in every church that is at work there have been spending a large part of their time, in these last few years, in famine relief. Through "Church World Service," CROP and other interdenominational agencies you are offered the chance to help widows and orphans who without your help would simply starve. When your church helps to support "agricultural missions" you are helping people in backward countries to farm more intelligently and feed more people on the same amount of land.

Not by Bread Alone . . .
But man does not live by bread alone, though to be sure he does live by bread. Just because he is man and not brute, he has needs which are mental and spiritual. Every minister of a prosperous congregation knows families that never have needed help to pay their bills; they have all the money they need and all that money can buy. But these may be among the most needy families of the congregation, their lives may be empty, or filled with fear and despair. Physically well-fed, spiritually starving people are all around us. In these days in particular there is need for cheer and courage. We are certainly living in the darkest hours of human history, and many believe these are the last hours of the human race. At such a time men's hearts melt within them.

Sharing and Bearing
There are also the needs of those who have missed the mark, who have been (to quote Paul) "overaken in a fault" and need above all to have their spiritual health restored, they need to "get right" with God and man. Here again is a need which Christians supply not only to those whom they personally know, but through the missionary work of the church which they support—to others around the globe. Wherever, in mid-Africa or in a lonely western mining camp, or anywhere else, the message of Christ is brought by those who are supported by churches such as those in your community, there the Christians in the home churches are helping the deepest human needs perhaps better than they could if they were there themselves. Each of us has his own load of responsibility to bear; but also each of us can share some of the burdens of the heavy-laden, near and far.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for next week, when the bookmobile will operate only two days, Monday and Tuesday, follows:

Monday—Routh's service station, Hy. One, north, 1 p. m.; in and around Cameron, 1:30 to 4:15; Paul Thomas service station, 4:20 to 4:30.

Tuesday — Wesley Thomas home, 1:15 p. m.; Lamm's Grove neighborhood, 1:30 to 2:15; White Hill section 2:20 to 3:15; across old plank road to Highway One, 3:15 to 3:30; Barnes service station, 3:30; back to Southern Pines with home stops, 3:40 to 4:30.

Wednesday — Mrs. Dorothy Avery, county librarian, will leave on her vacation. Bookmobile will not run until her return.

North Carolina's 1954 lamb crop (lamb's living on June 1 or sold before June 1) totaled 41,000 head, compared with 39,000 a year earlier.

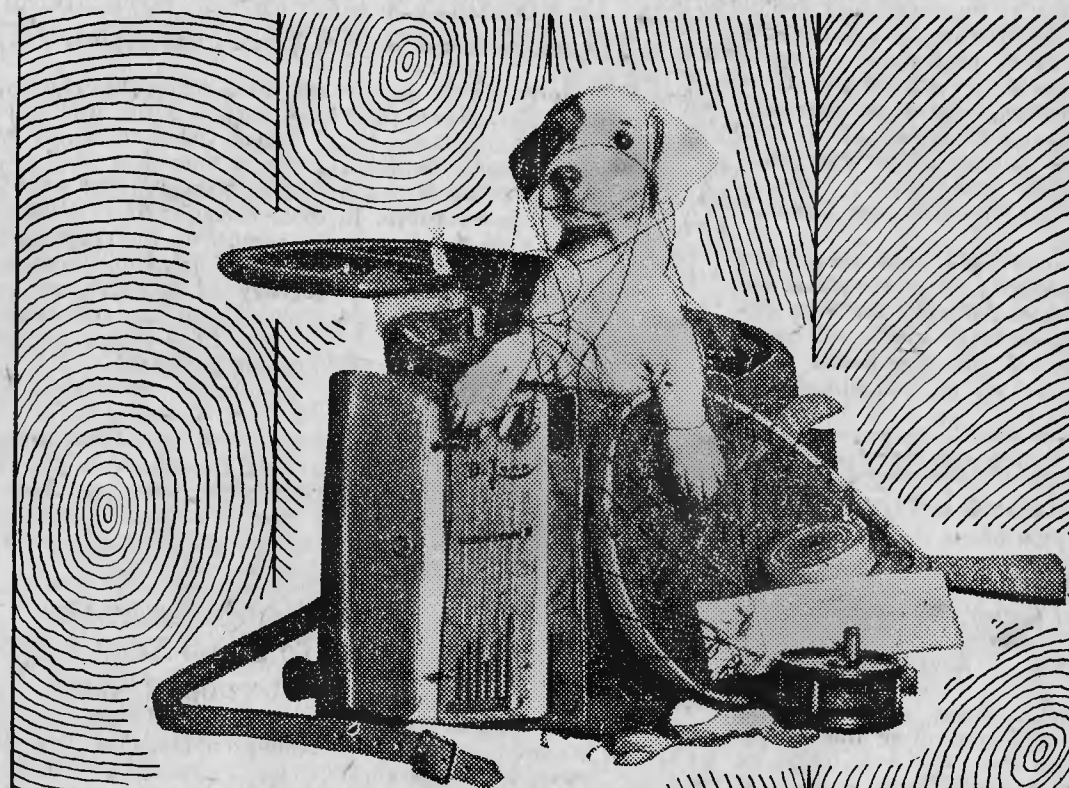
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THINK IT OVER!

This little fellow has gotten himself all tangled up—just romping around—but he's not so dumb. He has sense enough to sit down and think things over. Chances are someone will come along and give him a hand. Alone he might have worked himself into a panic.

Isn't that the way with our daily problems? Some have simple solutions; some require the help of true friends, and oft-times divine guidance. So often our problems have moral implications, for there is a "right" and a "wrong" way to accomplish almost every task. That is why it is so very important that each little problem be solved correctly.

The tightest snarls of life can be untangled and our difficulties overcome if we sit down quietly and consider each in the light of God's wisdom. Why should we be confused when we have the Bible and the Church as our unfailing guides?

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) Which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Judges	7	2-8
Monday	Luke	18	18-30
Tuesday	Acts	17	22-31
Wednesday	Acts	26	12-20
Thursday	I Corinthians	1	18-25
Friday	I Corinthians	3	10-17
Saturday	Deuteronomy	30	11-16

BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Chewes 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 Fellowships meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
New Hampshire Ave.
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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
Charles V. Covell, Rector
(Lay Readers during August, in absence of Rector.)
Morning Prayer Service, with Children's Program, 10 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)
Cor. Bennett and New Hampshire
Wofford C. Timmons, Minister
William H. Hill, Interim Minister
June 27-Aug. 28
Combined Church and Sunday School services during August, 10 a.m.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people).
Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York Ave. 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.; mid-week worship, 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.

SOUTHERN PINES METHODIST CHURCH
E. E. Whitley, Minister
(Services held temporarily at Community building on May St.)
Combined Church and Sunday School services, 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.

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