

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

NOBLE SAVAGE, the Life of Paul Gauguin by Lawrence and Elizabeth Hamsom. (Random \$5.00). This is a tragic story and yet a triumphant one, and the co-authors have done handsomely by Gauguin. With access to considerable new material, including family letters, they have given us a credible and sympathetic character to replace the somewhat gaudy popular picture of Gauguin as the great Bohemian—the prosperous stock broker who got fed up with it all, including his middle class family, threw it over for the life of an artist in the Parisian cafes, then went to Tahiti and lived an even more exotic life among the natives.

He was always poor and died miserably on a remote island in the South Seas. After his death, prices of his paintings and sculpture rose rapidly. The skeptical wife found him a better bread-winner dead than alive; so Paul Gauguin had his belated triumph there, too.

THE SULTAN AND THE LADY by Erik Linklater (Harcourt \$3.50). This is light entertainment that has the sparkle of the champagne the Sultan was so fond of drinking. Eric Linklater has well sustained his reputation for wit and irony in this novel of the South Seas. Characters are happily contrasted, the dependable British civil servants with their fixed codes of conduct, the undependable but delightful Sultan with an English education but no English prejudices, and the mass of primitive people on a mountainous tropical island, who have temporarily deserted all normal occupations to await the arrival of a heavenly airplane loaded with earthly luxuries as promised by a local sorcerer.

This situation creates problems for the civil service and, as if this were not enough, they find that the Sultan has given refuge to a lady that they were about to arrest as a Communist. The story picks up pace as the tribesmen gather in hundreds in the highland valley of Maipani, and the government officials plus a wandering anthropologist join their local representative at his Guest House, and the Sultan arrives with champagne—all waiting nervously to see what will happen. Plenty does. It is quite a story.

RECOLLECTION CREEK by Fred Gipson (Harper \$2.75). This is a flavorsome book with many good stories of the Huckberry Finn variety. It deals with one year in the life of a boy in the dry farming west, a land of mesquite and cowhands. It is full of salty rural humor, occasional pathos, and the kind of stories that are told around a country neighborhood for years but do not often get into print.

The longest tale, which in its several episodes weaves through the whole book, has to do with Grandpa Creech's pursuit of the phantom turkey gobbler. The two boys, through whose eyes we see this world of yesterday, took no active part in this particular drama, but they were prime movers in several extraordinary events that transpired along Recollection Creek that year after the Squaw Springs schoolhouse burned down and small boys were left to their own devices. There was fun, there was trouble, there was a lot of growing up in it.

People who grew up in the same era should enjoy this book, as they laugh over Hopper and Jay and their escapades and recall similar instances of their own youth.

The other young man, the artist, did better. He had his ups and downs, but sometimes he was the center of an admiring circle, a few critics recognized his power and originality, and, even more important, he felt his own strength growing, his own vision of what he wanted to do—could do—coming clearer.

In 1888 he painted "Vision after the Sermon," of which the authors remark, "the picture from which modern painting may be

Dedication New Freight Yard At Hamlet Scheduled

Dedication ceremonies for the multi-million dollar freight classification yard of the Seaboard Railroad at Hamlet will take place on January 31, it has been announced by John W. Smith, president of the railroad.

Governor Luther Hodges will be among the distinguished guests present.

Said President Smith: "We look forward to having with us Governor Hodges and other state and local business and political leaders who will participate in the ceremonies and inspect this new, state-of-the-art facility, in the planning, construction and operation of which we take pride not only because of its value to the railroad industry, but also because of its contribution to the welfare of the community and the state."

Luncheon Planned

Actual dedication ceremonies are scheduled for 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This will be preceded by a luncheon at 12:30 p. m. in the dining car of a special train at the passenger station for Seaboard directors and officers and guests.

The Hamlet School band will take part in the ceremonies.

The freight classification yard, which cost an estimated \$7,500,000, went into operation at Hamlet on November 29, after two years of construction work.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

State of North Carolina County of Moore

The undersigned having duly qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of Della Johnston, deceased, late of the above named county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Della Johnston, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of December, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Della Johnston, deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately.

This the 27th day of December, 1954.

(s) Alva Lenora Busick Naile, Executrix

W. Lamont Brown, Attorney. d31j7,14,21,28f4

NOTICE

State of North Carolina County of Moore

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Ancillary Executrix of the Estate of Elizabeth Simmons Vale, Deceased, late of the above named County and State, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Elizabeth Simmons Vale, Deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned, or W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines, North Carolina, process agent, on or before the 27th day of December, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Elizabeth Simmons Vale, Deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned or said process agent immediately.

This the 27th day of December, 1954.

(s) ALFRED ELY, Ancillary Executor. d31j7,14,21,28f4c

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union Sunday School Lessons

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Scripture: John 14:25-26; 16:7-15; Acts 2:14; 3:1-4:31; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; Galatians 5:22-23; Devotional Reading: Romans 8:28-30.

Power of the Spirit

Lesson for January 23, 1955

Who Is the Spirit?

Entirely aside from the importance of the Atonement, it was best that Jesus should, as he put it, "go away." Existing as all human beings do in a body, subject to all the laws of nature, he could be in only one place at one time. But, once away from this earth physically, he could be present spiritually in ways not limited by space and time. Sometimes he said the Father would "send" the Spirit, sometimes he said he himself would send the Spirit. (Compare John 14:26 with 16:7.) By the Spirit men would be linked with Christ and the heavenly Father. As Paul was to write later, out of years of Christian experience, "through him (Christ) we have access in one Spirit to the Father" (Eph. 2:18). So this divine Spirit, wholly God though not the whole of God, is sometimes called the Spirit of Christ and sometimes the Spirit of God. Paul even says once that the Lord "is" the Spirit (II Cor. 3:17).

Many theologians of the present day express it this way: The Holy Spirit is God at work in the lives of men. The Holy Spirit is sent from God, but also the Holy Spirit is God. Theology has devised a great many complicated ways of explaining this—and the truth may be even more complex than theologians think. But the simple and important truth is that wherever the Spirit lives in a human heart, there God lives, no faint reflection or distant emissary of God but God himself.

The Spirit in Us

Now there is a question that will naturally come up in the minds of thoughtful people. Is not God everywhere? How can he come or go? How can he ever be absent from any place or any person if he is infinite? The Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit "coming," "descending," being "sent," or "departing." If the Holy Spirit is God at work in the hearts of men, how can the Holy Spirit go and come? The full answer to such questions only God himself knows. But we can get a glimpse of the truth from what is said in the Bible. (Of course a full study of these deep matters is not for a short column like this.) God is indeed everywhere by his power and his providence. In him we live and move and are, as Paul said. We stick to that. But God has so made man that we can open or close the door even to God. God does not force himself on any man. As friend, as one who transforms life, who brings comfort and purity and power, he comes only where welcomed. It is possible to grieve the Spirit, yes to drive God out.

The Spirit for Us

But it is also possible, a glorious fact, that where the Holy Spirit lives in a human life, that life is transformed into the very image of the divine Life. The Holy Spirit is the Life-changer. In us—and also for us. One of the most remarkable, one of the most uplifting truths we know about the Spirit is that when we pray, though our prayers are limited by our own self-interest, the Holy Spirit prays with us, prays for us. Over the dull monotone of our stumbling prayers can be heard in heaven the melodic overtones of the Spirit's pure desires for us. Our noblest aspiration still is short of God's aspiration for us. This does not mean we can afford to be careless about prayer. It does mean that as we reach up to God we find that he has first been reaching down to us. It is because of the Spirit in us that we can pray at all.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week, January 24-28 has been announced as follows:

Monday—Through Niagara to Union church with stops at Kelly, Darnell and Briggs homes, 2 to 3; paved road to Vass with home stops, 3 to 4; Vass, 4:15 to 4:40; W. F. Smith's, 4:45.

Tuesday—Highfalls school, 10:45 a. m.; Highfalls town, 11:15 to 11:30.

Wednesday—Jackson Springs: W. E. Graham's 2:15; postoffice, 2:30; West End, 3:15 to 4:30; Branson home at power station, 4:40.

Thursday—Vineland school, 10:20; Eagle Springs school, 10:45; Elise High School in Robbins, 12:15 to 1:15; Carthage Library, 2:30.

Friday—Taylortown, 4 p. m.; Pinehurst at Community Church, 4:30.

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WHEN I WAS A GIRL...



When I was a girl they used to say that bread was the staff of life. It's an expression that you still hear, of course, but not so much as you once did.

True, there was something tantalizing and wonderful about the smell of home-baked bread wafting in from the kitchen. And how the men folk loved it, after a hard day at work in the fields.

But as I grew older, I began to realize that neither bread nor anything else you can see, touch, and smell is the staff of life. Sound funny? Well, think it over, and you'll see what I mean. Our greatest strength comes from the things that aren't tangible. The spiritual things, I guess you'd call them.

My own staff of life has been the Church. It has supported me when I have needed it the most. When my children came along, I taught them to believe that the Church was their real staff of life. In this belief they have found hope, solace, and comfort, just as I have.

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 his church 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 |
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| Sunday | Psalms | 90 | 1-17 |
| Monday | Proverbs | 16 | 1-16 |
| Tuesday | Ecclesiastes | 3 | 1-15 |
| Wednesday | Luke | 4 | 1-8 |
| Thursday | John | 6 | 35-45 |
| Friday | Philippians | 2 | 1-11 |
| Saturday | Philippians | 4 | 8-13 |

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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.

THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)

Cor. Bennett and New Hampshire

Wofford C. Timmons, Minister

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people). Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

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.

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 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 and Family Service, 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. (Holy Communion, first Sunday). Wednesday, 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Catholic)

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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.

SOUTHERN PINES METHODIST CHURCH

Robert L. Bame, Minister

(Services held temporarily at Civic Club, Ashe Street)

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