

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

THE SCOTSWOMAN by Inglis Fletcher (Bobbs, Merrill, \$3.95). This book successfully revives a chapter of history lost to many Americans. Its central character is Flora MacDonald, the Scottish heroine known as the savior of Bonnie Prince Charles Stuart whose forces suffered complete rout at the battle of Culloden and on whose head the British king placed a price of thirty thousand pounds. Not only did this fateful day end the hope of the House of Stuart for regaining the British throne, but it ended also the Clan system which had existed in Scotland for centuries. From a land of agriculture under the Clan Chief, it became a land of herdsmen, with consequent disappearance of the tacksman and crofters. Unemployment was so widespread, it was necessary for many to seek a livelihood elsewhere. Thousands of these Scots looked with great hope to the valley of the Cape Fear. Among these were Allan MacDonald, tacksman of Kingsburgh, and his wife, Flora. The Hebridean Isle of Skye is the locale of the first chapters. The life, culture, customs and Clan loyalty of the Highlanders are here depicted as could be done only by one who knew the Isle and had traveled through its highlands. Related are the preparations for departure, the sorrow of leaving kinsfolk, friends, and their loved Cullins, the glens and moors. And then there is the grand farewell gatherings of the MacDonalds at Flodrigary, ending with the dance to the skirling of the pipes. The atmosphere here is vividly described for the reader. The voyage follows, during which there is an encounter with pirates, a storm at sea, life aboard a sailing ship of that time. Here, too, are duelling, intrigues and the beginnings of romances to follow. After landing at the mouth of the Cape Fear, Flora and her party are carried to Newbern where the Royal Governor entertains at the Mansion. At Cross Creek an enthusiastic welcome is given by the Scots who had preceded their heroine. In due time, land was purchased and a home established. This was in the Autumn of 1774. Instead of the peace and tranquility sought, political unrest abounded on all sides. The Governor of the Province and his Council were in disagreement. The Governor's influence was on the wane and his delegated authority ignored. There was the same unrest in Massachusetts, with Lexington not many months away. Rebellion was in the air. Lines were being drawn. Were you a Loyalist or a Patriot? Flora's sentiment was for neutrality. Had they not come to

THE BRIDE OF INISFALLEN

by Eudora Welty (Harcourt \$3.00). Those of us who admire Eudora Welty's work may be disappointed in this collection of stories—not in the writing, for no one in America today writes more beautifully than she, nor can anyone write better descriptions of persons and places. What is lacking in this book is the warmth and love of the people of whom she wrote in "A Curtain of Green" and in "The Ponder Heart." In her earlier books the setting was the Mississippi Delta, and perhaps that is what we miss in this book. Only two of these stories are in that familiar setting and, clever as all her stories are, these are the most appealing. Nevertheless, anything Miss Welty writes is worth reading, and this book is no exception. —JANE H. TOWNE.

THE BOY WHO HAD NO HEART

by Maud and Miska Petersham (Macmillan \$2.75). A new picture book by the Petershams is always a pleasure to the eye with its sound but not too literal drawings and its glowing colors. American history and animals have their favorite subjects in their

earlier conversations with children. I use the last term because there is always the effect of personal and sympathetic communication in their books. The present one is a story with a moral. It was supposed for a time that children did not approve of these, but let an old storyteller assure you that when honestly done there are few things that give them as much satisfaction. This story will be particularly reassuring to the six- and eight-year olds for whom it is intended, for in it the problem of a cocky little boy at odds with his comrades is convincingly worked out, and peace and happiness reign again.

Youth Services Scheduled Here

The Rev. Joe Flora, minister to youth at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, will conduct a series of services for young people at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, from 7 to 9 p.m., April 25-29, it was announced this week.

All young people in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend the services which will be sponsored by all local Protestant churches. Further details will be announced.

FERTILIZING COTTON

Cotton needs fertilizer early in the season to thrive, the National Cotton Council advises cotton farmers. The cotton plant absorbs the greater part of its nutrients during the first half of its growing period, a Cotton Council spokesman pointed out. He said fertilizers should be applied before planting and often during the early growing season. A side-dressing with nitrogen is highly beneficial when plants are about six to 10 inches tall or during the first cultivation after chopping especially in light sandy or sandy loam soils.

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Legal Notices

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MOORE NOTICE

The undersigned having duly qualified as the Administratrix, C. T. A. of the Estate of Mary Eva Thwing, deceased, late of the above named county and state all persons having claims or whatsoever nature against the said Mary Eva Thwing, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of March, 1956, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Mary Eva Thwing, deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately.

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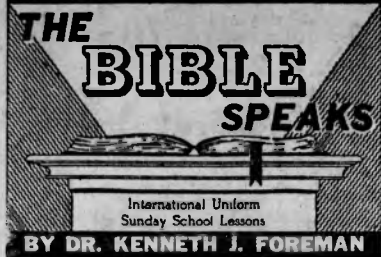
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BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Scripture: II Chronicles 10-13; I Kings 12
Devotional Reading: Proverbs 2:1-10

No Greater Fool

Lesson for April 17, 1955

IT WAS the day of the great mass-meeting. The new administration was meeting the voters face to face. At least, the man who hoped and expected to be the administration was facing the people he hoped to rule. The right word is "rule," for this was in the days when kings were kings and not mere signers of other men's documents. And this particular king was none other than the son, the one and only son, of the famous Dr. Foreman King Solomon. His name was Rehoboam, and if ever a greater fool lived on this earth, history has lost record. As a matter of fact, he could not be king automatically. The nation had not been a kingdom very long; there had been only three kings in all, Saul, David and Solomon. And in every case, the king had been elected by vote of the people. It was what we would call technically an elective monarchy, not yet a hereditary one. So Rehoboam had to persuade the people that he was worthy electing. He could not be king of any tribe if that tribe did not vote for him.

A Royal Fool

Rehoboam now proceeded to do everything wrong. The people asked him the perennial question: What about taxes? Solomon's reign had been magnificent—if you lived in the palace. If you lived out in the villages or on a farm it looked different. The royal officers were everywhere, bleeding the people for all the taxes and all the forced labor that the royal magnificence required for its upkeep. The people told Rehoboam that Solomon's yoke was grievous; they begged him to make it lighter. Rehoboam asks for time to think. He spends that time asking advice. The older counsellors, his father's trusted wise men, tell him to go light on the people. In fact they give him the whole theory of good government in a nutshell: "If you will be a servant unto this people . . . then they will be your servants for ever." Then Rehoboam asks the younger men, his own contemporaries, what he shall do. They give him the completely foolish advice to bear down on the people, treat 'em rough, tell them nothing good. So the feckless Rehoboam goes out and says in effect, "You took a beating in my father's time—but you haven't seen anything yet. If he beat you with whips, I'll beat you with scorpions."

His Hundred and Ninety-Nine Stepmothers
Of course Rehoboam lost the election. Only one tribe stood by him. The rest went off and elected another king of their own. A kingdom that David had won by courage and Solomon had held by wisdom, was kicked away by Rehoboam out of sheer foolishness. What made Rehoboam such a fool? It was not his youth. At the time of this episode he was forty years old, and if a man has no sense by the time he is forty, it is too late to hope. Part of the trouble may have been his 999 stepmothers. Solomon was married a thousand times, but we have no record of any children except this man Rehoboam. Considering what harem intrigues are like in the Orient, and considering the fact that most if not all of Solomon's immense harem were heathen women, it would not be surprising if Rehoboam's mother (who herself was a heathen from Ammon) was over-supplied with bad advice from Rehoboam's nosy stepmothers. Some fools are born, some are made. They are home-made, many of them. One of the best ways to produce a fool in your family is to listen to all the stupid advice the neighbors can give you.

The Voice of Inexperience
Another thing was wrong with Rehoboam, and for this we cannot blame his mother nor his congregation of stepmothers. It was his own fault that he preferred to listen to the men his own age, men who like himself had grown up in the luxury of the court, men who knew nothing of practical affairs, preferred to listen to them, the voices of inexperience, rather than to the older men whose advice Solomon had tried and presumably found good. Rehoboam being himself without experience could not tell, of course, beforehand, whether the older or younger men were right.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week April 18-22 has been announced as follows:

Monday—Through Niagara to Union church with stops at Kelly Darnell and Briggs homes, 2:15 to 3:15; paved road to Vass with home stops, 3:15 to 4:15; W. F. Smith and K. W. Henning homes, 4:30.

Tuesday—Doubs Chapel route 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Jackson Springs: W. E. Graham's, 2:20; postoffice, 2:35; West End, 3:15 to 4:30; Branson home near power station, 4:40.

Thursday—Carthage Library, 11:30 to 12:30; Glendon route with stops at Joe Pressley, L. W. Edwards, Carl Oldham and Nicholson homes, 1:45 to 3:30.

Friday—Eagle Springs school, 10:30 a. m.; Vineland school, 11:15 a. m.

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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 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.

Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday . . . Psalms	25	1-10
Monday . . . Psalms	29	12-17
Tuesday . . . Luke	4	1-8
Wednesday . . . Luke	8	16-21
Thursday . . . John	16	25-33
Friday . . . Romans	12	14-21
Saturday . . . Psalms	24	1-10

BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)

Charles 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.

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

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grever 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.

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Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (except first Sunday).
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Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. (Holy Communion, first Sunday).
Wednesday, 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

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