

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

RIVER OF THE CAROLINAS: THE SANTEE by Henry Savage Jr. (Rinehart \$5.00). This is a distinguished contribution to the Rivers of America Series and one that should give readers in this part of the country much pleasure, for Mr. Savage loves the land of which he writes—all of it from the mountains where the Catawba and Broad River rise on down through the Piedmont until these rivers become the Wateree and the Congaree, flow into Lake Marion and come out as the Santee, meandering through the tidewater flats. It is the whole river system of which he writes, though in colonial days

it was the lower reaches that left the richest records with their planters and pirates, the French Huguenots and the Carolina traders with their dreams of Empire. The author has a nice feeling for the sweep of time even going back half a billion years to tell how a mountain range once ran across middle Carolina until the wear of weather reduced it to our red piedmont hills of today. His feeling for natural phenomena comes out strongly again when he dramatizes the history of the rice plantations around a giant cypress whose broken trunk still stands sixty feet high above the waters of the lower Santee. But the real heroes of his tale are the Scotch Irish and their like who came down the mountain valleys just before the Revolution, came by the tens of thousands from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia seeking land and freedom, men of strength and character, the fathers of Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, John C. Calhoun, Andrew Jackson. These pioneers and their sons fought at King's Mountain and in many another battle. With a few exceptions, the leaders of the struggle for freedom in the Carolinas came from this group of relative newcomers.

Perhaps the most stirring part of the book is that which deals with this period but there are also adequate chapters on the naturalists who came and revelled in the variety of flora and fauna along the Carolina rivers, on the growth of the cotton plantations and the reasons for their decline, on the harnessing of the rivers for power—27 dams and 49 powerhouses, and a most exhilarating chapter, "Green Gold," on the progress of agriculture and forestry in recent decades.

A HOUSE IN PEKING by Robert Payne (Doubleday \$3.95). Ten years ago Robert Payne lived for some months in an ancient Chinese palace in a corner of the Tartar City in Peking, and that experience was the inspiration for this novel. The palace had been built in the late years of the eighteenth century for the Iron-capped Prince Lien, and it is this prince's deep and romantic love for Red Jade, concubine of the Emperor, that forms the poetic theme of the book. Along with this we get a glamorous picture of court life at the height of the Manchu dynasty when the aged Emperor Chien Lung still ruled a great and prosperous land.

The characters of the book stand out clear against the background of exquisite rooms and courtly ceremonies, but they are the characters of another civilization. Among Mr. Payne's earlier works is the translation of a book of Chinese poetry, and we feel he has drawn on his

study of the literature of this era in recreating the moods and emotions of this poet-philosopher-prince. The resulting interpretation will seem more exotic than convincing to most people but it has its own charm. For a time we are transported into an era when life was woven in a different pattern.

A CORNISH WAIF'S STORY. An Autobiography by Emma Smith (Dutton \$3.00). This is a true story and a remarkable one. As its discoverer, A. L. Rowse, the distinguished historian, says in his foreword, "it is the realism, the authentic note of truth that makes this book so impressive and disturbing, and all told so simply and vividly."

Emma was the illegitimate child of the daughter of a blind Cornish miner. Her earliest years were spent partly in the workhouse and partly in her grandparents' cottage when they could afford to keep her and her little brother. At five she was handed over to an itinerant organ grinder, and his wife. In their grim company she tramped the roads of Cornwall, singing and begging. Her memories of these years are clear and detailed—the dirt, the hunger, the rags, the sore feet, the loneliness, but also the bright flowers in summer gardens, the moonlit nights, the moments of kindness when cottage women gave her milk and cake or a new pair of stockings, the gaiety of the fairs. At twelve she ran away and found refuge in a Convent-penitentiary. Later she went into service. It was a hard life but told without bitterness. Like a sturdy little plant that grows amid cinders, she found sustenance where a right-minded welfare worker would have said it was impossible and developed into a good wife and mother, a useful member of the community. She does not moralize about this, but the spirit in which she writes her plain chronicle is worth pondering.

THE ENORMOUS EGG by Olive Butterworth (Little Brown \$2.95). This is a lovely yarn for young readers, about eight to twelve. The setting in a small American town is so realistic, the family scenes so natural that you live every bit of it with Nate Twitchell. When one of the Twitchell hens had a surprisingly large egg but it was Nate who took over the chore of helping the hen through the normal hatching period and then some. Just as he was about to give up a new character appears on the scene, a scientist who is definitely impressed. Then—but it will be more fun to learn for yourself what came out of that egg.

FAULTS CAUSED DEATHS Mechanical faults caused 70 of North Carolina's fatal automobile crack-ups last year, the Motor Vehicles Department has determined from a study of accident facts. Broken down, the agency listed defects which contributed to the death crashes as: brakes 22, headlights 2, rear lights 2, other lights or reflectors 1, steering 3, and tires 27. Thirteen were listed as "other defects." In all there were 1,031 fatal accidents.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Background Scripture: Acts 11:19-12:24
Devotional Reading: Galatians 6:1-10

Problem Church

Lesson for May 20, 1956

THERE are two different kinds of problems with children, as every father and mother know. One is the kind of problem you have with a sickly child, who has allergies, won't eat, play or sleep the way a healthy child should; perhaps a retarded child. The other is the kind of problem you have with a child who seems sometimes to be altogether too healthy; growing too fast to keep up with, noisy and hungry; perhaps ahead of his grade in school. The problems of growth may be even more difficult than the problems of illness; but all the same, the problems of development are more to be desired than the problems of decay.

Will the World Swallow the Church?
The Christian church at Antioch, one of the great cities of the world at that time, had its problems; but they were all the kind of problem that goes with growth. Dr. C. R. Erdman in his book on Acts points out that in this church we meet with four new things: a new name for the believers (Christians), a new kind of church (of which more presently), a new leadership, and a new center of missionary activity. Another new thing, which indeed was the mother of the others, was the new kind of city in which the church there found itself. Up to the time the church began in Antioch, the largest city where there were sizable groups of Christians was Jerusalem. That was a city which, so to speak, made religion a specialty. The long-time religion of Jerusalem led right up to Christianity. But what about Antioch. That was a pagan city, religions of many kinds flourished there, and none of them led up to Christianity at all. If the environment at Jerusalem was partly favorable to Christianity, the atmosphere of Antioch seemed more than likely to smother it. Religion in that city was what it is for some cities today: by any means the most important interest. Antioch was a big business town, a central city for trade and transportation. People were much more interested in getting rich than they were in religion.

Uncongenial People
One of the problems, new at Antioch, was whether it would be possible to include in the same church groups of persons so different as the Greeks and the Jews. That had not bothered the Palestine church, because there the various races and nationalities kept to themselves. The Jerusalem church was all Jewish, the Samaritan church all Samaritan, and so on. But in big cities people mix and mingle pretty freely, and so it was in Antioch. Would different races, backgrounds, and so on, mix in one church? Somewhat to Barnabas' surprise, maybe, they did. When Christians are really what they aim and claim to be, the church becomes the "fellowship of the uncongenial." People who ordinarily have nothing in common, discover that if they have Christ in common, they are bound by a tie stronger than any other in the world.

Leadership
When Barnabas went up there to Antioch, commissioned by the church in Jerusalem to look around and use his judgment about what to do, we read that he "saw the grace of God and was glad." But the grace of God, in man or church, does not iron out all the problems. We have to think. And Barnabas must have thought long and hard about one problem which concerns every church large or small: leadership. Barnabas could easily have taken on a smaller church; but that one at Antioch was just too big for one man, any one man. He could have picked up some assistants there, no doubt, and stayed as top man; or he could have invited in one of the Jerusalem leaders. But he needed more than raw "chaplain's assistants." And the Jerusalem leaders would have felt pretty strange in an inter-racial church. So Barnabas took a rather difficult trip, all the way to Tarsus in Cilicia, just to get a man he had never forgotten; the then unknown (or, if known, suspected) Saul. The future of a church depends on its leadership. Blessed is the church with a pulpit committee as wise and far-seeing as Barnabas!

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week May 21-25 has been announced as follows:

Tuesday — Colonial Heights, 3:15 to 4; Pinebluff Library, 4:15 to 4:45.

Wednesday—Mt. Carmel route, 2:15 to 4:30.

Thursday — Carthage Library, 1 p. m.; Robbins Library, 2 p. m.; talc mine office, 2:30; Highway 27 west, 2:45 to 3:30; K. C. Maness's, 3:45.

Friday—W. E. Horne's, 1 p. m.; R. H. Hendricks, 1:30; Prison camp, 2 o'clock; Lynn and Wesley Thomas homes, 2:15; Lamm's Grove neighborhood, 2:30; White Hill community, 3; across "blank road" to Mrs. McIver's and J. E. Phillips homes, around 3:30; Dunrovin Restaurant, 4 p. m.

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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) 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.

| Day | Book | Chapter | Verses |
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| Sunday | Proverbs | 31 | 1-31 |
| Sunday | Mark | 2 | 14-21 |
| Tuesday | John | 13 | 12-17 |
| Wednesday | John | 4 | 11-16 |
| Thursday | 1 Peter | 2 | 18-25 |
| Friday | Ecclesiastes | 3 | 1-8 |
| Saturday | Mark | 13 | 31-37 |

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BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Cheves 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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
Martin Caldwell, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (First Sundays, 11 a.m.)
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Guild meetings—first and third Mondays: St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Anne's, 8 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.

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Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
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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.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Catholic)
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Father Peter M. Denges
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Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people).
Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

SOUTHERN PINES METHODIST CHURCH
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