

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

WILDERNESS ROAD, a Parable for Modern Times by Paul Green (French \$3.00). Here is another stirring drama by Paul Green, designed for outdoor production with music, dance, ballad, folk-song, pantomime and pageantry. I did not have the good fortune to see it when it was produced last year at the centennial celebration of Berea College but it must have been successful as they now plan to give it each summer at Indian Fort Amphitheatre near Berea.

The scene is the Kentucky mountains, the time is 1858 to 1863, and the main characters are all mountain people. These characters are not drawn from local history; they are the author's creations, but, as his publisher says, "Wilderness Road" has its quality of truth nevertheless, the truth associated with biblical and democratic doctrine and artistic integrity.

John Freeman, a mountaineer school teacher sees his community torn apart by the conflicts that reached their climax in the Civil War. He has come home from a school in Ohio to devote his life to bringing education to his people and finds some of them regard him with suspicion. He earnestly tries to follow Christian principles and the democratic traditions of America.

Others, too, are searching their souls and trying to stand up against community pressure.

It is the story of some of the nation's educational and social frontiers and of the Americans who travelled "wilderness roads" of the mind and spirit to reach them, roads no less difficult than those their pioneer forefathers had travelled when they came to settle that country.

With the declaration of war, the undercurrents of tension break out in direct action. John's school is destroyed, his brother joins the Confederate Army, his favorite pupil cries out against him because John who believes that "violence accomplishes nothing" will not go with him to the Union Army. In the end a sort of harmony is reached through tragedy and suffering, and we see John's ideals living after him.

When they bring his body home to the hills he loved, the preacher says, "He died with love in his heart, a love that says—God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth. He was a good man."

All the people, Union and Confederate, respond "Amen" and promise to rebuild his school.

where he has lived, or out of which he has worked, for fifty years in the service of the Foreign Office, the City, or Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers. The book is a summing up of his impressions of England and the English and the changes that have come to them in this time.

Whether one agrees with all his judgments or not here is a man of intelligence and heart who has had unusual opportunities to see the English at all levels and who has a profound interest in politics, the arts and that vaguer thing called culture.

He was also willing to change his mind with experience. As a young man fresh from study in Germany he thought the country was "games-mad" but later became an enthusiast on cricket and Rugby matches. However he still finds it odd that the BBC should announce an English victory in a cricket match before a national railway strike. Yet this, too, falls in place as part of their steadiness and refusal to be upset by events that would throw more volatile nations into a panic. Common sense, loyalty, dislike of extremists, love of adventure, kindness, will-power and inventive genius are among the virtues he gives them, and he enriches comment with striking examples.

The book follows the chronological order from the reign of Edward VII to the present. It is worth reading for his many stories of informal conversational exchanges between Churchill, Beaverbrook, H. G. Wells, Belloc and other celebrities as well as for its thoughtful assessment of the status and prospects of England. His discussion of present attitudes toward the United States will help Americans to understand some things that may have irritated them.

WYATT EARP, U. S. MARSHAL by Stewart H. Holbrook (Landmark \$1.50). "A sore head," remarked Wyatt Earp, "is much better than being dead." So when a journalist gave him a beautiful Colt revolver with a twelve-inch barrel, he used it for hitting riotous cowboys over the head instead of shooting them. Yet he tamed the rough cowtown of Wichita, arresting 800 men in two years and only shooting one and that just a flesh wound. Then when Dodge City began having trouble—twenty-five men killed in brawls in ten months—they sent for Earp.

This book tells of his career in that city; a western Marshal who believed in keeping order without bloodshed. Of course, the cowboys were sceptical but he convinced them singly or in gangs.

We learn that a motion picture is shortly to be released dealing with Earp's career. Probably the larger part of it will deal with his activities in Arizona. He and his three brothers went to Tombstone as prospectors but arrived too late to stake any likely claim. However, Wyatt's reputation had gone before him, and soon he and his brothers were "law and order" men again in a tough town.

John B. Timmons Receives Master's At U. Of Michigan

John B. Timmons, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wofford C. Timmons of Southern Pines, was awarded a Master's Degree in Business Administration at commencement exercises held at the University of Michigan last Saturday.

Timmons, a graduate of Yale University, saw service as a forward observer with the Field Artillery Corps in Korea.

He will join General Electric in Bridgeport, Conn., in the marketing research department this month. His specialty will be world markets.

Hold-ups of the Wells Fargo stages, a slippery sheriff, Cury Bill's gang and the fight in the O K Corral where Wyatt Earp did shoot to kill make a swift-paced tale of fact hard to better in fiction. The Landmark editors have again chosen an expert writer who knows his subject thoroughly.

It is aimed at the ten to fourteen age.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Adoption Of An Ordinance

The Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines do enact an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES AT REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 1956, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Zoning Ordinance adopted by the Town Council January 12, 1954, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

In section III—Boundaries of Districts, E. Business II Districts, include and add a section to read as follows:

6. All of the block surrounded by S. W. Broad Street, West Illinois Avenue, Bennett Street, and West Massachusetts Avenue not already included in the B I Districts.

SECTION II. Adopted this the 12th day of June, 1956.

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Mayor

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LOUIS SCHEPERS, JR.
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Background Scripture: Acts 27-28.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 67.

Widening Circles

Lesson for June 24, 1956

THE doctor who wrote what we call the book of Acts must have known that his story was not the whole story. He throws his spotlight first on one leader, then on another; occasionally on a whole church. During more than half his book he follows one man, Paul. Luke could not have supposed—for his friend Paul would not have let him make such a mistake—that the story of Paul was the whole story of the church. But he knew that it is men who make Dr. Foreman history. Paul was both outstanding, and typical. He was outstanding in that there is no record in the New Testament of any leader as great as he. He was typical in that for him as for others, Christianity is not a quiet stand-still religion; it must move.

Pioneers

In the book of Acts the reader sees Christianity moving always in one direction: west. It has been going west ever since. But there were already pioneers in other directions. To the north went missionaries into the countries now known as France, Holland, Scandinavia, Great Britain. To the south went the pioneer Christians who founded the churches along the southern side of the Mediterranean and even penetrated up the Nile. To the east went pioneers who brought the Gospel to what is now Iraq. It was not long before there were Christians as far away as India. The Book of Acts closes with Paul in the world-capital of Rome. But the story of the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Christian church is still being told. It is an unfinished story. It will always be an unfinished story so long as there are persons yet to be won. Life Magazine carried a story about the martyrdom of some young missionaries to the Aucas, a tribe of Indians in darkest Ecuador. It is safe to say that most of the readers of Life had not heard of the Aucas before. Indeed most American church members had never heard of them. But the point is, some Christians had, and to hear was to want to go and tell them the story of Jesus. Now there are five dead missionaries, and five widows—but it is safe to predict that some of these will go back, and others will follow, and one day it will be as safe to live among the Aucas as it is on your own street. You cannot stop the pioneers.

A world religion

Why has the Bible been translated into so many hundreds of languages? Not for fun. They don't just translate the Bible into (say) Mayan, and then start looking for some Mayans to try it on. It is the other way around. First some missionaries go to the Mayans, and they win some to Christ. And then both the missionaries and the new Christians want a Bible in the language of the land, so some one starts to translate it into Mayan, and after some years of hard work there appears a Mayan New Testament. Some day the Old will appear too. Every translation of the Bible is evidence that missionaries have been at work. If the Christian religion had stayed where it started (it would have died, but let's suppose it lived) there would be no English Bibles, no Latin, no French, only some obscure dialect of Hebrew. The existence of Bibles in English points to the work of missionaries centuries ago who brought not only culture but religion to our wild ancestors.

Miles are made of yards

We talk about the spread of Christianity, and indeed it has spread around the world. But it never spreads any farther at one time than from one person to one person. Drop a stone into a pond and presently the ripples reach every shore. But the first ripple is hardly bigger than the stone. Every road, no matter how long, is made up of very short stretches. Every mile is made of yards, yards are made of inches. You can't cover ten thousand miles without covering every inch of all that distance. A plain church member calling on a neighbor and saying a good word for Jesus Christ may not feel like a "world Christian"; but that is what he is. If the world is ever won for Christ it must be man by man. No less a person than Billy Graham has said that the most effective kind of evangelism in the world is visitation evangelism; one plus one plus one.

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Bookmobile Schedule

WEEK OF JUNE 25


Tuesday—Michael's Store, 9:15 a. m.; Eureka route, 9:45 to 12:45. Stops at Mrs. B. Blue, Velma Primm, Mrs. J. Blue, C. F. Wickler; Mrs. H. A. Blue, Love's Store, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Lewis' house.

Thursday—Inman, 9:45 a. m.; Highfalls, 10 a. m.; Putnam, 11:15 a. m.; Glendon, 12:30 p. m.; Miss Alma Edwards, 1 p. m.; Miss Irene Nicholson, 2 p. m.; and Carthage, 2:30 p. m.

Friday—Jackson Springs Community. Stops at W. E. Graham, 9:45 a. m.; Post office, 10:15 a. m.; Carl Tucker's house, 10:45 a. m.; Philip Boroughs' house, 11:15 a. m.; Adele McDonald, 11:45 a. m.; George Hunt, 12:15 p. m.; and Pinehurst, 2 p. m.

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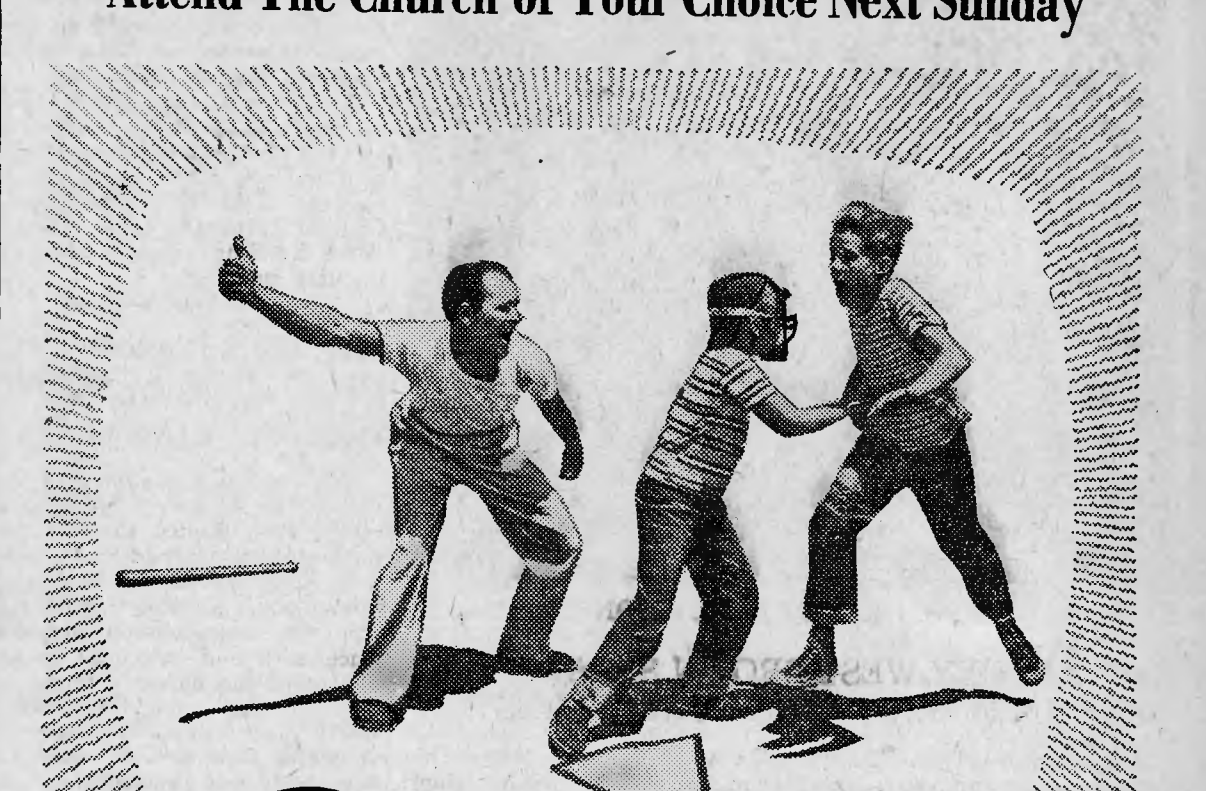
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But thus baseball helps to build men. A fellow learns how to lose. And that's the first step in learning how to win. But the biggest lessons of life no sportsman teach. On a higher tier than sportsmanship, teamwork and the desire to win are **FAITH, BROTHERHOOD, AND DEDICATION OF LIFE.** These are the ingredients of spiritual victory—the fabric of God-inspired manhood at its best.

We can rightly be proud of our sandlots and Little Leagues. But the character of American manhood depends most of all on our churches.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Romans	8	28-39
Monday	Romans	12	1-9
Tuesday	Romans	14	10-23
Wednesday	Romans	15	1-13
Thursday	James	4	1-17
Friday	1 Peter	1	1-21
Saturday	1 Peter	3	8-18

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