



# Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**BOSWELL IN SEARCH OF A WIFE, 1766-69**, edited by Frank Brady and Frederick A. Pottle (McGraw-Hill \$6.00). Call him naive or call him candid, no one has given us so vivid a picture of the life of the gentry in the 18th century as Boswell—their virtues and vices, their pleasures and problems.

In the famous biography of Johnson, Boswell was somewhat limited by his subject but there is no limit to the range of his interests in his journals and letters. This is the fifth volume that has appeared since the happy discovery of his private papers and brings Boswell's ebullient youth to a climax as he takes up his practice at the bar, acquires a country estate, gets down to writing a real book and decides to marry. Readers of the earlier volumes need no recommendation of describing his own moods and motives and giving us casual close-ups of the famous men of his day.

Readers who missed the earlier books will find in the editors' introduction a concise account of Boswell's life up to the spring day in 1766 when he sat down and wrote to his friend, William Temple, "Many a curious letter have you had from me in different situations. A more extraordinary one than this you never had." He is in love with the gardener's daughter and dreaming of "delightful nuptials," but he also knows very well what is becoming to a Boswell of Auchinleck Castle, so he runs away, fleeing to a fashionable watering place where he promptly falls in love again.

There is much of love and passion in this book and it ends—surprisingly enough—with Boswell making a marriage highly creditable to both his heart and his head and that against the opposition of his formidable father. But the book is not all love. There is a good deal about the law courts, religion, the Corsican affair, and there is much about dinners and other social occasions when he conversed with distinguished gentlemen, including the great Samuel Johnson.

There are letters from Voltaire, William Pitt, General Paoli. But the chief attraction is the volatile and ingenious Boswell himself. Speaking of the family temperament he says, "There are two ways of viewing it. Either this: there is a distemper in that family, all crack-brained; or this: that family is remarkable for genius and worth, though they have a cast of melancholy, often the attendant of distinguished minds."

The editors have done a skillful job of arranging the material, so that Boswell's search for a wife proceeds with the narrative force of a good, though somewhat discursive novel.

**MIRACLE IN THE MOUNTAINS** by Harnett T. Kane with Inez Henry (Doubleday \$3.95). The subtitle of this interesting book is "The inspiring story of Martha Berry's crusade for the mountain people of the South," and it is only by reading the fine print on the cover that one realizes what the "miracle" is. Yet it was indeed a miracle as we realize when we read this story of Martha Berry and the fight she waged against poverty and illiteracy in Georgia. There is little in her early life to account for her crusade. She was the daughter of a rich Southern planter, accustomed to a happy life in a normal family of children—six girls and two boys—in Rome, Georgia, where she was born in 1868. Miss Berry died in 1942.

The first school was started one Sunday afternoon when she was sitting reading in a little log cabin on her father's plantation, and two forlorn, ignorant mountain boys peered in at her. She asked them to come in and read Bible stories to them. This was their first experience with the written word, and they were so interested that when she asked them to come again the next Sunday, they not only came but brought their parents. From then on more and more children and parents came, and the Berry schools were born.

For these schools, this young, pretty woman gave up her fiancée,—in fact, her whole life. The school started as a day school but eventually a dormitory for teenage boys was added and later one for girls.

Today it has the largest campus of any college in the world. As we read of Miss Berry's struggles to raise money for the schools, we are reminded of those other dedicated people, Dr. Schweitzer in Africa and Lawrence Mellon in Haiti. All have the same unselfish missionary spirit and "a faith that can move mountains."

—JANE H. TOWNE

**I LOVE A LASS** by Elizabeth Cadell (Morrow \$3.50) If you are looking for something light and gay with no social problems, here it is. Elizabeth Cadell has proved herself mistress of the art of civilized entertainment before, witness

## Bert Premo Wins Sales Award From Cooper Cass Co.

Bert Premo of Southern Pines, central eastern North Carolina representative of the Cooper D. Cass Company, has been awarded a \$300 check for building an outstanding sales record in July, August and September, the company recently announced.

Premo's award, which was for sales of Thermo-Fax copying machines, was presented by W. K. Hoyt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel. The Cass company, which is distributor for the copying machines in North Carolina, maintains home offices in Winston-Salem.

Premo's check will cover a week's expenses for two in Miami, Fla.

## Hobbs Addresses Sanford Insurance Agents Thursday

James D. Hobbs of Southern Pines, a recent delegate to the National Association of Life Underwriters meeting in Washington, spoke to the Sanford unit of the association at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday.

Hobbs explained in detail the various business conducted at the meeting and told of the ground-breaking ceremonies held to begin construction on the new NALU headquarters in Washington.

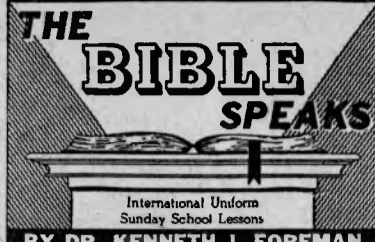
The meeting was held at the Wilrick Hotel.

"Around the Rugged Rock," "The Lark Shall Sing," etc. This book is a trifle frothier than usual with two gay young bachelors stranded by a strike at St. Malo where they are practically kidnapped by a dusty and domineering French countess who wants to be driven to a chateau that is not on any map or any signpost. Buying an aged and decrepit taxi they start out with their baggage, the countess, an active small boy and the suitcase of an almost bride who follows them.

As always, the conversation, sparkle, the complications get more and more fantastic, and the characters are uncommonly likeable. The background of the old chateau and the unspoiled French village of Choisy are as charming as you could dream up. Everyone has a good time, including the reader.

**TRUE LOVE FOR JENNY** by Mebane Holoman Burgwyn (Lippincott \$2.75). Here is a well known North Carolina author, this time with a lively and sympathetic story about Jenny's sophomore year at high school. Mrs. Burgwyn has already made her reputation with teen-agers by "Moonflower," which was published last year and is on the new Chapel Hill list of a hundred outstanding books about North Carolina.

This time her young heroine has a series of difficulties, triumphs, fun and heartaches, are described with emotional sincerity. Despite the title—possibly designed to lure the girls—Jenny's problems are not all concerned with how to get her mother. Her relationship with her mother forms a major theme in the book, and we see the two of them working through a period of strain and mutual irritation to a deeper understanding. We also share Jenny's anxieties about winning recognition as a person among her schoolmates. As the climax of her eventual year, Jenny gleams a nugget of wisdom which the thoughtful reader will recognize as a thread that has been skillfully woven into the whole plot.



Background Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 1:18-21; Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 3:14-22

## Suffering for Us

Lesson for November 4, 1956

IN THE days when a running man could overtake a carriage that was in no hurry, a Christian man named Philip was led to run up close to a very handsome carriage—they called it a chariot—in which sat a man reading aloud to himself. Something about the way he was reading,

made Philip, now jogging along beside the carriage, ask the rider a question. For the man was reading aloud from a book which is no doubt owned by every reader of this column, a book which to this very day outsells all others, every month of every year: the Bible. Philip didn't ask the man where he got the book, or what he thought of it, much less what the book was. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The distinguished stranger admitted he did not. But he was so eager to find out that he invited this unknown pedestrian to ride with him. He was reading a chapter from Isaiah, the very same one that is our lesson scripture this week. It is all about "my servant," that is, God's servant. But who is this servant? The prophet himself, or somebody else? Could Philip please explain?

**Dr. Foreman**

The book is 25 centuries old, the story of Philip about 19 centuries ago; but that chapter is still a favorite with Christians. The Church today gives essentially the same answer Philip gave: this is a prophecy about Jesus. Even those Christians who doubt whether the prophet originally set out to describe the historic Jesus of Nazareth agree that the picture fits Jesus remarkably well. Most of the Christian church says not only that, but Jesus is the only person the description does fit remarkably well. It is a fair question: Would the first Christians, such as Philip, have thought this to be a prophecy of Christ if Jesus had never thought so himself? Are we to say that Jesus was less bright than his followers? The beauty and power of this great chapter from Isaiah do not come from accuracy in details; it is pretty difficult to make all the details match exactly the facts of Jesus' life. Nevertheless this chapter is more than beautiful in language and thought; it is powerful in giving us, in a few sentences, the central spirit and underlying intention of Jesus' life. It is this: What he endured and suffered, in life and in death, he suffered and endured not for himself alone but for others, for us.

## A Prophet Sees Christ

**Levels of Suffering**  
Suffering can be undergone on different levels, as it were. At lowest level there is mere pain, the kind known by animals. The beast does not think about it, animals around him do not; he simply suffers. At the next level there is pain suffered and resented, by human beings. Above this is pain which is suffered bravely, even defiantly, by a stoic ("I am the captain of my soul"). Above this again is pain which is borne with resignation not because it is necessary, but because God wills it. On a still higher level is suffering which is offered to God as a sacrifice—all the sufferer may have to give. As high as this, if not higher, is suffering which is undergone for the sake of others, as a mother for her child. The suffering of Christ, the church believes, is on a plane even higher than all these, though it is like some that have been mentioned. For his sufferings were for men and women everywhere, always.

**"He Poured Out His Soul"**  
The tragedy of Jesus, taken as a human tragedy alone, is saddening. "To what purpose was all this waste?"—we ask Judas' old question as the alabaster box pours forth its treasure. If we remember that this was not only a man but God, undergoing this tragic darkness shot with "lightning of his pain," we can understand a little better (but dimly, for the opaqueness of our selfish minds) what the suffering of Jesus meant and means. It was for us; he bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; he made himself an offering for sin. You remember the girl who said to her older sister: "Oh, sometimes I wish I could take all the miseries of the world and put them on my shoulders!"

And the older sister said, "Didn't you know Jesus did that, long ago?"

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## Bookmobile Schedule

Monday—Aberdeen School, 10; Roseland route: Marvin Hartsell, 1:15; Calvin Laten, 1:30; H. M. Kirk, 1:45; C. S. Galyean, 2; Colonial Heights, 2:30.

Wednesday—Mt. Carmel route: Art Zenns, 10; Sandy Black, 10:15; Lloyd Chriscoe, 10:30; H. A. Freeman, 10:45; Mrs. Whitaker, 11; Vernon Lisk, 11:15; Daniel Boone, 11:30; John Davis 11:45; Fred Richardson, 12; Herbert Harris, 12:15; Tracy Seawell, 12:30; Miss Bamel Gordon, 12:45; S. E. Hannon, 1; Eulis Vest, 1:15; Mrs. Pearl Frye, 1:30; Mrs. Joyce Haywood, 1:45; John Willard, 2; Miss Geraldine Baldwin, 2:15.

Thursday—Robbins route: K. C. Maness, 10; Miss Vera Powers, 10:30; G. S. Williams, 10:45; Mrs. Ethel Morgan, 11; Mrs. Etta Morgan, 11:15; Yarbroughs Store, 11:30; Mrs. Audrey Moore, 12; E. C. Derreberry, 12:30; Taic Mine, 1; Carthage, 2.

Friday—White Hill route: W. E. Horne, 10; R. H. Hendricks, 10:30; Danny Clark, 10:45; Lynn Thomas, 11:15; Wesley Thomas, 11:30; Albert Denny, 11:45; Bill Cameron, 12; Arthur Gaines, 12:15; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 12:30; J. E. Phillips, 12:45; Miss Eason, 1; Dunrovin Station, 1:15.

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Though outside it is a bright sunny day and the woods and fields and streams beckon, they are here, in God's house, at prayer.

They'd like the country and the world to know that despite all this alarming "juvenile delinquency" there are good teen-agers too.

There are teen-agers who have been instructed in the Christian way of life, and who have discovered what the Church can mean to them.

## 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
Sunday	Corinthians	3	1-23
Monday	Job	32	6-22
Tuesday	Isaiah	1	10-23
Wednesday	Ezekiel	18	19-32
Thursday	Philippians	3	1-21
Friday	Titus	1	1-16
Saturday	1 John	1	1-10

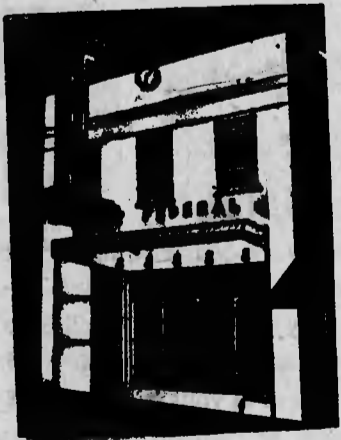
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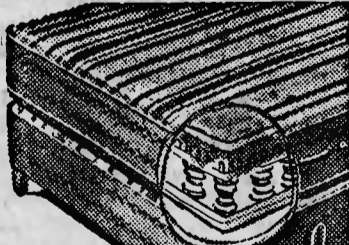
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Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

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

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East Massachusetts Ave.  
Martin Caldwell, Rector  
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (First Sundays and Holy Days, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.)  
Family Service, 9:30 a.m.  
Church School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Young Peoples' Service League, 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion, Wednesdays and Holy Days, 10 a.m. and Friday, 9 a.m.

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Worship Service, 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings, 7:30. Fourth Sunday morning, 11 a.m.  
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Mid-week service Thursday at 8 p.m.

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