



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

A NOSTALGIA FOR CAMELS by Christopher Rand (Little, Brown \$3.95). Mr. Rand knows a good deal about Asia, but his book will not make you an authority on the subject, able to tell the State Department what they should do, for Mr. Rand is a modest man. Though he spent considerable time in the East and travelled into some of the less known parts, he confesses to some ordinary tourist curiosities such as wondering what an opium den was like. It turned out to be mildly interesting and just an everyday affair to those most concerned, including the manager who said that trade was fairly good but that he was having trouble getting supplies of good quality.

I found uncommonly pleasing Mr. Rand's quiet way of telling just what did arouse his curiosity, how he went about satisfying it and exactly what people said and did, what they looked like and what clothes they wore. It leaves you with singularly sharp impressions of individuals from the old Malay fisherman, "the human radar," to Harvey Slocum, construction engineer, building with great gusto a dam for India that will be the largest outside the United States.

Prize example of the author's way of pursuing the queries of his own mind and finding no world-shaking answers but a certain illumination of the mind of the Asiatic is his title story. Rand had a scholarly friend from Central Asia who spoke of camels with "great depth of feeling," particularly the "buta." Now camels are to the Westerner unlikely objects of affection, so Rand wondered why his friend felt that way and spent several hours and bottles of beer in trying to find out.

Some chapters appeared previously in the New Yorker.

THE LADY by Conrad Richter (Knopf \$3.00). This short novel, whose scene is New Mexico, is a fine piece of writing and a gem of its kind. One thinks of a portrait of some proud lady of the Renaissance with shadowy figures of retainers, tradesmen, servants in the background. The Dona Elena of the story is seen through the eyes of an adolescent boy left orphaned in a frontier town by the unexplained disappearance of his father. Ugly rumors begin to circulate about the reasons for the disappearance, and the boy is threatened with social ostracism in addition

to his other troubles, when "The Lady," a distant cousin by marriage, comes to his rescue. She is rich, beautiful, generous, daughter of a Mexican mother and an English father.

The boy falls under her feminine spell but he has heard tales of her Spanish temper and is also aware of and afraid of another quality in her character, a ruthlessness, an inability to believe she is subject to ordinary rules. True, that is why she can and does take into her home a boy she has never noticed before just when the respectable begin to shun him, that is why she is so wonderful to the Mexican peons and servants on her ranch, but this regal quality has its dangers when her will is crossed.

In effect, the plot is a dramatic development of the consequences that follow the logical acts of such a character, a lady whom many were willing to shield from the results of her waywardness but whom, in the last analysis, they cannot protect from the fate inherent in her own character. Yet she remains so gallant, such an example of lonely courage facing the thoroughly deserved bludgeons of fate that we are relieved when the author, at the last moment, spares her the final insult of poverty.

THE CROWN TREE by LeGette Blythe (John Knox \$3.50). Such New Testament giants as Peter, Paul, Luke and Barnabas stride across the pages of this latest religious novel by LeGette Blythe. Knitting up separate threads of their lives is the adventure-filled story of a fictional character named Longinus. But the novel's real hero is the budding Christian Church itself.

Opening with the first Easter, "The Crown Tree" tells the story of the early Church by telling the personal stories of the men and women who built it. The tree's growth symbolizes the spread of this new religion. Sticking closely to the facts from the Bible and history, Blythe fills in the picture-making details for a variety of scenes. He covers the stoning of Stephen, the first martyr; Peter raising Dorcas from death; public and private life in Rome and Jerusalem; Saul's conversion on the burning road to Damascus. He carries the growth of the Church to the decisions by Peter and Paul to accept Gentiles into the fellowship.

This is the first of a series of three books designed to tell the human story of how the Chris-

tian Church was born and developed.

THE SHORT REIGN OF PIP-PIN IV, a Fabrication by John Steinbeck (Viking \$3.00). This book has been getting so much lambasting from the critics that I do not want to add to it. I would like to point out that Mr. Steinbeck writes better than the average author any time and he seldom repeats himself. This gay satire on French politics is not as funny as it might have been, but he has a good situation, and it is plausible enough to anyone who has heard elderly Frenchmen argue over the relative merits of the Bourbons and Napoleon as heately as men do here over the New Deal and Republican leaders.

When no French party is able to form a government, someone suggests a monarchy, and they choose the oldest royal line of all. A descendant of the Merovingian line, that of Charlemagne, is found—a quiet scholarly gentleman who does not in the least want to be king but can find no way out. Some of the episodes are most amusing, and the story is considerably enlivened by a young American in love with the king's daughter, who wants to introduce American methods into the situation.

How does the touring motorist spend his travel dollar. Here's the breakdown: meals 29 cents; transportation 21 cents; lodging 20 cents; retail purchases 18 cents; theaters and other amusements 7 cents; and admissions to travel attractions 5 cents. That shoots the dollar!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON PETITION TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL FILLING STATION IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES

Pursuant to authority contained in the North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 160, and in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Southern Pines, Chapter "O" notice is hereby given that hearing will be held at the Southern Pines Library at 5:00 P. M. on the 26th day of April, 1957, on a petition of Southern Pines Motor Company and David McCallum, whereby they request the right to construct a filling station on that certain lot in the Business District of the Town of Southern Pines, more particularly identified as follows:

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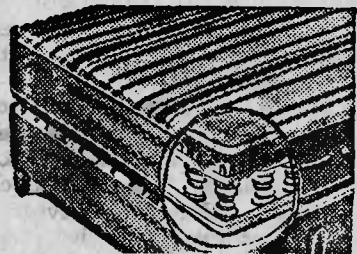
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This notice is published pursuant to instructions by the Town Council of Southern Pines given at its regular meeting on the 9th day April, 1957.

WM. GARY HEAD
Town Clerk

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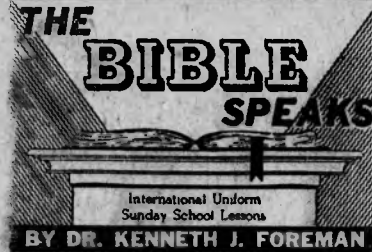
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BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Background Scripture: Matthew 27:35
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-23

God's D-Day

Lesson for April 21, 1957

ONE OF the most famous of Easter hymns begins: "The strife is o'er, the battle done, The Victory of life is won..." Among the many true meanings of Christ's death and resurrection is this: Christ has conquered sin and death. All that death and sin could do to him, was done; yet he "rose a victor o'er the dark domain," as another familiar hymn goes. The last word of Jesus to his disciples, as Matthew reports it, begins—"All authority has been given me..." Easter is not a season for puzzles; and yet all this does raise a question in the minds of both Christians and unbelievers. If it is true that Christ has won for us the victory over sin and death, if it is true that it is He who has the true authority over the world racks along in such a slow, painful, frustrated sort of way? Looking at a slum, or a battlefield, or a cemetery, or a jail, looking at life as it is lived on this planet, would we guess that God had won a tremendous victory over the powers of evil?

Dr. Foreman

D-Day Is Not V-Day
A theologian of our time, Oscar Cullman has given an answer to this in the simplest terms. We live, he says, in the interval, so to speak, between D-Day and V-Day. All who can remember back to June 6, 1944, remember the tremendous victory of that hard-fought D-Day. But the war went on for nearly a year after that. Was D-Day, then, a failure? By no means. With D-Day the war was virtually won. The enemy had little chance, after that; but it took a lot of fighting, and some of it, like the Battle of the Bulge, costly and disheartening. So we are living, in the time between Christ's ascension and his coming again in glory, as it were between D-Day and V-Day.

What God Has Done
What has been accomplished by God's D-Day? One thing is, that God's power has been shown, once and for all. Over and over in the New Testament, especially in the letters of Paul, the power with which God raised Christ from the dead is called the same power that works in Christians. The victory over sin and death which we see in Christ, can be the hope and to an increasing degree the experience of our own lives. There really is a difference between living in the world before Christ and after. All that Christ was and did and said, climaxed by the resurrection, are ever before our minds if we only think. Before Christ, no one on earth really knew what God could do. Since Christ, men of faith do know. The other achievement of D-Day's victory is, for us, sharing in God's certainty of victory which finally shall be complete. One of the easiest and subtlest temptations into which we can fall is to wonder whether God may not at last be overwhelmed by a universe which he created but cannot now control. Realizing what D-Day means, we need never have such fears.

What We Must Do
Calvary and Easter have practical messages for the Christian. They are not mere admiration-days, when we can sing happily about what God has done. They are challenge-days calling us to thought, attitude, action, as befits children of the mighty God. As for death, we can see clear through it. Christ has shown us the glory on the other side. As for sin, Christ bore our sins with Him "to the tree" as Peter said. The power that wrought in Him is available for us in our struggles against evil. But there is something more than this. John Baillie speaks of our era, between the time of Jesus and the end of time, as "the years of grace," that the great task of Christians is just the very thing which Matthew leaves with his readers as the climax of his story of Christ. "All authority has been given me... therefore—(sit down and be at ease? wait quietly for the end? spend your time singing my praises? no, none of these.)—therefore GO, and Make Disciples." The going, winning Christian is the one in whom the victory of Easter moves on toward final triumph.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday — Mount Carmel Route: Art Zenns, 10; Sandy Black, 10:15; Lloyd Chriscoe, 10:30; E. F. Whitaker, 10:45; H. A. Freeman, 11; Vernon Lisk, 11:15; John Davis, 11:30; Fred Richardson, 11:45; Mrs. Herbert Harris, 12; Mrs. Roberta Lawhon, 12:15; Tracy Seawell, 12:30; Miss Rumell Gorden, 12:45; S. E. Hanner, 1; Eulis Vest, 1:15; Mrs. Pearl Frye, 1:30; Mrs. Joyce Haywood, 1:45; John Willard, 2; C. L. Baldwin, 2:15.

Wednesday—Aberdeen School, 10; Roseland Route: Marvin Hartsell, 12:30; Calvin Laton, 12:45; H. M. Kirk, 1; C. S. Galyean, 1:15; Colonial Hts., 1:30; Mrs. J. J. Greer, 2:15; Pinebluff, 3.

Thursday — Robbins Route: Perry Smith, 10; K. C. Maness, 10:15; G. S. Williams, 10:30; Mrs. Etta Morgan, 10:45; Audrey Moore, 11; E. C. Derberry, 11:15; Talc Mine, 11:30; Robbins

School, 12; Elise High School, 1; Robbins Library, 1:30; Carthage, 2:30.

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

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Easter is the time of promise, beauty, awe at the miracle of birth and rebirth. Easter is the time to let the joy of living seep into you. It is the time to tell yourself that you believe... and, if there's been any doubt about it, to start believing again.

Spend part of your Easter in Church. Spend the rest of it looking, with new eyes, at the wonderland God has created around you.

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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'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	Mark	16	1-20
Monday	Matthew	28	1-20
Tuesday	I Corinthians	15	1-23
Wednesday	I Corinthians	15	28-58
Thursday	Hebrews	12	1-28
Friday	Revelation	21	1-27
Saturday	Revelation	22	1-21

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Family Service, 9:30 a.m.
Church School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Young Peoples' Service League, 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, Wednesdays and Holy Days, 10 a.m. and Friday, 9:30.
Saturday—6 p.m. Penance.

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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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
New Hampshire Ave.
Sunday Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
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THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)
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Wolford C. Timmons, Minister
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Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people), The Forum.
Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

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Grover C. Currie, Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Women of the Church meeting, 8 p.m., second Tuesday.
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