



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

FOR THE LIFE OF ME by Robert Briscoe with Alden Hatch (Little, Brown \$5.00). This book is gay and tragic and thoroughly Irish. The Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin has had an eventful life and it suited him. This account of it includes a good bit of history, enough action for a dozen tales of adventure and an irresistible sauce of humor. As a sample of the last two just try the chapter on "Saving the Soul of Charley McGuinness."

Born in 1894 of strictly Jewish parents—his father had emigrated from Lithuania—young Robert Briscoe grew up in Dublin and loved it. From the first he was a hearty lad, taking more honors in sports than in academic subjects. In 1912 his father apprenticed him to an exporting firm in Germany. This business training and the connections made there were later to prove very useful to the Irish Republicans.

It was after the Easter Rising in 1916 that young Briscoe, who had just made a good start in business in America, decided he must take an active part in the fight for Irish independence. Then adventures begin. It was largely guerilla warfare, as the bold boys of Ireland plucked hairs from the beard of the British lion. Briscoe had his share of this, but was most effective at running guns and ammunition from Germany. It was bitter, ruthless fighting and it went on for five years.

Then came the truce with England that split the Irish Republican party in two. There followed the tragic days of fighting their old comrades.

Eventually the Irish Republican Army had to surrender to the superior forces of the Irish Free State, but led by De Valera they won by constitutional means most of the things they had been fighting for. Briscoe became a deputy. Naturally he had to take time out now and then to run refugees into Israel or help arm the underground fighters there in their struggle for independence.

All this is recounted with the relish of someone who enjoys a good fight, but it was grim, too. This man's devotion to the cause of independence was a matter of

conscience not a love of adventure, and it entailed great risks and sacrifices. As an "Irishman by conviction" he was one of the last to give up the fight and consent to follow his leader in trying constitutional means.

With or without an interest in the struggle for Irish independence most readers will find this book enjoyable.

THE PROSPECTS ARE PLEASING

by Honor Tracy (Random \$3.50). This, too, is a tale of Ireland but rollicking comedy as might be expected from the author of "The Straight and Narrow Path." The subject is Art and Irish patriots and, as one member of the Art Committee remarks, "Common sense flies out of the window when patriotism comes in at the door."

In short, the book deals with the lunatic fringe who have gotten in the habit of blaming the British for all the ills of the land and continue to do so, producing some delightfully absurd characters such as the handsome old gentleman who complains regularly to the British Embassy that the seagulls are persecuting him.

The main plot concerns a fantastic scheme to recover from a London gallery one of three paintings bequeathed to it by a Spanish artist "in memory of happy days spent at Yarmouth, Ramsgate and Ballybunion." The Irish claim is based on mention of Ballybunion, and Tommy Driscoll is secretly despatched to London to steal the picture and bring it to Ireland.

Tommy is a dreamy youth and not very brave or resourceful except in his own imagination, but he meets up in London with the insouciant Felix Horniman, and Miss Tracy has a chance to contrast the Irish and British temperaments, a theme she loves.

There is plenty of action in this story and almost as much suspense as a mystery, but most of all it sparkles with wit and comic situations.

LORETTA MASON POTTS

by Mary Chase (Lippincott \$3.50). Here is one of those rare mixtures of realism and fantasy that are so enthralling to the imaginative person, child or adult. Needless to say the author of

that mad, captivating play, "vey," knows how to do it; you plan to give this book ten or twelve-year-old for Christmas don't miss the chance to read it first.

Ten-year-old Colin Mason not know he had an older sister until he heard two women talking about her at the grocery store—"an awful, bad girl," he sets out to find her and covers a most unusual path makes exciting reading, but only the beginning. It is the wayward and eerie Lord comes back to live with the o Masons that Colin learns the cret of her strangeness and attachment to the black where lights flicker at night.

When he, too, crosses the strait bridge to the castle surprise things happen and once disas looms for all the children, Colin's courage and ingenuity take them through, that and Mrs. Mcourthouse lawn all the sick, the son's indomitable motherliness along to that com unity, you might think it a pretty sickly town. Nowadays we keep our sick folk carefully out of sight. But is it different here people with all sort of diseases are to be seen on every street. It was different in Palestine Jesus' time. One late afternoon, he read, they brought all the sick people in town (including some mentally ill) to the house where Jesus was staying, and collected round the door, a melancholy

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 8:1-17; Mark 1:23-34a.

Devotional Reading: Matthew 9:35-38.

Body and Soul

Lesson for November 16, 1958

DRIVING through the typical American community, the visitor gets the impression that healthy people live here. All the persons he sees are able-bodied and active. But if you laid out on the Mcourthouse lawn all the sick, the lame or the incapacitated, who belong to that community, you might think it a pretty sickly town. Nowadays we keep our sick folk carefully out of sight. But is it different here people with all sort of diseases are to be seen on every street. It was different in Palestine Jesus' time. One late afternoon, he read, they brought all the sick people in town (including some mentally ill) to the house where Jesus was staying, and collected round the door, a melancholy



Dr. Foreman

RESCUE DOG OF THE HIGH PASS by Jim Kjelgaard (Doubleday \$3.00). Unable to find reliable facts about how the greys called St. Bernards first in the Orient, came to the Alpine Hospice where they help the monks with their rescue work, Jim Kjelgaard has constructed a plausible and dramatic story about it. With keen feeling for animals he has made a real character of Caesar, the first dog to be accepted by the monks as helper.

Caesar belonged to Franz Halleght, a Swiss boy who was the despair of his parents because he did not get on in school and showed no aptitude for farming, herding, and goats or any practical occupation. He only liked to roam the woods with Caesar. At a crisis in the affairs of the village priest proposed that he go and help the monks of the St. Bernard Hospice in their work and even gets permission for him to take Caesar. A new life opens up for both. Franz feels wanted, useful, happy.

But, as winter closes in, it is found that Caesar eats too much and the order is given to send him back to the village, a tragic moment for boy and dog. Then a blizzard comes, and the uncanny talent of the dog for finding people buried deep in snow is proved again and the day is saved.

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Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Helen Flanagan

Mrs. Helen Maney Flanagan, 65, retired school teacher, died Saturday at St. Josephs Hospital.

Requiem Mass was held Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield, Mass., with burial in St. Bernards Cemetery in Fitchburg, Mass.

She had made her home with her sister and only immediate survivor, Mrs. J. J. Spring.

Top foreign markets for U. S. farm products last year were the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, West Germany and the Netherlands.

NORTH CAROLINA MOORE COUNTY NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Charles L. Baxter, deceased, late of Moore County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of October, 1958, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of October, 1958.

Mary B. Baxter
Executrix of the Estate of
Charles L. Baxter
Southern Pines, North Carolina.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MOORE ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

The undersigned, Marie Cecelia Wicker, having duly qualified as the administratrix of the estate of Marvin Stacy Wicker, deceased, late of the above named county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Marvin Stacy Wicker, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claims to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 1958, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to Marvin Stacy Wicker, deceased, are hereby requested to make said indebtedness known to the undersigned immediately. This the 16th day of October, 1958.

MARIE CECILIA WICKER

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday—Mt. Carmel Rt. Mrs. Art Zenns, 10; Mrs. Sandy Black, 10:15; Mrs. Lloyd Chriscoe, 10:30; Mrs. E. F. Whitaker, 10:45; Mrs. H. A. Freeman, 11; Mrs. Vernon Lisk, 11:45; Mrs. V. L. Wilson, 12; Mrs. Coy Richardson, 12:15; Mrs. Herbert Harris, 12:30; Mrs. A. A. Lawhon, 12:45; Mrs. Tracy Seawell, 1; Miss Rumel Gordon, 1:10; Mrs. S. E. Hannon, 1:20; Mrs. Joyce Haywood, 1:35; Mrs. John Willard, 1:50.

Wednesday—Roseland Rt. Mrs. H. M. Kirk, 10; Mrs. W. E. Brown, 10:45; Mrs. Calvin Eaton, 11; Mrs. Marvin Hartsell, 11:15; Mrs. W. R. Robeson, 11:30; Mrs. R. E. Morton, 11:45; Mrs. C. S. Galyean, 12; Colonial Hts, 12:15; Mrs. J. J. Greer, 1:15.

Thursday—Robbins Rt. Mrs. Perry Smith, 10:15; Mrs. K. C. Maness, 10:30; Mrs. Janie McNeill, 10:45; Mrs. G. S. Williams, 11; Mrs. Etta Morgan, 11:15; Mrs. James Allen, 11:30; Mrs. Audrey Moore, 11:45; Miss Beatrice Sheffield, 12; Mrs. E. C. Derreberry, 12:10; Talc Mine, 12:25; Mrs. Vernon Allen, 12:45.

Friday—White Hill Rt. Mrs. J. V. Eason, 10:15; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 10:30; Mrs. Arthur Salmon, 11; Mrs. Arthur Gaines, 11:15; Bill Cameron, 11:30; Mrs. A. D. Denny, 11:45; Mrs. Wesley Thomas, 11:55; Mrs. Lynn Thomas, 12:10; Mrs. Dan Clark, 12:45; Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 1; Mrs. W. E. Horne, 1:15; Mrs. W. E. Horne Jr., 1:30; Mrs. J. L. Danley, 1:45.

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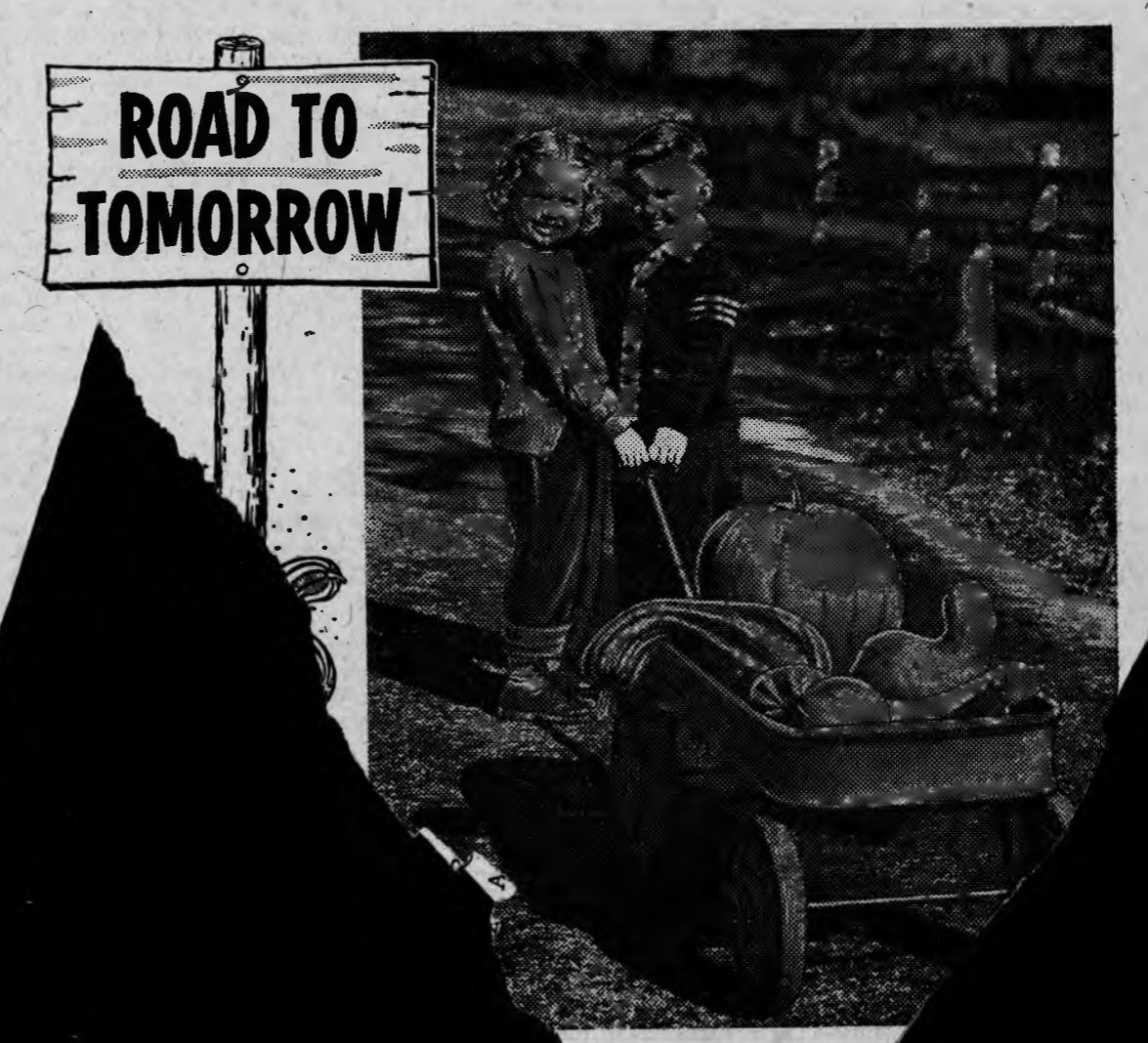
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