



# Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**A TIME IN ROME** by Elizabeth Bowen (Knopf \$4.00). This is not like any travel book that I have ever read. "Many Romans under the Empire were bad sleepers; insomnia, I learn, was a fairly general condition." So unexpected, so captivating are the excursions of the author's mind into the rich vistas of Rome's history. Miss Bowen studied the famed city deliberately on foot one late winter and early spring; for "knowledge of Rome must be physical, sweated into the system, worked up into the brain through the thinning shoe-leather."

She saw the city alone, too, without guide or companion in her walks, almost without conversation—"wherever possible I avoid talking. . . I love to be left in a beatific trance when I am in one." The result is a good deal more Bowen than guide-book. We get the reflections, the fancies stimulated in the mind of a first-rate novelist by the monuments, the ruins, the palaces and gardens of Rome. There is one exception. In Chapter Two, Miss Bowen takes you on a guided tour of the Forum, determined to place every building geographically and historically.

Otherwise you never know where you will find her, whether in the underground temple of Mithras, legging it along the Appian Way, cheering on the soldiers of Garibaldi as they attack the Janiculum or visiting the newest English cemetery. Her favorite period is that of the early Roman Empire and, being a novelist and a woman, she is at her best when she tries to imagine what the life of the Vestal Virgins was like or that of the Empress Livia. Then there is a dramatic recounting of the dealings of St. Paul with the Roman authorities in which Miss Bowen shows considerable sympathy for the puzzled Roman officials.

But imaginative reconstruction of the past is not all the fare. There is always the deep undercurrent of the enchantment that Rome was to the author's senses—sight, sound, taste and smell—and her genius for expressing these sensations. Once on the Palatine she overheard a young Italian say to his beloved, "This beautiful house of sensation in which we live," and it is in this

spirit that Miss Bowen records her love affair with Rome and justifies her insistence on seeing it close-up, on foot and alone.

**CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS** by Agatha Christie (Dodd, Mead \$2.95). It is astounding how gay this lady can make her murder mysteries. From the opening page, on the opening day of the most elegant girls' school in England, we are highly entertained not only by our wonder that murder can possibly enter so well regulated an institution but by a whole series of interesting characters from a too personable gardener to an Eastern Princess and the admirable Miss Bullstrode who heads the institution.

As for the mystery itself, it gets more and more baffling as one school mistress after another gets murdered and poor Inspector Kelsey cannot see why nor can anyone else. It takes the clear eyes of an imaginative child to see and untie the first knot, and she very wisely consults Hercule Poirot who—but you know Hercule Poirot and what surprising conclusions he reaches for the most excellent reasons.

**PRIDE OF POSSESSION** by James Street and Don Tracy (Lippincott \$3.75). This is a story about the boy, Kiah McCable, and his two dogs, Crips and Gravy. Don Tracy has taken two short stories of James Street's and combined their themes in this novel of boys, dogs and mountain people. I do not know the stories, but the narrative hangs together, and the central situation, a boy of thirteen adjusting to the tragic death of the father who was his hero, to loss of the big house and his mother's emotional reactions to both situations, makes an adequate short novel and pleasant reading.

Characteristic of both Street and Tracy is the affectionate picture given of the mountain people, including a literary moonshiner and some Snowbird Indians. There is also a knowledgeable portrayal of the activities, conversation and volatile emotions of the thirteen-year-old Kiah, his Indian contemporary, Hooty, and Kiah's serene girl friend, Puddin' Tayne. In fact, I found the passages between these youngsters



THE REV. R. C. MOONEY, JR.

## Evangelistic Services Will Begin Sunday

A week of Evangelistic Services at the Southern Pines Methodist Church will begin Sunday, March 20, and will continue through Friday, March 25, with services each evening at 7:30.

The Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., pastor of the church, will be the preacher and the Rev. Robert Moore, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church, will be the song leader. There will be special music, as well as congregational singing, each evening. The local High School Glee Club will sing on Tuesday evening and the choir of the First Baptist Church and Thomas R. Howerton will sing on Thursday evening. There will be special music by other groups on other evenings, as well as special music by the church's choirs.

"These services will be held as a part of the Tri-District Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church," Mr. Mooney said. "During the months of March and April such services will be held in every charge of the Conference. The goal will be to enrich and deepen the spiritual life of Christians and church members, and to win non-Christians for Christ and His Church."

All Methodists are urged to attend these services and people of all faiths and churches of the community and surrounding communities are invited.

The most enjoyable part of the book.

**THE STORY OF YANKEE WHALING** by Irwin Shapiro in consultation with Edouard A. Stackpole, Curator of The Marine Historical Association (American Heritage \$3.50). This is the first of a series of books designed to acquaint young people from ten up with America's past. They are not a re-hash of books for adults produced by this company but completely new material.

The format is stunning, handsomely reproduced old paintings, maps, photographs, diagrams in color and black and white. About half the space is devoted to this illustrative material, but it is so closely tied in with the text that it adds substantially to the reader's knowledge of how and where whales were hunted, cut up and rendered into oil that lighted homes and shops for a century or more before oil wells began producing in 1859.

Despite the wealth of illustrations, there is room in this big book for a substantial text, which not only gives us sound information on the development of the whaling industry but vivid insight into the lives of the men who participated. Finally there are some thrilling narratives of actual incidents from their adventurous lives, including the strange fate of the ESSEX smashed by a whale and the lurid career of the Young Mutineer who dreamed of a kingdom of his own in the South Seas.

National farm income dropped about 16 per cent in 1959.

**NOTICE**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Anna Patch Blue, deceased, late of Moore County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before March 17, 1961, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Dated this 29th day of February 1960.

CLARA BLUE KIMBALL, Executrix of the Estate of ANNA PATCH BLUE, Deceased.  
Rowe and Rowe, Attorneys, Southern Pines, N. C.

## THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Acts 27:1 through 28:16 Devotional Reading: Psalm 107:23-32.

### Shipwreck

Lesson for March 20, 1960

"ALL these things are against me," said a down-hearted old man once. Even the young and strong get the feeling that certain kinds of things are against them. We all do, more or less. When bad weather sets in; when people won't take our advice; when we see trouble coming and have no way to stop it; when we are alone in the midst of strangers; when we've been in jail for two years; when we are the "low man on the totem pole;"—we feel these things. Dr. Foreman are against us. We seldom think of them as open doors to opportunity.

**Situation Out Of Hand**  
When we are riding the situation, so to speak, when we are in the driver's seat and have everything well in hand; when things are happening because we ordered and arranged things that way; then we sing that everything's coming our way. But when the situation is not in hand, when every thing about the situation is either unexpected or unwanted and nothing good can be said about it, then we groan that everything is against us. Nothing is more depressing than a situation out of hand.

However, there was a remarkable Christian whose story is told in the book of Acts, who never would admit that everything was against him. He always knew God was for him, and that was the main point. Situations might get out of his hands but not out of God's hand. Consider Paul, one of a batch of prisoners aboard a grain-ship on a grey November day, bound across the Mediterranean to the empire's capital.

When he stepped on board he was already at the bottom of the heap. He had been two years in jail, he was then actually shackled with a chain, he was probably not in good health, he had only one or two friends with him, the rest were all prisoners, soldiers and sailors, a pretty rough crowd for a preacher. Not only that, but he had given good advice (Don't sail, the stormy season is starting) but had been turned down. Paul was an old Mediterranean hand, he knew the weather signs. But nobody paid him any mind. Then came the storm and the shipwreck. Read all about it in Acts. It was a narrow squeak.

**Little Man to Big Man**  
The point is, Paul never spent a minute wishing he were in a better situation. He never put in a complaint that all these things were against him. He used the opportunity all these disasters gave him. But he did not use it for himself, he used it for others. To be sure, he could not resist saying in effect "I told you so." But he did not stop with that. He became the most useful and most respected man on the ship. When they started he was just another prisoner, a little man in every sense; when the crash came he was the big man. For one thing, he brought courage to the others by his own faith. He talked language they could not understand. Get something to eat, he said. And don't let anybody steal the life-boat.

**Always A Witness**  
Paul did preach, though. He was not a man to let a chance go by. He preached by his very attitude, but he also gave witness in words. He said just why it was that he was so confident. His faith was not in himself nor in the ship's captain. It was in God. Now it is no news that men pray in hurricanes. But it is news when men in hurricanes do not pray mostly for themselves. There is a lovely touch in what Paul said to the other seafaring men on the stormy deck. The angel of his dream had said to him: "God has granted you all those who sail with you." Paul thinks of his fellow-passengers—even of the soldiers who had him in charge, the crew, everybody—thinks of them as his own because God had given them to him. A man who does not ask special favors for himself, a man who, if he is going to be saved, wants others to be rescued with him—a man like that will get a hearing when he speaks a good word for the God to whom he belongs and whom he serves.

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**Bookmobile Schedule**  
MARCH 22-25  
Tuesday, March 22, Union Church Route — Mrs. O. C. Blackburn, 9:45-9:55; Howard Gschwind, 10:00-10:10; Mrs. Mattie McRae, 10:15-10:25; Parker's Grocery, 10:30-10:35; Elbert Taylor, 10:40-10:45; M. L. Patterson, 10:50-10:55; Mrs. Ina Bailey, 11:11:05; A. C. Bailey, 11:10-11:15; J. M. Briggs, 11:20-11:30; Mrs. Mabel Wood, 11:35-11:40.  
Wednesday, March 23, Schools — Cameron School, 9:45-10:45; Vass-Lakeview School, 11:10-12:10.  
Thursday, March 24, Cameron Route — Sam Taylor, 9:30-9:35; James Hardy, 9:40-9:50; M. M. Routh, 9:55-10; Lloyd Thomas, 10:20-10:30; Mrs. J. A. McPherson, 10:35-10:45; Mrs. H. D. Tally, 10:50-11; J. A. Phillips, Jr., 11:05-11:30; Mrs. Kate H. Phillips, 11:35-11:50; Jesse Maples, 11:55-12:05; Walter McDonald, 12:40-12:50; Wade Collins, 1-1:10; Lewis Marion, 1:15-1:25; Mack Oakley, 1:30-1:35; Lynn Thomas, 1:40-1:50.  
Friday, March 25, Murdockville Route — Ira Garrison, 9:35-9:45; Edwin Black, 9:55-10:05; Finney Black, 10:10-10:20; W. R. Dunlop, 10:25-10:35; Dan Lewis, 10:40-10:50; Miss Margaret McKenzie, 10:55-11; Tom Clayton, 11:05-11:15; Earl Monroe, 11:20-11:25; Mrs. Helen Neff, 12-12:10; Tom Young, 12:15-12:20; J. V. Cole, 12:25-12:35; R. F. Clapp, 12:40-12:45; Art Zennis, 12:50-12:55; Sandy Black, 1:05-1:15; E. F. Whitaker, 1:20-1:30; R. A. Freeman, 1:35-1:40.

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Did you ever notice that small children talk about God with a faith so simple, so beautiful that you cannot question its sincerity? Ask them why they like the rain, for instance, and they may answer, "Because God made it, so the flowers will grow."

Unlike grown-ups, children accept God's order without a doubt. They believe in his love for them as naturally as they get up with the daylight and go to bed with the dark.

In God's eyes, we are all children. . . His children. And what we adults have lost in the way of vision, in the way of faith, must be renewed and replenished with each day and advancing year. We, too, can find God again—and, often, ourselves as well—by going to church, by praying, and by accepting the love He stands so ready to give us.

### 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	II Corinthians	11	12-14
Monday	Matthew	18	1-4
Tuesday	Matthew	21	17-22
Wednesday	John	12	44-50
Thursday	Eccliesiastes	1	8-11
Friday	Psalms	85	4-7
Saturday	Romans	12	1-21

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
New York Ave. at South Ashe St.  
Maynard Mangum, Minister  
Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.  
Training Union, 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 8:30 p.m.  
Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week worship, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; choir practice Wednesday 9:15 p.m.  
Missionary meeting, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Church and family suppers, second Thursday, 7 p.m.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Midland Road  
Robert C. Mooney, Jr., Minister  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  
Junior Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  
WCSA meets each third Monday at 8 p.m.  
Methodist Men meet each third Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**  
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Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.  
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Women's Club meetings: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.  
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Girl Scout Troop No. 118, Monday, 8 p.m.

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Carl E. Wallace, Minister  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young People), The Forum.  
Sunday, 8:30 p.m., The Forum.

**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.

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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 People's Service League, 6 p.m.  
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