



# Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**AMERICAN MEMOIR** by John W. Dodds (Holt, Rinehart & Winston \$4.00). This analysis of changes in popular taste in America since 1900 is both entertaining and informational. It may be most appreciated by those who are old enough to remember Key-stone comedies and Gibson girls, chateaus and bathtub gin, but it will give anyone an overall view of the surprising changes in our mass culture and folkways that have taken place within the space of one lifetime.

With tolerance and good humor the author describes what masses of people have liked in books, houses, magazines, oratory, ads and radio, not only by way of entertainment but in the fields of self improvement, information and general culture. He uses the concrete example effectively as when he begins his chapter on "Best-sellers" with quotations from Tarkington's "Seventeen" and Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye." What a difference in those two boys!

Another chapter is entitled "Success Story: the Business Man as Hero." Professor Dodd follows this through from Horatio Alger's earnest, industrious boys to the Organization Man. Another example of change in this field is that the most successful "how-to-do-it" in this field around 1900 was Orison Sweet Marden's "Pushing to the Front" (250 printings); while in our time it is "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Let the rugged individualists reflect on that.

While taking no rosy view of today's soap operas, confession magazines, horror comics, inane and repetitious movies and television shows, Professor Dodd believes that Americans have made progress since 1900. "Vast num-

bers of Americans are more sophisticated, in the good sense, than they were then—tougher-minded, broader in the scope of their sympathies, less likely to be fooled by pretentious shoddiness."

He has assembled adequate facts and figures to back his opinions, but presents them in an easy, informal manner that makes this book good reading as well as good social history.

**THE NEW AMBASSADORS** by Edwin Gilbert (Lippincott \$4.95). This is an up-to-date novel about Americans in Paris, business men who with missionary zeal are introducing the French to modern refrigeration, cellophane packing, lunch-counter drugstores, supermarkets, diaper service and general American efficiency and convenience.

But this is background. The central figure is Michael John Stoddard, industrial engineer. He is there to supervise the construction of the first supermarket and, at first, a lot of other things he sees make him itch to remodel them, but he is shown as subtly changing until the day comes when he shrinks from the noisy drugstore and looks with deep affection on the leisurely sidewalk cafe.

His appreciation of things French is accelerated by his falling in love with Danielle, an exquisite and cultivated girl of the upper middle class with close family relations. Stoddard is a bit of a wild man who plays as hard as he works, loving whisky, fun, fast driving, gambling, the night spots of Paris. His financial affairs are often in a mess but this never worries him too much since he is confident of his earning power as an industrial engineer.

## Miss Helen Kidd Succumbs at 20

Miss Helen Jeanette Kidd, 20, of Robbins, Route 1, died Wednesday of last week. Funeral services were held Friday at 3 p. m. at Highfalls Methodist Church conducted by the Rev. Jefferson Davis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Kidd, Robbins, Route 1; two brothers, Bobby Kidd of the home and Linton Kidd of Highfalls; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garner, Bennett, Route 2.

of recognized ability. He is also confident of getting what he wants in other fields until Danielle shakes this confidence.

Danielle is as strongly attracted to him as he is to her and does not try to hide this, yet she seems held back by forces she will not discuss. As the love between them deepens, this resistance becomes more frustrating. Slowly it becomes clear that, to a Frenchwoman of her background and connections, "love" is not everything. The problems this raises and their working out are handled with considerable understanding of both characters. The drama of the development of their romance is well sustained and comes to a consistent conclusion.

**STEPHEN MORRIS** by Nevil Shute (Morrow \$3.95). Among the papers of the late Nevil Shute were found two short novels—the first he ever wrote. Since both dealt with the career of Stephen Morris, the publisher has combined them in the present volume.

Not as skillfully constructed as Shute's later tales, these still have many of the qualities for which his readers loved him. First, there is his deep admiration for the virtue of ordinary people. Like Stephen Morris, he "always held that the average human being was a pretty good sort."

Second, there is his respect for the man who knows and loves his work. In this case it is aeronautics which Shute himself knew well. The story is laid in the early days of the aircraft industry in England when both money and lives were risked by men who believed in the future of this industry and its importance to their country.

**KATIE AND THE SAD NOISE** by Ruth Stiles Gannett (Random \$1.95). This book has an easy-to-read story that little girls will love. Katie heard a sad noise in the night and dreamed that something was lost. The next day she asked her mother to fix her two lunches—whatever it was might be hungry—and went looking for it after school.

She found nothing that day nor the next, but she kept hearing the sad noise at night. Her father thought it was nonsense and spoke to her teacher about Katie's foolishness, but Miss Tab-let had heard the noise, too. And so we are led on dramatically from incident to incident until the mystery is solved and Katie gets an appropriate reward.

The bright pictures on every page are as appealing as the story, and the book has a gay jacket that looks like Christmas.

## Bookmobile Schedule

October 2-5

Monday Oct. 2, Union Church Route: J. M. Briggs, 9:35-9:40; A. C. Bailey, 9:45-9:50; Clifford Hurley, 9:55-10:05; Mrs. Ina Bailey, 10:10-10:15; Elbert Taylor, 10:20-10:35; Parkers Grocery, 10:40-10:50; Mrs. Mattie McRae, 10:55-11:05; Howard Gschwind, 11:10-11:20; Mrs. O. C. Blackburn, 11:25-11:35; Jack Morgan, 11:40-11:55; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 12:15-12:25; Wesley Thomas, 12:35-12:40.

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Wednesday, Oct. 4, Roseland, Colonial Hts., A. M. Stansell Jr., 9:45-9:55; Larry Simmons, 10:10-10:15; Morris Caddell, 10:15-10:25; R. E. Morton, 10:30-10:40; Mrs. Viola Kirk, 10:45-10:55; Mrs. Onnie Seago, 11-11:05; W. E. Brown, 11:10-11:15; Calvin Laton, 11:20-11:30; Marvin Hartsell, 11:35-11:45; Elva Laton, 11:55-12:05; Addor, 12:15-12:30; W. M. Smith, 2-2:10; J. J. Greer, 2:15-2:45.

Thursday, Oct. 5, Glendon, Highfalls Route: Miss Irene Nicholson, 9:25-9:35; Ernest Shepley, 9:45-9:55; R. F. Willcox, 10:05-10:15; the Rev. Jefferson Davis, 10:25-10:35; Presley Store, 10:40-10:45; Carl Oldham, 10:50-11; Norris Shields, 11:10-11:20; Mrs. Helen Maness, 12:05-12:15; Ann Powers Beauty Shop, 12:35-12:45; Presley Service Station, 12:55-1:05; Edgar Shields, 1:10-1:20; Wilmer Maness, 1:45-2:30.

## Archeologists Of Area Organize Chapter of Society

The Upper Cape Fear Chapter, Archeological Society of North Carolina, was organized last Friday, September 15, at a meeting held at the Bel Aire Restaurant, Fayetteville.

The following officers were elected: director, Dr. Jerry O. Jernigan, Dunn; vice-director, Nick S. Pantazis, Sanford; and secretary-treasurer, Lt. Howard A. MacCord, Fort Bragg.

At the meeting, announcement was made of the annual meeting of the State Archeological Society to be held at the Hotel Goldsboro in Goldsboro, at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, October 7. Members and others interested in North Carolina archeology are invited.

The next meeting of the Upper Cape Fear Chapter is set for 7:30 p. m. October 13. Colonel MacCord will present an illustrated discussion of archeological techniques. The meeting will be held again at the Bel Aire Restaurant, three miles south of Fayetteville on US Route 301. The area covered by the Chapter includes Moore and a number of other central and eastern North Carolina counties.

Colonel MacCord lives at 40 Donelson St., Fort Bragg.

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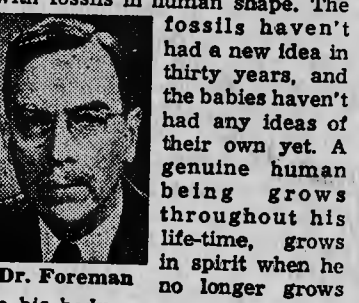
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## How Jesus Grew

Lesson for October 1, 1961



Dr. Foreman

A PERSON who no longer grows ceases to be a person. He becomes a fossil, if he is old, or he stays a baby, if he is young. Our world is cluttered up with babies who never grow up, and with fossils in human shape. The fossils haven't had a new idea in thirty years, and the babies haven't had any ideas of their own yet. A genuine human being grows throughout his life-time, grows in spirit when he no longer grows in his body.

It shocks some people to think that Jesus ever grew; but Luke says plainly that he did, and tells us how. The church has always said that Jesus Christ is both God and man; and this is hard to understand. But if we try to make the problem easier by saying that Jesus was a special kind of human being who did not grow and did not need to, then we are not making the problem easier but harder; for we are then denying that he was truly human.

**He cut his way forward**  
Luke, writing our third Gospel, uses his Greek language with care. He uses one word for "grow" in Luke 2:40, and another word in Luke 2:52. Luke 2:40 tells how Jesus grew, or rather simply tells us that Jesus did grow, before he was twelve years old. Luke 2:52 tells us how Jesus grew after he was twelve years old. In speaking of the little boy Jesus, Luke says he grew, but he uses the same word that is used to describe the growth of garden plants and flowers. It is a good word to tell how little children grow. It comes naturally, they can't help growing. Give them food and sleep and the out-of-doors to play in, and they will grow without knowing it.

But after twelve Luke has another word. It is a word suggesting effort, struggle.

**Body and mind**

Some people are, we say, one-sided. Part of them grew but the rest didn't. We have all known people who were "brains" but physical weaklings. We have also known people who are very strong in the neck, but pretty weak above that spot. Luke is careful to tell us that Jesus grew both in wisdom and in stature; that is to say mentally and physically. The old Greeks used to have a motto which the Romans copied and is still in circulation: "A sound mind in a sound body." Jesus cut his way forward in both respects. He grew in wisdom—that word is important also. No doubt he grew in knowledge. His mother would teach him, as Deuteronomy directs parents to do; but while knowledge can be put into a boy or girl from the outside, as it were, by an instructor, wisdom—that is, knowing what to do with the knowledge you have—has to be developed on the inside. A coach can guarantee to teach a boy enough knowledge to get into the university; but no coach can guarantee to teach wisdom to go with it. Jesus grew in wisdom by working his way forward. It is of no use to wish to be wise without being willing to go through the trouble it takes.

**Who liked Jesus?**

One way of judging the worth of a man is to ask: Who likes him? Merely being popular is not enough. Popular with what kind of people? Luke writes that the boy and young man Jesus advanced "in favor with God and man." (God and men, literally.) Put into everyday language, this means both God and men liked him better every day. In later years Jesus had bitter enemies, who at last murdered him; but in his younger years, if Luke tells the whole story at this point, Jesus appears to have had no enemies. He made only friends. Jesus was not one of these cranks who doesn't care what people think about them. But he did not forget (what so many otherwise normal persons forget) that it is much more important that God should like you than that other people should. We must leave it to the reader to think it out from here: If Jesus grew physically and mentally, spiritually and socially, how can Christians have all-round growth like that in our own lives?

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