



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

HIDDEN CHANNELS OF THE MIND, by Lousa E. Rhine (Sloane, \$5.00). For fact that is stranger-than-fiction Mrs. Rhine now has come forth with a popular commentary on her rich collection of what might be termed the most incredible of our mental capacities. This is a study of paranormal experiences, commonly called "extrasensory perception."

The Laboratory of Parapsychology which her husband, Dr. J. B. Rhine, directs at Duke University long has specialized in the difficult task of assessing "ESP" ability, and in the process has acquired an imposing collection of revelations from readers of Dr. Rhine's works who personally have experienced telepathic communion and clairvoyant knowledge through means clearly beyond the five sensory channels. Sixteen chapters take the reader through the whole range of ESP, from "hunches" to outright visionary experiences; and several of them venture also into the allied topics of puzzling physical effects and evidence for survival after bodily death.

Premonitions make up a proportionate share of the assorted examples. This is widely held to be the most incredible of our psychic abilities, yet it is not without razor-sharp evidence—like the case (p. 199) of the mother who awoke with a dream that the chandelier had fallen onto the baby's crib, while outside the rain fell and the clock pointed to 4:35 a. m.

Precautiously she arose and removed the baby, looked out on a moonlight night, returned to bed, and later (at exactly 4:35!—and it was raining) heard the crash of the chandelier as the coincidence (?) happened.

The book is replete with incidents of this and other kinds which have been contributed to the Rhines during the past three decades by people in all walks of life who have followed the more serious pursuits of Duke's unique laboratory. They are many and varied; but for the reader who wishes more pie and less topping Mrs. Rhine also interrelates all of them with a running discussion of their scientific import.

As Dr. Rhine states in his foreword to the book, this case-study is not presented as final proof of the fact of ESP (that is strictly the job of accurate and formalized laboratory research), but as a serviceable aid toward the laboratory task of scientifically studying "how ESP operates" when it thus clearly appears to cut across our more conspicuous channels of sensory communications.

For any layman but a dogged and ironclad sceptic, to read this book cannot help being an adventure. —W. E. COX

THE GREAT FORGERY by Edith Simon (Little, Brown \$5.95). This story of a successful art

forger is in the great tradition of social comedy, comparable to Evelyn Waugh and Joyce Cary. Its setting is London in the thirties and particularly the Bloomsbury set, the Bohemian artists and intellectuals. "Every character in this novel," says the author, "is based, though for the most part very remotely, on a real one. . . Every incident and every word of dialogue is fiction."

The central character, Matthew Gorer, is a tremendous fellow—to his devotees he was "the God, the Prophet and the Suttan to boot." The last was added because of his record with women. Gorer was one of those artists who talk even more impressively than they paint, and his iconoclastic views on bourgeois conventions, ethics and religion were repeated and cherished by his following. Then a teen-age girl named Cassie came into his life, a hero worshiper asking only to serve him. But Cassie was intensely feminine, so she also wanted to tidy up his house and life a bit.

Then was Cassie indirectly responsible for his project of forging a Holbein? Well, one thing leads to another, and she certainly got under his skin as no woman before had ever done, especially when she left him. Even his devotees saw a marked change, a faltering. Altogether this is a brilliant study of the interplay of characters on each other, done with keen appreciation of human susceptibilities and very little emotion.

WHAT AM I BID? by Geoffrey Johns (Doubleday \$3.95). This is a slighter novel about some equally dubious goings-on in the antique business. Frankly a picaresque tale, the story recounts the steps in the rise of Willy Shaun from the rag and bone business in a country town to prosperity and distinction as one of England's leading antique dealers. Nothing illegal, just a bit craftier than his competitors.

As the author himself, after trying one or two other occupations, has become an antique dealer, we take it that his characters are drawn from life. Certainly he shows considerable familiarity with what goes on behind the scenes at auctions. His accounts of "the ring" and the dealers' tricks on each other are richly comic, as is the scene where Willy seizes the opportunity, when sudden indigestion has given him a greenish pallor, to ask an old lady for a glass of water and wangle entrance to her cottage to get a good look at a probably rare piece of Chippendale.

MUCH PULPWOOD Eight of the 12 states which produced more than a million tons of wood pulp used in the manufacture of paper and board in 1960 were in the South. They were Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Arrest Made, Another Warrant Drawn After Flimflam Crew Cheats Old Man

Three men claiming to be disabled veterans used high-pressure salesmanship on an 82-year-old man near Robbins one day last week, got his signature on what purported to be a "gift certificate" and left him instead with a receipt for \$184.50 for years and years of magazine subscriptions.

E. L. Williamson of Route 2, Seagrove, who can't see or get around very well, felt in his checkbook after the trio had left and found only two blank checks there, instead of the three he knew he had had.

The aged man, who lives alone, summoned his son, Earl, who lives near by, and Earl notified Deputy Sheriff I. D. Marley. Payment was stopped at the bank on the check they felt sure Williamson had been flimflammed into signing.

The next day Marley picked up three young women at the Moore-Randolph county line, on information they had been trying to cash such a check at various places in Seagrove. Failing of success, they were heading back into Moore. One of them, who said she was Susan Taylor, 29, of Danville, Va., had the check in her possession and soon landed in Moore County jail, charged with false pretense.

The next day one W. C. Merrick, who said he was field manager for National Literary Publications, Inc., of Jackson, Miss., temporarily headquartered in High Point, drove up in a 1960 Cadillac to make the woman's \$500 bond, in cash.

Information they gave concerning the other crew members was scanty, according to Deputies Marley and H. H. Grimm, assisting in the case. However, on the strength of what could be learned, the receipt issued to Williamson and the check, a warrant has been drawn for one Richard Garity, address unknown, on false pretense.

Williamson told the officers he had refused to subscribe to any of the magazines, despite the persistence of the trio of salesmen, who badgered him for more than an hour, and also despite the fact that they said it was all for the benefit of veterans' hospitals.

The "gift" he would receive for his signature, they said would be something very fine, tax exempt, which he could use to pay his county and all other taxes.

But if the subscriptions listed on the receipt were the real thing, and had gone through a legitimate channel, Williamson would have had reading matter in an interesting variety, some of it lasting till he would be about 100 years old. On the list were the Farm Journal, 200 issues (17½

years); Photoplay, 96 issues (eight years) True Story, 72; True Confessions, 60; Business Digest, 50; Hi-Fi Stereo, Christian Herald, American Girl and True, 36 issues or three years each.

Bookmobile Schedule

November 20-22

MONDAY, NOV. 20 — Doubt Chapel—John Willard, 9:35-9:40; Frank Cox, 9:45-9:50; F. L. Sutherland, 9:55-10; John Thompson, 10:05-10:15; Clyde Auman, 10:20-10:30; W. E. Jackson, 10:35-10:45; R. L. Blake, 10:50-10:55; Arnold Thomas, 11-11:10; Mrs. Joyce Haywood, 11:15-11:25; Mrs. Pearl Frye, 12:05-12:15; S. E. Hannon, 12:20-12:25; Coy Richardson, 12:35-12:45; Vernon Lisk, 12:50-1:10; V. L. Wilson, 1:15-1:30; Mrs. Herbert Harris, 1:40-1:50.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21, Murdocksville—R. F. Clapp, 9:35-9:40; P. B. Moon, 9:45-9:50; Mrs. Finney Black, 10-10:10; W. R. Dunlop, 10:15-10:30; Dan Lewis, 10:40-10:50; Miss Margaret McKenzie, 10:55-11:05; Earl Monroe, 11:10-11:15; Mrs. Helen Neff, 11:20-11:30; Harold Black, 12:10-12:20; J. V. Cole, 12:25-12:30; Art Zenns, 12:35-12:45; Sandy Black, 12:55-1:05; E. F. Whitaker, 1:10-1:20; H. A. Freeman, 1:25-1:35; John Lewis, 1:40-1:50.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, Cameron—Sam Taylor, 9:30-9:35; James Hardy, 9:40-9:50; M. M. Routh, 9:55-10:05; T. K. Holmes, 10:10-10:20; Mrs. J. A. McPherson, 10:25-10:35; Mrs. H. D. Tally, 10:40-10:50; Mrs. Archie McKeithen, 10:50-11; Mrs. Kate Phillips, 11:05-11:15; Jessie Maples, 11:25-11:35; Walter McDonald, 12:15-12:25; Mrs. Ellen Gilchrist, 12:30-12:40; Wade Collins, 12:50-1; Lewis Marion, 1:05-1:15; Lynn Thomas, 1:25-1:30.

School Cafeteria Menus For Week

EAST SOUTHERN PINES November 20-22

Monday—wiener with bun, mustard, catsup, whipped potatoes, cole slaw, glazed donut, butter, milk.

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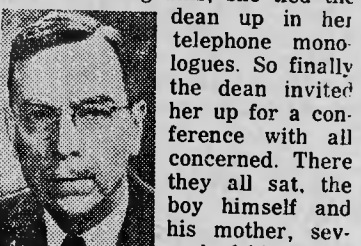
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Bible Material: Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 9:23-25; Ephesians 4:25-32; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Prerequisite Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Self-Control

Lesson for November 19, 1961

A YOUNG man was about to be dismissed from college, not for any particular rule that he had broken, but for general worthlessness. His mother could not understand it. She wrote letters she sent telegrams, she tied the



dean up in her telephone monologues. So finally the dean invited her up for a conference with all concerned. There they all sat, the boy himself, his mother, several of his teachers, the cream of his fraternity brothers, the athletic coach, even the president of the college. Everybody told about what they had done for the boy, how they had tried to urge him on, stimulate his ambition, see that he studied, and so forth. Everybody seemed to be steamed up over the case except the boy himself, who sat through it all like a lump of putty. Finally the president had to ask him: "Well, you have heard what every one else has done. Isn't it about time you did something for yourself?"

Imperatives That is a true story, but it is also a parable of the Christian life. God will not do everything for you. He does a great deal, He has gone to infinite pains for your benefit. His Spirit comes to make a home in you. Yet the Holy Spirit will never do for you what you might do for yourself,—the Holy Spirit is not a substitute for your own will-power. The New Testament is filled with joyful testimony to what God has done for us, but it also very often gives us commands. The Holy Spirit will no more take our tests for us than that poor indulgent mother could pass her shiftless son's examinations for him. "Make every effort," Peter says (2 Peter 1:5) to build up all the elements of a strong Christian character.

Self-Control Needed No part of the New Testament suffers more from awkward expressions in the 1611 translation (the "King James") than this great passage in 2 Peter. Among other things, one of the key-words is tucked out of sight by a wrong translation. In verse six it is not "temperance" Peter means; the Greek word means literally self-control, a stronger word by far than temperance. It means holding yourself in, not living like a child that says and does whatever suits him at the moment. It means not getting angry when you feel anger (if you catch the difference). It means keeping on with a job if it has to be done, no matter whether you feel like it or not. It means, in short, not letting yourself get away from yourself. A car that goes "out of control" cannot be steered. A life out of control is not going to listen to reason, there is no steering it. A life of faith, virtue and knowledge would be a good life, would it not? Yes, but Saint Peter sees something else needed. Faith, virtue and knowledge need to be supplemented by self-control. A life without this is like a fine car without a driver.

Completion On the other hand, in this description of the ideal Christian life, the last word is not self-control. We may have met people who were long on self-control but short on influence, because they were so intent (so to speak) on holding themselves in, holding themselves down, that they forgot to shine. Steadfastness (dogged persistence), godliness (Peter's word means reverence, a sense of the Presence of God), brotherly affection and love, all are needed to complete self-control. The good life, you see, is not one single good quality off by itself. People will pick out some one's virtue and they will rate other people as "good" or "bad" depending on how they stack up against this one single yardstick of comparison. Well, history is filled with warnings at this point. Don't rate somebody high just because he has one outstanding good trait. The emperor Nero was generous with his friends and he loved music. Genghis Khan, who laid his world waste, was a man who knew no fear. Adolf Hitler was (by intention, many think) a patriotic man. Stalin was very persistent. Satan himself is an untiring worker. One virtue alone is like a lone cornstalk in a big field.

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