



# Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**O DREAMS, O DESTINATIONS.** An Autobiography by Phyllis Bentley (Macmillan \$4.50). This autobiography is notable for good writing, for the coolly critical look at self of a disciplined mind and for a sort of extension of self to the region of the author's distinguished novels. This region is Yorkshire's West Riding, a center for the manufacture of fine woolen goods since the fourteenth century. From the beginning the life of this serious little girl in spectacles was deeply affected by the economic ups and downs of the wool industry, what with family moves and emotional strains on parents and brothers.

Born in 1894, Phyllis Bentley had a passion for books and learning but found that higher education for women was the exception rather than the rule, especially in conservative Yorkshire. Even when she did get to Cheltenham, the life of a college girl in those days will amaze the girl of today—the rule of silence, their rigorous training as ladies. But Phyllis Bentley found it good. She is a strong advocate of more discipline and less reliance on stimulation in the learning process. She was not brought up to the pursuit of happiness but to aim at leading an honorable and useful life. Asking herself today whether she achieved as much as her capacities permitted, she concludes cautiously that she struggled pretty hard, but was not able to overcome all her faults as, for example, "the day dreamer's shrinking of reality."

In addition to her personal history, Miss Bentley gives striking portraits of her parents and several teachers and friends. Seldom has anyone been more generous in crediting others with a share in her achievements, either because of natural inheritance or in-

fluence and practical help at critical junctures. Finally there is the dramatic background of her beloved West Riding, as it went through wars and repressions with the fortunes of her own family and the whole community deeply—and in some instances disastrously—affected by world events beyond their control, or rising again for reasons equally unconnected with their own efforts.

One turns from this book with a satisfied feeling that one has had genuine communication with an honest, thoughtful person who has lived through the storms and amazing changes of the twentieth century and seriously reflected on them in the evening of life.

**THE BIG LAUGH** by John O'Hara (Random House \$4.95). This is not John O'Hara's best book. It starts out gaily as the picaresque tale of one Hubert Ward, a youth with no morals and few feelings. He gets thrown out of three private schools for good reasons, catches bad checks, is finally disowned by his family and, when down to his last dollar, brassyly demands that the manager of a summer stock company give him a job, making nasty threats of trouble if he does not.

But Hubert really takes to the theater, does odd jobs and bit parts that summer, goes on to a Broadway career, then a meteoric rise to fame in Hollywood. The build-up for this change is not too convincing. True, he wants to marry a conventional woman of some social standing but that hardly seems adequate cause for such a radical change, nor does her hiring of him after a time seem quite adequate for the completeness of his reversion. After all, even from a selfish standpoint, his success was partly bound up with the respectable "image" of him fostered by the press agents.

However, Hubert Ward's career gives John O'Hara a chance to air his views on Hollywood. He does not like it. He presents with his usual skill some scathing portraits of stars, producers, writers and the money men who control the studios. Most of them he pictures not only as lacking in principles but in the common affections and loyalties of human relations. They take sex as casually as cocktails and are cynical about family ties. It makes a rather dreary story.

**THE TWO WORLDS OF DAVY BLOUNT** by Thelma Harrington Bell (Viking \$3.00). North Carolina is the scene and really the subject of this story. Ten-year-old Davy Blount had grown up on the Outer Banks, gathering shells along the beaches, hunting for pirate gold and helping his grandfather around the fishing boat. Grandpa was a Banker born and bred and loved the sea, but Grandmother had come from the mountains and loved the mountains best. The two often argued

## PINEBLUFF

By Mrs. Ehrman Pickler  
Circle Meets

Circle 2 of Ives Memorial Baptist Church met Tuesday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. John R. Morgan. Mrs. Luther Tyner presented the program and Mrs. Morgan, chairman, presided. Plans were made for the Bible School picnic and it was decided to discontinue circle meetings for the summer months. At the close of the meeting, the hostess served pound cake, punch, nuts and party things to the members present.

**Announce Birth**  
Mr. and Mrs. Royce Anderson of Charlotte announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed in at seven pounds and three ounces. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lampley. The Andersons have a son, Ronald James, who is three years old.

**Bingo Party Planned**  
The Pinebluff Improvement Association is planning a bingo party for Friday night, May 18, at the Town Hall at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the swimming program for children of Pinebluff.

**Announce Engagement**  
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Morgan announce the engagement of their daughter Carolyn Morgan Byrd to Bobby Zell, son of Mrs. Gus Zell and the late Mr. Zell of Flint, Mich. August 18 is the wedding date.

**Briefs**  
Alc and Mrs. Rudolph Averitt of Bedford AFB, Bedford, Va., were dinner guests Saturday of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Adams, and Mr. Adams. Lynn Clippard of Southern Pines was also present. On Sunday they attended the Averitt reunion held at the Pinebluff Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Padgett and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Padgett and son Bobby of Charlotte were guests Sunday of their aunt, Mrs. J. W. Pickler and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Adcox Mrs. Pickler returned to Charlotte for a visit.

Mrs. J. K. Rouse of Kannapolis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sadie Patrick and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Bilyeu.

Mrs. Tom Brooks of Albemarle spent last Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Leavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Morgan and son, Bobby, visited her mother, Mrs. M. L. Stevenson in Vass Sunday night.

Mrs. Earl Lampley and daughter Miss Earlene Lampley have gone to Charlotte to visit Mrs. Lampley's daughter, Mrs. Royce Anderson and Mr. Anderson and to see her new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tally and son, John, of Sanford, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pickler Sunday.

about which was the best, partly a joke but partly serious, too. Then one summer Grandmother said that Davy should go to the mountains, visit her kinfolk and then come back with the answer, an answer that proved satisfactory to all concerned.

Any youngster reading this book will pick up a good bit of information about the history and geography of North Carolina while he is enjoying Davy's adventures.

**MISHMASH** by Molly Cone (Houghton Mifflin \$2.75). This is a comic story about a boy and a dog. Pete was ten when they moved to a new town and he had to face starting into a new school with a lot of strange kids. To cheer him up, his father said he could have a puppy and told him where to get it.

But it was not a puppy Pete came home with but a large, black dog, a too, too friendly dog called Mishmash. Mishmash did not hold with being tied to a clothesline or with sleeping in the basement. He wanted to be with people, visit neighbors, greet every visitor at the door with wet kisses and he insisted on sleeping in Pete's bed. When he also wanted to sit at the table the day Pete's mother had a tea party, it was too much. Something had to be done. How the problem was solved and how it made things better for Pete at school makes a funny story with some anxious moments but a good ending. There are some droll pictures, too, by Leonard Shortall.

## Bookmobile Schedule

May 14-16

Monday, May 14, Jackson Springs Route: Harold Markham, 9:40-9:50; Terrell Graham, 9:55-10; W. E. Graham, 10:05-10:10; Jackson Springs Post Office, 10:15-10:20; James Hicks, 10:25-10:30; Mrs. Betty Stubbs, 10:35-10:45; Mrs. Geneva McLeod, 10:50-10:55; Walter McInnis, 11-11:10; Carl Tucker, 11:15-11:30; Mrs. Margaret Smith, 11:35-11:45; Mrs. Veda Paschal, 11:50-11:55; Mrs. Edith Stutts, 12-12:10; Miss Adele McDonald, 12:20-12:25; Philip Burroughs, 1-1:20; J. W. Blake, 1:25-1:45.

Tuesday, May 15, Westmore Route: Mrs. W. G. Inman, 9:30-9:45; Mrs. Ardena Burns, 10:05-10:15; James Allen, 10:20-10:25; Mrs. Audrey Moore, 10:30-10:35; Miss Beatrice Sheffield, 10:40-10:45; Talc Mine, 10:50-10:55; W. J. Brewer, 11:15-11:20; Baldwin Store, 11:25-11:30; Jugtown, 11:40-11:50.

Wednesday, May 16, Little River Route: Watson Blue, 9:30-9:40; James McKay, 9:45-9:50; J. R. Blue, 9:55-10:05; John Baker, 10:10-10:15; George Cameron, 10:20-10:30; Brooks Store, 10:40-10:45; Kenneth Womack, 10:50-11; Malcolm Blue, 11:05-11:25; Mrs. J. W. Smith, 11:30-11:35; D. L. McPherson, 12:30-12:40; James Riggsbee, 12:45-12:50; Will Hart, 12:55-1:10; W. F. Smith, 1:30-1:40; Mrs. Nellie Garner, 1:45-1:50.

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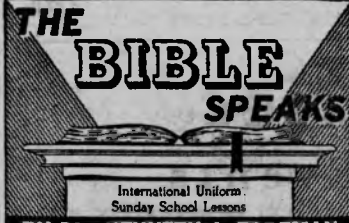
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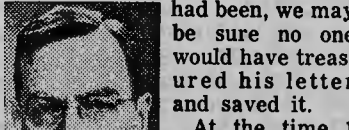


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## Take Your Stand

Lesson for May 13, 1962

SIMON PETER had been in jail himself, so he knew what he was talking about when he wrote to people who were going to jail. He was no well-sheltered man urging others to be brave. If he



had been, we may be sure no one would have treasured his letter and saved it.

At the time Peter was written, something new and frightening was beginning to disturb the Christians of Asia Minor. Outbreaks of persecution had already occurred and more was to come. The new feature of this was that Christians were being jailed, their property confiscated and themselves sometimes executed as criminals, because of their religion alone.

**Is suffering inevitable?**  
Something like a panic was starting. Was God going to let his people suffer? Would God's cause be lost in the end? Should persecuted Christians strike back? Those Christians were so confused and alarmed as we would be if suddenly our government started raiding our churches and arresting us on no charges except that of being Christians.

So Simon Peter writes this letter, the main theme of which is the suffering of Christians. He does not indulge in the platitudes of saying that suffering is inevitable. It isn't and it wasn't and he knew it, and so did they. They could save themselves a world of distress, even torture and death, simply by giving up being Christians any more. But Simon Peter does not suggest that way out. We know (from sources outside the Bible) that some early Christians did actually renounce their faith; but mighty few.

**Criminal or Christian?**  
The upshot of what Peter writes is that it is inevitable that there should be some suffering, but on the other hand some ought to be avoided. Suffering is not a good thing in itself, it is not bad in itself. There is suffering of which one may be ashamed, and suffering for which one must thank God, Christians, of all people, who have to be punished for any kind of wrong-doing, ought to be heartily ashamed, not ashamed of getting caught, nor suffering the penalty; they should be ashamed of the wrong-doing. But those who suffer because they are Christians have no cause for embarrassment, much less shame.

On the other hand it is not right to covet being a martyr. In the early church there was a good deal of trouble with over-enthusiasm, we might say fanatic, people, who did everything they could to get themselves arrested and even executed. The church had to hold a steady hand on these eager-beaver martyrs. And yet when it came to the pinch, the very bishops who had discouraged rash martyrdoms, went bravely to their deaths rather than renounce their faith.

**All sounds very modern**  
First Peter is one of the most up-to-date books in the whole Bible. We are living in a time when, in more than one part of the world, it is literally as much as your life is worth, to be known Christian. When the communists took over North Korea, where the Christian church was strong, one of the first things the government did was to organize the ministers into a sort of pro-government propaganda association. Some ministers yielded; but some resisted and were "liquidated" by firing squads. Some of these ministers had sons, who in turn were in danger of their lives, merely because they were sons of ministers. What should these boys do? If they had been like those ancient Christians who went out of their way to get killed, they would have just given themselves up and been shot. What they did was to escape, at great risk, and eventually come to America, where now they are preparing to go back and help what is left of Korea. But even in America they have had to take a stand as Peter put it. They have been ridiculed for "sticking their necks out" again; their faith has been attacked (in medical school and otherwise) by skeptics; the paganism of America, subtle and glittering, tempts them on every side. They could be rich and comfortable here; but they are going back, to serve the needy, in Christ's name.

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## Next Sunday

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Youth Fellowship, 8:30 p.m.  
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East Massachusetts Ave.  
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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.  
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**BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
(Presbyterian)  
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.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Church of Wide Fellowship)  
Cec. Bennett and New Hampshire  
Carl E. Wallace, Minister  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young People).  
Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC**  
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