

WST END NEWS

By SALLIE AMAN

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Buzard and Laura Belle Lashmeet, W. Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jattson. The Buzards stopped here two weeks ago en route to Florida, and now they stopped for a visit on their way home. Rev. Mr. Buzard was the former pastor at Bensalem and has been pastor at Lashmeet since leaving here.

Mrs. Patterson was advised Saturday of the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. E. J. Yager, of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Yager is the former Miss Etta Monroe, who was reared in the Jenselem Community, and a sister of Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. John Deinger with five-months-old John Haywood of Park Forest, I, a suburb of Chicago, are spending a month with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Davis. John Doering, who joined his family here for the holidays, returned home Tuesday. Because of the icy roads, Mrs. Davis says, her family had two Christmases—one on the day and then another when the Dick Hammers of Greensboro arrived Thursday, making a total of 16 there overnight. To the delight of the family, John Deinger, who plays with the Forest Park Symphony Orchestra, played the Christmas carols on his violin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas, with Mary and Darlene, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jawk in Hamlet.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Bertha Petee were Mr. and Mrs. Clunette Petree of Carthage, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Petree and Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon, the former Miss Linda Munn, of York, Pa., have returned home after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Munn.

Weekend guests of the Hawley Pooles were Miss Mary Booker of Goldsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Boney of Selma.

Principal and Mrs. J. R. Brendell and Lynn are back after spending the holidays in Boone with his parents, and in High Point with hers.

Captain and Mrs. George Houck, Jr., called on friends here

Friday afternoon. They had attended a reunion of George's high school graduating class in Rowland and were on their way to visit the Rev. and Mrs. Houck in Winston-Salem. Capt. Houck will report soon to the Air Force base at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Visiting the Edward Dunn family for the Christmas holidays were Mrs. Beulah McRae of Rockingham, A2c Walt Lawson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., A1c Leon McRae of Charleston, S. C., and A2c Ed Thee of Sacramento, Calif.

The Senior Girl Scout troop made the angel ornaments for the Christmas tree for the children's ward at Moore Memorial hospital. However, the decorations were so pretty that it was decided to use the tree instead in the hospital lobby. This active troop also performed another service project by fixing 500 bags for Santa Claus to distribute on his visit to the firehouse and to the Vineland school.

During the Cuban crisis, Mrs. Bill Brewer's letters from her son, Petty Officer Second Class Charles Brewer, stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, were infrequent. However, he wrote this week that his work was quite strenuous during the crisis, but he was not as busy now. His mother and sisters received presents from him in time for Christmas. Mrs. Brewer and their two children, Kevin, 2½, and Andy, one year old, are with Petty Officer Brewer in San Juan.

Mrs. Bill Brewer and Linda were Christmas Day dinner guests of her brother, Elsie Dunn and family of Ellerbe. Mr. and Mrs. Darryle Wilson of Sanford spent part of the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Brewer.

Bell Jackson, Jr., who is spending the holidays with his parents, will be the speaker at the Lion's Club Thursday night. Bill was the teacher for the young adult Sunday School class Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. He also visited friends overnight Friday in Salisbury.

Richard Sparks, father of Mrs. M. C. McDonald, Jr. and Mrs. W. J. Sutphin, died Wednesday in Columbus, Miss. The Sutphin family and Mrs. McDonald and Mac were at his bedside when he passed away.

New Edition of Almanac About Moore Co. Ready

The 1963 (8th annual) edition of "Poor Cliff's Moore County Almanac," published by the Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen, is off the press and can be purchased at news stands or from the Citizen office.

In addition to many pages of traditional almanac information—phases of the moon, planting guide, astrological information and sections on home care, gardening, cooking, needlework and so forth—the almanac contains much information about Moore County. There is also a map of the county, showing the principal communities and adjoining counties.

The publication is prepared by H. Clifford Blue of Aberdeen, editor and publisher of The Sandhill Citizen, and Moore County representative in the General Assembly.

The Moore County section of the almanac lists officials, population, property valuation and other information for all the towns in the county; the personnel of the county offices at Carthage, the members of the county boards of commissioners and education, Democratic and Republican county and precinct committees, a short history of the county and description of its resources; the county voting in several recent elections, the postmasters of the county and a list of all district school board members. The cabinet of the Federal government at Washington is named and also the representatives of each of North Carolina's Congressional Districts.

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Some Looks At Books

LOCKIE PARKER



THE NOVELS OF A. C. SWINBURNE: Love's Cross and Lesbia Brandon with a critical study by Edmund Farrar, Straus & Cudahy. This is something of a curiosity. Well known Swinburne's melodious haunting poems, few are aware that he wrote two novels in 1860's but found no favor with literary advisors. "Love's Cross" was eventually published in 1877 under a pseudonym. The manuscript of the novel was pretty effectively suppressed by Watts-Dunton, Swinburne's companion and mentor in his later years. Later on, in 1898, a novel in a mutilated form "explosively bring it out."

For the reader today, the centers in the fact that the novel gives an intimate view of the aristocracy in the nineteenth century by one of its own circle. Thackeray and his circle might satirize the aristocracy effectively but did not know the circle from the inside. All this Charles Swinburne was known to them, not only on the side of his father, the Admiral, but his multiple connections through his mother with the Earls of Ashburnham and the Duke of Northumberland. Family relations in these two novels are extremely intricate, and one reason given for the use of a pseudonym when the first was published was that the characters were too obviously drawn from Swinburne's own family.

In any case, this is a fascinating volume for anyone interested in the poet, giving us a rich background of the kind of place and people that surrounded his youth and much of his later life. The account of the fascination of the sea for the boy, Herbert, in "Lesbia Brandon" must have been straight out of Swinburne's own experience. It accounts for his

sometimes surpasses, in my opinion, his later verses on the subject. Swinburne also proves himself a keen observer of character. His portrait of the worldly but delightful Lady Midhurst—whether created or copied from life—is unforgettable.

Edmund Wilson's introduction to the book is valuable. He not only gives the odd history of these two novels and his own estimate of their qualities, but he has assembled his gleanings from the recently published six volumes of Swinburne letters that bear on this subject and summarizes other recent findings in the fascinating field of the biography of this very odd genius. I have always fancied the description of Swinburne by Henry Adams, "a tropical bird, high-crested, long-beaked, quick moving, with rapid utterance and screams of humor, quite unlike any English lark or nightingale."

THE MAN WHO PLAYED GOD by Robert St. John (Doubleday \$5.95). This panoramic novel of World War II is set in two parts of the world which Robert St. John, foreign correspondent, knows well: the southeastern corner of Europe and Israel. Seven of his fourteen books have been about Israel; four others have been set in southeastern Europe. "The Man Who Played God" is the story of one Hungarian Jew who risked the stigma of being called a collaborator to purchase from the Nazis freedom for nearly two thousand of his own people. The author says that he intended it as an Everyman story, posing for the reader the question: What would I have done in his place?

The book grew out of St. John's experience as a war correspondent and his acute awareness that during a war not only most soldiers but many civilians are called upon to make soul-searching decisions. The first section is set in Budapest where the author lived during the first year of the war and where he saw the start of the tragedy that befell Hungarian Jews. The last part of the book is set in Israel, where, as war correspondent, he covered the invasion of six Arab armies and their subsequent defeat by young Israeli guerrilla fighters.

THE MOON-SPINNERS by Mary Stewart (Mill-Morrow \$4.50). When Nicola Ferris, secretary at the British Embassy in Athens, arrives one day early for her holiday in Agios Georgios, a chain of events is set into motion that changes her life and that of a young Englishman.

Mark Langley, his younger brother Colin and their guide Lambis, tourists like Nicola, are unwilling witnesses to a killing. Mark is shot and Colin taken as hostage. When Nicola discovers Mark's hideout in the hills, he not only refuses her help but sends her back to the village so as not to involve her in his own danger. Nicola reluctantly leaves to join her cousin who is to meet her at the local hotel and both women are caught up in the life and dangers of the mysterious Englishman.

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School Cafeterias EAST SOUTHERN PINES

January 7-11 Monday — vienna sausage, baked beans, cole slaw, hot biscuit, butter, peach cobbler, milk. Tuesday — beef stew, potatoes, carrots and onions, tossed green salad, hot rolls, butter, orange half, milk. Wednesday — chicken with rice, green beans, tomato cup, hot rolls, butter, chocolate cake, white frosting, milk. Thursday — spaghetti with meat, cheese and tomato sauce, tossed salad, hot rolls, butter, fruit cup, cookie, milk. Friday — fish patties, buttered potatoes, cole slaw, cornbread, butter, cup cake, chocolate frosting, milk.

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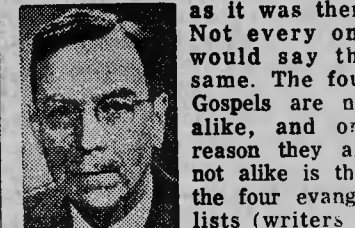
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Ready, When? Lesson for January 6, 1963

THE same man or woman will be admired by different people for different reasons. Our Lord was no exception. What is it in Jesus that draws, as he said, "all men" to himself? It is now as it was then.



Not every one would say the same. The four Gospels are not alike, and one reason they are not alike is that the four evangelists (writers of the gospels) found Jesus' life and thought challenging and compelling. Mark, from whose short book these Bible studies for the next three months are to be taken, was drawn to Jesus on account of what he did rather than what he said. Jesus is here introduced to us as the mighty Son of God, who demonstrated his right to be Master of Men by his acts of power. Jesus had a meek and gentle side, but there is not much in Mark about a meek and gentle Jesus; rather, would appeal to the Romans among whom the book first circulated, Jesus the Mighty One.

Not by Age, not by Books When is a man ready to go out and begin his life's work? Many young people begin too soon. They drop out of high school and get married, they are burdened with the cares of a job (or trying to find one) and a family at a time when they should still be preparing for such responsibilities. Others keep on "preparing" because they are actually afraid to go out and get into the swing and the fight of living. A person is not necessarily ready when he has read a certain number of books. A book, many books, can help handsly in preparing those who read them for active useful living; but a young man may have put his nose into many books without ever having put his mind into any one of them. In many books is much knowledge; but in many books may be little wisdom. Age by itself will not prepare a youth for living. In two states young people can legally vote at the age of 18; in two others, 19 and 20; and in all the rest, 21. The theory is that anybody old enough to fight is old enough to vote. But is this true? Does any one suppose that every boy or girl just turned 21 is suddenly endowed with the sense and the ability to make the serious choices demanded of a good voter? Mere years will not bring wisdom.

The call of God Jesus of Nazareth, he it remembered, was not a bookish man. He knew his Bible, but there is no evidence that he had attended any of the great schools of that day. His "ignorance" was always thrown up to him by those who failed to "see" him. Furthermore, Jesus was what some would call over-age before he embarked on his life-work. He was thirty years old before beginning to preach. Book-wise, he was less than ready; age-wise, he was more than ready. But he considered these things (if at all) as being far down the list of indispensables. Jesus did not enter on his life-work until he was convinced that he had a divine call. Now the call of God comes to people in various ways. But surely it stands to reason that no matter what you know or have experienced, if you set out on a course God does not want you to take, you are headed for failure.

The Voice of the Temple: There was once a dedicated woman missionary. On her furlough in this country, she would go from college to college, looking for those who had volunteered to go as foreign missionaries. She would talk to these young people, and try as hard as she could to persuade them not to go. She turned more than two hundred away in this fashion; but those who could not be discouraged were the ones she was looking for. They were the ready ones. Now if it is necessary to hear the voice of God (which may well come to us in the voice of a friend or loved one) before we are actually prepared for our life's work great or small as God wills, it is also well that we should listen (as Jesus had) to the voice tempting us to do something else, anything else but what God calls us to do. Only those are truly ready who have learned to say NO to the Evil One.

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