

# THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"  
and which contains Four Great Treasures

## by BRUCE BARTON

### RUTH

Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, **R**EADING those first words of the book of Ruth you are tempted to skip to some other part of the Bible that gives promise of more pleasant reading. For the "days when the judges ruled" were terrible days, days of anarchy and bloodshed, of sag and reaction after a cruel war, of disorganization and uncensored living.

The story has only four chapters; you can read it in fifteen minutes. It starts with a good citizen named Elimelech, a resourceful man and a loving husband and father. Because a famine had visited his own country he migrated with his wife, Naomi, who, like Eve, was a pioneer wife, and his two boys, Mahlon and Chilion. The new land offered food

enough, but its climate was somehow unkind to the visitors, for the father died and afterward the sons also, leaving Naomi and two beautiful young daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. Naomi's only hope was to return to her own country, but she urged the girls to stay behind among their friends and relatives who would look after them and doubtless provide other husbands. Orpah consented. Ruth replied in those magnificent words:

Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following

after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God;

Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

So Naomi went back to Bethlehem, her old home town, and the news soon spread about that she had brought a lovely young widow with her. They were very poor, and Ruth spent her days following the reapers in the fields. Ruth gleaned, and Moaz, the most desirable bachelor in Bethlehem, saw her, and the romance took place as Naomi, the shrewd old matchmaker, had hoped it would.

Have you by any chance read the genealogy of Jesus as it is given in the first chapter of Matthew? There are four women whose names will live forever as having passed down through their veins the blood of our Lord.

First of all, Tamar, whose tragic story is in the thirty-eighth chapter of Genesis. Rahab the harlot is second. Bathsheba is third, that brilliant woman who abandoned Uriah the Hittite to become the favorite wife of David and the mother of Solomon. These are the first three of the quartet.

And the fourth ancestress of Jesus? She is Ruth, the maiden of Moab, who said, "Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."

(Next week: The Bible Calls Her Great)

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the poor farmers and their families whom it is setting up in ready-made farms in Alaska.

**COLONISTS** . . . the types We are accustomed to think of America as having been entirely settled by daring, adventurous persons who left their European homes for the sake of liberty, and whose blood and spirit pervades all of us today. I wish that were literally true, but when you stop to think of it, there were a number of other kinds of people who came to America in Colonial days.

I have been reading the bound copies of a newspaper published in England from 1716 to 1735, and have noted the immense number of men and women, convicted of capital crimes, who were sentenced to be transported to America instead of going to the gallows. Some of them got back to England, where-upon they were promptly hanged. The rest were sold as slaves to the land-owners already in the American colonies.

Transportation as punishment for crime was shifted to Australia later, and the American colonists satisfied their demand for cheap labor by trapping African natives and bringing them over to slavery. Probably the Africans were better off here than they had been in Africa, but they, like the English convicts, certainly didn't come here because they were imbued with the spirit of liberty.

The descendants of these Colonial slaves, black and white, are no minor factor in American life today. Add to them the hordes from southern and eastern Europe, and from Asia who came here for "easy money" after our national development and prosperity had become assured, and a good many of the departures from the old American tradition are explained.

**STEAM** . . . still in race

Steam isn't sitting quietly and letting gas get away with it. A few days ago the New Haven railroad started its Diesel-engined "Comet" train between New York and Boston, hitting 110 miles an hour, but a day or two later a stream-lined steam locomotive capable of sustained speed of 120 miles an hour rolled out of the works at Schenectady, for the Milwaukee railroad, to run between Chicago and St. Paul.

The railroad contest now in progress fascinates me, for I think I see in it one of the important moves toward economic recovery. All the railroads are trying to compete with air travel on one hand and with bus and motor travel on the other. This is bound to mean rebuilding roadbeds, eliminating grade crossings, building new motive power and equipment, on a scale which is only faintly suggested by what has been done so far.

**ROBOT** . . . on the job

I sailed all the way across the Atlantic and back, not long ago, in ships which were steered throughout their courses by "Metal Mike," the gyroscopic steering gear which every important ship now uses, and which laid their courses not by the old-fashioned magnetic compass but by the gyroscopic compass, which points to true North instead of to the magnetic pole. From land to landfall no human hand touched the steering gear of either ship.

The "robot" airplane, which has been flying pilotless around the country recently, is merely an application to air navigation of the gyroscope compass and steering device which has been in use on ships for many years. The pilot handles the controls only in starting and landing and in setting the course in the first instance. The machine does the rest.

These are wonderful things, but nobody has yet made a machine that will think.

### Rainbow Springs

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Duke Holcombe, a son, on May 10.

Howard Bateman and family, of Swannona, are spending a few days visiting friends and relatives here. Mrs. Clarence Cole and children spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives at West's Mill. They returned home Sunday evening.

Rainbow Springs played Marble at Marble last Saturday afternoon. The score was in favor of Marble by 2 to 1.

Mrs. Jess Brooks and daughter, of Asheville, have arrived here to spend the summer at their home on Black street.

An old automobile and three or four gallons of moonshine liquor were seized by Sheriff Bert Slagle

### Constable Stone Quits



**COLUMBUS** . . . S. E. Stone (above), constable at New Lexington, O., has quit his job and turned in his badge. He says he's as poor as a church mouse himself but he would rather quit as constable than evict poor families from their homes because they are behind in their rents.

and Deputy Sheriff Dills on Friday, May 3, near the mill site above the lumber yard hill at Rainbow Springs. Two men in the car escaped as the officers approached.

Rev. Joe Bishop, of Sylva, filled an appointment here last Saturday night and Sunday.

### Cullasaja

Everybody in this community seems to be busy at present. Those that are not busy on their farms are busy fishing.

A revival meeting has just closed at Bethel. Rev. Mr. Sitten, of Bryson City, did the preaching and did it well. Much good was accomplished.

Bethel church now has electric lights, paid for by the Fulton brothers. The Fulton boys are always doing something they think will help their community. May their tribe increase.

George Scott has bought the old Scott homestead and built a house where the old house was burned. Glad to report "Aunt Lassie" Mashburn much improved.

Mrs. John McDowell was buried at the Sugarfork cemetery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bersulon, of Avery county, were visiting at the homes of the Fulton brothers and Mrs. J. D. McConnell recently. Mrs. Bersulon will be remembered as Miss Bida Penland.

Mrs. N. J. Rush is still very ill. The all-day singing at Sugarfork Sunday drew a large congregation. They had some fine singing.

R. M. Shook had the misfortune

to get his barn burned one day last week. He had a cow and a horse burned. We don't know how it caught.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### ADMINISTRATRIX C. T. A. NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix C. T. A. of Theodore S. Munday, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of April, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 18th day of April, 1935.

MARIETTA MUNDAY, Administratrix C. T. A. A25-6tp-M30

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Mamie Slagle Patton, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of April, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 8th day of April, 1935.

R. A. PATTON, Executor. M9-6tp-J13

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## THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

### "WILD GREENS"

Spring of the year. Such a relief to get away from the routine drugs and chemicals; the smelly box of pills; the musty powders; the terrible throat gargles; let's go to the country for the afternoon.

When we reach the creek valley we dismount to gather a basket of wild greens; no better food obtainable nor more refreshing or healthgiving. Growing in abundance, the wild greens invite us to come and gather as we choose what we want.

Perhaps the first friend we run across is the dandelion; his little crispy circlets invite us everywhere. One of my patrons, an old lady, made a most charming relish from crispy young dandelions; she never cooked them at all. She gathered them, cut them with a mincing knife and put young radishes with them, seasoning the whole with salt and pepper; I know

no better or more healthful relish with meats or more substantial articles which grace our tables.

And, oh, the ladies slipper and lambs tongue, and tender nettle! And the "dock" and wild lettuce. Then there is a variety of wild mustard. Most wild greens may be had fresher than commercial varieties, and then we have the pleasure and out of door exercise of gathering them.

The wild plants cook well with cured bacon—and is not bacon a staff of life? Few dinners of greens will escape the quota of bacon and the family vinegar bottle with the beautiful brown squares of home baked corn bread.

I know of no healthier dish than that of boiled wild greens, they are healthgiving to the highest degree and put drug store "vitamines" outside and over the fence.

Three cheers for the country outing to gather wild greens.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

**KING** . . . . . and jubilee

I get the very distinct impression, from what my English friends tell me and what I have been reading about the Silver Jubilee of King George V., that the monarch who has reigned over the British Empire for the past twenty-five years is the most widely popular ruler that great nation has ever had. His grandmother, Queen Victoria, was greatly respected but the people didn't really love her. His father, King Edward VII, was an aristocrat, whom the common people felt had little understanding of or sympathy with themselves. King George, on the other hand, is the most democratic monarch who ever sat on the throne, and under his rule Great Britain has developed into a more complete democracy than any other nation,

except our own. And I am not sure but what, in many essential respects, it is more of a democracy than America is.

Certainly the ordinary man in England has greater freedom of thought, speech and action than he ever had before, and his government is more efficient in protecting those liberties than is ours.

**ALASKA** . . . . . a challenge

I have been greatly interested in reading about the Federal Government's experiment of moving a lot of American farmers into that territory. I hope they fare well, but I cannot help having my doubts.

As I write I have before me the "Progress Edition" of Alaska's leading newspaper, the "Daily Alaska Empire" published at Juneau. And in the leading editorial on the front page I read:

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I hope the Federal Government has not held forth false hopes to

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