

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

THE ROYAL FAMILY by Pierre Berton (Knopf \$3.75). This book deals with the personalities and idiosyncrasies of the British royal family from Victoria and Albert down to Elizabeth II and her children. It is sympathetic but candid. The author is a Canadian and a journalist, so his account has less reticence than a Briton might have shown and all the liveliness one expects from the editor of a popular magazine and a writer of scripts for a radio audience.

Mr. Berton explains many of the conflicting characters and characteristics by the mixture of two different strains—the lusty, violent, impulsive Hanovers and the serious, moral, restrained Coburgs. Queen Victoria was the daughter of a marriage between these two families, and her own husband was a Coburg. Albert was a conscientious, hard-working man but never popular. Her son, Edward VII, reverted more to the Hanoverian love of pleasure and good living. He was more popular with the people despite a few scandals. Later monarchs showed varying mixtures.

You will not find any profound discussion of the politics of the era here but you will learn how Queen Alexandra was so hopelessly unpunctual that she even delayed the coronation and had her husband pounding on the door and calling, "Alexandra, if you persist in being troublesome you shall not be crowned at all!" But this Danish princess was also beautiful, generous and adored her children.

The dramatic case of the Duke of Windsor is treated with so much sympathy that you surmise the author feels that he would have acted the same way under the same circumstances. He suggests that the marriage with Mrs. Simpson and the abdication were only the climax of a long series of rebellions against the restrictions imposed on royalty and a distaste for being the symbol of power when he had so little.

About a third of the book is devoted to Elizabeth II whom he admires profoundly for her devotion to duty, her poise and charm.

THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA by Sarah Gertrude Millin (Knopf \$4.50). For those who want to understand the racial situation in South Africa, this book is the answer. Mrs. Millin first published a part of it as "The South Africans" in 1926, then revised it in 1934. Since then there have been changes in South Africa, and the present volume has taken cognizance of these.

Mrs. Millin is best known for her distinguished novels, but this

book is not fiction. It is a history of South Africa from its settling up to the present time. South Africa was discovered by the Portuguese explorers the same year that Columbus discovered America. This fact makes it interesting to compare the difference in development in these two countries. Both have been melting pots for many different peoples, but in the case of South Africa there has not been as much assimilation of other national strains as here. While they speak of the Union of South Africa, there is no real unity even among the white people.

Their racial problem cannot be compared with ours as the natives there outnumber the whites forty to one. They also have an East Indian problem. Indians have been there, it is said, since the time of King Solomon, but it was not until 1860 that Indians were imported to work the sugar plantations. They were a prolific people and in time presented a problem, as their status was better than that of the natives. This recognition of Indian rights was gained by a campaign of Passive Resistance led by the young Gandhi.

All of these problems are shown with clarity by Mrs. Millin but she no more than anyone else is able to solve them. The book is written with beauty and feeling, and one feels the earnestness of her desire to understand.

BORN A YANKEE by Grace Carstens (Macmillan \$3.00). This story of a girl, Kate Fyfe, born on Cape Cod in 1914, depicts a life that one can hardly believe still exists—that of the native New Englander living in the traditional ways, side by side with the outsiders or "summer people." Kate was the slave of the family tradition. The first Fyfe had left the Plymouth colony in order to have more independence than he found there. Kate's father was a hard father and expected a great deal of her. Although she developed a considerable musical talent, she was not allowed to go to Boston to study.

She finally managed to break away at the age of thirty-four. The story of her escape makes interesting reading. It is written in the first person and at the end, Kate says, "I have committed the first Cape miracle. Although plenty of outsiders have come and stayed, I am the first native that has voluntarily become an outsider."

PILOT PETE by Alan Villiers Scribner's \$2.50. Here is a new tale of the sea for youngsters written by a man whose sea lore has delighted both adults and children. The hero of this one is a gay young porpoise named Pete who rolics around an Antarctic island with sea gulls, albatrosses, humpback whales and his special friend, a sea elephant. There are lots of gay drawings of these creatures, and I especially liked the droll sea elephant who is called Slackpant and looks it. They all take a hand in trying to teach a backward young albatross, called "Jet-propelled," to fly. Then one day there comes a storm and a ship, and life gets to be very exciting for the animals and birds around Perseverance Harbour.

Tactical use of atomic weapons will be an important phase in the Army's atomic defense maneuver "Flash Burn."

WITH THE Armed Forces

Pvt. Jesse W. Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim M. Cobb, Route 2, Carthage, will move to Fort Bragg with Headquarters Company of the 27th Engineer Combat Battalion for Exercise Flash Burn during April and May.

His unit, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., is one of more than 165 Army units which will test the nation's newest weapons and tactics during the large scale training maneuver.

Private Cobb, whose wife, Catherine, lives at Fort Campbell, is a driver in the unit's Medical Detachment. He entered the Army in May, 1953.

William Kenneth McCrimmon, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McCrimmon of Pinehurst, is completing his Air Force basic military training course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

His basic military training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

Mrs. Standley To Be W.M.U. Speaker

Mrs. Robert Standley, missionary to Brazil, will be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the South Sandy Creek Woman's Missionary Union of the Cameron Baptist Church will be hostesses for the meeting. Rev. L. M. Dixon is pastor of the church and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas is W. M. U. president.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p. m. Members of all W. M. U. Societies are invited to attend.

HOMECOMING DAY

Homecoming Day at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, will be observed Saturday, April 3, with the alumni luncheon at 1 p. m., followed by the annual alumni meeting. A baseball game with Chowan College will follow. At 8 p. m. the Homecoming Dance will be held in the McNair Cafeteria. On Saturday, April 10, High School Day will be observed on the campus.

It often takes as many as 10 applications of insecticide to control boll weevils in North Carolina cotton.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Scripture: John 17.
Devotional Reading: I Timothy 2: 1-8a.

Pray for Others

Lesson for April 4, 1954

WHAT Christ prayed for, we have a right to pray for. This is not to say that we can, so to speak, simply quote his prayers after him and sign our name in place of his. He prayed for objects for which we need not now pray, as when he prayed for Simon Peter. But the kind of thing for which he prayed is the kind of thing for which his followers can boldly pray. For no one has ever known the mind of God so well as Jesus. To pray against the mind of God is to pray in vain; to pray with God's mind is to pray with success. One point is clear from all Jesus' prayers, but especially from the great prayer in John 17: it is that the blessing of God rests on sincere prayer for others.

They Should Know It
Let us hope it is not impertinent to pass on a few thoughts suggested by this prayer of Christ, especially with regard to praying for other people. Intercessory prayer in the true sense is always unselfish, though one may literally pray for other persons with a selfish motive. For instance, if a woman whose husband is a candidate for office prays for his election, that is praying for some one else, right enough; but maybe she is saying one word for him and two for herself. So an ambitious mother might pray that her child would make good in Hollywood. (—and bring home the bacon.) This is not intercessory prayer in the Christian sense. Christ's prayer for others shows that he deeply and completely desired their highest good. But he does not offer this prayer in silence and solitude. He prays in his hearing, they knew they were on his heart. We cannot always pray in the presence of those for whom we pray; but it does them great good to know we are carrying them on our hearts before God. No service of friend or loved one is more cherished than the simple yet sublime service of intercessory prayer.

It Should Be for the Best

Prayer for others should be for the best—and this in two senses. It should be in line with God's best purposes, and it should be for the best things. When Christ prayed in Gethsemane that the cup might pass from him, the prayer was not granted, because what God willed would not be possible, or would not have been possible, if Christ had not been willing to drink that bitter cup to the dregs. God will not grant requests that upset his plans, no matter how earnest and apparently right the requests may be. But prayer for others ought to be for the best things. Not that we should not pray for lesser things. It surely is not wrong to pray that mother may find her wedding ring that got lost in the laundry, or that Uncle Harry may get over his cold. But surely as we grow more mature in the Christian life we can begin to appreciate the kind of prayer that Christ offered for his friends. He did not pray there at the Last Supper for their health, long life or "prosperity." He prayed for their inner spirits, he prayed for their unity of heart, for their vision of God. How often we pray for something to happen to our loved ones, how seldom do we pray for them! When a child lay dying of rabies, hundreds of prayers went up for his recovery. These were not granted. But other prayers were offered for his parents' faith; and these were granted.

Nothing You Ask—?

"Nothing you ask will be denied," a popular hymn says. But the Bible does not promise that. Jesus never promised it. What is promised, and what is true, is that the more our prayers harmonize with the will of the God of Love, the more surely they will find answer. Now we often pray for our friends, as we do for ourselves, that God will help them do what they want to do, or get what they want to have, or get rid of what depresses or pains them. Give them what they want! is our cry. (Many of us are too selfish even to get that far in praying for others.) But there is no guarantee that God will give all men, or any man, exactly what he wants. This poor world would be in a much worse mess than it is, if God simply acted at everybody's dictation. The best we can ask for those we love is that they may learn to desire what God himself desires.

Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County Bookmobile for the week April 5-9 has been announced as follows: Monday—Niagara, 2 p.m.; to Union Church with stops at Martin, Kelly, Darnell and Briggs homes, 2:15 to 3; paved road to Vass with various stops, 3 to 4; Vass, 4:10 to 4:30; W. F. Smith's home, 4:40.

Tuesday—West End School, 10 a.m.; Eagle Springs School, 11 a.m. Vineland School, 11:30.

Wednesday—Aberdeen School, 10:15 a.m.; Colonial Heights, 4 to 5 p.m.

Thursday—Carthage Library, 11:15 a.m.; Elise High School, 12:30 to 1:15; Robbins Library, 1:30 to 2; Putnam, 2:20; Glendon, 3; Floyd Willcox's, 3:20; Joe Pressley's near Cole's Mill, 3:40; Mrs. Ora Pressley's, 3:50; Nicholson home, 4:15; C. F. Wicker's, 4:45.

Friday—Eureka route in afternoon.

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This week in almost all of the churches of our land people will be asked to give . . . to aid their distressed brethren in other lands. Even if you haven't been to church for a long while—go now to share your blessings with a world of suffering millions. And, perhaps, in the very act of giving you'll discover anew the joy of worship.

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BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Cheves K. Ligon, Minister
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.

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New Hampshire Ave., So. Pines
Sunday Service, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p. m.
Reading Room in Church Building open Wednesday 3-5 p. m.

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Cor. Bennett and N. Hampshire
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Sunday Worship, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York avenue at South Ashe
David Hoke Coon, Minister
Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Training Union 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p. m.; midweek worship, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p. m.
Missionary meeting, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p. m. Church and family supper, second Thursdays, 7 p. m.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Grover C. Currie, Minister
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship Service, 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings, 7:30. Fourth Sunday morning, 11 a. m.
Women of the Church meeting, 8 p. m. second Tuesday.
Mid-week service Thursday at 8 p. m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
Charles V. Covell, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a. m. (except first Sunday).
Church School, 9:45 a. m., with Adult Class at 10 a. m.
Morning Prayer, 11 a. m. (Holy Communion, first Sunday).
Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10 a. m.

ST. ANTHONY'S (Catholic)
Vermont Ave. at Ashe
Father Peter M. Denges
Sunday masses 8 and 10:30 a. m.; Holy Day masses 7 and 9 a. m.; weekday mass at 8 a. m. Confessions heard on Saturday between 5-6 and 7:30-8:30 p. m.

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