

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

CRATERS OF FIRE by Haroun Tazieff (Harper \$3.00). It is a delight to read this book because the author is not only a scientist and explorer but his mind has other interesting facets. He measures, analyses, collects data, but he also marvels. There is more than a touch of poetry in the way he describes the awful glories of volcanoes and something of the philosopher in his interest in their impact on the human spirit. He begins his book appropriately enough with a quotation from Rimbaud, "And the Queen, the sorceress who fans the live embers in her earthen pot, will never tell us what she knows and what we do not know."

Tazieff describes vividly the sights and sounds and smells of volcanoes in various stages of eruption. He takes you with him for a stroll around the crater of the first one he met, Kituro in Central Africa. Peering down into the caldron where molten lava still seethed, he was so fascinated that he took a step down the sloping wall—then another, and another. Eventually he was driven back by the terrific din and an eruption of red hot projectiles. But why was he there? He wonders himself and speculates.

However, the mystery of his own attraction gets little space compared to his concern with the fundamental mystery of the earth itself, this hot mass of matter held at tremendous pressures under a shell no thicker relatively than the shell of an egg. Liquid only at fantastic temperatures and pressures, the magma is more rigid than steel under conditions at the earth's surface. Occasionally it breaks through the shell and we have volcanoes and earthquakes.

As an introduction to the study of these, the book is simple and clear enough for the lay reader with helpful diagrams. There are also excellent photographs of volcanoes in action, lava fields and allied phenomena. In addition to the Belgian Congo, Tazieff has studied Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli. A list of all known volcanoes is given in an appendix.

PLAIN CHRISTIANITY and Other Broadcast Talks by J. B. Phillips (Macmillan \$1.65). It is a joy to add this little book to our collection of helpful literature. Two others have been discussed in this column—"The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale and "Life is Worth Living" by Monsignor Sheen. Now we have this collection of radio talks by an Englishman.

Religion today is coming into its own, and it is interesting to note that the Gospel of Christ is being spread by radio to people all over the world. The three men I have mentioned all use simple, direct language to convey their thoughts and concentrate on essentials, so that we may be sure that to their listeners, it matters not to what denomination they belong. Their message is the teaching of Christ and the possibility of leading a Christlike life. The fact that they have thousands of listeners proves how eagerly the world is awaiting this message.

In reading this book we can well understand Mr. Phillips' popularity, for he gives his message with great sincerity and clarity and can be of great help to us all. His main thesis is that Christianity can be a practical and rewarding way of life in the

modern world.

A KID FOR TWO FARTHINGS by Wolf Mankowitz (Dutton \$2.50). We do not often find a more lovable child than six-year old Joe in this book. His father has had to go to Africa, leaving Joe and his mother in London. The mother works in a milliner's shop. Joe dreams of the day when his father will come for them. In the mean time, he has many friends and his little goat, which he calls a unicorn. Mr. Mankowitz takes us all about East London until we know it well. His people are real people and Fashion Street a real street. Little Joe is destined to become one of the well known and well loved children of fiction. We can highly recommend this little book.

THISTLY B by Tasha Tudor (Oxford \$1.75). Pretty as an Easter egg is this little book about a cavity written for children under eight. Thistly B was the darling pet of a small boy and girl who took the best care of him. The details of how they did it will be enjoyed by other children. Then Godmother came with a present for Thistly B—a little wife, Yellow Bird. There was much joy and excitement. When Yellow Bird got ready to make a nest, she chose the bathtub in the dolls' house and started building with hair ribbons. Later come the baby birds and their training.

Tasha Tudor has long since proved her ability to tell a tale that will hold the interest of small children. The build-up and climax in this one will be most satisfying to them. Her illustrations as always are exquisite, though the reproduction is not entirely satisfactory.

WITH THE Armed Forces

Paul D. Cameron, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Cameron of Vass, participated in Operation Flag Hoist, an amphibious training exercise on the island of Iwo Jima while serving aboard the destroyer USS James E. Kyes.

The operation, which involved thousands of Navy and Marine Corps personnel, was designed to promote the combat efficiency of all participating units.

The training exercise took place nine years after the capture of the small Pacific island. Japanese resistance ended March 16, 1945.

Pvt. Sidney George Whiting, Jr., was graduated recently from the Field Radio Repair course in the Radio Division of the Signal School, at Signal Corps Headquarters, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Whiting, 350 Highland Road, and attended school in Southern Pines. He entered military service in June, 1953.

Graduates of the Radio Division of the Signal School are capable of installing, maintaining and repairing radio, microwave and television communications systems and associated equipment under combat conditions. Pvt. Whiting will be reassigned to utilize his training with the Army Field Forces.

Army Pvt. Arthur G. Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Black, Route 3, Carthage, recently joined the

School Cafeteria MENUS FOR WEEK

April 12-16
Monday—Chili Con Carne on Rice, Buttered Carrots, Cabbage Slaw, Corn Bread, Butter, Honey.
Tuesday—Orange Juice, Beef Stew, Green Beans, Coconut Pudding, Pan Rolls, Butter, Milk.
Wednesday—Egg Salad Sandwich, Homemade Vegetable Soup, Peach Cottage Cheese Salad, Applesauce Pecan Cake, Milk.
Thursday—Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Pickle Chips, Buttered Potatoes, Baked Beans, Fruited Jello, Whip Topping, Milk.
Friday—Blackeye Peas, Minced Onion, Buttered Spinach, Candied Yams, Dutch Apple Pie, Bread, Butter, Milk.

Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week April 12-16 has been announced as follows:
Monday—Lakeview (Bob Guldedge home), 4 to 4:20; Dunrovin cafe on Highway 1, 4:45.
Tuesday—Doubs Chapel route from Donald Garrison home to junction with West End road, 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.; highway back to Eastwood with various home stops, 3:30 to 4:30; Walter Bilyeu home, 4:30; Ira Garrison's, 4:40.
Wednesday—Eagle Springs, 1:45 to 2:10; Jackson Springs: W. E. Graham home, 2:20; postoffice, 2:30 to 3; West End, 3:15 to 4:15; Barnson home near power station, 4:30.
Thursday—Carthage Library, 11:30 to 12; Westmoore school, 1:15 to 2:30; Dover church, 2:45; Lonnie Brewer home, 3; Arthur Baldwin's store, 3:20; Melvin Frye home near Calvary church, 4.
Friday—Murdockville from Eugene McKenzie home to A. H. Garrison's, 2:30 to 3:45; C. C. Cleaver mailbox (community stop), 3:50 to 4:15; Coy McKenzie's, 4:20; Mrs. Bertie McKenzie's, 4:40.

2nd Armored Division in Germany.

The "Hell on Wheels" division, which spearheaded the World War II drive into Germany, is now training vigorously as part of the U. S. Seventh Army.

Private Black, who formerly worked for the Carthage Fabrics Corporation, entered the Army last April and completed basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga. He is now assigned to the division's 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion.

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Scripture: John 18-19; 21:15. Devotional Reading: Psalm 18.

Betrayal

Lesson for April 11, 1954

There would have been no crucifixion if there had been no betrayal. At this Good Friday season, it may help us (though it cannot be pleasant) to think a while about the betrayal of Jesus. We never understand the story of the Cross when we think of it as simply a historic event, something that happened once long ago, to other people. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" the old song asks. Yes, but not only at Calvary—we were in the Garden of Gethsemane, we took part in the betrayal. For the betrayal of Jesus by Judas is a picture of the way each of us has at some time or other betrayed the Master. Judas was not alone.

Judas Didn't Do Much

The betrayal was such a tremendous thing, really, yet perhaps to Judas at first it did not seem like much. We wonder why Judas could ever have done such a crime, and the answer may be that Judas did not think of it as a crime, beforehand. No doubt the men of the Sanhedrin urged that point on him. We can imagine hearing them say: "Now, Judas, why not? We are not asking you to do anything. All we are after is one fact. Where can we find this Jesus of Nazareth after hours? Where does he spend his nights? We aren't asking you to arrest him, or to strike him or hurt him a particle. All we want is information, what happens afterwards,—that isn't your affair. Your Master may turn out to be quite innocent of all the charges going around. You'd like to see him cleared, wouldn't you? We'll give him a trial; you surely don't object to justice being done! All we ask of you is one little thing: just tell us where to find him."

They All Forsook Him

Let it be repeated: Judas was not alone. All the apostles had sworn loyalty, and Peter in particular. But given the chance to escape from that garden, they made the most of it. We are told that they ALL forsook him and fled. Every disciple running away into the shadows was just as truly denying Jesus as was Simon Peter there in the courtyard by the fire. Every sound of running feet growing fainter in the distance was just as sickening a sound as was Judas' kiss. Judas was the first traitor but none failed to follow his example. So it is with us. Like Judas, we don't intend to betray Jesus,—we who are Christians. Yet every sin is a turning of the back on him. Every sin is a betrayal of trust. Every sin is the same as saying, "I do not know Jesus." Every sin is a going over to Jesus' enemies. It is lining up with the forces that would destroy Jesus and all that he stood for. Jesus has many friends in the world today, but he also has many enemies. And sin of every sort simulates Jesus' enemies and hurts Jesus and his cause. Like Judas, we seldom realize what we are getting into, at first. Smooth tongues can make evil look almost benevolent. It was not hard to rope Judas in. Do we, too, make easy victims for the devil?

Judas, Too Late

D. L. Moody's imaginative story tells much of the meaning of the Cross. Christ had just told his disciples to preach the gospel to every creature. "To every creature?" protests Peter. "I saw a soldier cram a garland of thorns down on your forehead till it bled . . . to him?" "Yes," replies Jesus' too him. Tell him that blood was shed for him, too." "To every creature?" asks Peter. "I saw a soldier strike his spear into your side when you were helpless in the very moment of death . . . preach to him?" "Yes," answers the Lord, "to him, too. Tell him there is a nearer way to my heart than that." To every creature—yes, but not to Judas. For him it was too late. Why was it, so many ask, that Judas was not forgiven, while Peter was? Was not Peter also a betrayer? Of course he was. But the difference was that Peter came back to Jesus, but Judas never did. The Christian church believes that Christ died for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world. Yet there are those whom the sacrifice of Christ in the cross does not save. Christ did not save Judas, it is true. But whose was the fault?

Mrs. Caddell, 86, Dies At Carthage

Mrs. W. N. Caddell, 86, died Friday morning of last week at the home of her son, Joe A. Caddell. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cleveland Cagle and Mrs. N. J. Morgan, both of Carthage; one son, Joe A. Caddell of Carthage, one brother, Thomas H. Maness of Charlotte. Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church of Carthage conducted by the Rev. O. J. Hagler and the Rev. W. S. Golden. Burial was in Cross Hill Cemetery at Carthage.

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Of course not! For a week or two we might revel in our good fortune, and enjoy our freedom from care. And then suddenly life would become colorless and empty. For where would we find incentive? How would we recapture ambition? What would we substitute for perseverance and fortitude and hope: the qualities that crown existence with achievements?

And what would happen to FAITH—the true foundation of happiness?

In this work-a-day world, with all its turmoil and care, the man who depends on God lives with a smile in his heart. And week after week his shoes wear smooth the threshold of his Church as he rejoices in the love of His Saviour. He doesn't dream of happiness in a land of make-believe! He has found happiness.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) Which needs his moral and moral support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Psalms	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	42	1-11
Monday	Psalms	145	1-21
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes	12	1-13
Wednesday	Isaiah	6	1-8
Thursday	John	5	39-47
Friday	Galatians	5	13-26
Saturday	II Timothy	2	11-19

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH 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.

THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)
Cor. Bennett and N. Hampshire
Wofford C. Timmons, Minister
Sunday Worship, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Sunday, 6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young people).
Sunday, 8:00 p. m., The Forum.

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 suppers, 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.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY
West Pennsylvania at Hardin
Fr. Donald Fearon, C. S. S. R.
Sunday Mass, 10 a. m.; Holy Day Mass, 9 a. m. Confessions are heard before Mass.

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