

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1954

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

THE STARS AT NOON by Jacqueline Cochran (Little Brown \$4.50). This is not a profound book but many people are going to enjoy it because it is so full of a genuine zest for living. To paraphrase Stevenson, Jacqueline Cochran finds the world "so full of a number of things" that she is sure we should all be as happy as kings and especially so if we are Americans. She believes this country still offers marvelous opportunities for the young person who has ambition, vitality and the willingness to work.

Her own career is certainly a case in point. Beginning life as a ragged, little, barefoot girl in the sawmills of northern Florida, she has achieved fame and fortune, known kings and queens, four presidents of the United States and many other celebrities. She never found the road easy, though she is full of gratitude to the many people who helped her. She had only a scrap of schooling. At eight she was earning her own living in the cotton mills and bought her first pair of shoes—high-heeled ones—supplemented the next week by a pair of sneakers, for she was always quick to learn from experience.

The book has much about fly-

ing, of course, its dangers and difficulties along with its thrills. Miss Cochran came into the field early enough to witness many experiments and had the courage and intellectual curiosity to share in many of them. She says "There has hardly been a race or record flight by me in which I have not tried out something new or experimental." She goes on to conclude that "these tests and the information I derived from them have been my greatest satisfactions."

Aside from aeronautics, there is food here for those interested in extrasensory perceptions, in which Miss Cochran heartily believes, and for those who are championing the entrance of women into new professions—she organized WASP which trained more than a thousand women pilots in World War II, pilots who left an excellent record in non-combat duty. There are also interesting glimpses of other famous airmen and women, and glimpses into other countries all round the world. All in all, it is a warm-hearted book of adventure by a woman who liked almost everyone.

MELBOURNE by Lord David Cecil (Bobbs-Merrill \$5.00). The

first third of his biography was published in 1939 and took William Lamb (Lord Melbourne) up to his forty-seventh year. Then his years of unhappiness with Caroline, Daughter of Lady Bessborough, were over. Caroline had died, leaving only one child, a son who never developed mentally.

This new book, with which the first is included, gives us the mature Melbourne in office again. The prime minister, Lord Liverpool, had had a stroke, and William Lamb was called out of retirement to become First Secretary for Ireland. This was in 1827. In 1834 he was made Prime Minister at fifty-five years old. Thus when Victoria came to the throne three years later, he was in a position to help and guide this eighteen-year-old who had assumed such heavy duties. She had no confidence in her mother, the Duchess of Kent; so for the five years until her marriage, Melbourne was her constant friend and advisor.

Although, after Caroline's death, Melbourne had two love affairs, he only truly loved two women—his wife, Caroline, and Queen Victoria. Lord Cecil has written not only a well documented book but an interesting one. It is so interesting and so warm while that it is what we call a "must book."

—JANE H. TOWNE
THE LOVE LETTERS OF PHYLLIS MCGINLEY (Viking \$3.00). Many of these verses have appeared in the New Yorker and other magazines. They are fully as entertaining when reread. While they are light verse in their wit and gaiety, almost all of them have an undercurrent of seriousness or irony, especially those under the headings, "A Little Praise" and "A Gallery of Elders." The Gallery of Saints, while amusing, gives real information about some well-known saints. The last poem, "A Kind of Love Letter to New York" will make city-dwellers happy. In fact, there are poems both diverting and sarcastic for everyone.

—JANE H. TOWNE
THE MYSTERIOUS LEAF by Richard Banks (Harcourt \$2.50). Every year there seems to be at least one fantasy spun for children that promises to give a good time to the adult who reads it aloud with a child. One year it was "Charlotte's Web," and last year it was "The Borrowers." Here we have a slighter book and a more gossamer fantasy but handled very skillfully by Mr. Banks who is Associate Director of the Yale University News Bureau and has several children of his own.

The story revolves round one very small girl, three professors and a magic leaf. The professors are odd but kindly people portrayed with humor and affection by both author and artist. In fact the fine pen and ink drawings by Irene Haas have an imaginative quality that certainly helps us to believe that these strange things did happen in the town of Sparkling. The rhymed riddles which lead the reader on to the solution of the mystery will be relished by children.

Butter purchases by American households rose to over 60 million pounds during a four-week period in September—representing an increase of more than five million pounds or 10 per cent over purchases in the comparable period in 1953.

The University of Maryland has tested an experimental harvester that picks tomatoes 50 per cent faster than the average pickers.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Scriptures: Psalms 42; 84; 102:25-27.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 63:1-8.

The Living God

Lesson for December 12, 1954

DO ALL men "yearn for God?" Plainly, they do not. Many ignore him, many wish they could be sure he did not exist, some even spend a good deal of effort trying to show that there is no God. Many even so-called religious people, church members of the more lukewarm sort, cannot by any stretch of the imagination be said to "yearn" for God. Some people are so flabby by temperament that they never yearn for anything or Dr. Foreman anyone in their whole lives. Like oysters, they take what comes their way and think as little as possible. Nevertheless and for all that, the longing for God is the deepest longing of which the human heart is capable. Those who have known this desire know that there is no other which is so intense.

Only the Living God Satisfies

Men do cry out for the living God, as the Psalmist said. Men do not really care for dead gods. A deity who is only a name, a definition in a catechism, an article in a creed, a hypothesis in a philosopher's mind, a concept, an idea; a god who is spun like cobweb out of a thinker's brain, a god who is another name for a wish, a god who is no more than a mirage, a reflection of a man's own ego on the blank curtain of empty eternity—such a god no one wants. It is only the living God who satisfies. Indeed, the great saints have always believed that only the living God could inspire in men this deep desire for himself. But what is meant by the "living" God? First of all it means the weaver of destiny. A God who made the universe and threw it out to whirl forever untended and forgotten, might be a majestic deity but not the living God for whom the saints have yearned. The living God is one who is here, now, weaving at his loom of time and space, living in the hearts and minds of his children, controlling by his providence the course of history, "preserving and governing all his creatures" as an old creed expresses it. To such a God we dare to pray; of such a God we may expect concern, a hand stretched out to lift the falling.

God the Friend

"God is my friend" is the most stirring thought a man can have. A God who could not be a friend but only a creator, a judge, would not be the living God of the psalmists' prayers. Yet when we speak of God as a friend, we have to avoid two mistakes. One is to think that he is a friend to all alike, that it makes no difference at all to him what we do, he is for us no matter what, that whatever we pray for he is bound to do for us. No: as we were thinking last week, God can be against men. He will not say "Yes" to foolish or wicked prayers. He is for good and against evil, and he plays no favorites. Another mistake is to think of him like some human friends, persons who wish us well but can't do anything else about it. Human friendship is often no more than weak and helpless sympathy. The friendship of God comes from the heart of reality itself. In spite of our human friends we may be destroyed; but as St. Paul put it, if God be for us, who can be (successfully) against us?

The Unchanging God

Both in the Bible (as in Psalm 102) and out (as in Christian theology) we hear about the unchanging or the unchangeable, God. We have to be careful to think of this as the Bible shows us, and not to make a caricature out of the idea. God is the living God; let us keep that in mind at all times. He is not unchanging as a statue is. A doll is made smiling; cuddle the doll or leave it in the rain, and the doll smiles on. But God is no doll! God is not unchanging as a formula is in mathematics. Any mathematical law, any law of physics or astronomy for instance, is unchangeable; but it is not a living thing; it knows nothing, it cares for nothing, it can be used by evil men and divine person, not a what, not a thing, but infinite, personal, loving—our Father. His unchangingness is not the sameness of a doll, not the inflexibility of a formula. It is the changelessness of a fatherly love on which his children can now and always depend.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week December 13-17, has been announced as follows:

Monday — Routh's Service station, 2 p. m.; Cameron, 2:30 to 3:30; Lakeview (Bob Gullidge home), 4 to 4:20.

Tuesday—Westmore school, 1 p. m.; Nall home near Dover church, 2:15; Baldwin's store, 2:30; Frye and Diggs homes near Calvary church, 4.

Wednesday — Highfalls school, 10:45 a. m.; Eagle Springs school, 1 p. m.

Thursday — Pinckney school, 10:30 a. m.; Carthage Library, 11:30 to 12; Robbins Elementary school, 1:30; Robbins Library, 2:30.

Friday — Murdockville route from Dan Lewis home to Earl Monroe's, 2:30 to 3:30; Cleaver mailbox (neighborhood stop), 3:45; Coy McKenzie's, 4; Mrs. Bertie McKenzie's, 4:30; J. W. Williams' home at Juniper Lake, 4:45.

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In the case of **THE STATE versus PAUL M.** it happened fifteen years ago. Paul was a little shaver then. It was early on a Sunday morning, and the church bells were ringing.

Paul heard them as he played quietly in his room. They were a reminder that this was the morning he must be very quiet, because Daddy and Mama must catch up on their sleep.

Daddy heard them and pulled the covers over his ear. "Why," he thought, "must they ring them for Sunday School as well as Church?" Mama heard them; and got up to start the coffee.

God heard them, too. And only God knew that in this tranquil scene, which His bells left undisturbed, sentence had been passed in the case of **THE STATE versus PAUL M.**

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) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Amos	5	14-24
Monday	Micah	6	6-8
Tuesday	Habakkuk	2	1-9
Wednesday	Malachi	3	7-12
Thursday	James	2	5-17
Friday	James	4	8-17
Saturday	Revelation	7	9-17

BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Cheves C. 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.

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. Correll, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (except first Sunday).
Church School and Family Service, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. (Holy Communion, first Sunday).
Wednesday, 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

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.

SOUTHERN PINES METHODIST CHURCH
Robert L. Bame, Minister
(Services held temporarily at Civic Club, Ashe Street)
Church School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.; W. S. C. S. meets each first Tuesday at 8 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York Ave. at South Ashe
David Hoke Coon, Minister
Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Training Union, 7 p.m. Evening Worship, 8 p.m.
Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week 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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
New Hampshire Ave.
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 New Hampshire
Wofford C. Timmons, 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.

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