

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

JEFFERSON DAVIS, American Patriot, 1808-1861, by Hudson Strode (Harcourt \$6.75). A fresh approach to a controversial subject always makes interesting reading but more so when the author has had access to new sources and when he writes as well as Mr. Strode. In this case the new material consisted in a store of family letters that were in the hands of Mr. Davis' direct descendants.

What emerges is an attractive picture of a Southern gentleman of warm heart and cultivated manners in private life and one whose public life was marked by high principles and great integrity. The more controversial part of Jefferson Davis' career is barely touched on, as this volume takes us only up to the Civil War and will be followed by a second.

Mr. Strode says that he was stimulated into starting this research by a remark made by Sigrid Underst on "the grudging attitude of the South, as well as the North, to Jefferson Davis," and by his own discovery that while most educated people were familiar with the life of Robert E. Lee, the majority knew little about Davis. This reader was one of the latter, so I learned much that was new to me about his services to the United States from his share in the Indian Wars, when Wisconsin was a frontier, to his distinguished career in the Senate and his term as Secretary of War under Franklin Pierce. The last was noteworthy for considerable improvements in the equipment, organization and pay of the army and for numerous internal improvements that included the building of an aqueduct from the Potomac Falls to Washington, D. C. and the "reconnaissance of routes" for transcontinental railroads, a project which he considered vital to the growth and unity of the nation.

The thesis of this book is that Davis had shown in many ways his intelligent devotion to the good of the country as a whole, that he had a host of admirers both North and South—as late as

1858 he filled Faneuil Hall with an enthusiastic audience—and that no one worked harder than he to preserve the Union, though he was adamant in his conviction that the constitution gave no section the right to dominate another and enforce the ideas of a majority on a minority.

He also believed that slavery had been beneficial to the Negroes in bringing them into contact with Christianity and higher civilization. He thought the Abolitionists were fanatics and hoped until the last minute that the South could make terms with the moderates in the North. As a result he was attacked by extremists on both sides. Nevertheless when the break did come, the delegates from the seceding states were unanimous in choosing him for president of the Confederacy.

Mr. Strode has portrayed so sympathetic a character that one looks forward eagerly to his account of the climax of his hero's public life in a second volume.

THE FARTHER SHORE by Robert M. Coates (Harcourt \$3.50). The evocation of mood and atmosphere is done with such success in this book that one is tempted to compare it to music or poetry. The descriptions of the empty night streets of New York's West side between 14th and 34th streets set the tone of the whole book—the shabby little shops for restaurants and linings, the obscure restaurants shut and silent on the avenues and the gloomy rooming houses on the side streets.

The main characters are of and from this environment. You feel you may have passed them a hundred times there—that heavy, foreign-looking man with the dark hair and deepest eyes and the slim, fair-haired waitress a bit worn and sharp but with a quick warmth in her smile.

Yes, you may have met them and wondered, but Robert Coates wondered more deeply and has created characters that it will be hard to forget. The more appealing is Cormoris, a middle-aged Hungarian piano tuner to whom

love came late. The quality of his response to this experience is so fine, so profound, and his efforts to make the relationship a noble one so untrite that one follows the development of the situation with almost painful intensity.

Here you have a book distinguished both for style and sensitive appraisal of human personalities and their interaction on each other.

PIRATE QUEST by Nancy Faulkner (Doubleday \$2.75). Any story about pirates promises adventure and, when the pirate is Blackbeard, it has a double interest for North Carolinians. This one deals with the adventures of Ian McDonald of Edinburgh who with his physician father was captured by pirates and carried to their island base in the West Indies. How the two of them fared and how fifteen-year-old Ian was later put ashore alone on the Virginia coast and found his way to Williamsburg makes a stirring tale.

Not less interesting is the development of Ian's character in the new situation, how he made friends and enemies, how he sought revenge and was a part of the final battle with Blackbeard at Ocracoke Inlet but found the experience tasted sour. When the boy eventually finds himself and a better purpose in life than revenge, the book comes to a satisfying end.

Miss Faulkner is to be congratulated on a book of adventure in which character plays a part as well as incident and on the careful reconstruction of her historical background.

WHEN IS TOMORROW? by Nancy Dingman Watson (Knopf \$2.00). Here is a beautiful and helpful book for the very young.

"Tomorrow we are going to Squirrel Island," said Linda. But when the family reached the island and Linda said, "Is this tomorrow?" she was told, "No, this is today."

How this problem may be really puzzling to a child has been understood and sensitively handled in this charming picture book about a week on a Maine Island.

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Notice is hereby given that A. C. REED heretofore doing business in the Town of Southern Pines, North Carolina, under the trade name of BELVEDERE HOTEL, ceased to operate said Belvedere Hotel as of midnight August 31st, 1955.

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This the 1st day of September, 1955.
s18,15,22c A. C. REED.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Moore County: MOORE COUNTY vs. Melvin Williams, Mildred Williams and husband — Williams, Inez Williams, Guardian, Inez Litch and husband Willie Litch, Minnie Blue and husband — Blue

The above, defendants, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing certain liens for taxes for the year 1952, owned and held by Moore County, and for other taxes, costs and interest and penalties due Moore County, which are liens upon that certain tract, lot or parcel of land listed for the year 1952 and other years shown in the complaint in said action in the name of Willie Litch, Melvin & Mildred Williams in McNeill Township, Moore County, North Carolina, described as follows: House and Lot No. 1 in Block K-13 in the Town of Southern Pines. Reference Book of Wills O Page 594, Office of the Clerk of Court for Moore County.

And the relief demanded consists wholly or partly in excluding all persons from any actual interest or lien in or to said lands.

And the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, at his office in Carthage, within 20 days after the 5th day of October, 1955, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 3rd day of September, 1955.
C. C. KENNEDY,
Clerk of the Superior Court
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House Of Our God
Lesson for September 25, 1955

WHY support churches? The first thing we need to understand about this, as Christians, is that support of the church is not optional, but a "must." During a year's time every citizen is confronted with more "causes" than most of us can keep up with. We are invited to share in many good works; orphanages, schools for the blind, boys' towns, foundations for the study of various diseases, hospitals for crippled children, the Red Cross, all sorts of things. Most of us have to decide which we shall send our few dollars to, and which not. But if a Christian thinks he has a right to decide whether or not to support the church, he does not understand what the church is. The central reason why the church calls for the support of the people of God is that it is the "house of our God."



Here They Know You
If those poor people in ancient Jerusalem pledged themselves to support the house of God, we who are Christians have even more reason to do so. For one thing, the church is where we really belong. Where else in the world is a person recognized for what he is, a child of God? Elsewhere you are a statistic, a consumer, a customer, a tax-payer, a cost item, a voter. These may be important facts about you. But the most important fact about any human being is not that he is like to the human race, important though that is. The big fact is that every human being is made by God, for fellowship with him. Every man alive is a child of God. Either he knows that or he does not know it. Vast numbers of the human race live as if they were orphans of the storm, they live pigs' lives like the prodigal in Jesus' parable. But no one will tell them they are children of God. No one will tell them of the Father's house, no one will recognize them for what they are. Only in the house of our God."

Here Citizens Are Trained
There are very shortsighted people who may tell you that money put into support of the church could better be spent in civic improvement, such as better schools or sanitation. On the contrary, supporting the church is the best thing that can be done for the betterment of society. It cannot be said too often: even if the church were only a listening post, even if a church did nothing at all but hold a meeting on Sunday, even if a church might as well be laid flat in ashes six days in the week, for all the work it does—still, even if it did no more than hear God's messages once a week, it would be doing a great and unique thing. For the people who hear those messages and believe them would come to know their true relation to God and their duty in his sight; they would live not as animals, not as the "beasts that perish" but as immortal sons and daughters of the Most High. Then if the church is more than a listening post, if it puts its members to work, they will be actually taught and trained in Christian living.

Here God's Will Is Sought and Taught
Are we talking about the real church, or are we idealizing it? Well of course no church is quite ideal. But taking the church by and large, these things are true, the church at its best wants them to come true, this is what it is driving at. For the church is the only place in town where large groups of people join in trying to know the will of God, and how to find it and how to do it. The church is the place where problems, personal and/or social, can and ought to be discussed in the light of God's Word and Will. It is the place where life is looked at in the light of heaven. A church that does not live up to its high calling is hardly worth support; but a church where there is a sincere effort to know what God wants for this community and for our part in it, a church where there is brave and honest opportunity for minister and people to think and to study and to speak out for God and his ways, a church which by prayer and service keeps the door open toward God, such a church is indeed a House of God; how can a Christian refuse to support it?

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Naval Reserve Now

Taking Enlistments

Applications for enlistment in the Naval Reserve are now being accepted from males between the ages of 17 and 31, it was announced today by the Navy recruiting station in Raleigh.

Applicants who have not been ordered to report for induction into the Armed Forces under the UMT&S Act may be enlisted into the Naval Reserve for a period of six years.

Draft-liable persons between the ages of 18 1-2 and 31 will be enlisted in the Naval Reserve for immediate active duty only, and placed in the active status pool pending processing of orders to active duty. Persons between the ages of 17 and 18 1-2 who request active duty will also be placed in this pool.

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To look forward to tomorrow tranquilly... as this child does... you must have FAITH. You will find that faith able to face, unafraid, your tomorrows, and all they hold.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor in 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	Deuteronomy	31	6-8
Monday	I Samuel	3	1-9
Tuesday	Psalm	121	1-8
Wednesday	Mark	4	1-29
Thursday	Mark	8	31-38
Friday	I Timothy	3	10-17
Saturday	Numbers	6	22-27

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