

By LOCKIE PARKER

Some Looks At Books

THE SEARCH FOR BRIDEY MURPHY, by Morey Bernstein (Doubleday \$3.75). For a unique hypnotic adventure into "pre-natal life," *The Search* should prove fairly interesting light reading. It is non-fiction, but, as far as scientific value is concerned, its contribution is meager.

Author Bernstein here reports what he discovers (after a few years' delving into hypnotism from the days of his doubt) when he meets up with a subject who relates, in trance, details of her "former life" as an Irish girl. The extent of Bernstein's own enthusiasm over this "new find" makes for verbosity rather than unprejudiced analysis; and as for scientific value or originality, basically it has neither.

With the book comes a short phonograph record of the under-hypnosis interview of a Colorado woman's descent into "her" life of about 1850. In real life she is listed as Mrs. Ruth Simmons; and in her former, Bridey Murphy. Her whole glib commentary is put down in the book.

Very many other pages biographically relate how Bernstein got into these amateur hypnotic and psychic experiments in the first place. Said *Newsweek's* page-long review on January 9, criticism will come chiefly from "how he found the supernatural, and (this) one-sided summary of its 'scientific proof.'"

A 30-page appendix is given, with numerous references, on various aspects of hypnosis, extra-sensory perception, and even psychokinesis. This elemental adjunct is perhaps added to give an air of authority to the forepart.

As to the actual possibility of "pre-natal regression," that is more akin to reincarnation than to ordinary "age regression" techniques in hypnosis; and belief in reincarnation, however sincerely held by some, is built on a much weaker foundation than Extra Sensory Perception. It therefore is less parsimonious than is the theory of clairvoyance of Mrs. Simmons, in his opinion. Even Bernstein, in his Appendix, discreetly omits reference to it. Essentially, then, this work represents a printed record of the author's personally exciting experience, insubstantially support-

ed by such documentary proofs of Bridey's murmurings as ought to have been dug up from Irish archives. Bernstein admits—but not in the book—that Mrs. Simmons herself is part Irish. The book thus falls into the category of an interesting true story rather than that of a significant contribution to the literature of psychical research.

—W. E. COX, JR.

JEOPARDY by Manfred Conte (Sloane \$3.50). This is an exciting tale of counterfeiting in Europe after World War II. The fact that it is a translation seems to slow it down at first, but as soon as one becomes accustomed to that, one follows with interest the fortunes of the engraver, Jules Fabre, who has and uses several other aliases. There are three love affairs in the book. American agents are alerted and join in the chase from Austria to Paris and then to Italy where the denouement comes. This can be recommended as an "escape" novel with no attempts made at moralizing. —JANE H. TOWNE

BORROW THE NIGHT by Helen Nielsen (Morrow \$2.75). Here is a new and tense specimen of the "who-dun-it" with an unusual angle. Judge Ralph Addison receives a letter stating that he has condemned an innocent man and that on the day that man is to be executed—a week hence—he, too, will die. The letter is signed "Mr. Justice."

For peculiarly poignant personal reasons his first thought is to keep this from his wife, so he burns the letter. But other letters follow daily and at last—just twenty-four hours before the time set for the execution—the judge reports the matter to the district attorney and then turns detective himself in the company of a middle-aged cop, the cop who had arrested the condemned youth. Strange developments follow.

The book ranks high of its kind for pace, sustained suspense and a solution that is surprising from the facts but well substantiated by a gradual revelation of individual motives and the personal histories of the main characters.

1956 GUIDE TO EUROPE AND

Emmanuel Church Services Noted

Lt. Col. Arthur H. Marsh, chaplain of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, will conduct the 11 a. m. service Sunday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church which is now without a regular rector.

An 8 a. m. service, previously announced, will not be held. The same schedule is expected to prevail for Sunday, January 29, it was announced—an 11 a. m. service conducted by the Fort Bragg chaplain and no 8 a. m. service.

IN FRATERNITY

Gary Mattocks of Southern Pines is one of twenty-nine students at East Carolina College who have been chosen for membership in the Sigma Rho Phi fraternity on the campus. Founded during the 1954-1955 term at the college, the fraternity is both a social and a service organization. Max Cameron of Olivia was among those chosen.

THE MEDITERRANEAN by Richard Joseph (Doubleday \$5.95). This is no book for the arm-chair traveller, no dreamy descriptions of remote places where it might be fun to go some time but up-to-date, specific information on how to go to the high spots this year, when and where to stay plus good advice on budgeting both time and money.

If you plan to go to the British Isles or Egypt, Finland or Portugal or anywhere between, you can find a lot of useful information in this book. It includes temperature charts at various seasons, advice on what to wear and mouth-watering descriptions of food that are another reason for keeping the book from the arm-chair traveller—it would bring him right out of the arm chair.

Since Mr. Joseph has elected to cover so great a range of territory, he has had to stick pretty much to the spots most favored by tourists, but he does stop now and then to tell those interested where and when they can find places where the flavor is purer such as the Verona Horse Fair in October and the grape harvest festivals in the north Italian villages.



BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Luke 14. Devotional Reading: Matthew 10:24-42.

Christian Marks

Lesson for January 22, 1956

HOW can we tell whether a person is a Christian or not? Is there anything that marks all Christians? There is faith, of course; but only God can see faith itself. Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." What kind of "fruits" should we look for, in others and in ourselves, to see whether we are Christians? Only God is the final Judge. We should not be too quick to say brashly, "I know..." Better say, "I have good reason to believe..." So, what are the good reasons for believing that a person is a Christian? Sticking to our one chapter in Luke for this week, we can take note of three marks of a Christian, that is, of Jesus' followers, those who take his word as in order. They sound quite simple and ordinary; what is extraordinary about them, is the thoroughgoing quality Jesus expects.

Helpfulness
Three marks which we can readily see suggested, in this chapter of sayings of our Lord, are: Helpfulness, humility, and honesty. Everyday qualities, aren't they? In fact, you can't get along without them in the civilized world. Nobody likes a man who brags all the time. Nobody likes a man who never lends a hand to anybody in trouble. Nobody likes a man who can't be trusted. Helpfulness, humility and honesty are not in themselves specially Christian attitudes. Jesus certainly did not invent these qualities. They are found among people of many religions and of no religion. What Jesus did was to demand an extraordinary high degree of these everyday virtues. First, as to helpfulness: Not only in the words quoted in Luke 14 but in many other ways and places, Jesus emphasizes how far his friends are expected to go. Most people are willing to help others, if it isn't bothersome or expensive. Jesus' idea of helpfulness was of something quite costly, something that calls for effort, self-sacrifice. Helpfulness as he sees it is not just doing something for somebody who will do as much for you. It means doing for people who never can pay you back. You can't be sure you are helpful as Christ was unless you are willing, as he was, to put out more for others than you are going to get back.

Humility
We all expect humility from other people, and we even practice it ourselves, in the form of courtesy. For courtesy is a form of humility. "After you!" "Please," "Thank you," "Pardon me," and the like, are humble expressions, when you come to think of it. But Jesus expects His disciples to be humble and not just to talk humble. Are you a Christian at this point? A few questions are in order, to ask yourself. Am I always thinking that other people don't appreciate me? Am I a little sore because I don't get the promotions I deserve? When I say, "What's he got that I haven't got?" Do I feel a little peevish, as if the answer I expect is "Nothing"? Have I often been able to forget my own interests on behalf of others? One of the most striking stories about Jesus is told by John, who records that Jesus, "knowing he came from God and was going to God," took a towel and did the "menial" service that every one of his disciples was too proud to do. The highest is the humblest.

Honesty
Everybody knows that honesty is a good policy. But one mark of a Christian is that he will be honest at two points where (strangely enough) most people are least honest: that is, with himself and with God. The parables about counting the cost are really about the importance of facing the facts, admitting to yourself where you come short. Human capacity for self-deception is astounding. Why a man takes himself for a sucker, in other words, is something hard to understand. But it is even more amazing that men will think they can "get by" with God. Those excuses made by the unwilling guests, in Jesus' parable—did they feel their host? Excuses offered to God are worse than waste of time.

(Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)

Bookmobile Schedule

Schedule of the Moore County bookmobile for the week, January 23-27, has been announced as follows:

Monday—Routh's service station, Hy. One north, 1:45 p. m.; across to Hy. 27 with stops at Ralph Bennett and Macon Moses homes, 2 to 2:30; Cameron 2:30 to 3:30; Walter McDonald home, 3:40; Gilchrist and Collins homes, 4; Paul Thomas S. S., 4:15; Dunrovin Cafe, 4:30.

Tuesday—Davis school, 1:30 p. m.; around talc mine, 2:30; Hy. 27 toward Biscoe with home stops, 2:45 to 3:30; Lisk and Davis homes, 4:30.

Wednesday—Highfalls school 10:30 a. m.; semi-annual meeting of Library Board at 4 p. m. in Carthage at home of Mrs. J. L. McGraw.

Thursday—Carthage Library, 11:30 to 12:30; Nicholson home,

1:30; Joe Pressley's near Cole Inman home, 4:15. Mill, 2; R. F. Willcox home, 2:30; Friday—Pinckney school, Glendon, 3; Highfalls, 3:30 to 4; 10:30 a. m.

Resort Realty & Development Co.
SALES — RENTALS — BUILDING
GEORGE H. LEONARD, Jr., President
Hart Building Southern Pines
Phone 2-2152

COUNTRY BOOKSHOP
Bennett & Penna. Ave. Telephone 2-3211

Attend The Church of Your Choice Next Sunday



A ruler... the humblest of instruments! Yet it meets two tremendously important needs. It guides... giving man a straight, sure rule by which to draw his lines and sketch his plans. And it measures... showing man where to begin, and where to end, proving the dimensions of his work.

That which the simple ruler does in the physical realm of life is the work of the Church in the spiritual realm. For every man's life is like a blank sheet of paper, until, by his own living, he places upon it the lines which give it meaning and character.

The Church is our guide... giving us the tried and sure truths by which we can live... pointing us to the straight and unwavering paths which lead to God.

And the Church is our measure... showing us the standards by which every man's life must be judged... revealing the beginning and teaching and example are the beginning and ending of all spiritual achievement, the perfect dimensions of life.

Are you letting the Church meet these tremendous needs in your life?

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	Psalms	8	1-9
Monday	Psalms	16	1-11
Tuesday	Proverbs	3	1-17
Wednesday	Mark	7	1-9
Thursday	1 Timothy	1	12-17
Friday	Titus	2	1-8

Copyright 1956, Reister Adv. Service, Strasburg, Va.

"Dry Cleaning Decidedly Better"
AT
The VALET
D. C. JENSEN
Where Cleaning and Prices Are Better!

Get the right hearing aid the first time
SEE SONOTONE FIRST
SOUTHERN PINES PHARMACY
REPRESENTATIVES

EASTMAN, DILLON & CO.
Members New York Stock Exchange
105 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Southern Pines, N. C.
Telephone: Southern Pines 2-3731 and 2-3781
Complete Investment and Brokerage Facilities
Direct Wire to our Main Office in New York
A. E. RHINEHART
Resident Manager
Consultations by appointment on Saturdays

Mid Pines Club
Southern Pines
Where Golf and Hospitality are Traditional
Owned and Operated by THE COSGROVES
Julius Boros, Professional

DANTE'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
Southern Pines
Closed Monday Open 5 p.m.

Shop Sprott Bros. FURNITURE Co.
Sanford, N. C.
For Quality Furniture and Carpet
● Heritage-Henredon
● Drexel
● Continental
● Mengel
● Serta and Simmons Bedding
● Craftique
● Sprague & Carlton
● Victorian
● Kroehler
● Lees Carpet (and all famous brands)
● Chromcraft Dinetics

SPROTT BROS.
Sanford, N. C.
1485 Moore St. Tel. 3-6261

Get Better Sleep
ON A BETTER MATTRESS
Let us make your old mattress over like new! Any size, any type made to order.
1 DAY SERVICE
MRS. D. C. THOMAS
Southern Pines
Lee Bedding and Manufacturing Co.
LAUREL HILL, N. C.
Makers of "LAUREL QUEEN" BEDDING

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 Fellowship meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 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.

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.

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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 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.

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.

—This Space Donated in the Interest of the Churches by—
GRAVES MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.
CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO.
CLARK & BRADSHAW SANDHILL DRUG CO.
SHAW PAINT & WALLPAPER CO.
CHARLES W. PICQUET MODERN MARKET
W. E. Blue
HOLLIDAY'S RESTAURANT & COFFEE SHOP
JACK'S GRILL & RESTAURANT

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT CO.
UNITED TELEPHONE CO.
JACKSON MOTORS, Inc.
Your FORD Dealer
MCNEILL'S SERVICE STATION
Gulf Service
PERKINSON'S, Inc.
Jeweler
SOUTHERN PINES MOTOR CO. A & P TEA CO.