



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES. A History of the English-Speaking Peoples. Vol. IV, by Winston Churchill. (Dodd, Mead \$6.00). No one interested in American history should miss this volume, for a good half of it is devoted to developments in the United States in the nineteenth century, and it is always wholesome to see ourselves as others see us, particularly when the observer has as keen a mind as Churchill's. Another gift he has is that of keeping the grand lines of the subject in view—your view and his—so that you never lose sight of the forest for the trees.

The hundred odd pages on the Civil War are a superb example of this. As a military man he is intensely interested in the campaigns. I am not, but for the first time I got a clear overall picture of the gains and losses in successive years, the rise and fall of hopes, the brilliance of the tactics of Lee and Jackson and the courage and hopelessness of the last stand. Students of the subject will doubtless disagree with him on some points, including his assessment of the qualities of various generals—he has decided opinions about them but he always tells why.

Along with his attention to the United States, he carries with ease an even greater subject, the

expansion of the English-speaking peoples into all continents. Eight million people left the British Isles 1815-1880, and there were still more than twice as many there as in 1815. They went to Canada, Australia, Africa, India and scores of other places. They went as traders, explorers, missionaries, soldiers, settlers.

Eventually, the government recognized the potential wealth and power involved, organized the Dominions, began to think in terms of Empire. With this and the wealth produced at home by industrial development plus financial talent, Churchill could well say that at the end of the nineteenth century, "A hundred years of peace and progress had carried Britain to the leadership of the world."

There are many other fascinating facets to this book, such as Churchill's views on the successive prime ministers of the century and other European statesmen. Written in his usual felicitous style, it is a highly readable book and is stimulating to historical argument and further exploration.

BLAKE'S REACH by Catherine Gaskin (Lippincott \$3.95). In days of old when men were bold and smuggling quite respectable on England's east coast, red-haired Jane Howard came back to Romney Marsh because she had no place else to go.

Actually, it was the first time she had been there, but before her beautiful, gay mother died in London, Jane learned that they were descended from the Blakes of the Marsh, including a general who fought with Marlboro, and that her mother had spent her childhood in the great house there, "Blake's Reach." So young Jane took the carriage and pair, her young stepbrother and a faithful servant, and they slipped away from the creditors on a journey to the old house where a sailor had told her that her grandfather was drinking himself to death.

After that, a great many things happen. Jane is readily recognized on the Marsh as a Blake and proudly starts out to restore the family fortunes. She finds much kindness among the local people but also dark secrets, danger, romance, adventure, and eventual love. Miss Gaskin sustains the

Rites Conducted Saturday For A. Morgan, Robbins

Alexander Morgan, 51, died Thursday at his home in Robbins. Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church with the Rev. Earle Meekins officiating. Burial was in the Pine Rest cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Garner; two daughters, Mrs. Bobbie Tew of Southern Pines, Miss Helen Rose Morgan, a student nurse in Hamlet; three sisters, Miss Mollie Morgan, Mrs. Ray Sanders, both of Route 1, Eagle Springs, Mrs. Robert Bruce of Route 1, Robbins; four brothers, Azra Morgan of Route 1, Carthage, Newton, Henry and Joe Morgan, all of Route 1, Eagle Springs.

pace of her story well. Her characters are out of the costume box, from the irresistibly beautiful women to the strong, reckless men; but her backgrounds are lovely and her plot well constructed.

NORTH FROM ROME by Helen MacInnes (Harcourt, Brace, \$3.95). Undoubtedly, Helen MacInnes is the dean of the current suspense writers. In "North From Rome" she has employed all the techniques that make for a dazzling tale.

What started out for Bill Lammiter, a successful playwright, as an Italian holiday to persuade his errant fiancée to come home turned into a desperate struggle to free Eleanor from Count Luigi Pirotta's influence. Luigi, a member of an ancient Roman family, will sacrifice his title gladly for a key position in the Communist party.

The interesting part is that an organization such as Bill stumbles upon does exist, maybe not in Italy but nevertheless somewhere. This book is the most polished of Miss MacInnes' career and one of the best novels of the season. —JANE LA MARCHE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF MOORE

The undersigned, having duly qualified as the Administratrix of the Estate of R. P. Brown, deceased, late of the above named county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said R. P. Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of March, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said R. P. Brown, deceased, are hereby required to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately.

This the 31st day of March, 1958.
ALMA McMILLAN BROWN, Administratrix of the Estate of R. P. Brown, deceased
W. Lamont Brown, Attorney
a3,10,17,24m,8

NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF MOORE

NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of George N. Simpson, deceased, late of Moore County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of March, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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GERTRUDE E. SIMPSON, Executrix of the estate of George N. Simpson, deceased
Pollock & Fullenwider, Attorneys for Estate
m13,20,27,a3,10,17c

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF MOORE

The undersigned having duly qualified as the administrator of the Estate of Sarah Hines Stewart, deceased, late of the above named county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Sarah Hines Stewart, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of March, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Sarah Hines Stewart, deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately.

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W. LAMONT BROWN, Administrator of the Estate of Sarah Hines Stewart, deceased.
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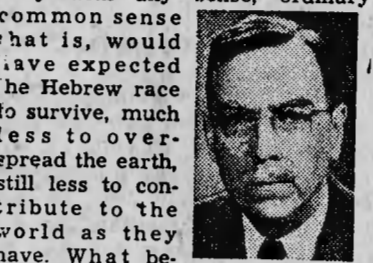
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

16's Material: Exodus 1.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11.

Up From Slavery

Lesson for April 13, 1958

THE most amazing race in the world got off to a bad start. An Emperor once asked a scholar of his court if he could give him in one sentence the greatest proof of God. The answer was "The Jews, sire." What he meant was that nobody with any sense, ordinary common sense that is, would have expected the Hebrew race to survive, much less to over-



spread the earth, still less to contribute to the world as they have. What became of the Hit-ites, Hivites, Jebusites, Hurrians, all the miscellaneous "age-podge" of tribes and "nations" (mostly no bigger than Texas counties) that filled what we now call the Middle East? Dead and buried and their languages with them. And of all that mess of scrambling little peoples, one of the smallest and least promising was none other than the people who—before they rose to the dignity of being "a People"—were at the very bottom of the heap.

"You Shall Remember"

You can't get farther down than slavery. That is where the Israelite nation started, or if you like, that was where it was before it started. You might think that as their astonishing history rolled on, and they took a dignified place in an ancient world,—you might think they would like to forget their exceedingly low origins. Some did, no doubt, forget all about it. But their prophets and their great men remembered. It was written into their Law: "You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt." The Ten Commandments begin: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of bondage." What was the point of remembering those grimy days in Egypt? One reason was that by remembering from time to time, they would be more thankful for the safety, the prestige, the luxuries even, which they later came to enjoy.

Divine Deliverer

The other thing the Hebrews were taught to remember, another reason for remembering their long slavery years, was that God delivered them. They did not deliver themselves, they had no powerful friends among the nations. Nobody fought to set them free, they did not raise a hand on their own behalf. They just walked out. Without getting ahead of our story, we can recall that the entire exodus from Egypt is set forth as God's doing. So when the Israelites thought back on their past, their not only humble but rather horrible beginnings, they were expected to be grateful to God for taking them out of there. It can be so with us. Even a poet who lived before Christianity could make one of his heroes say, after a terrible shipwreck, "Perhaps one day it will be a pleasure to remember even this." And a Christian can say far more. Every trouble we have had, every disaster we have survived, every danger passed, every humiliation and hardship endured,—if we have come out of it with a Christian spirit, will make us all the more grateful to God.

"Uses of Adversity"

Some people's only university is adversity; the "University of Hard Knocks." "Sweet are the uses of adversity," said a poet once. Adversity is not sweet, and no one should pretend to like it. But its uses are many. Besides the two already mentioned, a heightened appreciation of present blessings, and a sense of gratitude to God our Father, let us set down a third: The capacity for sympathy. There were many minority groups in the Hebrew nation, from their first days to their last. They would always be tempted to treat those minorities,—people of a different race and background—with contempt. They would consider them fair game for exploitation. They would tolerate them only as second-class citizens. But one of the main good uses they could make of their memories of slavery, was not to despise minority groups, the helpless men and women on the fringes of society. So it is today. There is not a race in the world that did not have a lowly, even savage background. No people was ever born civilized, no people was ever born powerful. Any nation that forgets its own small beginnings is on the way to fatal pride.

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NORTH CAROLINA, MOORE COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

NOTICE

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VS
JAMES CURTIS MARTIN, DEFENDANT

TO: JAMES CURTIS MARTIN: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The relief being sought is an absolute divorce from you. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than May 10, 1958, and upon your failure to do so the person seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 19th day of March 1958.

Clerk of the Superior Court
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m20,27,a3,10

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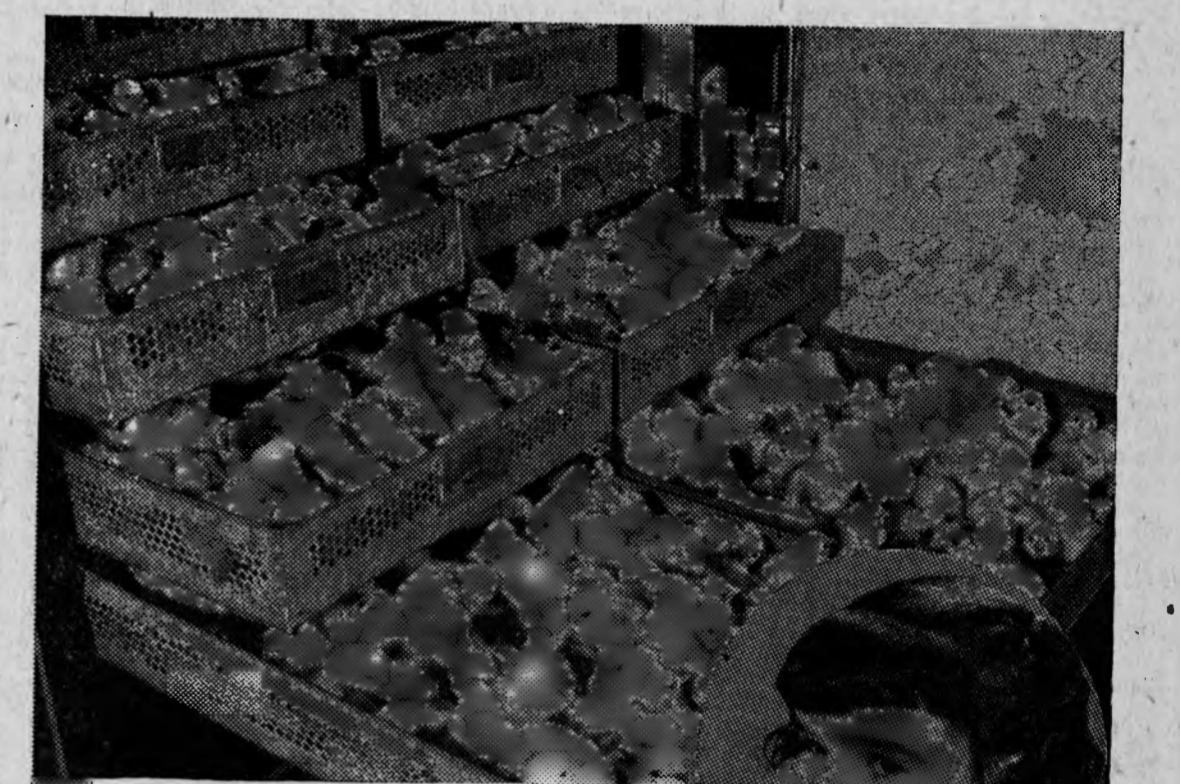
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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Luke	18	15-17
Monday	Exodus	20	4-6
Tuesday	Psalms	45	16-17
Wednesday	Psalms	128	1-6
Thursday	Ephesians	5	1-2
Friday	Scholars	4	13-15
Saturday	I John	3	1-2

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