

Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

The reviewer takes a holiday and offers instead of the usual fare His son left last week for his an account of one of the most remarkable Christmas celebrations on home in California. record. And we wish you all as Merry a Christmas as Paul Bunyan gave the lumberjacks.

This tale of Paul Bunyan is entitled "Christmas On The Big Onion": Christmas must be properly observed even in his big rough-andtumble logging camp, so decided Paul Bunyan, the famous Big Boss of many an old time timber-cutting in the Wisconsin North Woods. He must have a real Christmas celebration for his lumberjacks. Paul had two thousand men in his camp on the Big Onion that winter, action therein pending entitld the winter of the Blue Snow.

Some say that Paul got the idea of a Christmas celebration from a German fellow who came to his camp to sell hospital tickets to the Alton Patterson, Widow, Colon men, while others assert that he borrowed the plan from a tract given to him by a wandering sky-pilot. But that is neither here nor there, and of no great consequence, anyway. The day before Christmas, so one of the old river pigs yarns, Paul shouldered his huge axe and strode forth into the woods to pick a suitable Christmas tree. noon, at the Door of the Moore With him went his favorite oxen, Babe and Benny. All three tramped County Courthouse, in Carthage, through the pines toward the Pyramid Forty. Now the Pyramid North Carolina, offer for sale to Forty, in Section 37, was a forty of land shaped like a pyramid, the highest bidder for cash the with a heavy forest of timber on all of its sides. It was so high that following described lands and to see to its top "took a week."

Well, on the very crest of the Pyramid Forty, Paul found just the big pine that he wanted. With one mighty blow he felled this woodland giant. The oxen hauled it down the steep slope to camp.

With the tree over his shoulder Paul waded out into the very center of Pea Soup Lake and there set it up. It was a cold day and the water imediately froze about its butt and held fast.

After Paul had set the tree in Pea Soup Lake, the great fir towered above all of the surrounding scenery. Paul now sumoned all of his handy men. With the help of Joe Muffraw, the camp cook, his camp to deposit twenty per cent of his foreman, Black Dan McDonald, and his favorite lumberjacks Jim bid with the Clerk of Superior Liverpool, Dutch Jake, Red Murphy, Yellow Head, Curley Charley Court as evidence of good faith. and Patsy Ward, Bunyan set to work to properly decorate the tree. Muffraw and his colored assistants brought along from the big cook 1958. shanty three logging sleds loaded to their tops with choice hams. These Paul had decided to substitute for candles to illuminate the Christmas tree. Jim Liverpool, the famous jumper, who had once cleared Lake Superior in three and a half jumps, winning a Congressional medal for his great feat, was ordered to jump into the tree and hang the hams from the limbs. Black Dan, the foreman assisted Jim, Paul tossing the hams to them with sweeps of his mighty arm. A few of the hams they failed to catch, and greasy spots on the landscape of some northern counties show where these fell.

These men set in to work hanging the hams in the early morning. So numerous were the branches and so thick the foliage of the tree that when two of Muffraw's helpers went up with the men's lunch at noon, they got lost. Joe had to send two of his big trained chipmunks to trail the blacks. One never was found. These chipmunks Joe had fed on prune stones thrown out from the kitchen and they had in a few weeks grown as big and fierce as tigers.

Big Ole, the camp blacksmith, was busy most of the morning with his sledge and punch punching holes in the doughnuts which were to be hung on the tree. Iron balls were painted a red color to represent cherries, or gilded to simulate oranges. These weighed twenty pounds apiece. A huge silvered ox-shoe was hung on the tip of the

Paul ordered ten thousand popcorn balls to be suspended from his Christmas tree. It was the duty of Joe Muffraw to fill this large order and Joe undertook the job without a whimper. He hit on the scheme of setting fire to three forties of timber slashings, and then throwing forty tons of shelled corn on the hot ashes. The noise of the popping corn was deafening. When it was all popped Joe had old | Brimstone Bill drive out the big oxen, Babe and Benny. With old Bill speeding them up with a flow of his choicest cusswords, Babe kicked the popcorn into balls and Benny rolled them past Joe and his assistants who shoveled molasses over the huge spheres as they went by. These popcorn balls were simply thrown into the tree and stuck on its branches where they hit. At these points some were unrolled to make popcorn strings and garlands and these were draped

It was a hustle and bustle all day long to get that big tree dressed for the celebration. Some of the lumberjacks got pretty well tired out. Hels Helson, the Big Swede, fell asleep under its branches and Babe, the big Blue Ox, mistook his blonde head of hair for a bale of hay and ate it nearly bald before he awoke. Hels was forever suffering from ox bites.

On Christmas eve, the light from the thousand blazing hams on Paul Bunyan's tree was seen for two hundred miles away. That night two thousand lumberjacks from Paul's Big Onion camp gathered on the ice about the big tree. It was time for merriment and rejoicing. French Pete brought his company of fiddlers, accordion and jewharp players, there was a five-gallon jug of Kentucky tanglefoot and a two-foot plug of Star tobacco for every man, the gift of good Paul Bunyan. The singing, dancing and horseplay lasted for an entire week. No one thought of retiring to the bunkhouse. The big celebration might have lasted longer but the hams on the tree finally burn-

Of the lumberjacks who worked for Paul that memorable winter none who are now alive will ever forget the Christmas tree on the

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Mr. Herring, who underwent an operation at the hospital, is reported to be getting along well.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE Under and by virtue of the powers contained in and in execution of the duties imposed upon me by a certain judgment of the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, entered in an 'MOORE COUNTY vs. Hrs. at Law of Ethel Cagle Patterson, Patterson & wife Lucile Patterson, Edgar Patterson & wife Dorothy Patterson.

I will on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1958, at 12 o'clock premises, to wit:

Lot Number 5 & 6 in Westhaven Number 1, as described in Deed Book 160 at page 341 & Map book 2-A at page 125, Public Registry for Moore County.

The above property will be sold subject to all taxes that have acwill require the successful bidder This 28th day of November,

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Bible Material: Mark 8:27-9:1. Devotional Reading: Acts 2:29-36.

Is Jesus Lord?

Lesson for December 28, 1958

ONE SUMMER day at a resort town then called Caesarea Philippi, the great words were spoken. It was a turning point in the history of Jesus; it was a central point in the history of the world. A small group of obscure men were asked a simple question by their leader, then almost as

obscure as they were. "Who do you say that I am?" An odd question, at first hearing. Who should he be, who could he be, but what he was?

Jesus was his Dr. Foreman name, a village called Nazareth once his home, more recently Capernaum. His occupation? (it was said) of the lowest classes; at any rate he always seemed to have time for them.

"You Are the Christ"

These shabbily dressed friends of his, remember had never been to a Christian church in their lives. None then existed. They had never heard or sung a hymn to Christ, never heard a benediction in his name. They had not even heard the expression "Jesus Christ." Humanly speaking, they had no help in their answer. Humanly speaking, they could only have said,—"Who are you? Why, Jesus. of course, our friend and teacher, yes a prophet!"

But one of those men spoke with more than human insight that day. "You are the Christ," he said. A. simple sentence; but so profound so filled with meaning that Poter himself did not then fully realize what he was saying, and all the volumes that have been written about it cannot say the last word. For those were the words on which the Christian church is built. Those are the words which are the key to the future of mankind. The "confession" or affirmation of the fisherman Simon Father com

erm the Christian creed: it sets Jesus apart as unique in the human race; it proclaims him King of kings and Lord of all.

is Jesus Lord?

"Christ" and "Lord" are high titles for Jesus. Jesus himself knew that some people spoke and would speak of him in this way without meaning a word of it. He made somewhat bitter fun of people who would come around calling him "Lord, Lord," but never listened to what he taught and never did what he said to do. And that illustrates a curious point about the proposition "Jesus is the Christ" or 'Jesus is Lord,"—they mean about the same thing-namely that in a sense they are true, in a sense not true. It is true that Jesus is Lord by right, by Gods design and destiny. It is true that he will reign. But is it true that he does reign? He is the Lord by right; but are his wishes respected, his commands obeyed, is he welcome in his own

How the World Moves At this time of the year, it is

good to ask the old question. Is the world growing better or worse? Such a question cannot be answered unless there is some kind of a standard, some point of reference. The world may be growing more to suit you, or less so; that is not the point. The world is more comfortable than it used to be, more literate; but if every one on earth owned a college diploma, would that mean the world was growing better by that much? A preacher would be inclined to take his church as a point of reference. If he has taken in lots of new members, that's a sign the world is growing better fast. But no, a church could be taking in members by the pewful, and still actually be blocking the way to a better world.

The point of reference here suggested is this proposition, Jesus is Lord, meant sincerely, and livedby seriously. The world is growing better in so far as, and as fast as, the Lordship of Christ (which is always total by right) becomes total in fact. Is the world coming anywhere to recognize him as Lord of life? If the answer anywhere is Yes, more so than ever, then the world at that point is growing better; if the answer is No, there the world is growing worse. Every man can well begin the questioning with himself; for each person is the one part of the world for which-be it better or worse-he alone will be called to account.

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Go To Church Sunday

NOTICE OF LAND SALE Under and by virtue of the powers contained in and in execution of the duties imposed upon me by a certain judgment of the Superior Court of Moore County, North Carolina, entered in an action therein pending, entitled "MOORE COUNTY vs. Hrs. of Dr. Wm. H. Ross, Mayme N. Ross-Walker, Administratrix, Elnora Troutman, Mary H. Stewart, Frank Ross et als. All persons, firms & corporations having an interest in the real estate herein described. I will on Mon-

day, the 29th day of December,

1958, at 12 o'clock noon, at the

Door of the Moore County Court-

house, in Carthage, North Caro-

lina, offer for sale to the highest

bidder for cash the following des-

cribed lands and premises, to wit: 1st. Lot number 4 in Block 2nd. 28 100 of an acre more or less adj. Lot No. 4 in Block

The above two tracts include an office building and the Ross residence in the Town of Southern Pines as described in Deed book 129 at page 114 and book 145 at page 379, Public Registry

for Moore County, These properties will be sold subject to all taxes that may be due the Town of Southern Pines. The above property will be sold subject to all taxes that have ac-Teacher, preacher, healer. A friend crued since the year 1957 and I will require the successful bidder to deposit twenty per cent of his bid with the Clerk of Superior Court as evidence of good faith.

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Why? Didn't the year past measure up to your expectations? Are you glad to be rid of it? If sowhat makes you think next year is going to be any

Only you can lay the foundation for a better future—with God's help! If you are to be a better person, if next year is to be a better year, you must include God in your planning. Here is the opportunity of a New Year! Let us

go to the House of the Lord! Let us give thanks to Him for what has been and ask His blessing upon what is to be. What more perfect beginning could there be to any year?

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moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily. Chapter Verses

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

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Maynard Mangum, Minister
Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, 8:30 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 Thursday, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH New Hampshire Avenue
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Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
Reading Room in Church Buildi nesday Service, 8 p.m. ing Room in Church Building open day 3-5 p.m.

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8 p.m., second Tues. Mid-week Service on
Thursday, 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Thursdays 8 p.m. Men of the Church meeting, 8
p.m. fourth Wednesday.

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Church School, 10 a.m.
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Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship
(Young People) Young People). Sunday, 8:00 p.m., The Forum.

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