



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

TREASURE FROM THE TOOLROOM by Nevil Shute (Morrow \$3.95). It is melancholy to be reviewing the last novel of a wonderful storyteller. Nevil Shute died on January 12th, and England lost its most popular novelist. Several of his books, notably "Pied Piper" and "Pastoral," had been favorites in America, too. Then quite differently and quite effectively came "On the Beach," a hard-hitting novel of warning that depicted mankind destroying itself in the atomic age.

This last book is more in his earlier vein. Sentimental but not sickening, it celebrates the virtues of a modest man. Nevil Shute has always liked ordinary, humble people and had a talent for making you love them, too. His hero in this one is Keith Stewart, a tool maker who likes to make miniature engines. At first it had been just a hobby with Keith but after the war he gave up his job in the toolroom and made it his occupation. He lives in a shabby London suburb, makes model engines and writes articles about them for a magazine called "The Miniature Mechanic." There is not much money in this, but his wife, Katie, works, too and they are both very content with their situation.

Then comes Janice. She is the ten-year-old daughter of Keith's sister who had married a naval officer, Commander Dermott. When Dermott had to accept an early retirement, he began to look toward Canada, and he and his wife set sail in their own yacht to investigate Vancouver Island. They are lost at sea. By the terms of the will, Keith becomes guardian of their daughter and trustee of her fortune. But it turns out that the fortune in England consists of only a few pounds, the rest had been converted into diamonds and was being smuggled out of England in the yacht now wrecked on a coral reef in the Pacific.

Shall Keith try to recover the

diamonds or not? Keith thinks it his duty as a trustee to try, but how can he do it with no money for travel and little knowledge of the world? This is just the sort of problem Shute loves, and we see the way gradually opening through the fellowship of craftsmen and the unknown friends Keith has made through his articles in the "Miniature Mechanic" and his conscientious correspondence with his readers. It is a modern fairy tale and a very satisfying one.

WALL OF SILENCE by Peter Eaton and James Leasor (Bobbs-Merrill \$4.00). Here is another story of lost treasure, this time a true one and much grimmer than the above. Moreover, in case you are interested, this treasure of millions in gold bars is still buried in the sands of the Corsican coast.

Peter Eaton, a producer for the B.B.C., was having a short holiday when he first heard of the treasure from a chance acquaintance in a cafe. At first Eaton was not inclined to take much stock in the sinister hints of this Jovianovic who had had too many drinks but later, through some odd happenings, he becomes interested. When he returns to England he pursues his inquiries further, sometimes gaining a pertinent fact, sometimes misleading information and more often met by a "wall of silence." The business of putting together the pieces of the puzzle becomes both fascinating and dangerous.

As an introduction the author has already given us a partly imaginary reconstruction of how the treasure got to Corsica. We see a van loading gold ingots at a bank in Zagreb one rainy April evening as the Nazi pincers begin to close and then speeding southward. After escaping larger military units the van is fired on by a chance German scout car, is demolished and its guards killed. But what will the four men in the scout car do with the gold? They decide not to turn it in to the

WITH THE Armed Forces

Army Pvt. Robert L. Kelly, son of Herman Kelly, Route 1, West End, completed the structural steel working course April 8 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Kelly received training in electric arc welding, flame cutting, rigging, scaffolding and riveting used in the erection of building utilizing various steel structures.

He entered the Army in October, 1959, and received basic training at Fort Hood, Tex. He attended Pinckney High School, Carthage.

authorities. So what next? That makes a thrilling tale, especially the escape of their grim and determined leader from almost certain death in several forms. This is good narrative and the reconstruction of the characters and conversations of the participants is plausible.

HOW TO LIVE WITH A NEUROTIC DOG by Stephen Baker, Cartoons by Eric Gurney (Prentice-Hall \$3.50). Here is a hilarious account of the neurotic problems of dogs. The symptoms are those every dog owner will recognize. The frustrations set up by the pressures of modern society have made (the figures are Mr. Baker's) 25,000,000 of our dogs neurotic. How to dress your neurotic dog, how to feed him, how to handle the problem of jealousy of the new baby and finally how to psychoanalyze your dog at home, thus saving the psychiatrist's fee to use on yourself are among the subjects treated in this highly entertaining book. The lively and expressive cartoons are just as good as the text.

APPOMATTOX ROAD by Manly Wade Wellman (Washburn \$2.95). The Iron Scouts ride again. This book completes the trilogy on the Civil War that Manly Wellman has written for boys, and it lives up to the standard of its predecessors.

Clay Buckner returns from his leave in North Carolina, rejoins the Iron Scouts in Blackwater Swamp behind the Union lines and is soon busy at his old job of scouting and mapmaking. He gets captured by the Federals, meets General Grant, escapes (and that is quite a tale).

Later Clay and his friend, Jim Sloan, are transferred to Second Corps headquarters while the Iron Scouts move south to join Hampton. Clay and Jim become couriers for General Gordon and have their share in the last desperate attempt to save Petersburg and in the long march of tired, hungry men to Appomattox where they witnessed the final surrender.

The author a former resident of Pinebluff, now lives at Chapel Hill.

PINEBLUFF NEWS

By MRS. EHRMAN PICKLER

Home For Holidays

At home for the holidays with their families were: Misses Diana David and Harriett Schnell, WCUNC Greensboro, Carolyn Petty, ECTC, Greenville, Fredrick Schnell, UNC, Chapel Hill, Marilyn Mills Raleigh, Lester McCaskill, Durham and Phillip Mather Jr. of the Citadel.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Billy McMaster and daughters, Becky and Barbara of Red Springs were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd and son Don of Mooresville and Mrs. W. H. Hicks of Southern Pines visited Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morgan Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Schack has returned home after spending the winter in Orlando, Fla. with her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Pruitt and Mr. Pruitt, and brother Hanford Fiddner.

H. L. Sessoms went to Chapel Hill Sunday for the christening of his grandson, Michael David Sessoms. Following the service Mr. and Mrs. Sessoms and Michael David returned to Pinebluff with Mr. Sessoms and were dinner guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Leavitt spent the weekend in Raleigh with their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leavitt and daughter Mrs. T. W. Goldston

and Mr. Goldston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCaskill and children Wes and Marianna of Clemson were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. McCaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peele and daughters, Jonice and Teresa of Elizabeth City came up for the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morgan.

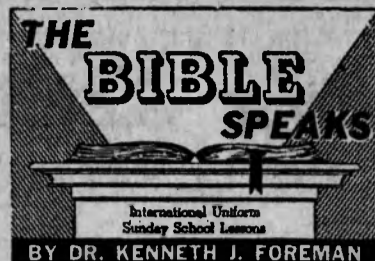
Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hearn on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandon and daughter Florence of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Elmore and daughters Susan and Jane Ellen of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carpenter and children, Jimmy, Rachel and Janet and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter Sr. went to Atkinson on Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Virgil Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray. They also enjoyed visiting the azalea gardens and places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Helms of Sanford were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pickler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howie and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams and children all of Greensboro were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Adams Sr.

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International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 5:6-7; 13:44-46; 13:21-35.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 42.

The Hungry Heart

Lesson for April 24, 1960

NOT EVERY heart is hungry. Some hearts are not hungry because they are sick, they are not normal. A heart that feels the need of nothing, a mind that has not enough imagination to perceive its own hollowness, not enough sensitivity to detect its own emptiness, is a human heart that is less than human. It has sunk to the level of the brute. No pig, no cow—or for that matter, no humming-bird—feels any longing for anything except food and an occasional mate. This is not heart-hunger at all, it is what all beasts and even many plants experience.



silent stones. They may not be happy but they are not unhappy, they have no heart at all. No, this is a wrong envy. The way to happiness is not to live without a heart. The way to happiness is one which Jesus has shown us. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Desire to have brings frustration; desire to be brings fulfillment.

Yet this can be misunderstood. The men whom Jesus most often condemned, the Pharisees, desired righteousness. But the trouble with them was that the righteousness they sought set them apart from their fellow-men. It led them to pray, "I thank thee that I am not as other men." It is no accident that next to the blessing on those who hunger for righteousness, comes the blessing on the merciful. The heart that hungers for goodness in the manner of the Pharisees merely wants to be good. The kind of goodness Jesus meant—since he practiced it in his life—was the kind that is good to others. The Pharisees' righteousness shut mercy out; Jesus' righteousness began with mercy and compassion.

They Shall Be Filled

A hungry man does not need to be told he is empty, he knows it, it is a painful fact. Hungering for righteousness begins with a feeling of emptiness. A person at death's edge from starvation may refuse the food that would save him. So those who are empty of goodness and even spiritually starved for the lack of it, may not hunger for what they most need.

Why do you want to be good? There are poor reasons and better ones. Do you want it for the sake of a better reputation? Do you want it so as to have something to be proud of? Or do you hunger for goodness in order to be of more help to others along life's way? Do you desire it as a ladder for climbing into heaven, or as a loaf to share with those in need? There was a man who did not know how to swim. He always rather wished he could, especially when he saw other people swimming. He wanted to do what they could. But then one day he saw a tired-out injured swimmer at the point of drowning, before his eyes. Then he really hungered to know how to swim. And then he began to learn. Those who hunger and thirst to be the kind of person Jesus was, shall be filled.

They Shall Not Be Filled

The heart of man, by the Creator's design, is made for deeper and more difficult hungers than food and sex can supply. Some of these are insatiable. Let the heart hold all that it can, it is still never enough. The hunger for recognition, for attention, for fame—when does it say, Enough? The actor never finds the applause loud enough, the critics never rave enough, there never are enough newspaper notices, one Oscar calls for more. . . . The hunger for power knows no limits. The old story of the fisherman's wife who first began by wanting a cottage and finally ended by wanting to be God, is a parable of the human heart that never cries, Enough! The hunger for power is never satisfied till above one's head one sees no greater Power—never till beneath one's feet one sees every living thing. . . . and that time never comes. The heart hungry for power shall never be filled.

An Appetite for Righteousness

So some hungers of the heart make for unhappiness. One almost envies the contented cattle or the

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