



## Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

**YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE** by Herman Wouk (Doubleday \$7.95) is the story of a gifted Kentucky mountain boy who likes to write and his encounters with the metropolitan worlds of publishing, theater and cinema. It is, of course, an unabashed reflection of the life of Thomas Wolfe. Wouk is a good story teller, an accomplished user of the English language and a practiced intellectual. These aspects of the author persist in his new work. Those parts of the book which deal with publishing give some interesting glimpses into that field. The relationship of the young author, Hawke, with an older woman is well conceived and the best parts of the book are to be found in passages dealing with this. The characterization of Hawke's mother—a persistent and keen mountain woman with raw good humor—is by far the best in the entire book.

Unfortunately, in spite of all Wouk has to offer as an accomplished writer and all the subject of Thomas Wolfe, no matter how worn, has to offer, the combination just does not work. The book is far too long. Wouk may have been trying to mimic Wolfe's verbosity but the lyric quality of Wolfe is completely lacking. It may be for this same reason that the emotions of Hawke are so inadequately portrayed. Wolfe was something like a comet streaking across the field of literature; Hawke seems to lumber along and occasionally bog down in the mire of contrived situations that connect the various parts of the book. Wouk has failed to take advantage of the editor-author relationship that was so important to Wolfe and instead turns the relationship into an ill-fated love affair.

Because Wouk is the craftsman he is and because one expects more, the book proves harmless enough reading, at times even

enjoyable. The disappointments in both author and subject are more likely to outweigh the good points of the book, even at a penny a page.

—A. C. M.

**HOW LIKE AN ANGEL** by Margaret Millar (Random House \$3.50). Summer is a good time for thrillers and chillers, they keep your mind off the heat and require little effort. Often the only difficulty is to stop once you've started. This one, with a stark tower behind a white-robed figure on its cover, is both a chiller and a mystery.

Joe Quinn, erstwhile private detective in Reno but now foot-loose and broke, is hitchhiking his way to the coast. He finds himself at dusk in a desolate stretch of mountain country. The only chance of food and shelter appears to be "The Tower." This turns out to be the home of an austere and fanatical religious community, but he is kindly received by Sister Blessing, fed and offered shelter.

Talking to Sister Blessing, he tells her that he has worked as a private detective and she asks him to do her a favor, to go to the town of Chicote and find one Patrick O'Gorman, not talk to him, just find him.

Then the scene shifts to the small town of Chicote. Quinn's search gets him into some surprising situations that arouse his curiosity and then his fighting spirit. The strange tangle of human relationships that connect some highly respected citizens of Chicote with the queer group at the Tower is excellently handled and so is the gradual unraveling of a five-year-old mystery.

**THE SHAPES OF SLEEP** by J. B. Priestly (Doubleday \$3.75). Priestly has written so many kinds of good books that when he turns his hand to a mystery, you expect something out of the ordinary, and you get it.

The dour Sterndale, journalist out of a job, is hired to find a mysterious green paper that has disappeared from the desk of an advertising executive. The trail leads him to night clubs, to high and low parts of London, to Hamburg and on to two delightful old German towns—nit bad, as the advertising agency is paying expenses. He meets spies, counter spies, ladies who try to lure him from the trail. And still one wonders what was on that green paper written by an elderly German professor that was wanted so badly by both the Communists and an American advertising agency.

Priestly uses the occasion to give you his views on the way the world is going, so his story has a point as well as a plot.

**LITTLE BROTHER IS WATCHING** by Walter Dillon (Houghton Mifflin \$3.95). This is not properly a mystery, though there is a most villainous looking spy on the jacket. You might call it a



CHARLES L. HUNLEY

## Hunley Named to Head 8th District Executive Group

Charles L. Hunley, Monroe business man, has been appointed chairman of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee, it has been announced by Bert Bennett, State Chairman.

The new Eighth Congressional District is composed of the following counties: Anson, Lee, Lincoln, Moore, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, and Union.

As district chairman, Hunley will preside at meetings of the executive committee and assist the Democratic Congressional nominee, Rep. A. Paul Kitchin, in his campaign for election in November. Hunley will also preside as chairman of the district caucus at the 1964 State Democratic Convention.

Hunley has been active in county and state party affairs for a number of years and was a strong supporter of Kitchin in the Democratic Primary in May. He has served as a precinct committeeman for three terms and is now treasurer of the Union County Democratic Executive Committee.

He is executive vice president and manager of Belk Brothers, Inc., at Monroe, an officer and director in several Belk corporations, and connected with other business in various capacities. He is active in many phases of civic and religious life.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunley (the former Frances Allen of Wadesboro) and their two children, Libby and Craig, make their home at 301 Magnolia Drive in Monroe.

search for a mystery, for the author has written a comedy about an earnest security officer entrusted with the job of safeguarding the secrets of a missile plant being constructed in the small New England town of Crumton. Varde, the security officer, yearns to find some saboteur, some informer, even an honest-to-goodness Communist, but the materials are unpromising.

Nevertheless Varde multiplies his staff of guards and searchers, adds more and more intricate mechanical devices to protect the plant. The company directors don't mind, for their contract calls for cost plus.

Eventually Varde's eager investigators run into opposition from some of the townspeople, especially a doughty librarian of eighty and the venerable head of the local police. They don't like people who pry. But it takes a really worldly wise character, a lady with whose illicit business he has interfered, to finally stop Varde in a hilariously farcical ending.

## Bookmobile Schedule

July 23-26

Monday, July 23, Union Church Route: Mrs. R. L. Comer, 9:30-9:40; J. M. Briggs, 9:45-9:55; Clifford Hurley, 10:10-10:15; M. L. Patterson, 10:25-10:35; Elbert Taylor, 10:40-10:50; Jud Key, 10:55-11:05; Parker's Grocery, 11:10-11:15; Howard Gschwind, 11:20-11:30; Mrs. G. C. Blackburn, 11:35-11:45; Jack Morgan, 11:50-12:10; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 12:55-1:05; Arthur Gaines, 1:15-1:25; Mrs. Bonnie Dennie, 1:35-1:45; Wesley Thomas, 1:50-2.

Tuesday July 24, Niagara, Lakeview, Eureka Route: J. D. Lewis, 9:35-9:40; Philip Nardo, 9:45-9:50; Ray Hensley, 10-11; Mrs. E. W. Marble, 11:25-11:40; J. L. Jones, 11:45-11:55; Bud Crockett, 12:20-12:35; J. L. Danley, 12:45-12:55; Robert Hardy, 1-1:05; Homer Blue, 1:10-1:20; Mrs. C. B. Blue, 1:25-1:30; Paul Green, 1:35-1:45; H. A. Blue, 1:50-2; Miss Flora Blue, 2:05-2:15; R. E. Lea, 2:20-2:35.

Wednesday, July 26, Roseland, Colonial Hts. Route: A. M. Stansell Jr., 9:45-9:55; Larry Simmone, 10-10:15; Morris Caddell, 10:20-10:35; R. E. Morton, 10:40-10:50; Mrs. Viola Kirk, 10:55-11:05; Mrs. Onnie Seago, 11:15-11:20; Calvin Laton, 11:25-11:35; Elva Laton, 11:45-11:55; Marvin Hartsell, 12:15-12:20; W. R. Robeson, 12:25-12:35; W. M. Smith, 2-2:15; J. J. Greer, 2:20-2:45.

Thursday, July 27, Glendon, Highfalls Route: Ernest Shepley, 9:30-9:45; R. F. Willcox, 9:50-10:05; the Rev. Jefferson Davis, 10:15-10:25; Presley Store, 10:30-10:40; Carl Oldham, 10:45-11:10; Norris Shields, 11:10-11:25; F. J. Price, 12:20-12:30; Ann Powers Beauty Shop, 12:40-12:50; Preslar Service Station, 1-1:10; Edgar Shields, 1:15-1:35; W. F. Ritter Jr., 1:45-1:55; Wilmer Maness, 2-3.

## Captain York, Viet Nam Casualty, Was Visitor Here

The trouble in South Viet Nam came close to home last week with the news of the death in action of Captain Don Joseph York, formerly of Asheville. Captain York and his wife were close friends of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Stuart, of 250 N. Page Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harvat whom they visited here last year.

The young captain, only 29, who was in Viet Nam with the U. S. Mission as an advisor, was killed in ambush by guerrilla fighters. He was the seventh American to lose his life in the jungle sector. He was due to return within a few weeks and to rejoin his wife, the former Joanna Mooney, and their two children in Asheville.

Married soon after his graduation from West Point in 1954, the couple had lived in various army posts including four years in Alaska, coming finally to Ft. Benning when the officer volunteered for duty with airborne troops. Following graduation from the parachute school, the next move was to Ft. Bragg where the captain received his commission and assignment as a company commander.

The couple lost no time in calling up their old friends in Southern Pines and, thereafter, paid many visits here. Mrs. York had roomed with Mrs. Harvat and Mrs. Stuart when the three were working in New York before their marriages and the reunion was a most enjoyable one.

Since her husband's absence overseas, Mrs. York and the children have been living with her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Coleman, of Weaverville.

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## Patriotism

Lesson for July 22, 1962

**PATRIOTISM** is called love of one's country, but it means more than that. "Country" can mean hills and valleys, rivers and mountains, as we sing in our hymn "My Country." But while these physical surroundings can stir our hearts (and even plain and ugly landscapes can seem beautiful if they spell Home), real patriotism means a love and loyalty to the people who live in the land, our fellow-citizens.

## Patriot in Jail

In our time the accusation is sometimes brought against the Christian ministry that it is unpatriotic, which in the present situation usually means "communist." This accusation is wildly false, but it is not new. Men of God—just because they were true men of God—have been called bad names like traitor, more than once. A notable example is the Biblical prophet Jeremiah. He was easily the most unpopular man in the country. Few believed him or believed in him. From the ruling class right down to the masses, he was considered to be a bad character. More than once he was put in jail or under house arrest as a dangerous character. Yet he was, as history acclaims him, one of the great patriots of the Jewish people.

How do we know he was a patriot if his contemporaries could not see him in that light? For one thing, we now know, as his contemporaries would have known in time, that he was right. What he said would come true, did come true.

## Realism

Another reason why we can see that he was a real patriot was that he did not pretend that all was well with his nation. He was brave and clear-sighted enough to speak out against abuses in church and state. He swung a strong axe against the trees of evil that overshadowed the land. He talked very plainly about the sins and crimes of men at the top. He did not even pretend to believe that his country could come out victorious after any war they chose to get into. He did not agree that God loved the children of Israel better than he loved any other nation, or that only in Israel could servants of God be found. He even publicly called Nebuchadnezzar, an invading king, a servant of God. About the future of his country he had no illusions. He saw that their only hope was to yield to Nebuchadnezzar and to become a part of his empire; but this the Israelites could not think of doing. Their recipe for national security was military alliance with Egypt, a suicidal policy as Jeremiah tried to tell them. So they accused Jeremiah of being an enemy of his country. But how much is a country helped by people who can never see anything wrong in it?

## A True Patriot

In all the hullabaloo over Jeremiah, people in his city either did not know, or would not notice, some facts that marked the man as a genuine patriot. For one thing, he went to some trouble to buy land, in an area already controlled by invading armies. The prophet thus expressed in a practical (and expensive) way his conviction that (so to speak) there would always be a Judah. Furthermore, though we know he had opportunities to do so, he never went over or "defected" as we say, to the Babylonians. And at the end, so as to stay with his own people, he chose banishment, poverty and death rather than live in comfort in Babylon. In the one-sided war between his country and Babylon, he could see that Babylon was stronger by far; but his own people were his own, and he loved them.

Prof. Harold Berman once said: "If we really want to defeat communism there is only one way to do it. . . . It is the one thing that people who talk about fighting communism generally fail to mention. We must construct a social order in which the goals of justice, mercy and morality take precedence over economic security, political power and technological progress." Some would call the writer of such lines no patriot; but what he says is in the noble tradition of Jeremiah the prophet.

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