



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

THE BLUE NILE by Alan Moorehead (Harper & Row \$5.95). Here is a welcome addition to the author's earlier books on Africa, "No Room in the Ark" and "The White Nile." In some ways this is the strangest of all; for the Blue Nile with its source in the highlands of Ethiopia has cut so deep a gorge through the plateau that some of it has never been penetrated by man. "No one has ever made the boat journey down the Blue Nile from Lake Tana to the Sudan, no one yet has managed to walk or take a mule along the full length of its precipitous banks." Today an American survey team is using helicopters to explore its thousand-foot depths where width from bank to bank is sometimes only a hundred feet.

But above the river are ancient lands whose history is now an intriguing subject for archaeologists. Here and on its lower reaches the ubiquitous European traveler has penetrated from time to time. One of the earliest was James Bruce, a Scottish laird. He set out from Cairo without guide or maps—there were none in 1768. Dressed as a dervish and with a fair command of Arabic his aim was to travel up the Nile to its source. One way and another he reached Ethiopia and brought back tales that seemed as incredible to his contemporaries as those of Marco Polo. This reception of his ardently acquired knowledge of central Africa embittered his later years. Considerable space is given to Napoleon's invasion of Egypt and the notes and drawings made by

that zealous archaeologist, Denon, who accompanied General Desaix in his long march up the river from Cairo. He was the first European to note many now famous temples and monuments. There is a good deal, too, about the Turks who followed Napoleon and their effect on Egypt. One of the great travelers of this period was Burckhardt, a Swiss who had emigrated to England, studied Arabic and persuaded the newly formed African Association to give him modest backing for the exploration of central Africa. His equipment was incredibly meager, his hardships severe, but he sent back copious notes, adding greatly to knowledge of that continent. His description of Shendi market, the crossroads of the central Sudan in 1814 before the Turks had penetrated that far, is fascinating social history.

As always, Alan Moorehead has done a thorough job of research. Then he has assimilated the research and written a narrative which has the tang of great adventure. His keen interest in these early travelers as men gives them life and makes the reader follow their risks, despairs and triumphs with eager participation.

GABRIELA, CLOVE AND CINNAMON by Jorge Amado (Knopf \$5.95). This is a rich and brilliant novel of "Main Street" in Brazil. Don't be misled by the title or the sexy jacket. True this Gabriela is a darling, but there is a lot more to the book than that. You are a third of the way through before Gabriela even comes on the stage.

The book is concerned with a community in process of change and is as generously peopled with all kinds of characters as one of Dickens' novels. They are intensely human people with their follies and virtues, their generous and selfish impulses, and a keen interest in their neighbors. The framework is the clash between the new and the old—well, not so very old, but those who have been in Ileus twenty-five years consider later comers just rank outsiders.

A boom in cacao has made the town. Those who came first and proved strongest are now wealthy planters, known locally as "the colonels." They have been running the place in a rather feudal way when a new group—business and professional men—challenge this regime, wanting better transportation and more modern ways. The impact of all this on the personal lives of individuals makes a very lively story, for the change affects not only politics and business but moral standards and social life. The dominance of the colonels is challenged even within the family. True, the older women, accustomed to the haremlike seclusion of the Latin tradition, are still docile, but some mistresses tend to get restless, and then there are the young girls growing up and thinking about their own futures. The author has a special sympathy for the wom-

SADA Community Contest Awards To Be Made At Rockingham Meet Nov. 19

The Awards Day program of the Sandhills Area Development association will be held in conjunction with the SADA annual meeting, set for November 19 in Rockingham county, it was announced by Neal Cadieu of Rockingham, president, following an executive committee meeting held here last week.

Awards will be presented to communities participating in the year-long Community Development program of the association, which comprises five counties—Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, Hoke and Lee.

Awards will be the same as last year—\$100 first prize, \$75 second prize, \$50 third prize and \$25 4th prize in two categories, farm and non-farm communities. There was some doubt as to whether Lee would be considered as a participant this year, as only two communities in this county had entered the contest, but the committee decided to include these two in the area judging, which will take place the week of November 12.

The advisability of presenting plaques and certificates, along with the cash prizes, was discussed, and was left for further con-

sideration by Mrs. D. F. Hurley of Montgomery county, area community development chairman, and President Cadieu.

To help with these and other expenses, the five county governments will be asked for a continuation of the support they have given for the past four years, and Herbert Brewer of Montgomery county, vice-president, was placed in charge of this important phase of SADA operations.

Revision of the SADA seal, for more graphic representation of the area, was discussed. It has to indicate not only the four divisions of activity—community development, industrial development, travel and recreation, and agriculture, but the SADA coverage of five counties instead of four. Hoke was added as a new member in the spring.

Area and county board chairmen and division chairmen were present at the luncheon meeting, held at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on US 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen August 21. The next executive committee meeting will be held at the same place October 9, at 12:30 p. m., at which time plans for the annual meeting will be made.

Father Peter Denges Will Observe Anniversaries With Brothers At Rome

Father Peter M. Denges, who served for six years as pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic church, will have a month's vacation in Europe during which he and two brothers, who are also priests, will celebrate their sacerdotal anniversaries together in Rome.

Father Denges, who has been pastor of Holy Redeemer church at Kill Devil Hills for the past five years and his twin brother Monsignor Joseph F. Denges, pastor of St. Stephens' church, Washington, D. C., will leave New York September 5 on the SS Constitution for Naples, Italy, stopping off at Madeira, Casablanca, Algeria, Gibraltar, Palma, Genoa and Cannes. From Naples they will go to Rome, where they will be guests of the Superior General of the Redemptorist Fathers.

Their other brother Father Q. Benedict, C.S.S.R., is secretary of this religious congregation, as well as rector of St. Alphonsus' church at Rome. While at Rome they will observe the 35th sacerdotal anniversary, or anniversary of entrance

en. He delights in Gabriela who doesn't let any of this bother her too much, but his emotional involvement is with Malvina, the intelligent schoolgirl daughter of a colonel. Incidentally one can get as good a view in this of certain internal problems of South American countries in their desire to leap into the modern age as from some more ponderous treatises. One is glad to hear that the book has been popular in Brazil. It should help.

MAGNIFICENT DESTINY by Paul I. Wellman (Doubleday \$5.95). Thirty of America's most eventful years are the background of this novel. The protagonists are Andrew Jackson and Sam Houston, who first met shortly after the battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814, and whose friendship lasted till Jackson's death a few months before Texas was admitted to the Union.

As Jackson's protégé, Houston came to Washington as a Congressman, helping old Hickory in many of his bitter fights with political enemies. Eventually, says Mr. Wellman, it was Jackson who sent Houston to Texas to guide the destinies of that troubled area. At the end of Jackson's life, Houston rode a thousand miles, day and night, to get to the dying man's bedside in time to tell him that Texas would join the United States.

Paul Wellman has written many books about the American past, both fiction and non-fiction. Outstanding among the latter are "A Dynasty of Western Outlaws" and "Glory, God and Gold."

into the priesthood, of Father Peter and Father Joseph, also the 34th of Father Benedict.

Father Peter and Father Joseph will sail from Naples to New York in October on the SS Cristoforo Colombo. A reception will be given Father Peter at Manteo on his return.

Father Peter and Father Joseph were ordained at Baltimore in 1927, while Father Benedict was ordained at New York City in 1928.

Father Peter served St. Anthony's parish here from April 1951 to June 1957.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 4.—Niagara, Lakeview, Eureka Route: C. S. Ward, 9:25-9:30; J. D. Lewis, 9:35-9:40; Ray Hensley, 9:50-11; Mrs. E. W. Marble, 11:15-11:30; J. L. Jones, 11:35-11:40; Bud Crockett, 12:20-12:35; J. L. Danley, 12:40-12:50; Robert Hardy, 12:55-1:05; 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, 2:05-2:10; R. E. Lea, 2:15-2:25.

Wednesday, Sept. 5.—Roseland, Colonial Hts.: A. M. Stansell Jr., 9:45-9:55; Larry Simmons, 10:10-10:25; Morris Caddell, 10:20-10:35; R. E. Morton, 10:40-10:50; Mrs. Viola Kirk, 10:55-11:05; Mrs. Onnie Seago, 11:10-11:15; Calvin Laton, 11:20-11:30; Elva Laton, 11:40-11:50; Marvin Hartsell, 12:10-12:20; W. R. Robeson, 12:25-12:35; W. M. Ritter Jr., 1:10-1:20; Wilmer Maness, 1:30-2:30.

Thursday, Sept. 6.—Glendon, Highfalls Route: Ernest Shepley, 9:30-9:40; R. F. Willcox, 9:50-10:05; the Rev. Jefferson Davis, 10:15-10:25; Presley Store, 10:30-10:40; Carl Oldham, 10:45-10:55; Norris Shields, 11:05-11:15; Ann Powers Beauty Shop, 12:05-12:15; Preslar Service Station, 12:25-12:35; Edgar Shields, 12:40-12:55; W. F. Ritter Jr., 1:10-1:20; Wilmer Maness, 1:30-2:30.

The Moore County Library will be closed Labor Day, September 3.

Halls Memorial Church Schedules Revival

A series of revival services at Halls Memorial Church on Union Road, about three miles out of Vass, will begin Sunday, September 2, with the Rev. Quencie Miller of Burnsville as the visiting speaker each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. F. B. Player is pastor. He and the members extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

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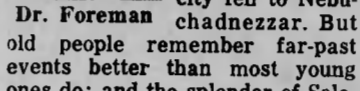


International Union Sunday School Lessons
By KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Bible Material: Ezra 1: 2:64-65, 70, 71
Devotional Reading: Ezra 3:10-13

Foundations

For September 2, 1962

IT HAD been 50 years since the great Temple of Solomon was burned to the ground, and the beautiful objects of silver and gold, which were so famous, had been carted off as loot by the invaders from the Euphrates. Fifty years is a long time. Men now with grey beards, 60 years old or so, had been young children when the city fell to Nebuchadnezzar. But old people remember far-past events better than most young ones do; and the splendor of Solomon's temple was not to be forgotten.



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But it all began with the foundations. All foundations look alike, and they don't look like much. It takes imagination to see a shrine for God rising above the dusty rock of the foundations. Foundations of Life All this might suggest to us a parable. Saint Paul once called Christians a temple of the Lord, so we may apply his parable to ourselves. All lives are built on foundations of some kind. Jesus spoke of two houses, perhaps just alike except that one was built on rock and the other one built on sand. Foundations may be out of sight, indeed have to be out of sight if they go down far enough to do some good. Scaffolding is necessary but temporary; foundations are necessary from first day to last. Each human life is built on other lives. The kind of home which a father and especially a mother make, the kind of care they give their children, the spirit of the home, the faith and hope and love of that home, are a foundation on which a good life can be built. A home where there are doubt and hopelessness and hate, a home from which the children escape as soon as they possibly can, is a foundation for the life of a criminal or a beatnik. The probation officer of a large city said that all kinds of juvenile delinquents, with all sorts of backgrounds, had come under his eye; but never yet had he seen a juvenile delinquent from a home where husband and wife lived in harmony.

On What Shall A Nation's Walls Be Set? Nations like persons have foundations, good or bad. People sometimes wonder if we deceive ourselves when we prefer a democratic state to any other kind. Looking at other experiments in democracy, with the exception of the northern European nations, so-called democracies will not seem very attractive. Is there anything special about American democracy (which is a child, or a first cousin, of the democracies in northern Europe just mentioned)? Yes, there is, and this should be said in thankfulness and without pride, for we had nothing to do with it. There was a long, long period of growth, of trial and error, of practice, you might say, in democratic processes, before we started it over here. We blame the Congolese for making a mess of their country the minute they reach freedom. But would we have done any better with our nation if we had had no foundations? And it should not be forgotten that a corner-stone of our foundation is a long-time faith: "In God we trust!" as a motto is worth little; as a foundation it is indispensable.

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