



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

LONDON PERCEIVED by V. S. Pritchett. Photographs by Evelyn Hofer. (Harcourt, Brace \$15). This is an oversize book to accommodate the scores of fine photographic studies made by Evelyn Hofer. These have a wide range—Hyde Park in a fog with a lemon yellow sun struggling through lorry drivers on Tower Hill, bomb sites, the interior of a very proper club, a London window with a patterned lace curtain. Most of all the photographer liked people, ordinary people, policemen, old people in parks, milkmen, housekeepers, but always people with character in their faces, the kind of character that seemed to her to make London. Next to people she liked Tower Bridge, which appears more than once in foreground or background.

Accompanying the pictures is a long and affectionate essay on London by the distinguished critic and man of letters, V. S. Pritchett. His concern is to give you the flavor of London. He provides no guide book, though any prospective visitor to London will doubtless be making notes of some of the odd corners he describes.

He characterizes London as "a heavy city," weighted with experience, muffled in fog, "the least splendid, the least ostentatious of the great capitals." Yet it is a city where strangely enough discriminating people have often chosen to live, not just the English but people from other lands—for example, Henry James. So the author endeavors to catch for the reader the subtle charm which underlies London's lack of surface prettiness or splendor.

Part of the charm lies in the character of the people. This includes their deep respect for property, privacy and order,

which gives the individual a feeling of security and the comfortable assurance that he may follow his whim so long as he interferes with no one else: "the least nervous city in the world."

Some space is given to history, and we learn how the different parts of London changed and developed, how many old customs linger—Royalty still asks permission of the Lord Mayor before entering the City. Pritchett describes, too, the swift changes going on today, changes in buildings, transportation, amusements, even speech. The speech of the younger Londoners today is "a mixture of BBC English and Americanisms." London no longer belongs to the "nobs" and "toffs," but to the masses, including the busloads that pour in from the provinces for the neon-lit night life.

The life of any great city is many-sided and that of London, so long the heart of an Empire with nearly every family having a member in India, Canada, Africa, or, at least, at sea, is more than commonly complicated. Mr. Pritchett has succeeded in giving us not only significant details of daily life but suggestive views down vistas of experience.

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT by Pamela Hansford Johnson (Harcourt \$4.50). Pamela Johnson believes in evil and that it can happen here. The central figure of the novel is Dr. Setter, a successful London physician, who is tormented by a horror of his own nature, a conviction that no matter how he struggles against it, his effect on others is sure to be harmful.

The story is told in the first person by Victor Hendry who became a patient and then a friend of the doctor. He is a light weight, dabbling in advertising, personnel management, living in a smart little house in a smart little square with his wife, Jenny. He qualifies as narrator because everyone talks to him. Dr. Setter says that he can say anything to Victor, because Victor could not possibly understand. Victor does find Setter's words and acts puzzling, not sensible, sometimes frightening.

Then there is Malpass, an old college friend of Victor, now an Anglican priest with an East End parish. Through him, they become involved in the problem of Sammy, a cold, swaggering youth in tight jeans and fancy sweater, who may have been involved in a brutal murder. Setter is both attracted and repelled. To probe the mystery of Sammy's personality, to find out if he is completely callous or capable of compunction becomes his major interest.

SHELA: A Satire by Aubrey Menen (Random \$3.95). Amusement, not reform, is the object of this satire, says Aubrey Menen; so the book sparkles with delighted perceptions of human ab-

CARTHAGE NEWS

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Swain Stephenson announce the birth of a daughter, born at the Anne Norman, Rocky Mount Hospital on October 23. Mrs. Stephenson is the former Miss Kay Boyette.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seawell announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Grace, at Moore Memorial Hospital, October 28. Mrs. Seawell is the former Miss Patricia Kelly.

Personals

Mrs. Annie Williams of Robbins spent Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton P. Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster Curry and son David of Yosemite National Park, Calif. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McPhail.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin G. Spencer, Sr. have returned from a trip to New York City where they attended a contest in which their granddaughter took part.

Mrs. Charles T. Grier, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Page, Jr. of Aberdeen and Mrs. Worth Miller of Lumberton spent several days last week in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Miller and sons of Statesville were guests of Mrs. Curtis Muse over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blue and children of Florida, are visiting her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Golden and Mr. Blue's mother, Mrs. Alonzo Blue, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Frances McCaskill and Miss Lydia McCaskill were home for a weekend visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCaskill.

Bobby Kelly of UNC, Chapel Hill, spent this weekend at home. Woodrow Eldridge of Washington spent this weekend with his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Charles T. Grier is home from a visit with her niece Mrs. Marshburn (the former Miss Carol Graves of Southern Pines) and Mr. Marshburn in Atlanta, Ga.

John R. Kelly and Mrs. Sadie K. Wall spent Wednesday in Wilmington with their sister-in-law, Mrs. Alex P. Kelly. She is leaving Wilmington for a visit with her children and will be gone until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. McKay and sons Orren and Neil visited Mrs.

surditues. Menen, with an Indian father and an Irish mother, is well equipped to handle this bold mixture of Buddha, the United Nations the Archangel Michael, the President, the Devil and a very worried Foreign Adviser to the President.

The situation is delicate. The Dalai Lama dies. In Tibet the Chinese Communists supervise the selection of his successor; in Switzerland, Tibetan refugees in an equally orthodox way pick his successor. The United States backs the latter. She turns out to be a girl. So the She-lama and the He-lama—Shela and Hela, for short—come to New York to present their rival claims to the United Nations.

THE SINGING HILL by Meindert DeJong (Harper & Row \$2.95). Long ranked as one of our most distinguished writers for children, Meindert DeJong this year received both the Newberry Award and the Hans Christian Anderson Award for his books.

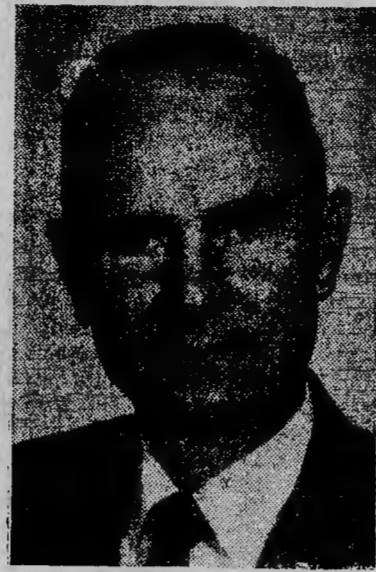
This one is about a lonely little boy who befriends an old horse. Ray was the youngest of three children. The older brother and sister went to school and even when home they often said he was "too little" for their activities. Sometimes Ray and his Dad did wonderful things together, but Dad was only home weekends.

A real comprehension of what a lonely child feels like and a convincing solution to this not uncommon problem of a child makes this a rare and satisfying book. We hope parents may read it as well as children under ten.

Sadie K. Wall on Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. McKay in Southern Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Williams of Clinton spent this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton P. Campbell.

Don McCallum of Campbell College spent this weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCallum.



DR. CLYDE FIELDS, superintendent of the Southern Convention, (United Church of Christ) will be guest speaker Sunday, November 4, at The United Church of Christ. His visit will be part of the annual fall Stewardship and Missions campaign that will be climaxed on November 18, with an Every Member Canvass. Dr. Fields is a graduate of Elon College and Duke Divinity School having served parishes in North Carolina and Virginia before assuming the office of superintendent in 1960.

Bookmobile Schedule

November 5-8
Monday Nov. 5, Union Church Route: Mrs. R. L. Comer, 9:30-9:35; J. M. Briggs, 9:40-9:50; Clifford Hurley, 9:55-10:05; Elbert Taylor, 10:10-10:15; Parkers Crocker, 10:20-10:25; Howard Gschwind, 10:30-10:35; Mrs. O. C. Blackburn, 10:40-10:45; Jack Morgan, 10:50-11; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 11:15-11:25; Arthur Gaines, 11:30-11:40; Mrs. Bonnie Dennie, 11:45-11:50; Wesley Thomas, 11:55-12.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, Niagara, Lakeview, Eureka Route: Mrs. C. S. Ward, 9:30-9:40; J. D. Lewis, 9:50-9:55; Ray Hensley, 10-11; Mrs. E. W. Marble, 11:15-11:30; C. G. Priest, Sr., 11:40-11:45; Bud Crockett, 12:25-12:35; J. L. Danley, 12:45-12:50; Robert Hardy, 12:55-1:05; Homer Blue, 1:10-1:25; Mrs. C. B. Blue, 1:30-1:35.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, Roseland, Colonial Hts., R. E. Lea, 9:30-9:40; A. M. Stansell, Jr., 10:10-10:20; Larry Simmons, 10:25-10:40; Morris Caddell, 10:45-11; R. E. Morton, 11:05-11:15; Mrs. Viola Kirk, 11:20-11:25; Mrs. Annie Seago, 11:30-11:35; Calvin Laton, 11:40-11:50; Elva Laton, 12-12:10; Marvin Hartzell, 12:20-12:30; W. R. Robeson, 12:35-12:45; W. M. Smith, 2-2:10; J. J. Greer, 2:15-2:45.

Thursday, Nov. 8, Glendon, Highfalls Route: Ernest Shepley, 9:30-9:40; R. F. Wilcox, 9:45-9:55; the Rev. Jefferson Davis, 10:05-10:10; Presley Store, 10:15-10:20; Carl Oldham, 10:25-10:35; Norris Shields, 11:40-11:55; W. F. Ritter Jr., 12:40-12:50; Wilmer Maness, 1-2.

The Moore County Library will be closed Saturday, November 1.

Among the 97 counties in North Carolina where pulpwood was produced, the three leading counties, and the value of deliveries shipped from each, were Bladen, \$1,419,580; Brunswick, \$1,361,320, and Onslow, \$1,313,380.

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Lesson for November 4, 1962

WHY the Bible? Some one might think that the Christian religion has a Bible just to keep up with the procession; for every religion in the world that has as many as a million members, has a Bible of some kind, and Christianity would be very odd if it did not. But this is not the reason we have a Bible. Is this the reason—that God can only in a written word? Not all. Did you ever stop to think that the whole Bible was written by persons who did not have a whole Bible? In fact, a great deal of the Bible is devoted to accounts of how God has been found in other ways as well as in the Bible. Is the reason for the Bible our need of a book of rules? No, the Bible itself does contain a few rules, but nearly every page of it is something else besides rules.

Inspired
One reason the church cherishes the Bible is because we believe it to be inspired by God himself. This does not mean that God dictated the various books of the Bible, certainly not in English. What we do mean is that God was at work in the entire process by which the Bible has come down to us. You would cherish every letter of one you love; if your loved one was (for instance) a teacher of art, you would no doubt be glad to have pictures or sculpture done by her pupils. Perhaps your friend the teacher did not paint this picture herself, but you can tell it must have been done by one of her pupils. "It looks like her," you say. In the same way, God did not hold the pen for the writers of the Bible; but persons who have assuredly known God, have through the ages recognized the unmistakable marks of God's thought and action here. It is as difficult to "prove" the inspiration of Scripture as to prove that Mozart was a great musician. But both the Bible and the music can be studied. Out of the study comes appreciation, and out of the appreciation grows the conviction of inspiration.

You can put up a shack on desert sands or at the edge of the swamp. But if what you want to erect is a skyscraper or a cathedral, you have to look for solid rock foundations.

So when you are building a life, as Jesus said, you need to build it on a rock, not on sand. We feel the need of a court of last resort, a Judge above all judges. We need an accurate compass, we need a dependable light, a map with roads plainly marked. Now the Bible is all of these things, and people who have discovered its value have used such words as these about it. For the Protestant Christian of every kind, in spite of all our smaller or greater differences, the Bible stands as the supreme authority, even above the church. We do not find codes of rules here; we find living men and women who had authentically known God. In their life-experiences and in their reflections and conclusions, we find again the will of God for ourselves.

Some treasured heirlooms are valued highly because they are irreplaceable. So the Bible is invaluable, because it is unique. Most books answer some questions, the Bible answers the central questions. The Bible gives us the answers we do not find elsewhere. The Bible speaks to our most agonized questions, our most inalienable questions, our most destiny, as a human being? Am I a kind of accident, along with other human beings, or are we all part of the plan of God? How can I, poor, sick as I am, come to terms with the high God? What is God like? What can I believe about Him, and what does he want me to do? When I come to the inevitable end of this life, and face the last dark doorway, the last toll-gate, what lies beyond? When I stand at the graveside of a loved one, must I stand forever alone? When I look into the vast reaches of space to the galaxies receding ever beyond our reach, do I find there only mindless energy or do I dare to see above all, above all, infinite and eternal love? The Bible and the Bible alone gives us the answers to such questions. (Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)

The best method of controlling moles is to destroy the grubs on which they feed.

Next Sunday

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York Ave. at South Ashe St.
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.
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Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
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Girl Scout Troop No. 118, Monday, 1 p.m.

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

BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
Dr. Julian Lake, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m. Women of the Church meet mfr. 5 p.m. Monday following third Sunday each Sunday evening.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Midland Road
Robert C. Mooney, Jr., Minister
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
(Youth Fellowship 6:15 P. M.)
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