



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PKARKER

PORTRAIT OF MYSELF by Margaret Bourke-White (Simon & Schuster \$5.95). A wise Frenchman said long ago that if a book gave you a lift of the spirit, you should ask no further—it was a good book for you. This is that kind of book. Margaret Bourke-White has found joy in so many aspects of living—the sights and sounds of the world, her work, her contacts with people. She has even had the grace to be grateful for adversity because it spurred her to new efforts and developed her strength to endure the knocks of life. After adjusting to the cruel disappointment of her early marriage, she said "nothing would ever seem hard to me again."

Her photography has made her famous, but it was only when she had to have money to finish college that she took it up seriously and made pictures of Cornell University campus to sell to fellow students. She succeeded. However, it was photographs she took with no prospect of sale just because the subject attracted her—pictures of the industries along the Cleveland water front—that really brought her into the big time. She was surprised when the head of the steel company was glad to pay \$100 each for pictures she had coaxed him into letting her take in the steel mill. More important still they brought her a telegram from New York where Henry B. Luce was laying his plans for Fortune, and thus began a long association with that magazine and Life, which gave her unparalleled opportunities as a photographer. She was sent to the "Dust Bowl," to Russia, the Arctic, India and two wars.

Her experience as a photographer and as a person are well told. She is generous in her appreciation of what others did to help her, though she was never one to sit down and wait for help. Obstacles only stimulated her. As she had never doubted that she would get into those steel mills, so she kept trying until she got a Russian visa and even photographed Stalin. The same quali-

ties carried her through her struggle with Parkinson's disease, which had so incapacitated her that she could use neither camera nor typewriter. As one would expect, this book is illustrated with some fine photographs, some that she looks on as milestones in her career, and others more personal, from her baby picture to those of her physical therapy when recovering from Parkinson's disease, the last included because she felt her own experiences might help others similarly stricken to persevere in the long way back to health and control of movement.

STORY HOUR by Sara Henderson Hay (Doubleday \$2.95). Definitely not for children, Miss Hay's verses in this entertaining book suggest—sometimes gently, sometimes sharply, always wittily—how thirty of our best-loved fairy tales might have been written if they had been dealing with real people instead of make-believe characters. For example one of the dwarfs recalls in what comfortable disorder they lived before Snow White came and added the woman's touch, now "She scrubs, she sweeps, she even dusts the ceilings; She's made us build a tool shed for our stuff, Dinner's at eight, the table setting's formal, And if I weren't afraid I'd hurt her feelings, I'd move until we get her married off, And things can gradually slip back to normal." Miss Hay has won several poetry awards, and her work appears frequently in The New Yorker, Harper's Atlantic Monthly and other periodicals.

DR. SEUSS'S A B C (Random House \$1.95). Beginning with Aunt Annie's Alligator, on which she rides elegantly gloved and hatted, this book will disappoint none of the great doctor's fans. Children should find it a painless way to learn the alphabet, with a bonus of much laughter as they learn. The pictures are as gaily fanciful as ever from the policeman in a pail to the Zizzer-

Books Added At Local Library

Books added to the Southern Pines Library collection during August have been announced as follows by Mrs. Stanley Lambourne, librarian:

The Road to Huddersfield by James Morris, Joy in the Morning by Betty Smith, The Horseman's Encyclopedia by Margaret C. Self, The Unicorn by Iris Murdoch, The Pumpkin Eater by Penelope Mortimer, The Dead of Summer by Mary Kelly, Archeological Techniques for Amateurs by Philip C. Hammond, The Mother Hunt: A Nero Wolf Novel by Rex Stout.

Also: American Negro Poetry by Arna W. Bontemps, A Call from Austria by Martha Albrand, Guess Whose Hair I'm Wearing by Hildegarde Dolson, Clandara by Evelyn Anthony, Does It Make into a Bed by Lorna Novak, Double Exposure by Donald McKenzie, The Collector by John Fowles, The Last Love by Thomas B. Costain, Moore County Operational Survival Plan published by N. C. Civil Defense Agency.

Zizzer-Zuzz, whom you must see to believe. For those interested in pursuing their alphabet studies further, we recommend Dr. Seuss's "On Beyond Zebra."

MR. TWITMEYER AND THE POODLE by Adelson & Moore (Random House \$1.95). Another happy story about Mr. Twitmeyer and his training school for dogs will rejoice slightly older children about seven to ten. Mr. Twitmeyer had a way with dogs. He had improved the manners of some of the most troublesome canines in West Erock. But he was almost baffled by Noodle, the mischievous black poodle whom he first saw chasing a monkey around the pet shop. Noodle looked a darling. One owner after another took her happily home, only to return her in a day or two, outraged by her pranks. But Mr. Twitmeyer believed there was a right someone for every dog and kept on until he found a surprising answer for Noodle. Lots of fun and pictures go with a good story.

WINSTON CHURCHILL by Quention Reynolds (Landmark \$1.95). Quentin Reynolds has provided both a lively story and a well-balanced biographical sketch of Churchill for a new generation of youngsters who have no memories of Churchill's. The group meets every second

ANYONE CAN JOIN Great Books Club To Open Sessions Monday Evening

The Great Books Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Southern Pines Library. Interested people are invited to attend. The group will discuss Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn from an adult's point of view, taking into account its deeper implications, a member of the club said.

David Drexel will continue as leader of the group assisted by Alec Strong. For the past two years, William Bonsal III was alternate leader but has elected to step down so that he may enter into the discussion. As leader he was only permitted to ask questions that would stimulate discussion among the other participants.

And fourth Monday of each month at the library at 8 p.m. for two hours, to talk about the great books. Everyone reads the same selections. There are no lectures. There are no educational requirements and no fees. Purchase of a set of paperback books is optional. Anyone with a willingness to read and desire to talk with others on fundamental issues may join.

Selections to be discussed this year also include: The Book of Job, Aeschylus: The Oresteia, Thucydides: History of the Peloponnesian War (selections), Plato: Symposium, Aristotle: Politics (selections), St. Thomas Aquinas: Treatise on Law, Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel, Calvin: Institutes, Shakespeare: King Lear, Francis Bacon: Novum Organum, Locke: Of Civil Government, Voltaire: Candide, Rousseau: The social Contract, Gibbon: Decline and Fall (chs. 15, 16), Dostoyevsky: The Brothers Karamazoy, Freud: The Origin & Development of Psychoanalysis.

great days as a war leader.

And what material the author had for his story! The cadet at Sandhurst, the young soldier in India, the newspaper correspondent of the Boer War who was captured and made a lone escape—these were all colorful characters, and Quentin Reynolds has done justice to them. But he does not let them overshadow the young Churchill building a career in the political arena, nor his emergence in the Second World War as a leader who heartened his own people in dark days and inspired their allies.



Life of Faith Lesson for September 29, 1963

Bible Material: Genesis; Psalm 105: 1-24; Galatians 3; Hebrews 11:1-22. Devotional Reading: Psalm 105:1-11.

"FAITH" is despised by people who don't have it and don't understand it. Faith is caricatured as an attitude of ignorance. It is compared to taking a chance or going on an errand that is bound to fail. Faith is said (by people who have none) to be like a man buying medicines and swallowing them with outlooking at the labels or reading the directions. Faith has been compared to a blind man going down into the cellar at midnight, without a light, looking for a black cat that isn't there.

Faith's uncertainties

Nobody who has long lived the life of faith is bothered by such misunderstandings. For one thing, he knows very well that the man who tells you he believes only what he can test with his own five senses does not really mean it, because if you believe only what you can personally test, you will have an unhappy time of it. Suppose you try eating breakfast without faith some morning. The label on the cereal box says it has riboflavin and vitamin B and a lot of other things. Do you know that none of these is poisonous? Do you know they're all there? You know nothing of the sort; you believe it. You go to the hospital for an operation; do you know the surgeon's hand won't slip? No, but you trust yourself to him all the same. There can't be any more certainty than the certainty of faith, in most circumstances of life.

The man whose lives have been briefly before us in these past few weeks, Abraham, Jacob and Joseph, knew what the uncertainties of faith can be. Abraham went "not knowing whither he went." Jacob had no assurance that his God would prosper him. He hoped so, to be sure; but to the end of his days there were question marks in his future. So with Joseph; for long years, though the word is not written large in the stories of him, the fact of his faith is there. If Joseph had yielded to the tyranny of the obvious, he would have stayed a slave. He lived by what he did not see.

The certainties of faith

Did you ever fly, as a passenger, in a little plane just big enough for two? Just for a joke, while you were fastening your seat belt, you may have sung a verse or two of "Dig my grave with a silver spade." But you buckled that belt and up you rose into the scary sky. Now you believed in a lot of things. You believed the engine would not "conk out," you believed the wings were fastened with something stronger than glue, you believed the tail assembly would hang together, that the direction-finder and the altimeter and the dozen or so other gadgets on the instrument board were accurate, you believed in all the radio control towers and beacons you overflew; but when you come right down to it, what you really put faith in was not a what, it was a who. You trusted the pilot. You (not being a pilot, and not used to flying perhaps) could not predict what he would do next. If you never studied aerodynamics, the chances are that you didn't even know exactly how the plane stays aloft. You certainly could not read the inside of the pilot's mind. But you trusted him all the same.

God is the pilot

You see there are a lot of things to trust in even a small airplane. But you don't really trust the things, but the pilot, a person. You trust him (among other things) to check everything about the plane, you put your faith in his knowledge and in his skills. If you couldn't trust him, you couldn't very well trust the plane.

The life of faith in God is like that. There are many things we have to believe in, on our flight through this life. But essentially, religious faith is faith in a person, our Father in heaven. We can't see what He is doing, we can't understand all He does even when we see Him do it, we don't know why this or that happens. There's a great deal more that we don't know than we do know. But we trust Him. The great difference between God and any airline pilot is that even the boldest and most skillful pilots know there are kinds of clouds they dare not enter, weather conditions they cannot control. The best of them can be grounded. But the true God is never grounded, for no cloud is too dark and storm-swept for Him.

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Next Sunday

- METHODIST CHURCH**
Midland Road
A. L. Thompson, Minister
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6:15 p.m.
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Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
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Morning Service, 11 a.m.
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Women's Club meeting: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop No. 873, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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The Youth Fellowship meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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