

Many Kinds Of Humor Found In Books Available Through Regional Library

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Many kinds of humor are found in books available to the public through the Sandhills Regional Library which operates in Moore, Richmond and Montgomery Counties, using both county libraries and bookmobiles.

Other public libraries in the area can obtain books through the Regional Library.

Miss Hollis Haney, director of the Regional Library, whose headquarters is at Rockingham, lists the following books as among those popular in the field of humor:

Autobiographical episodes told in a humorous vein are the basis for a large number of highly entertaining books. **SOLD TO THE LADY IN THE GREEN HAT** by Bailey, **THE SNAKE HAS ALL THE LINKS** by Kerr, **PREPOSTEROUS PAPA** by Meyer, and **GIVE FATHER A HARD KNOCK** by Kraft are titles in this category.

A TREASURY OF AMERICAN FOLK HUMOR by Tidwell, James, is a rare confection of tall tales, jests, and other gems of merriment of the American people. Also a brand new book on the library shelf is **THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN** by R. B. Downs.

Joke books, handbooks for speakers and toastmasters are available for the asking at your library. Bennett Cerf's collections are typical of this type: **THE LAUGH'S ON ME, ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH, OR GOOD FOR A LAUGH**.

You'll chuckle out loud at pop Kwimper and family taking up "squatters rights" in **PIONEER GO HOME** by Richard Powell. When a Nike base is established in a Connecticut town, the humorous complications that arise is the basis for Max Shulman's **RALLY ROUND THE FLAG, BOYS!**

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service are lampooned in Hyman's **NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS** and Brinkley's **DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER**.

MR. BLANDING BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE and **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD** are examples of the humor of Eric Hodgins and Edward Streeter. Mrs. Feeley, Mrs. Rasmussen and Miss Tinkham have hilarious adventures in a series of books by Mary Lasswell.

For the Bertie Wooster fans, P. G. Wodehouse's latest is **STIFF UPPER LIP, JEEVES**.

MORE THAN WELCOME by Boyd and **SCRUFFY** by Gallico are both amusing stories.

Bookmobile Schedule

March 2-5

Monday, March 2, Roseland, Colonial Hts. Route: R. E. Lea, 9:30-9:40; Larry Simmons, 10:10-10:25; Dr. Morris Caddell, 10:30-10:45; R. E. Morton, 10:50-11:05; Mrs. Viola Kirk, 11:10-11:20; Mrs. Onnie Seago, 11:25-11:30; Calvin Laton, 11:35-11:45; Marvin Hartwell, 11:50-12; W. R. Robeson Jr., 12:05-12:15; W. M. Smith, 1:40-1:50; J. J. Greer, 1:55-2:15.

Tuesday March 3, Niagara, Lakeview, Eureka Route: W. M. Sullivan, 9:30-9:40; C. S. Ward, 9:45-10:05; Ray Hensley, 10:20-11:30; Mrs. E. W. Marble, 11:45-11:55; Bud Crockett, 1:30-1:45; Homer Blue, 1:55-2:15; Mrs. C. B. Blue, 2:20-2:25.

Wednesday March 4, Union Church Route: J. M. Briggs, 9:30-9:40; Clifford Hurley, 9:45-10; Parker's Grocery, 10:10-10:15; Howard Gschwind, 10:20-10:30; Mrs. O. C. Blackburn, 10:35-10:45; Jack Morgan, 10:50-11; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 11:30-11:40; Arthur Gaines, 11:45-11:55; Wesley Thomas, 12:05-12:15.

Thursday, March 5, Glendon, High Falls Route: R. F. Willcox, 9:35-9:50; Eli Phillips, 10:05-10:15; W. H. Maness Jr., 10:25-10:35; William Seawell, 10:45-10:55; Presley Store, 11-11:10; Norris Shields, 11:20-11:30; Ann Powers Beauty Shop, 11:45-11:55; Preslar Service Station, 12-12:05; Edgar Shields, 12:10-12:20; Wilmer Maness, 1:15-2:15.



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

THE MARTYRED by Richard E. Kim (Braziller \$4.50). This novel of the Korean war is not about battling armies but about conflicts of ideas and ideals and about the mysteries of men's motives. By implication, it asks a number of questions about the nature of truth, about religion, and man's relationship to God, asks the questions and leaves the reader to answer them.

The story is told by Captain Lee, a Korean soldier and former university instructor. Shortly before the United Nations forces entered Pyongyang, the Reds had imprisoned fourteen Christian ministers and had executed twelve of them. Colonel Chang of the Korean Army Political Intelligence wanted to exploit this mass murder for propaganda purposes but first asked Lee to find out what had happened to the other two ministers. Why had they been spared? Had they renounced their religion or betrayed their colleagues?

Captain Lee finds the two middle-aged Mr. Shinn with his hacking cough and young Mr. Hann whose mind had been injured by torture and imprisonment. Hann could tell him nothing, and Mr. Shinn was reluctant to answer questions. Bit by bit some information was gathered from Shinn and elsewhere. But Mr. Shinn still said he did not know why he and Hann had been spared, and he warmly denied the Reds' claim that the Christians had "died like dogs," betraying their companions. Then came the startling incident of Mr. Shinn's holy lie and first his condemnation, then his exaltation by his people.

There is more to the book than this simple plot. There is Lee's stubborn insistence upon the truth at all costs. There is the increasing concern of Colonel Chang for the preacher of a religion in which he does not believe, and the effect on both Chang and Lee of a situation which unexpectedly stirs their deepest emotions.

Richard Kim was born in Korea in 1932 and was a liaison officer

to the US Army and aide-de-camp to the commanding general, ROK 2nd Corps, during the Korean War, 1950-54. He is now living in California and teaching at Long Beach State College.

THE ORDEAL OF MAJOR GRIGSBY by John Sherlock (Morrow \$4.50). This grim tale of guerrilla warfare in the Malay jungle also offers more than just thrills and suspense. Major Grigsby had won distinction as a guerrilla leader behind the Japanese lines in World War II. Later as an aging man who was finding life on a pension in London very dreary he was offered and accepted a special assignment in Malaya. This assignment was to find and kill Chen Tak, the young Chinese he had trained in guerrilla fighting and who, since the war, had organized the Communist guerrillas trying to drive the English from Malaya. Fundamentally this is Major Grigsby's story — his determination to recapture the strength and zest of his earlier days, his contempt for British officialdom, his respect for Chen Tak.

Of the three main characters—Grigsby, Chen Tak and General Burke-White—the first two are well drawn, three-dimensional and convincing with their sources of strength and their weaknesses, but the General seems just a cardboard figure set up to knock down. The author writes first-rate narrative and holds the reader's attention through a well planned series of events.

THE RIGHT-HANDED HORSE by Virginia H. Ormsby (Lippincott \$2.50). When his red-headed uncle rashed left his horse in the care of eleven-year-old Lee for a whole summer, he started a series of wonderfully funny happenings on the family farm. There was the night the horse got loose in the neighbors' chicken-yard. There was the race at the barbecue fair, which would have turned out quite differently if Lee had not been riding "a right-handed horse." Strangely enough, however, it was not the horse but Lee's old mule Toby that helped Lee to become a real hero—especially in the eyes of a certain girl.

This is a pleasant picture of life in the rural South with plenty of action and fun for the nine to eleven-year-olds. Mrs. Ormsby was born in Georgia. She knows the South and she knows how to write for children.

A HORSE FOR SHERRY by Cathrine Barr (Walck \$2.50). For younger members of the horsey set comes this easy-reading book with the pictures carrying the story almost as well as the text.

Young Sherry comes to her grandmother's ranch for the summer, expecting—or, at least hoping—that there will be a horse she can ride. But she looked at all the horses —

Old Koko was too big.
Buck was too wild.
Red was Grandmother's horse.
The colts were too small.

Then one morning there was a lovely surprise, a horse just the right size. But it was up to Sherry to learn to ride it and that took more courage than she had expected.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A POCKET? by Eve Merriam Knopf, \$3.50). And what can you do with a pocket? Well, take it and shake it and see.

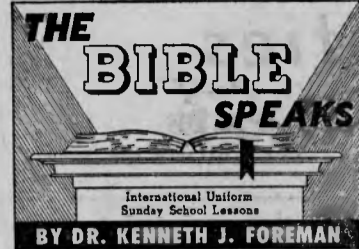
"With string in your pocket You can have a fishing line. Heave ho, fisherman. Pull in one big whale or a school of speckled trout."

This is just one of the fascinating pretend games that may be inspired by the most common things to be found in pockets, even holes. An original and stimulating book for the very young, four and up. Harriet Sherman's bold and dashing pictures in poster colors add to the fun.

Local Student Among UNC Scholars Honored

Robert Edward Woodruff of Southern Pines is one of 106 University of North Carolina students holding a "distinguished scholarship" to UNC who were honored at a special reception last week at the UNC Faculty Club.

Woodruff holds the Andrew Bershak Interfraternity Scholarship. Prior to the reception, the scholarship holders heard Dr. Lawrence London, curator of the Rare Book Room of the University Library, lecture on the development of the book. Dr. London has a special group of books, clay tablets, manuscripts, and first editions by English and American writers on display for the scholarship holders to view.

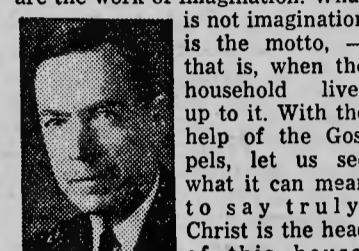


Head of the House

Lesson for March 1, 1964

Background Scripture: Luke 10:35-42; John 11:1 through 12:11; Devotional Reading: John 11:1-15.

A PICTURE-MOTTO often seen, though it is many years old by now, starts this way: "CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE." It usually shows a picture of Christ, but such pictures are the work of imagination. What is not imagination



is the motto, — that is, when the household lives up to it. With the help of the Gospels, let us see what it can mean to say truly, Christ is the head of this house.

In the Gospels Luke and John we are given glimpses of a home where Jesus was really the head of the household, even though that expression itself is never used. It was the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Seeing things his way
That Jesus was the head of that household, that family group, does not mean that he interfered with their work or their arrangements. We all dislike meddlers, and Jesus was not a meddler. He would lean over backwards, so to speak, to keep from being one.

When he had him to dinner, you remember, Martha got quite tired and cross working hard over the dinner. Jesus (had he been inclined to take over running the house) might have ordered Martha to put out the kitchen fire and let them eat sandwiches for once. He might have demanded that she sit beside Mary and listen while he talked. But he let them each do it her way, he did not put in his oar till the right minute. And when he did, it was in the most tactful and affectionate way possible. He didn't say Martha was wrong. What he said was that she was "anxious and troubled."

In short, He didn't say "better than Martha, he said simply that she had chosen the "good portion," the "better part." He was inviting Martha to look at things his way. Ten days, ten years, half a lifetime after that dinner, Mary would remember what Jesus had been saying, but who would remember what they had to eat? A glowing true thought often remembered is worth far more than the finest foods perfectly served. See it my way, Jesus said.

His way of doing
This was not the only occasion Jesus worked with some member of the family to see things as he saw them. But consider another point. Jesus had his own way of doing things, and he was not being conceited when he urged others to do likewise. Take the incident John tells of this Mary's pouring out upon Jesus an expensive box of perfume. What a waste! Some of the men said. But Jesus did not think it a waste. He himself was often known to do the same thing,— waste a great deal that was precious, out of sheer love. He told his disciples many things that they never remembered. He made many a plea for understanding and support that fell on deaf ears.

In time of death and sorrow
It is particularly remarkable how Jesus dealt with the great trial and tragedy in that home. Don't most of us feel awkward, embarrassed and silent in the time when death and great grief come to those we love? Jesus certainly did not talk to Martha and Mary, after Lazarus died, as if death were not real. He did not try to distract their attention by trite remarks—we all have to die sometime, we must remember what a good man Lazarus was, and all that. What Jesus did was to say in effect: "Think of Me. I am the Life." He brought comfort by bringing—himself.

Now maybe we can see a little better what it means to say "Christ is the head of this house." A home where he is welcomed, in spirit, every day; a home where every one in it comes more and more to see things his way and to do things as he would do them; the home where "Love thyself last" is the daily rule; and above all, the home where in time of crisis and grief, and even in the hour of death, Christ comes foremost in the mind,—this is the home where he is truly the head.

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SPRING IN MOUNTAINS

Spring begins its trek up the Blue Ridge Divide when April carpets the forest floors and meadows of the mountain vacationlands with small wildflowers and splashes the slopes with shadow and silverbell. May and June bring the mountain flower parade to its showiest display when mountain laurel, flame azaleas and crimson rhododendron bloom at high altitudes.

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.
WCS meets each third Monday at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
New Hampshire Avenue
Sunday Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
Reading Room in Church Building open Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. P.Y.F. 6 p.m.; Women of the Church meeting 8 p.m. second Tuesday. Mid-week service Thursday 7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
East Massachusetts Ave.
Martin Caldwell, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (First Sundays and Holy Days, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
Family Service, 9:30 a.m.
Church School, 10:15 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Young Peoples' Service League, 4 p.m.
Holy Communion, Wednesday and Holy Days, 10 a.m. and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m. Penance.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (Church of Wide Fellowship)
Cor. Bennett and New Hampshire
Carl E. Wallace, Minister
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship
Women's Fellowship meets 4th Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

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