



### Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

THE EARTH BENEATH US: The Story of Geology by Kirtley F. Mather (Random House)

\$12.95). The author, thirty years a teacher of geology at Harvard, now Professor Emeritus, says that this book fulfills "a long-nurtured ambition to produce a pictorial geology for the layman." It is well organized and attractive presentation of a big subject with a wealth of illustrations, over a hundred of them in color.

Beginning with a look at our modest place in the cosmos—there is even a picture of what our galaxy would look like if viewed from a point in space beyond the Milky Way—the author goes on to discuss the age of the earth, now estimated at four and a half billion years, and the structure and composition of its interior.

There is a generous chapter on rocks to please the rock hounds—igneous rocks, sedimentary rock, metamorphic rock. To classify these by how they are formed—and the variations of all three types.

Next Professor Mather takes up the many changes that have occurred and are still occurring on and in the earth that we usually think of as stable, the changes made by winds and water, glaciers and landslides, volcanoes and earthquakes and by man whom he rates as "the most effective agent of geologic change." Man has deforested large areas to get fuel and building materials and thus precipitated erosion and floods. But at other times and in other places he has terraced hillsides and built dams which helped to stem these evils, has reclaimed land from the sea and made deserts blossom.

I found especially fascinating the chapters on volcanoes and earthquakes, two convulsions of nature that man has still no way of controlling nor even accurately predicting. He can measure their force with the seismograph and knows in what general regions they are most likely to occur. More amazing still he has harnessed some of the energy involved. At Laradello in North Italy, turbo generators are driven by natural steam from wells drilled to depths of five to fifteen hundred feet and furnish electric power to a large section of Italy. In Iceland the buildings of the city of Reykjavik are heated from a similar source.

The presentation of the subject has been skillfully aimed at the interests of the average man and kept free of professional jargon. A glossary helps with the scientific terms the author found it necessary to use. Most important in making all clear for the reader is the way pictures and diagrams appear just where you need them most. Aside from their utility, many pictures are magnificent views of nature at its

### Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Doubt Chapel Route: 9:40-10; the Rev. W. C. Neill, John Willard, 9:40-9:45; Frank Cox, 9:50-10; F. L. Sutphin, 10:05-10:15; John Thompson, 10:20-10:30; Clyde Auman, 10:35-10:45; L. M. Hartsell, 10:50-11; W. E. Jackson, 11:05-11:10; Arnold Thomas, 11:15-11:35; Mrs. Joyce Haywood, 11:40-1:50; S. E. Hannon, 11:55-12:05; the Rev. Don Bratten, 12:45-12:55; Mrs. Herbert Harris, 1:05-1:15; Coy Richardson, 1:20-1:30; Robert Richardson, 1:35-1:45; V. L. Wilson, 1:50-2:50.

Tuesday, Murdockville Route: R. F. Clapp, 9:35-9:45; Edwin Black, 9:55-10:05; Tom Clayton, 10:10-10:20; F. R. Dunlop, 10:25-11; Dan Lewis, 11:05-11:15; Earl Monroe, 11:20-11:30; Mrs. Helen Neff, 11:35-11:45; Harold Black, 12:30-12:45; Art Zenns, 12:55-1:05; Sandy Black, 1:10-1:20; Mrs. Lillian Whitaker, 1:25-1:30; H. A. Freeman, 1:40-1:50.

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Thursday, Mineral Springs, Sandhill Route: W. R. Viall Jr.,

most awesome.

**MOTHERS ARE FUNNIER THAN CHILDREN BY BETTY Rollin (Doubleday \$3.95).** Noting the many books by and about cute children, Betty Rollins decided far too little attention had been paid to mothers who are pretty cute too sometimes. Drawing on the literature of the subject she has collected bits from Punch, Mad, The New Yorker and the works of Patrick Dennis, Jean Kerr, Ogden Nash and others but writes a good bit of it herself. Cartoons are from similar sources but the majority by Sergio Aragones.

One amusing section contrasts in parallel columns the advice given to expectant mothers then (about 1900) and now. There are letters from mothers to children at camp and elsewhere and light verse, including one from Morris Bishop in mother's baby talk which is carried to such lengths that the baby finally says, "YOU get in the baby carriage; I'll push you home." This is followed by a suggestion that the little ones get together and discuss their problems in BTA meetings, considering such questions as "Do soap operas have a harmful effect on mother's morals?"

Toward the end, we find a reord book for the new mother with a place for her photograph, foot print, her very first word and so on. Wherever you dip in, you can be sure of chuckles.

**VICKI AND THE BLACK HORSE, written and illustrated by Sam Savitt (Doubleday \$2.95).** This is a stirring story for young horse lovers. Vicki thought she was the luckiest girl in the eighth grade to have such a horse as Pat to care for—steak and black with one white star on his forehead. True, she could not ride him—he was her father's horse—but she was saving money to buy a horse of her own.

A hundred dollars will not go very far in buying a horse, but it did buy a pony. Jesse was a miserable little creature when Vicki brought him home but she soon had him plump and well groomed. The black horse was obviously pleased to have a companion in stable and pasture; the friendship that grew up between the two, their separation and reunion make a dramatic and touching story that will be especially appreciated by girls from seven to eleven.

The book is liberally illustrated by Sam Savitt's fine drawings of horses in action. Mr. Savitt is official artist for the U. S. Equestrian Team.

**THE WITCH OF HISSING HILL by Mary Calhoun, pictures by Janet McCaffery Morrow (\$2.95).** Just in time for Halloween comes this colorful book about a wicked witch named Sizzle who raised black cats, "the witchiest, wickedest, most wonderful witch cats in the world." Other witches came from miles around to get her famous black cats.

Then one day a black cat produced a yellow kitten. The mamma cat looked at it, backed off and hissed in horror. Then she hastily hid it, so Witch Sizzle wouldn't know. Under the bed little Gold slept and grew, slept and grew. One day Gold bounced out to play, and Sizzle saw her. How she screeched and scolded. But little Gold did not care; she just purred and tickled Sizzle's toes with her tail until Sizzle giggled.

The tale of Gold's further adventures in the witch household and of her effect on it is an exciting one and we predict it will be a favorite with children from four to eight.

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