

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

HUXLEY—HE DID NOT KNOW
Altogether the languages and dialects in which the Bible, either in whole or in substantial part, is in the hands of the people number about five hundred, with a billion possible readers.

How difficult this rendering of the Scriptures into strange tongues has been may be illustrated by some of the odd printings in our language. We have the "breeches" Bible, in which the aprons of Adam and Eve are thus translated; the "treacle" Bible in which "Is there no balm in Gilead?" is translated "is there no treacle, (or molasses) in Gilead?"; the "bug" Bible, with an infelicitous rendering of "creeping things," and the "wicked" Bible, with the important word "not" omitted from the seventh commandment. If, with the finest scholarship and the utmost care, such infelicities have occurred in our own tongue, imagine the obstacles to a clear understanding of the gospel message in heathen tribes.

The man who invented the term "agnostic" was Thomas H. Huxley, the scientist. He did not deny, he merely did not profess to know. As in the early Christian centuries there were certain sects that professed knowledge and called themselves "Gnostics," he, admitting ignorance, called himself an "Agnostic." He was a member of the London school board, and the question was raised concerning the use of the Bible in the schools. It was generally supposed that he would oppose it. In *The Contemporary Review* for December, 1871, he said:

I have always been strongly in favor of secular education, in the sense of education without theology, but I must confess I have been no less seriously perplexed to know by what practical measures the religious feeling, which is the essential basis of conduct, was to be kept up in the present utterly chaotic state of opinion on these matters without the use of the Bible.

Take the Bible as a whole, make the severest deductions which fair criticism can dictate for shortcomings and positive errors, as a sensible lay teacher would do if left to himself, all that is not desirable for children to occupy themselves with, and there still remains in this old literature a vast residuum of moral beauty and grandeur. And then consider the great historical fact, that for three centuries this book has been woven into the life of all that is best and noblest in English history; that it has become the national epic of Britain, and is familiar to noble and simple from John o' Groat's House to Land's End, as Dante and Tasso were once to the Italians; that it is written in the noblest and purest English, and abounds in exquisite beauties of a merely literary form.

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could children be so much humanized, and made to feel that each figure in that vast historical procession fills, like themselves, but a momentary space in the interval between two eternities, and earns the blessings or the curses of all times, according to its efforts to do good and hate evil, even as they also are earning their payment for their work?

Walter L. Main Circus Coming To Yadkinville

The Walter L. Main Circus which will exhibit in Yadkinville for one day only, October 5, carries many of the greatest circus features in circuses today, and number among their personnel of performers, some of the outstanding acts of the world.

It seems that Walter L. Main, who is known to almost every circus performer as the "Governor" has sent more performers to the top of the ladder than any other showman on earth, seems to have the knack of picking just the right kind of acts to give the maximum amount of entertainment for both the old as well as the young, and that is one of the reasons that the Walter L. Main Circus enjoys such a tremendous amount of popularity wherever shown for the past fifty-years that Mr. Main has been presenting circus performances in America, and it seems that each succeeding season it takes to the road in the spring, that popularity seems to increase, which is shown by the added attendance by the old-timers as well as the younger generation, and it is no easy matter to put together a well-balanced, smooth-running circus performance due to the necessity of considering every detail such as the putting up and taking down of each kind of rigging used by various acts before the next act can start and many other details that the general public does not think of.

Among the many features this season is the great LaMar troupe of aerial performers who in presenting their daring, death defying stunts high up in midair will thrill and send chills chasing each other up and down the spines of the most hardened thrill seekers, and would put the "man on the flying trapeze" to shame, and the grandeur and splendor of their glittering, bespangled wardrobe make them one of the outstanding acts of its kind in America today.

There are many other features too numerous to mention such as animals, clowns, acrobats, wirewalkers, dogs, ponies, herds of elephants, and droves of camels, making up a full two hours' performance that will please every amusement-loving person. There will be two performances at 2:00 and 8:00 P. M., rain or shine.

Boonville News

Miss Martha Pearl Shore went to Courtney last week where she will teach during the coming school year. Mrs. Ruby Warden and Nellis Brown spent last week in Raleigh with Mrs. Stimpson.

Mrs. Mary Mock visited her sister, Mrs. Carrie Underwood, in Jonesville, last week.

Mrs. John D. Mock spent the week-end with her parents at North Wilkesboro.

James Amburn, Miss Maggie Harkrader, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Coram, Miss Cornelia Speas and Bob Weaver spent Sunday at Roaring Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warden and Mr. and Mrs. Verge Brown spent Sunday in North Wilkesboro, with Watt Green.

Kim Speer, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Speer.

J. Ralph Walker spent the week-end with his parents, near Boone.

Mrs. Mattie Craver and Miss Annie Hogue attended a stewardship meeting at Flat Rock recently.

M. O. Alexander preached at the Baptist church here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mock have moved into the residence with Joseph Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shore visited their daughter in Greensboro Sunday.

Mrs. T. W. Shore and family spent the week-end in Greensboro and Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Poindexter, of Wilkesboro, visited his mother here Sunday.

LIVING COSTS ADVANCE

Washington, Sept. 29.—An advance in the living costs of wage earners and low-salaried workers was reported today by the labor department.

After a survey of 32 cities covering the four-month period ending July 15, the department said the principal items purchased by this consumer group had increased 2.7 per cent above their June 1934 cost and 8 per cent above June, 1933.

Franz Schubert began composing at the age of 16 and had written 600 pieces by the time he was 25.

FOUR ARE INJURED

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Four young Raleigh men were injured, two of them probably fatally, tonight when the car in which they were riding collided with a Carolina Coach company bus near the heart of the city.

Troy Bunch and Oscar Hamilton were said by attaches at Rex hospital, where they were taken, to be in a critical condition. George Whitaker and "Red" Hopkins were said to be in a serious condition, but their injuries were not considered as dangerous as those sustained by the others.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF LAND

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SURRY. THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF COLUMBIA, PLAINTIFF,

vs. LILLIE ALLRED SISK AND HUSBAND C. B. SISK AND OTHERS, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to a judgment entered in above entitled civil action on the 30th day of September 1935, in the Superior Court of said County by the Clerk, I will on the 31st day of October 1935, at 12 o'clock M., at the County Courthouse Door in said County sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor the following described land, comprising 245 acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land containing 245 acres, more or less, located, lying and being in Bryan Township, County of Surry, State of North Carolina, being bounded on the North by the lands of I. O. Wallace and W. J. Nixon;

on the East by the lands of J. C. Kapp; on the South by the lands of John Wilmoth, John Blackburn and E. L. Wolfe; and on the West by the lands of J. P. Nixon and I. O. Wallace and having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by E. L. Wolfe, Surveyor, June 3, 1923, which plat is on file with The Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

The terms of sale are as follows: One-Fourth (1-4) cash of the accepted bid to be paid into Court, and the balance on credit, payable in Four (4) equal annual installments, with interest thereon from the date of sale at the rate of Six (6%) per centum per annum.

All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the Clerk of said Superior Court and no bid will be accepted or reported unless its maker shall deposit with said Clerk at the close of the bidding the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, as a forfeit and guaranty of compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted.

Notice is now given that said lands will be resold at the same place and upon the same terms at 2 o'clock P. M., of the same day unless said deposit is sooner made.

Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker.

The sale of said land is made subject to the rental agreement made and entered into by and between J. L. Redman, Receiver and the borrower.

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