

'The Crown Tree' Inspired

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

"The Crown Tree" by LeGette Blythe (John Knox Press \$3.50) is another gripping historical novel by North Carolina's best known and greatly beloved writer. Already the author has won fame for himself as he has presented in dramatic form events surrounding the life of Christ in two historical novels, "The Bold Galilean," which is the life of Christ, and "A Tear for Judas."



In this new book, "The Crown Tree," the author as in his two previous novels to which we have just referred, deals reverently with the events set forth in the New Testament. Three years of research and work have gone into this new book. When one reads the book, this can be understood.

"The Crown Tree" is a natural sequel to "The Bold Galilean," and "A Tear for Judas." It presents a panorama of the exciting years when Christianity was born. It commences with the shattering experience for the crucifixion carried out under the direction of the Roman centurion, Longinus, who is one of the principle characters in this new book. Continuing with the resurrection and its stunning effect upon the enemies of Jesus as well as His followers, the book moves on with soul stirring fervor. You see how a new day dawned on that Easter morning, and you see in action the power of this new faith that changed the lives of men and women, and finally overcame mighty Rome.

Through the chapters of the book march the architects of this infant religion, Simon Peter, Luke, Barnabas, James, Stephen and Paul.

Other historical figures appear who plot the destruction of this new faith—the scheming high priest, Caiaphas, the appeasing Pilate, the opportunist, Herod Agrippa, and Caligula, the insane Roman Emperor.

There are thrills and shudders. Throughout the story you will follow the fortunes of Longinus, patrician centurion and the woman he loves, Lalage, charming sister of his friend, Centurion Cornelius. Longinus was haunted by the vision of the bronze Galilean on the Roman cross, dying from his spear thrust. In the end peace comes to Longinus under the sturdy branches of the Crown Tree. A thorn tree growing in the garden of the Fortress of Antonia from which the Crown of Thorns placed on the head of Jesus was taken.

In the last chapter you will discover how the book received its name.

Don't miss this book. I recommend it highly. My good friend LeGette Blythe has again done a noble work.

NOTE — You are invited to hear Dr. Spough in his pulpit each Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at The Little Church on the Lane.

How's Your I. Q.?

1. Was the first stereotyping in the U. S. done before 1812?
2. The pen name of Charles F. Browne, American humorist, is A—W—P?
3. BIBLE: Was Og the king of Bashan or Heshbon?
4. Is a "Rocky Mountain canary" a feline?
5. Will the Treasury redeem currency partially destroyed?

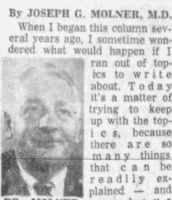
BETTER ENGLISH

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "John generally passes here during the day, and the balance of us are going to wait on him."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inexorable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Siege, sieve, siege, seismograph.
4. What does the word "disparagement" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with es that means "means of support"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "John USUALLY passes here during the day, and the REMAINDER of us are going to wait FOR him." 2. Accent second syllable, not the third. 3. Seize. 4. Diminution of esteem or standing. 5. His constant lying contributed to his disparagement." 5. Sustainance.



DR. MOLNER never has a

skin in early life — infancy and childhood. Sometimes you can suspect its presence by recognizing a sort of "dimpling" effect; again, you can't detect its presence without the most searching examination.

Any way, it is there. I would say it becomes known most commonly between the ages of 18 and 25, when young men are engaging in strenuous activity. Certainly the army disclosed quite a few because the pressure of packs irritated the cysts, and fluid began to form inside the cysts.

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If the trouble comes back, the permanent cure is surgery, to have the cyst removed, lining and all — not a perilous bit of surgery, by any means.

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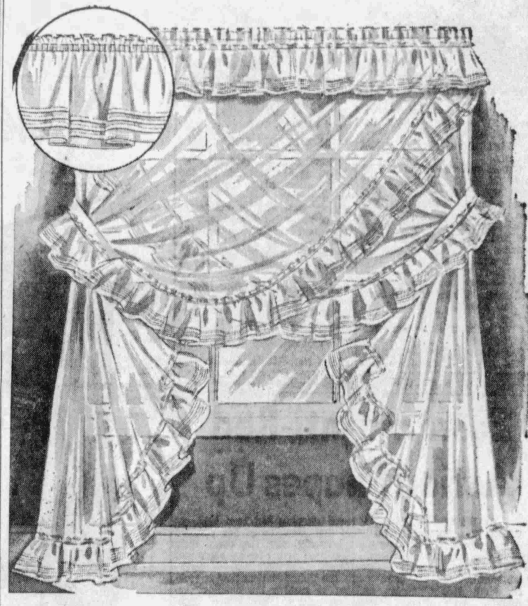
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