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Latham, Jean Lee. YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY. Harper & Row, New York, 1958. \$3.27. JEAN LATHAM writes often of little known

people in history. "Miss Latham has a knack for making the people of the past seem very much alive," wrote THE NEW YORK TIMES of THIS DEAR-BOUGHT LAND by Jean Lee Latham. And indeed, in this new book, the reader follows the life of Cyrus Field with breathless anticipation; as eager as the actual participants for the successful laying of the Atlantic Cable.

Few people believed that young Cyrus would even be able to make his living when he left his home to work in New York City. But Cyrus Field climbed the ladder



of success as rapidly as he did everything else. His name was soon legendary in the business world.

The laying of the Atlantic Cable proved Field's most difficult challenge. In 1858, the first message traveled through the great cable uniting the Old World

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Field's tireless efforts, his faith and determination had been the force behind the great achievement.

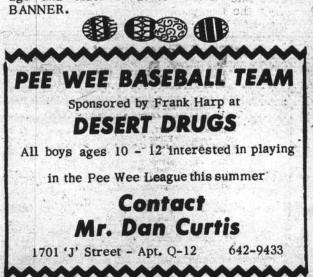
YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY is illustrated by Victor Mays, whose stunning pictures add flavor and excitement to this engrossing story.

JEAN LEE LATHAM was born in West Virginia, and started writing before she was ten years old. Still writing, she now has a B.A. degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, a B.O.E. from Ithaca Conservatory, an M.A. from Cornell University, and a Doctor of Letters from West Virginia Wesleyan.

The winner of the 1955 Newberry Award for CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH, Miss Latham is the author of several books, some reviews of which are in the next paragraph. Miss Latham now lives in Miami, Florida.

THIS DEAR BOUGHT LAND -- "Miss Latham has a knack for making the people of the past seem very much alive."--THE NEW YORK TIMES. "Jean Lee Latham has written the Jamestown epic in a powerful way. A twelve-year-old or adult can hardly fail to respond to the courage, determination, foolhardiness, and sometimes criminal weakness of its characters." -- THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. "In her swiftly moving style, (the) author again makes history exciting and convincing. . . . Valuable supplementary reading as well as a rousing adventure story."--JUNIOR LIBRARIES.

ON STAGE, MR. JEFFERSON !-- "Once again a little-known character is brought to life by the skillful pen of Jean Lee Latham'' -- SATURDAY REVIEW. "This dramatic biography is a swiftmoving story that will be enjoyed by both teen-age and older readers."--THE NASHVILLE BANNER.



AN EXCITING, REWARDING DAY AT MADISON SCHOOL

30 at Madison Elementary School in conjunction with the Sixth Grade students Junior High orientation.

LAS VEGAS VOICE

Former Madison students opened the session by relating their experiences during the first year in Junior High School, emphasizing what they had found to be new and different from the Elementary school level. Students were then given class enrollment to select their course of study, and handbooks on policies and procedures they will follow next year as Junior High School pupils.

Representing the two Junior High Schools Madison School graduates will attend were Mrs. Henman, Principal of the new Wm. E. Orr School, and Mr. Kellar, a John C. Fremont School Counselor.

Following the group orientation, refresh-ments were served to parents and visitors while Mrs. Sellers, Madison School Counselor outlined new Programs to be instituted at the Madison School under Title I of the Economic Opportunity Act.

Mrs. Sellers' suggested program is designed "to constructively influence the academic prog-ress and school adjustments of students". In her

A PARENTS DAY PROGRAM was held March presentation, Mrs. Sellers detailed the economic and cultural background of the community in which Madison School is located, listing pertinent factors which characterize the area as an underprivileged community with resulting influence on student motivation and achievement (or lack of it). Program goals were identified and discussed.

PLANS FOR A BOOK Fair Program sched-uled for April 21, 22, and 23 at Madison School were made. Objectives in holding the Book Fair were quoted as "giving parents and children in our community an exciting adventure in reading --providing parents and children an opportunity to discover and explore the wonderful world through books--stimulating interest in good books at low and popular prices that will meet any budget.

Parents were then taken on a tour of the campus by Mr. David, Madison School Principal, and Mrs. Sellers. The visit to the Remedial Reading Class was cited as the most interesting of their day's experiences.

The showing of a film entitled "Your Child and Discipline" ended the day's program after a lively discussion on how parents could best help teachers with disciplinary problems.







THIRTEEN ADULTS WITH A SINGLE THOUGHT -- the future of Madison School students. Pictured in Center Photo with Mrs. Elsie Sellers, Madison Counselor (left) and Madison Principal, Richard David, are some of the parents who care and participated in the Parents Day Program (babies and all). From left (next to Mrs. Sellers) are Madison Mothers; Ida Hill, Clara Cooper, Alversa Beal--On the right of Mr. David are Mothers; Floretta Smiley, Lula Mae Jef-ferson and Ida Pinckney. Mothers seated (l-r): Mabel Flemming, Mary Carrol, Pauline Davis, and Melgee Harris.--Center left photo shows "Special Reading Class pupils (from left): Thea Ann Graham, Debra Todd, Cecilia Quabner, and Winifred Elaine Coty with Mrs. Bernice Motin, Teacher. . . In Lower Photo, graduating students Frank Jefferson (left) and Nellie Anderson (center) give rapt attention to Fremont Junior High Counselor, Mr. Kellar, as Mrs. Henman, Principal of the Wm. E. Orr Junior High School, looks on.

