

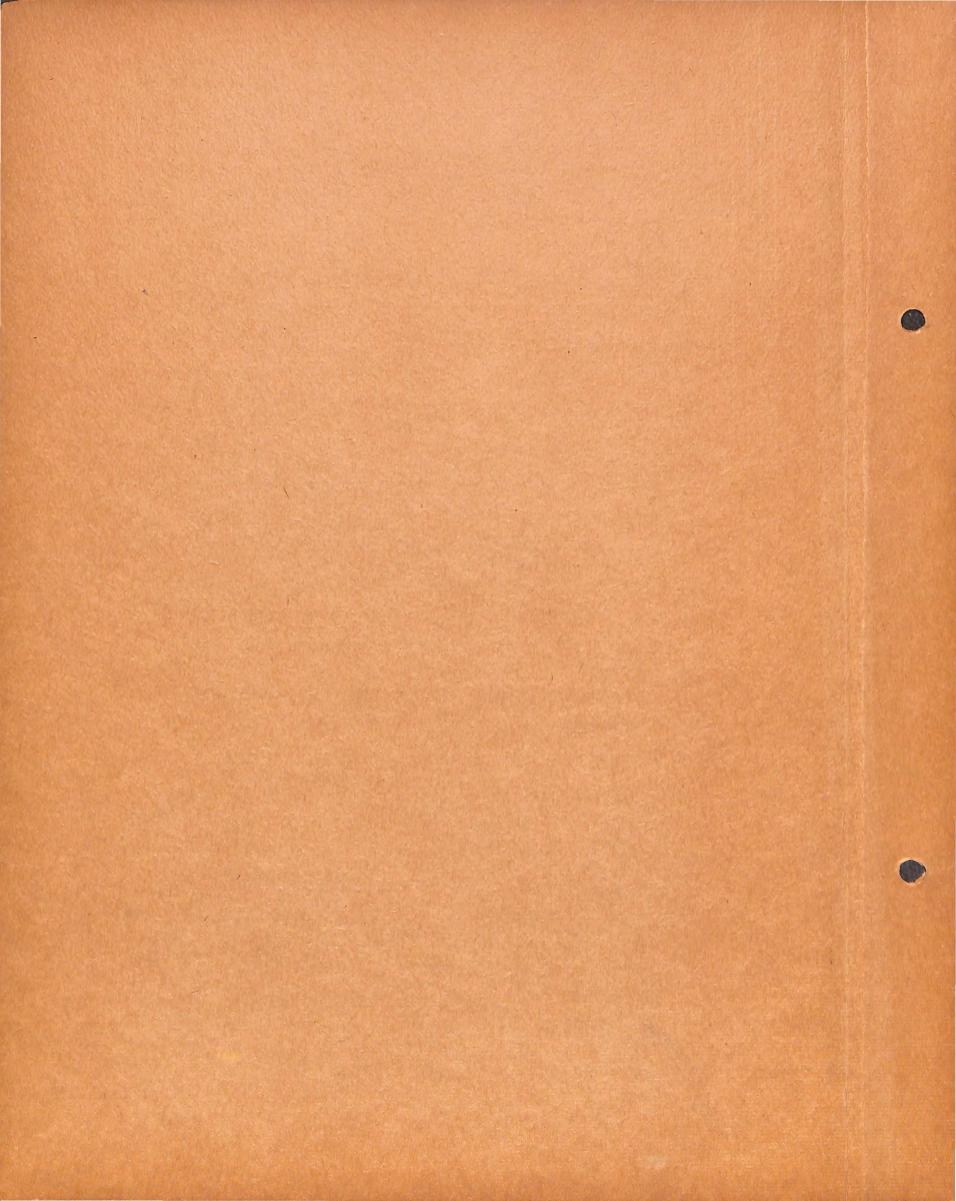
CHAPTER I

"Once uponce a time", as the little boy used to begin a story ----- there was, in the magic City of Roanoke, a Blue Ridge Delphian Chapter, a part of the National Delphian Society. This Chapter, after twelve years of University work in music, literature and art, feeling the power of strong wings, decided to try those wings in other fields of knowledge.

One is reminded of the story of the "Ugly Ducklin'" in this connection. The mother Delphian, who had trained her brood to be good Delphians, and expected them to continue on and on ----- as Delphians, was astonished one fine Wednesday morning to discover that the good little Delphians had changed into a big study group to be known as the Blue Ridge Forum.

Early in June, 1937, in the Heironimus Club Room, the formal organization was begun. The name, Blue Ridge Forum was chosen, and officers were elected: President, Mrs. Stanley Radke; Vice-President, Mrs. Lake Rosenberger: Secretary, Mrs. Marshall Mininger; Treasurer, Mrs. W.E. Woods; Seminar, Mrs. Gordan Baker, Mrs. D.P. Hilton and Mrs. Robert Spangler.

We are closing the first year's work May 25, 1938, having completed the course on "The Modern Woman", taken from the University of North Carolina, at a cost of two



dollars and a half per member, which has covered the expense of individual year books and postage on books borrowed from the University.

Our group has shown interest and co-operation, so much so, that we are planning to continue the work another year.

Our President, Mrs. Radke, has led us with dignity end poise, has shown a keen and vital interest in the work and the membership. "May her tribe increase".

The seminar, who carry the burden of the organization, deserve and have our everlasting gratitude.

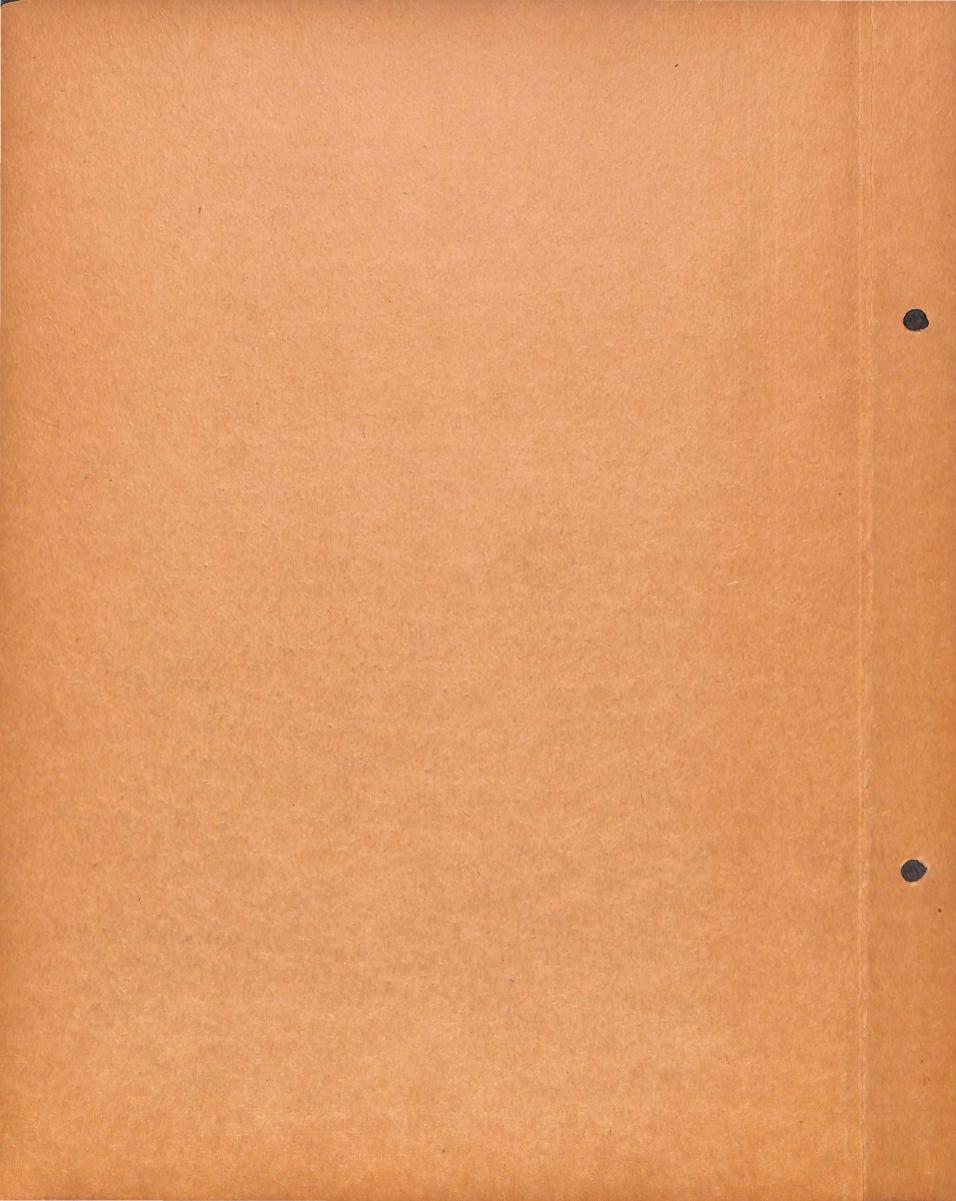
Our quarterly luncheons have been attractive and well attended.

The informal luncheons each Wednesday after class have bound us in a close friendship.

In our study of the modern woman, we have seen her taking the place for which she was created -- help mate for man.

She has flown with him across continents. Her contributions in the medical world have helped humanity. The force of her personality is felt in the field of letters and art. Welfare and social service look to her for aid. She is concerned for her family in the wise expenditure of

* Two dollars



money. Today she commands respect of the law. She is taking a more definite stand for peace. And yet, this modern woman considers love and marriage, the rearing of children, understanding them from the psychological standpoint, the establishment of a better ordered and more beautiful home the basis for stable government.

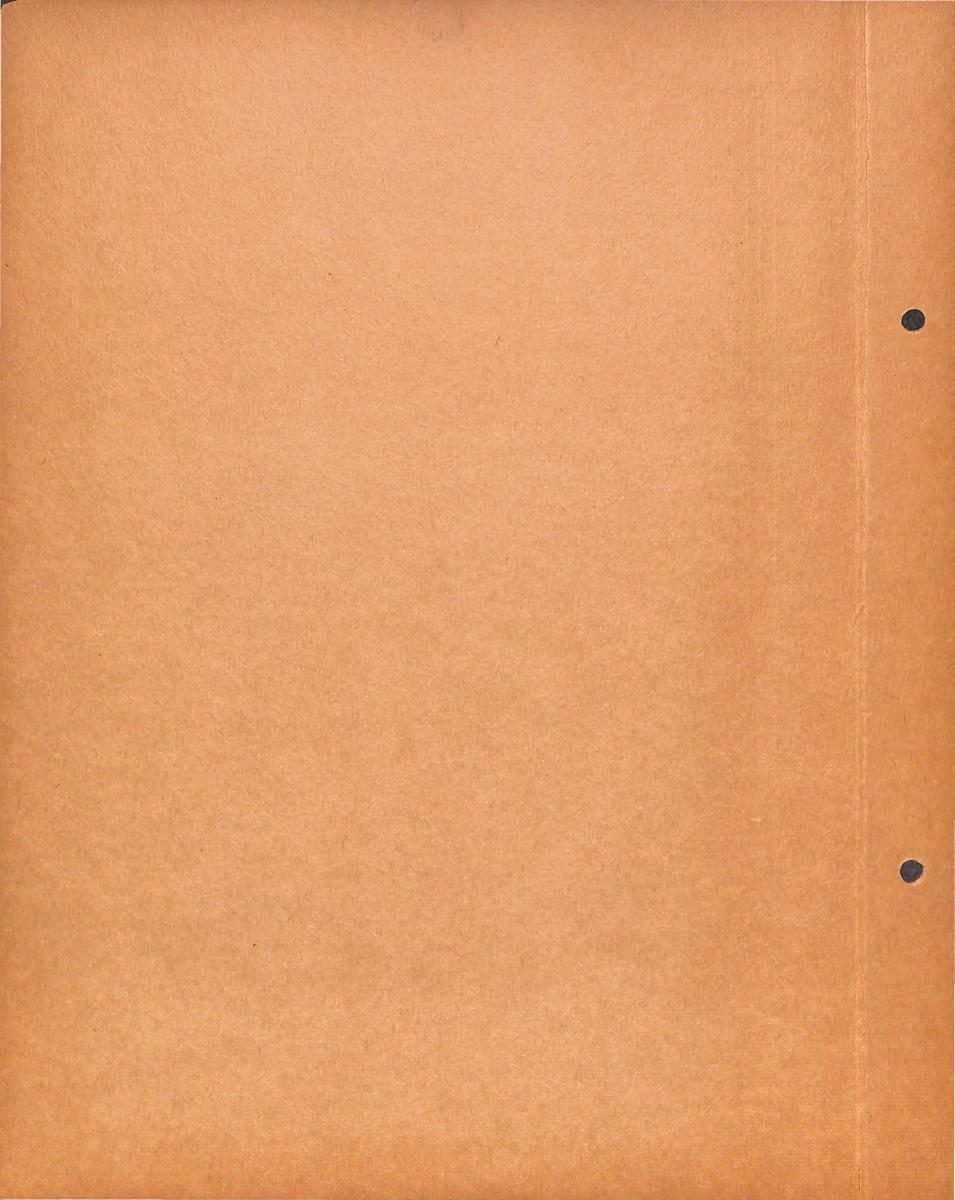
With all these new adventures, added to the grace end charm inherited from her grandmothers, this new woman, described a decade ago as a "rag and a bone and a hank of hair", adds a new rung in the ladder of progress.

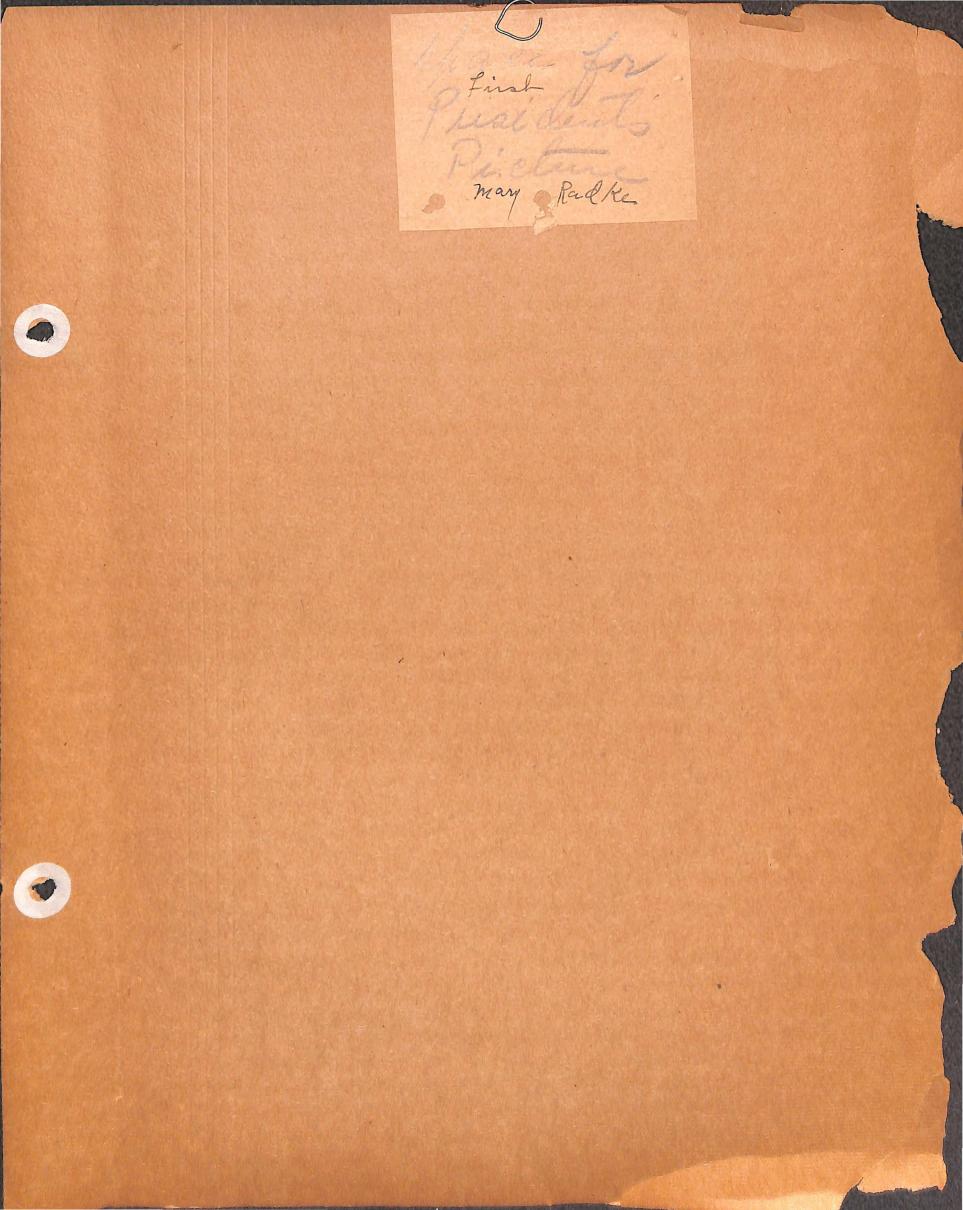
Thirteen years age we, as Delphians, embarked on the sea of adult education, met strange people, sat down with kings and queens, saw empires rise and fall, followed the arts in the making, were spirited away on the wings of nusic, saw man from the crude heiroglyphics write soul stirring verse and prose.

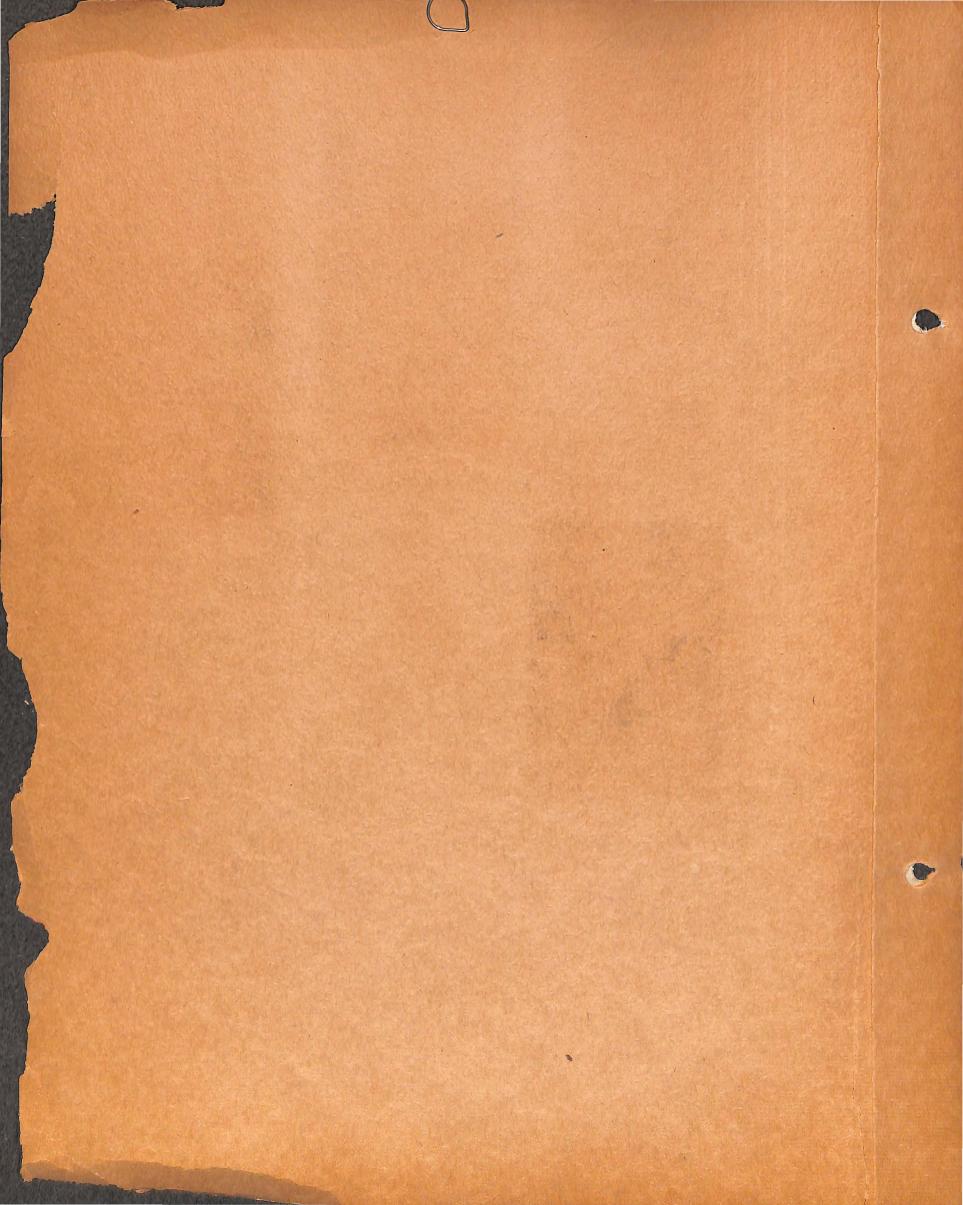
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We ourselves went through many trials and problems of adjustment. Sickness, sorrow and death have come our way, but, with a smile on our lips, we call it life, and say cheerio and Godspeed to the Blue Ridge Forum.

Mary Hooper Stelle







New Study Club Plans Meeting

The Blue Ridge Forum, a new study club, will hold its first meeting on September 8. All members who have belonged to the Blue Ridge Delphians in the past twelve years, will be eligible for this club. Information can be obtained from the membership committee: Mrs. J. M. Richardson, chairman; Miss Blanche Deal, Mrs. Irad Lower, Mrs. A. D. Miller, Mrs. G. E. Hyle and Mrs. S. Huff.

> The first meeting of the Blue Ridge forum was held Wednesday morning in the Heironimus clubroom with Mrs. Stanley F. Radke presiding. A program on the Evolution of Woman was led by Mrs. Lake Rosenberg, who gave a short history of women. Mrs. Gordon Baker discussed Woman's Coming of Age, and Mrs. Joseph Forman's talk on Periodicals in cluded "French Women," "If Women Should Strike," and "Sex and Achievement." In discussion of another topic, Virginia Woman Before the Law, Mrs. Charles Steele gave a report on Dower and Courtesy Rights and the Childless Widow. Mrs. Boswell talked on The Law, With Regard to Women and Children. The summary was given by the president, Mrs. Radke.

The forum is studying The Modern Woman, by Elizabeth Chesley Baity, under the University of North Carolina extension publications.

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Feminism Rise Studied By Blue Ridge Forum

At the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum in the Heironimus clubroom yesterday the subject of the program was the bitter struggle women have had to win equal rights with men in suffrage and education.

men in suffrage and education. Mrs. Frank Menefee was the leader who discussed the feminist revolt. Mrs. Stephen Foster reported on the "School of Femininity," by Margaret Lawrence. Mrs. D. P. Hylton reviewed the book by Inez Haynes Irwin, "Angels and Amazons." "Facing Two Ways," by Shidzue Istimoto, the distinguished Japanese writer, was reviewed by Mrs. Irad Lower. Mrs. Joseph Forman spoke on the social position of Russian women before and after the revolution from the book "Women in Soviet Russia," by Fannina W. Halle. Mrs. E. L. Bush discussed periodicals concerning the status of women in Japan and Russia. Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president,

Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president, reviewed the article in Holland's July issue on Rosalie Slaughter Morton, the famous surgeon born in Lynchburg, and noted for her outstanding work among the Serbs and among the newsboys of New York.

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Two Study Clubs Hear Discussion Of World Affairs

Blue Ridge Forum and Daleths Hold Meets Yesterday

The Blue Ridge forum held its meeting in the Heironimus club room at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The subject under discussion was Women and Governments which was given by Mrs. J. A. Beoddy the leader. The topics were given as follows, "Europe Under the Terror, (John L. Spivak) by Miss Blanche Deal; "(It Can't Happen Here," (Sinclair Lewis) by Miss Elizabeth Starritt; "Let Freedom Ring," (Hilda Phelps Hammond) by Mrs. Fred Willman; "When Women get Together at the Polls," (Good Housekeeping, September 1936) by Mrs. Clara Edwards; "The Robes of the Kingfish," (Colliers, November 23 1935) by Mrs. E. L. Bush. Mrs. Stanley F. Radke the president, gave the summary and reviewed the article "It Need Not Happen Here" (Cosmopolitan, June 1937) by H. R. Knickerbocker.

The next meeting will be a luncheon meeting, the time and place to be announced later.

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Before the eternal God of wisdom we stand to ask a blessing. Grant us this day that we may study with understanding hearts and that we may share with that same bounty which has been bestowed upon us. Amen.

Blue Ridge Forum Hears Papers on War, Womenkind

WOR, WOMENKING At the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum, held this morning at 10 o'clock in the Heironimus assem-bly room, the subject of the pro-gram was "War and Womankind." The leader for the day, Mrs. J. W. Boswell, gave a preview of the books to be reported on, after which Miss Blanche Deal reviewed Vera Brittain's "Testament of Youth," an autobiography by an English girl who gives a graphic picture of what the World War did to her genera-tion. "Friends or Enemies?" an im-personal record by Julius W. Pratt, of the work of the League of Na-tions and the World Court and of America's part in them, was then discussed by Mrs. H. L. Brickey. Next, Mrs. E. A. Turner reviewed "A Footnote to Folly," by Mary Heaton Vorse. Miss Vorse shows the eco-nomic cost of war and compares settling a war to settling a strike. Last of the book reviews was a dis-cussion by Mrs. S. H. Huff of "The Road to Peace," by A. A. Milne, the author of "Peace With Honor." The president, Mrs. Stanley Radke, presided and reviewed "Woman and Peace," from Hol-land's magazine, as well as several other articles. The next meeting will not take

other articles. The next meeting will not take place until January 12.

DECEMBER 8-1937

Forum Discusses Notable Women

"Women in Science and Aviation" was the subject of the program at the luncheon meeting of the Blue Ridge forum, held at the Roanoke County Woman's clubhouse yesterday. The president, Mrs. Stanley F. Radke, presided, while Mrs. Harry Yates was program leader.

ry Yates was program leader. Mrs. Yates discussed "Women in Science" by H. J. Mozans, in which she summarized woman's fitness for and struggle for a scientific educa-tion. Speaking of "Maude Slye and Her Mice," Mrs. G. E. Hyde told of Miss Slye's work in the study of cancer.

Miss Slye's work in the study of cancer. Mrs. Leonard Key reviewed the article "Woman in Science" taken from the Review. Mrs Charles Steele pictured the story of Miss Hoffman's education in art taken from "Heads and Tales," by Malvina Hoffman. Mrs. Lacy Edgerton gave a synopsis of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "North to the Orient," showing the im-portant part Mrs. Lindbergh took in the handling of the radio. Mrs. Spangler reviewed periodicals on air markers, signs of the sky-ways, and told of Amelia Earhart's contribution to aviation. Mrs. Radke gave a summary of the biography,

gave a summary of the biography, "Marie Curie."

"Marie Curie." The program was closed with a general discussion. An informal luncheon followed, with Mrs. Lake Rosenberg as toast-mistress. Miss Elizabeth Starrett sang, accompanied by Miss Nellie Stuart. Mrs. B. F. Penn read an original poen, "Gifts From a God-dess," which she dedicated to the forum. A word contest was won by Mrs. E. J. Yost. The meeting was concluded with

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(Tune - "Yankee Doodle")

All of us have been to school And some have been to college, Then we joined a high brow club To add unto our knowledge.

At first we started with a lot Of pre-historic data -Found a lot of modern things That started not much later.

For twelve long years we carried You must admire our courage on Nothing sure has happened yet To dampen or discourage.

Then like the bride who makes her home Away from her dear mother; Delphian we have kissed good-bye And united with another.

The University is our spouse And gives us many orders, T ho it seems we have some help From various other quarters.

North Carolina is just a place That some of us have come from, But if you really want to know -It's where we get our hum from.

They started us along the road That really will complete us, The Modern Woman guides the way And nothing will defeat us.

Today we went up in the mair And deep down into science -They even brought a mouse trap in For testing our reliance.

But be we up or be we down We will not be confounded We'll keep the motto of this club And we will be well rounded.

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WHEN IS SHE MOST ATTRACTIVE?

Blue Ridge Forum Has Full Program

Members of the Blue Ridge Forum heard a program dealing with the lives of benevolent women at their meeting yesterday morning in the S. H. Heironimus club room, and a short talk on the Community Fund by Mrs. J. W. Boswell.

Mrs. S. H. Huff, leader of the program on Women as Saints and Crusaders told of the work of Florence Nightingale in the realm of nursing, Julia Lathrop with young people, and Elizabeth Fry in bringing about reforms in London prisons. Mrs. D. P. Hylton reviewed "Forty Years at Hull House" by Jane Addams. Mrs. L. S. Woods gave an account of Martha Berry's life and her school Martha Berry's life and her school for the mountain children of Geor-gia. Mrs. Marshall Nininger re-viewed Belinda Jelliffe's "For Dear Life," depicting a girl's struggle for an education. The periodical review was given by Mrs. Gordon Baker, who discussed Lillian Wald's "The Woman Who Never Gives Up," and Margaret Sanger's "Children Want-ed." Mrs. Stanley Radke, president of the forum, sketched the life and work of Dorothea Dix, humanitarian of the forum, sketched the life and work of Dorothea Dix, humanitarian of pre-Civil War New England, who improved conditions in insane asylums and was called "The For-gotten Woman."



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'Why Stop Learning' Reviewed by Forum

OCTOBER 27-1937

At the meeting of the Blue Ridge At the meeting of the Blue Ridge forum Wednesday morning in the Heironimus clubroom, Mrs. Lacy Ed-gerton reviewed the book, "Why Stop Learning," by Dorothy Can-field Fisher, in which the rise and need of adult education in America is discussed.

Mrs. J. W. Boswell spoke on "Adult Education in Action," by Mary L. Ely, enumerating the adult educa-

Ely, enumerating the adult educa-tional agencies in this community. "Streamline Your Mind," by Dr. James L. Mursell, was given by Mrs. Marshall Nininger. "More Power to You," by Walter B. Pitkin, was reviewed by Mrs. Gordon Baker, substituting for Mrs. H. L. Brickey. Mrs. Stanly Radke discussed the article, "Your Mind Never Grows Old." from the Reader's Digest. Au-

Old," from the Reader's Digest, August, 1936. The president, Mrs. Stanly Radke,

presided at the meeting, after which the members had luncheon at the S. and W. cafeteria.

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Blue Ridge Forum Hears Reviews of Six Books

In the absence of Mrs. Stanley Radke, Mrs. Lake Rosenberg, the vice-president, presided at the meet-ing of the Blue Ridge Forum yes-terday. She discussed "Careers for Women" by Catherine. Filene, "Free-Lance Writing As An Occu-pation for Women," by Alma Luise Olson, and "Women in Architecture and Landscape Architecture," by Henry A. Frost. The "Cooperative Nursery School." by Ethel Puffer Howes and Dorothea

The "Cooperative Nursery School." by Ethel Puffer Howes and Dorothea Beach was reviewed by Mrs. W. C. Wood. Miss Elizabeth Starritt spoke of Walter B. Pitkin's "New Careers for Youth." Mrs. Joseph Forman reviewed "Manners in Business," by Elizabeth Gregg Macgibbon. Mrs. Fred Wilman geve the critic's

Mrs. Fred Wilman gave the critic's report. The next meeting will be April 13.

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ORGANIZATIONS Mrs. Key Leads Discussion

Mrs. Key Leads Discussion Mrs. Leonard Key, program leader at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum on Wednesday, reviewed "A College Textbook of Hygiene," (Smi-ley and Gould). Sketches of "The Layman's View About the Cost of Medical Care," and "New Plans of Medical Care, "And "New Plans of Medical Care," and "New Plans of Medical Care," and "New Plans of Medical Care, "And "New Plans of Medical Care," and "New Plans of Medical Care, "New Plans of

viewed "Why Keep Them Alike" (Paul de Kruif). In closing, Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president, dis-cussed several health articles from Readers Digest and Forum. Following the meeting, a group of the members held an informal luncheon, those attending being Mrs. Marshall Nininger, Mrs. Radke, Mrs. Charles Steele, Mrs. George Spang-ler, Mrs. J. A. Beoddy and Mrs. George Wood.

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turn to Religion;" Mrs. Gordon Baker discussed "Wake Up and Live," by Dorothea Brande; Mrs. D. E. Spangler spoke on "Women After For⁴y," by Grace Loucks Elliott. "Live Alone and Like It," by Marjorie Hillis, was reviewed by Mrs. Lake Rosenberg. "Under Green Apple Boughs," by Lucile Grebene, was commented upon by Mrs. Clara Edwards and "Think for Yourself," by Robert P. Crawford, was re-viewed by Mrs. Stanley Radke, presi-dent of the forum. The next meeting will be held January 26.

January 26.

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Marriage Topics In Spotlight At Forum Gathering

Topics related to marriage held the spotlight in the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum at 11 a.m. yester-Blue Ridge Forum at 11 a.m. yester-day at Hotel Patrick Henry, with the president, Mrs. Stanley Radke, in the chair. The critic's report was given by Mrs. Fred Willman and Mrs. E. A. Turner reviewed the vol-ume, "Why Not Get Married" by Harvey A. Kalish. Mrs. J. M. Richardson led the dis-cussions on the subject. "And So

Mrs. o. an the subject, "And So They Were Married," Reviews of the following texts were given: "What Clisions on the subject, "And So They Were Married." Reviews of the following texts were given: "What Is Wrong with Marriage," by Hamil-ton and MacGowan, by Mrs. W. F. Menefee; "What Is Right with Marriage," R. C. and F. W. Birkley, by Mrs. Harry Yates; "Personality and the Family," Harvell and Ella Hart, by Mrs. E. L. Bush; "Marri-age," E. R. Groves, by Mrs. A. D. Miller; and "To Live Happily Ever After," O. M. Butterfield, by Mrs. Stanley Radke. The following committee was in charge of the luncheon in the Red Room following the meeting: Mrs. Lake Rosenberg, Mrs. S. H. Huff, Mrs. W. F. Menefee, and Mrs. R. L. Lynn, Mrs. Fred Willman presided as toastmistress, and all women mar-ried for 25 years or more were pre-rected with yead proge Mrs. L.

as toastmistress, and all women mar-ried for 25 years or more were pre-sented with red roses, Mrs. J. M. Richardson gave excerpts from her mother's diary, written on her forty-first wedding anniversary. The en-tertainment was concluded with a contest of girlhood pictures of the members, shown on a screen. The following guests were present: Mrs. N. W. Kelly, Mrs. Stewart Hig-ginbotham, Mrs. Steve Marsh, Mrs. Eugene Harris, Mrs. B. F. Pence, Mrs. F. P. Hurt, Mrs. E. J. Yost, Mrs. W. T. Manning, Mrs. S. J. Wolfe, Mrs. J. F. W. Felld, Mrs. W. L. Young, Mrs. Robert Pickett, Mrs. Greenwood Edwards, Mrs. W. F. Stuart and Mrs. Broaddus Chewning.

FEDRUARY 9-1938 GUEST DAY

Forum Studies Course in Charm

The members of the Blue Ridge Forum discussed "A Course In Charms," at the meeting Wednesday morning in the Heironimus club room. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, the leader of the program, reviewed "What is She Like" by Mary Brock-

"What is She Like" by Mary Brock-man. "A Woman's Best Years," by W. B. Wolfe was discussed by Mrs. J. A. Beoddy. Mrs. Fred Willman dis-cussed "Making the Most of Your Looks," by Dorothy State, and Mrs. Lacy Edgerton reviewed "Get-ting Along With People," by Milton Wright. "The Psychology of Deal-ing With People," by Wendell White was discussed by Mrs. Baymond Pace. Pace.

Miss Starritt reviewed "My Great Wide Beautiful World," by Juanita Harrison, of Mississippi, depicting the real and human side of life in 22 countries.

Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president, presided at the meeting. She dis-cussed "I Love Life at 70," an article

that appared in Reader's Digest of May, 1936. The next meeting will be at the Patrick Henry Wednesday at 11 o'clock, February 9. A luncheon will follow the purcess follow the program.



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Forum Discusses Home Planning

"A Five-Year Plan for the Home" was the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday morning at the Heironimus clubroom, when Mrs. E. L. Bush was the leader for the day. Reviews of books and articles on homemaking were given by Mrs. J. M. Richardson, Mrs. J. A. Beoddy and Mrs. Lake Rosenberg; Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president, spoke of servants in the home.

At the business meeting which "Adventures in Reading," an ex-tension course for the University of North Carolina, was voted for the study of the club next year.

The next and last meeting before fall will be held at the Patrick Henry hotel on May 25. At this time there will be an election of officers. The program will be at 11 o'clock instead of 10, and will be followed by a luncheon and will be a guest day meeting. Mrs. Fred Wilmer will be the leader of the day.

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Home Furnishing Is Subject of Study at Blue Ridge Forum Meet

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forum in the Heironimus clubroom on Wednesday morning. After a short business meeting the critic, Mrs. Fred C. Willman, gave her report. Mrs. Stanley Radke, the president, was the leader of the program and as an introduction to the subject, spoke of interior decorating from the viewpoint of an interior decorator in relation to a client. Other donics were Rugs, by Mrs. Leonard Key; Kitchens, by Mrs. Charles Steele; and Mrs. S. H. Huff reviewed "The Personality of a House" by Emily Post. The History of Furniture, from the iffeenth cen-tury. Was told by Mrs. Radke. After the program the club made a tour of the Truckype house at Heironimus which is furnished in early American maple. Members of the forum, who at-tended the informal bi-monthly

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Home furnishings was the subject luncheon gathering later, were Mrs. S. H. Huff, Mrs. Charles Steele,



Committees 1937-1938

Parliamentarian	Mrs.	J.W.Boswell
Critic	Mrs. Mrs.	Stephen Preston Fred Willman
Reporter	Mrs.	Leonard Key
Timekeeper	Mrs.	Joseph Forman
Historian	Mrs.	Charles Steele
Rollkeeper	Mrs.	Jerome Snavely
Seminar	Mrs. Mrs. Mrs.	Gordon Baker D.P.Hylton Robert Spangler
Membership	Miss Mrs. Mrs. Mrs.	J.M.Richardson Blanche Deal S.H.Huff Irad Lower A.D.Miller Glen Hyle

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Same Old Tune- Variations.

All of us have been to school. Some have been to college, Then we joined a high brow club To add unto our knowledge.

We studied hard under Delphian rule-Oh yes, we had a reason, And followed on with courage high, To falter would be treason.

Came a day when we looked back And saw with keen decision The hour had come for us to make A very slight revision.

They told us we must now give up Our former Delphian name, But very little was our loss When Blue Ridge Forum we became.

We kept our standard and our rules, The officers are elected. You may be sure in making plans No luncheons are neglected.

When we meet on our regular days The lunches they are Dutch, But quarterly we spread ourselves, Have favors, guests and such.

Now we take a charming course, University of N. C. Extension. The Modern Woman is our theme And it has wide dimension.

We review a lot of books And find it takes agility To follow this Modern Woman, So wide is her ability.

• Somehow we wake up And view ourselves with pride. We want to join the marching And take it in our stride.

We have kept our motto, Not what we have- but share, May God give us the wisdom At home and everywhere.

May 1938.

Helen N. Niningan

Mrs. Edgerton To Head Forum

Mrs. Lacy Edgerton was elected president for 1938-'39 of the Blue Ridge Forum, at the last meeting of

Ridge Forum, at the last meeting of the year, held at the Patrick Henry hotel. Mrs. Fred Willman gave the critic's report, followed by the annual reports of officers. Other officers elected for the coming season were: Miss Blanche Deal, vice-president; Mrs. George Wood, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Bush, treasurer; seminar, Mrs. Charles Steele, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Men-efee and Mrs. Clara. Edwards.

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Gifts were presented to Mrs. Radke and Mrs. Marshall Nininger in appreciation of their services to the club.

in appreciation of the first services to the club. Guests attending the luncheon were Mrs. W. K. Davis, Mrs. B. O. Grove, Mrs. Robert Cochrane, Mrs. Joseph B. Lacy, Jr., Mrs. R. J. Cut-right, Mrs. J. M. Hunnicutt, Miss Nellie W. Stuart, Mrs. Harold Thornton, Mrs. S. A. Moseley, Mrs. W. F. Stewart, Mrs. Harold K. Young, Mrs. Howard Y. Weeks, Mrs. J. R. Cutright, Mrs. C. Preston Brumfield, Mrs. H. C. Penn, Mrs. J. Meade Harris, Jr., Mrs. Harry Ro-senberg and Mrs. B. F. Pence. The subject for next year's study will be "Adventures in \Reading,"

will be "Adventures in \Reading," by Agatha Boyd Adams, an exten-sion course from the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of a former rector of Christ Episcopal church, the late. Rev. J. W. Boyd and the late Mrs. Boyd.

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Thus Endeth, the first chapter.



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mis. Tred Willman as she led The Program may 25, 1938



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Chapter II

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We have tad an interesting years work and many good book reviews have given with lively discussions.

Officers for this year were: miss Lacy Edgerton miss Blanche Deal President Vice President mis. seage Wood Secretary mis. E. L. Buch Treasurer

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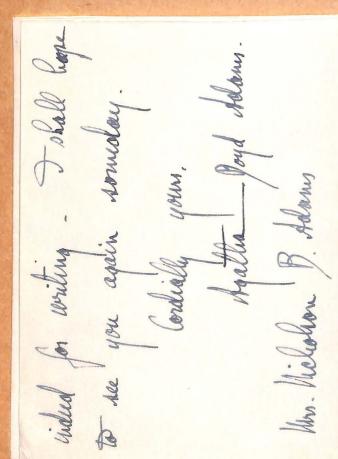
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Blue Ridge Forum Has Pageant Read

A dramatization by Mrs. Fred Willman of Paul Green's pageant, "Lost Colony," and a review of the text by Mrs. Gordon Baker made memorable the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum, held at 10 o'clock in the Heironimus club room today. This was the first meeting of the club's fifteenth year.

club's fifteenth year. Mrs. Baker who was the leader of the program for the day, pointed out that the Lost Colony was settled on Roanoke Island, in 1584, the year in which Virginia Dare was born, and that the pageant was given near Roanoke Island approxi-mately 350 years after that date, to commemorate the birth of the first commemorate the birth of the first English child in America and to mark the anniversary of the first religious ceremony in America.

Mrs. Willman read from Act II, scene 5, of the pageant drama, with a musical background furnished by Miss Blanche Deal, taken from the

Miss Blanche Deal, taken from the score composed for the pageant. Books Reviewed The program opened with a talk by Miss Elizabeth Starritt, "How to Review a Book." This was by way of introduction to the year's program for the club, which is a study of an extension course from the University of North Caroling by study of an extension course from the University of North Carolina by Agnes Boyd Adams called "Adven-tures in Reading" and deals with books with American backgrounds. Mrs. Baker, who had chosen as the subject for the day "The Edge of the Wilderness," sketched the his-torical background of the settle-ment of our country. Mrs. E. L. Bush then reviewed "Paradise," by Esther Forbes, a story of the early settlement of the New England colonies in a little town called Canaan. Mrs. Joseph Forman dis-cussed "Gallows Hill," by Frances Winwar, a novel of witchcraft in Salem, Mass. Salem, Mass.

The review and dramatization of "Lost Colony," then followed.

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Mrs. Robert Spangler spoke on New England culture at the Blue Ridge forum meeting yesterday in the Heironimus assembly room. She described the atmosphere of learning and the books which were characteristic of New England's literary circles in 1866. She also exhibited old pictures and magazines of that year.

Mrs. B. F. Pence, in reviewing "The Flowering of New England" "The Flowering of New England" by Van Wyck Brooks, told how the literary masters of New Eng-land from 1815 to the War Between the States live again in this book. Mrs. S. H. Huff reviewed J. P. Marquand's book, "The Late George Apley," and Mrs. Lacy Edger-ton discussed Santayana's "The Last Puritan." Mrs. J. W. Boswell spoke in behalf

Mrs. J. W. Boswell spoke in behalf of the community fund and Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave a lesson in correct pronunciations. Oct. 12, 1938



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Blue Ridge Forum Has Outdoor Gathering Twenty-five members of the Blue Ridge Forum took advantage of clear autumn weather yesterday and went picnicking on top of Bent mountain, at the summer place of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Radke, where they cooked lunch out of doors, and spent the day playing games and tramping about the woods. "No, this didn't take the place of one of our regular meetings," said the program chairman, Mrs. Lacy G. Edgerton. "It was just a social affair."



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The Blue Ridge Forum met in the assembly room of Thurman and Boone Wednesday morning, at which time <u>Mrs. Stanley Radke led</u> the discussion and spoke on the theme "Northwest to the Orient." Mrs. Leonard Key reviewed the book "Kennebec, Cradle of Ameri-cans," by Robert T. Tristram Cof-fin, "Northwest Passage" by Ken-neth Roberts was reviewed by Mrs. D. P. Hylton, Another of Kenneth Roberts' books, "Rabble in Arms," was reviewed by Mrs. Lacy Edger-ton. ton.

Mrs. Edgerton announced that there would be only one meeting of the club in November and December.

An informal luncheon was given after the meeting.

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"Our Deathless Folk-Epic," deal-ing with Civil War days, was the subject for discussion at the meet-ing of the Blue Ridge Forum held yesterday morning in the Thur-man and Boone assembly room. <u>Mrs. George Woo</u>d was the <u>leader</u> and discussed a recent essay by Bernard De Voto in which he de-scribed the development of the his-torical novel. "Bugles Blow No More" by Clifford Dowdey, was re-viewed by Mrs. A. D. Miller and Mrs. William Tilghman presented a synopsis of Royce Brier's "Boy in Blue" which tells of the region of Chickamauga and the battle fought there. there.

Mrs. Lacy Edgerton closed the

program with a review of "Dixie After the War" by Myrta Lockett Avary, which is an authentic pic-ture of post Civil War conditions in Virginia and the South.

Following the meeting a luncheon was given for the members.

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Mrs. Irad Lower presented a re-view of "A Spanish Tragedy" by Al-lison Peers at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning at the Thurman and Boone auditorium. The history of the civil war in Spain was outlined and Mrs. Lower named the three political forces there: The Leftist, composed of the Socialist party and Socialist union; the Centre party, including the Left Republican party and the shock po-lice; and the Right Party, which has numerous political organiza-tions and army officers.

tions and army oncers. "Spanish Prelude" by Jenny Bal-lou was reviewed by Mrs. J. W. Boswell, who said the author seemed to be preoccupied with surrealism by her interest in dreams and her

to be preoccupied with surrealism by her interest in dreams and her fragmentary, unreal characters. Miss Elizabeth Starritt discussed "The Life and Death of a Spanish Town," by Elliott Paul, who wrote the book in tribute to Ibiza, located on the Balearic Islands in the Medi-terranean, which was built in 4000 B. C. and destroyed in 1936. Mrs, Charles Steele, substituting for Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, the presi-dent, read the latter's paper on "The Homeless Children of Spain." A program of Spanish music was given by Miss Blanche Deal. The program included Petit Bolero (Henri Ravina), Playera, a Span-ish dance (Enrique Grandos), Mex-ican (Katherine Allan Lively), and Le Cavalier Fantique (Benjamin Godard) Le Cavalier Fantique (Benjamin Godard).

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'American Dream' Is Forum Subject

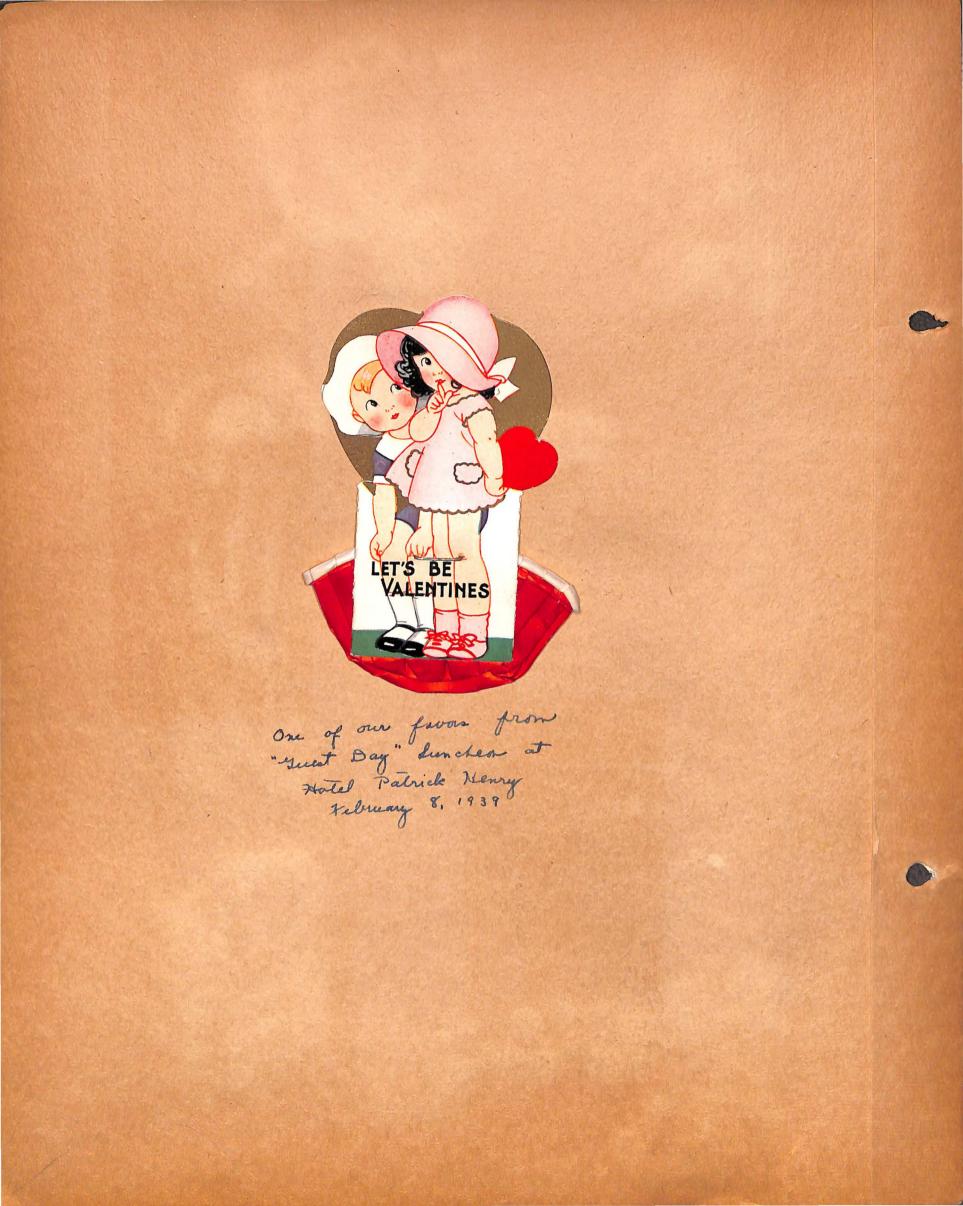
At the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday morning in the Thurman & Boone clubroom, Mrs. B. F. Pence read an original poem, "Epic of America." She depcited the struggles and courage of the pioneers in founding homes in the wilderness, theme of the poem show-ing that "freedom to work and to pray as we choose is America's dream and vision blending into one ideal."

dream and vision blending into one ideal." Mrs. Clara Edwards, leading the subject of the forum, "The Road Is Westward," reviewed Herbert Ha-gar's book "The Land of the Free" and brought out that "America has to plan her life, be ready to fight for what she believes, if she is to ourvive." "Famine" by Liam O'Flaherty was given by Mrs. Lake Rosenberg in which was pictured the risis peasant's power of passive re-sistance to circumstances, and the dream of the principal character, Mary, to escape and go to a land of the free. Mrs. J. A. Beoddy told of the "American Dream," by Michael Fos-ter, showing in the words of the poet Frances Frost, "We have in-herited peace and difficult wisdom; let it be these by which we know

of America," was the subject of Mrs. Lacy Edgerton's address. Mrs. Edgerton presided at the business meeting held before the program. Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave the critic's report. The next meeting will be held Feb. 8 at the Patrick Henry hotel at 11 o'clock and will be followed by a luncheon.

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> "Exiles Look Back" was the sub-ject for discussion at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum, held yesterday morning in the Thurman and Boone auditorium, with Miss

and Boone auditorium, with Miss Blanche Deal as leader. Mrs. George Wood reviewed Ig-nazio Silone's novel, "Bread and Wine" in which the author shows the background of present day con-ditions of Italy under a dictatorship. Mrs. William Tilghman presented a review of "Enchanter's Night-shade" by Ann Bridge, a novel of pre-war Italy in which is described a land of peace and unbelievable se-curity. curity.

"Lost Heritage" by Bruno Frank was reviewed by Mrs. L. O. Key. This is the story of a young prince, his tutor and his life in Germany. The author is an exile from his be-loved Germany and presents a sim-ple and moving story of existing conditions there.

Conditions there. Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, the presi-dent, reviewed "Wotan" by C. G. Jung, from the Saturday Review of Literature (1937), which is a dis-course on the Nazi idealogy. Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave the cuities report

Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave the critic's report. At the business meeting Mrs. Ed-gerton appointed Mrs. Gordon Baker, chairman; Miss Blanche Deal and Mrs. Joseph Forman as a committee to select a course of study from those offered by the University of North Carolina Library Extension publication, to be used for the Forum's work next year.

Heroes' Wives **Topic of Study** By Forum Group

"Wives of Heroes" was the subject of the program given by the Blue Ridge Forum at the meeting held at the Patrick Henry hotel Wednesday morning. Mrs. Joseph Forman led the program and reviewed the book "Theatre" by Somerset Maughm in which he portrayed the life of an artist and his public. "Journalist's Wife' by Lillian Mowrer was given by Mrs. Gordon Baker which was the romantic story of a talented wife who placed her husband's work and ambitions above her own. Mrs. S. H. Huff reviewed the book by H. G. Wells, "Brynhild," showing the relation of a writer to his public and the place of a wife as the "bewildered follower." Mrs. Frank Menefee gave the prosent "The Edwardians" by Victoria Sach-ville-West, showed how the young people of that era began to refuse to conform to the rules of the older generations as they are now doing. Mrs. Edgerton presided at the business meeting preceding the program with the prosent to the prosent of the program with the stands." Mrs. Edgerton presided at the business meeting preceding the pro-

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generations as they are now doing. Mrs. Edgerton presided at the business meeting preceding the pro-gram and Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave the critic's report. A luncheon followed the meeting which was presided over by Mrs. D. P. Hilton as toast mistress. Miss Starritt sang a group of songs ac-companied by Miss Nellie Stuart. The hospitality committee com-posed of Miss Blanche Deal, chair-man; Mrs. Irad Lower, Mrs. Clara Edwards, Mrs. A. D. Miller and Mrs Marchall Nininger had charge of arrangements for the luncheon. Arnong the guests were Mrs. R. G. Lockwood, of Buchanan; Mrs. B. W. Grove, Mrs. W. F. Stuart, Mrs. George Loel, Mrs. Ben Shome, Mrs Greenwood Edwards, Miss Heien Brickey, Mrs. S. F. Baird, Mrs. N. W. Kelley, Mrs. J. Meade Harris, Mrs. W. E. Stuart, Miss Headly Clems, Mrs. G. T. Gibson, Mrs. N. T. Sermon, Mrs. R. W. Cutshall, Mrs. G. W. Hooker, and Mrs Robert Churchill.



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Africa Serves As Subject for Forum Meeting

At a meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum, held at the Thurman and Boone auditorium Wednesday morning, <u>Mrs. H. L. Brickey led</u> the topic "Covered Wagons in Africa." by giv-ing a brief historical background of the great migration of the Boers from South Africa to the Transvaal after the Boer war.

After the Boer war. She pointed out that the Dutch people left their homes to escape the rule of the British. Mrs. Brickey then reviewed the book, "God's Stepchildren," by Sara Gertrude Millin, stressing the un-happiness caused by marriages be-tween mixed races

happiness caused by marriages be-tween mixed races. "They Seek a Country," by Fran-cis Brett Young, was discussed by Mrs. Marshall Nininger who de-scribed the novel as having dignity, solidity form and idealism

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lence and passion which terminated in massacre of several Dutch fam-ilies by native Kaffirs and Zulus. "Mary Glenn," by Millin, was re-viewed by Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, club president. The theme of the book was spun around a social minded and artificial young girl who found. peace of mind only after suffering many tribulations. At the business meeting preced-

At the business meeting preced-ing the program Miss Elizabeth Starfitt gave the critics' report.

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Mrs. Rosenberg Leads Program Of Study Club

Mrs. Lake Rosenberg led the pro-gram discussion at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum which was the Blue Ridge Forum which was held Wednesday morning. The pro-gram topic was "Another Lost At-lantis." The leader reviewed the late uprisings in Moscow, the blood purge of 1938, criticisms of Leon Trotsky, and disappointments of Russian idealists. In reviewing the book "O, Say Can You See." by Lewis Browne, Mrs. Rosenberg gave the impres-sions of a young Russian scientist as he sees his country today. "Assignment in Utopia" by Eu-gene Lyons, was reviewed by Mrs. Robert Spangler. The thoughts and feelings of an emigrant boy, as told in the book, were mentioned.

feelings of an emigrant boy, as told in the book, were mentioned. Mrs. D. P. Hylton reviewed Wal-ter Duranty's "One Lilfe, One Kopeck" and explained how the Russian mentality which, however iconoclastic it claims to be, is for-ever seeking a fresh god to worship. Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, in her re-view of various articles, told of the contrasting regimes between Hitler and Stalin. Miss Blanche Deal, pianist, presented a program of Russian music. Mrs. D. P. Hilton, Mrs. Fred Wil-

Mrs. D. P. Hilton, Mrs. Fred Wil-man and Mrs. William Tilghman were appointed by the president as a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the next meetmarch a 1939



Club Meets To Hear Reviews of Current Books

Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, program leader of the Blue Ridge Forum at the meeting held Wednesday morning, spoke on the history and training of doctors and the slow steps of progress from ancient witchcraft to modern medicine modern medicine.

"The Citadel," by A. J. Cronin, was reviewed by Mrs. A. D. Miller. This book is based on the life of a young doctor, idealistic about his profession, who suffered disillusion-ment when he found how lightly ment when he found how lightly the Hippocratic oath was treated by his conferees who catered to the wealthy. His struggle to overcome tendencies to join their ranks is the nucleus for a powerful and in-triguing story triguing story.

Mrs. J. M. Richardson gave a resume of "The Faithful Wife" by Sigrid Undset. The story of a mod-ern childless marriage is not ma-terial for a great novel, but its presentation and development makes it unusual, Mrs. Richardson said. "The Faithful Wife" is based on the old love triangle plot, that of a faithless husband and forgiving wife.

Statistics concerning marriage and divorce were given by Mrs. George Wood. South Carolina is the only wood. South Carolina is the only state in the Union where there are no divorce laws. Nevada has the most lenient laws and New York the most difficult. The critics report was made by Miss Elizabeth Starritt.

Miss Blanche Deal, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Lacy Edgerton.

The next meeting, which was scheduled for April 26, has been postponed until May 10 due to the convention of the Virginia Federa-tion of Music Clubs being held here on that data on that date.

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Mrs. Beoddy Is Made President Of Study Club

Mrs. J. A. Beoddy was elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum at the meeting held Wednesday

at the meeting held wednesday morning. Other officers chosen were Mrs. B. F. Pence, vice-president; Mrs. H. L. Brickey, secretary; Mrs. Rob-ert. Spangler, treasurer; Mrs. W. Frank Menefee, Mrs. Leonard Key and Mrs. Lake Rosenberg, chair-men of the seminar. The forum again selected Agatha Boyd Adams' "Adventures in Read-ing," published this April, from the University of North Carolina's ex-

Boyd Adams "Adventures in Read-ing," published this April, from the University of North Carolina's ex-tension course, as their source of study for the coming year. Miss Elizabeth Starritt gave the critic's report and Mrs. B. F. Pence led the program, the topic for dis-cussion being "Artists W it hout Fame." She said that many people who create beauty in various ways are never known. Emily Dickinson was cited as an example of a per-son who created heauty that was not appreciated until after her death. Mrs. Pence read one of her own poems, "Adventures or Excur-sion Into a Locust Tree." Mrs. A. D. Miller presented Mrs. Fred Willman's paper on Lyle Sax-on's "Children of Strangers," in which a woman's devotion to her son was so appealing that it car-ried the novel beyond the regional story. Mrs. Irad Lower reviewed "The House at Antigua" by Louis

story. Mrs. Irad Lower reviewed "The House at Antigua" by Louis Adamic. This book weaves the tale of a woman who wanted to restore

of a woman who wanted to restore beauty to a 300-year-old house which would be a lasting memorial to her own urge to create beauty. Mrs. Gordon Baker spoke on the restoration of Williamsburg. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, accompa-nied by Mrs. E. E. Graham, sang "Life" (Curran) and "Songs My Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak). Miss Blanche Deal presided in the ab-sence of the president, Mrs. Lacy Edgetton. The next meeting will be held May 24, at 11 o'clock at Hotel Roanoke and will be followed by a luncheon. luncheon

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Prize Novels Are Contrasted At Club Meeting

The Blue Ridge Forum held its last meeting of the year at Hotel Roanoke Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. F. Menefee led the program, "Contrasts in Prize Novels," by reviewing the book, "Modern Ficby reviewing the book, "Modern Fic-tion," by Dr. Herbert Muller, in which he said there was "too much intensity without warmth" and "depth without breadth." The Har-per's prize novel for 1937, "The Seven Who Fled," by Frederick Prokosh, was given by Mrs. J. W. Boswell in which the beauty and mystery of the scenery and the un-usualness of the story recommends it to the reader. Wallace Stepner's "Bamembering

it to the reader. Wallace Stegner's "Remembering Laughter" was reviewed by Mrs. E. L. Bush. This was a Little Brown prize novelette and contrasts both in manner and mood to "The Seven Who Fled." It is a novel of hate between those people with an Iowa farm for the back ground. Miss Blanche Deal read John Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale." writ-ten after the death of his younger brother. Miss Starrit gave the critic report. Miss Deal presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Lacy

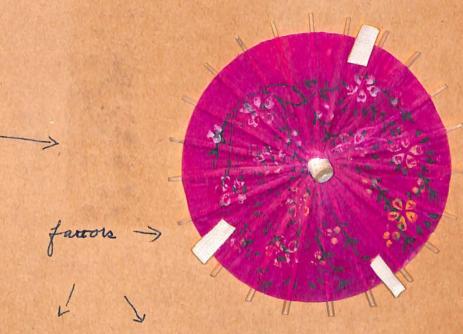
absence of the president, Mrs. Lacy Edgerton.

Edgerton, Following the program a guest <u>luncheon</u> was given. Mrs. Charles Steele was toastmistress. Mrs. Hurt, Mrs. B. F. Pence, Mrs. Jerome Snavely, Mrs. Harry Rosenberg, Mrs. A. D. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Lynn and Mrs. Menefee were in charge of re-freshments.

freshments. The guests were Mrs. Robert Cochrane, Mrs. Mavin Pace, Mrs. Henry Coddington, Miss Anabel Hannes, Mrs. J. Reynolds, Mrs. G. Edwards, Mrs. P. Brumfield, Miss Sadie Harrison, Miss Helen Brickey, Mrs. G. A. Layman, Mrs. Norman W. Kelly, Mrs. W. F. Stuart, Mrs. F. S. Baird and Miss Oneida Hilton.

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The next meeting will be held October 11 and will be directed by Mrs. Lacy Edgerton. The sub-

Board Meeting Called By Forum President

Mrs. John A. Beoddy, recently elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum, has called a special meeting of the executive board for Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home, 421 Washington avenue.

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Mrs. Steele Is Program Leader

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The next meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum will be held October 11 and will be directed by Mrs. Lacy Edgerton. The subject for discussion will be "Exploring the South."

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The Blue Ridge forum will swing into action following the summer Jull with a meeting Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Thur-man and Boone auditorium.

"Land of Poets and Philosophers" will be the program topic for the day and will be directed by Mrs. Charles Steele. Following the meeting there will be an informal lunch-eon at the S. and W. cafeteria. Mrs. John A. Beoddy is president

of the forum.

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pared with the lot of the north-ern slum dwellers. Mrs. Irad Lower reviewed "The Fathers," by Allen Tate, a native of Fairfax county, which describes life in the old South as 15-year-old Lacey Buchanan saw it. In sharp ontrast was the review by Miss Elizabeth Starritt of Jonathan Daniels' "A Southerner Dis-covers the South." In a short business session were made for the a utum n luncheon which will be held at the Patrick Henry hotel after the meeting on October 25, when Mrs. D. P. Hylton will present a program on "A Challenge to Women" assisted by Mrs. Stan-ley Radke, Mrs. J. W. Boswell and Mrs. Robert Spangler. Mrs. F. Pence and Mrs. Clara Ed-wards have charge of reserva-tions. tions.

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Mrs. B. F. Penn will entertain the members of the Blue Ridge Forum informally at tea Wednesday afternoon at her home on Avenham avenue.

Mrs. Pence Entertains Blue Ridge Forum Members of the Blue Ridge Forum were entertained at tea yester-day at the home of Mrs. B. F. Pence. Receiving with the hostess were past presidents of the club, Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, and Mrs. Stanley Radke. Mrs. A. G. Miller presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. F. G. Hurt assisted her. Mrs. Frank Menefee, Mrs. Jerome Snavely, Mrs. Fred Wilmann, Mrs. Clara Edwards, and Miss Elizabeth Starritt, members of the club, assisted the hostess in serving.

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October came to town -And bordered streets with tapestries for trees, And dropped great heaps of gleaming yellow golds They were God's leaves, touched lightly by the cold.

October left the town -And took me down a far-off winding road -And here great mountains heralded her art -And fields of Wig-wam shocks, And ripe-red fruit Held me - quite breathless october stand my heart:

-A- M Q. Quanto

The first guest luncheon of the season will be held by the Blue Ridge Forum at Hotel Patrick Henry today, preceded by the regular busi-ness meeting at the Thurman and Boone auditorium at 11 o'clock. The study course will be directed by Mrs. D. P. Hylton and is titled "A Challenge to Women." Mrs. Stanley Radkee, Mrs. Robert Spang-ber and Mrs. Leonard O. Key will

ler and Mrs. Leonard O. Key will give the book reviews.

Members who plan to bring guests are requested to call Mrs. Pence or Mrs. Clara Edwards.

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Women's-Place-in-Home Theory Is Exploded on Club Program

The theory concerning woman's F place being in the home was exploded in a program on "A Challenge to Women" presented at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held at the Thurman-Boone auditorium Wednesday morning.

Those on the program were Mrs. D. P. Hylton, who discussed "The School of Femininity" by Margaret Lawrence; Mrs. Stanley Radke, who reviewed "Three Quineas" by Virginia Woolf; Mrs. Leonard Key, who spoke on "Political Guide" by Dorothy Thompson; and Mrs. Robert Spangler who discussed another of Dorothy Thompson's books, "Refugees." Mrs. B. F. Pence gave a short summary of Woman's place in the world as pre-sented in the book reviews. Following the program the mem-School of Femininity" by Margaret

sented in the book reviews. Following the program the mem-bers had a luncheon at Hotel Pat-rick Henry at which Mrs. B. F. Pence was toastmistress. Mrs. Pence read an original poem "October" and Mrs. Frank Menefee spoke on a few origins of Halloween. Mrs. a few origins of Halloween. Mrs. K. Eskelund, planist, presented a musical program.

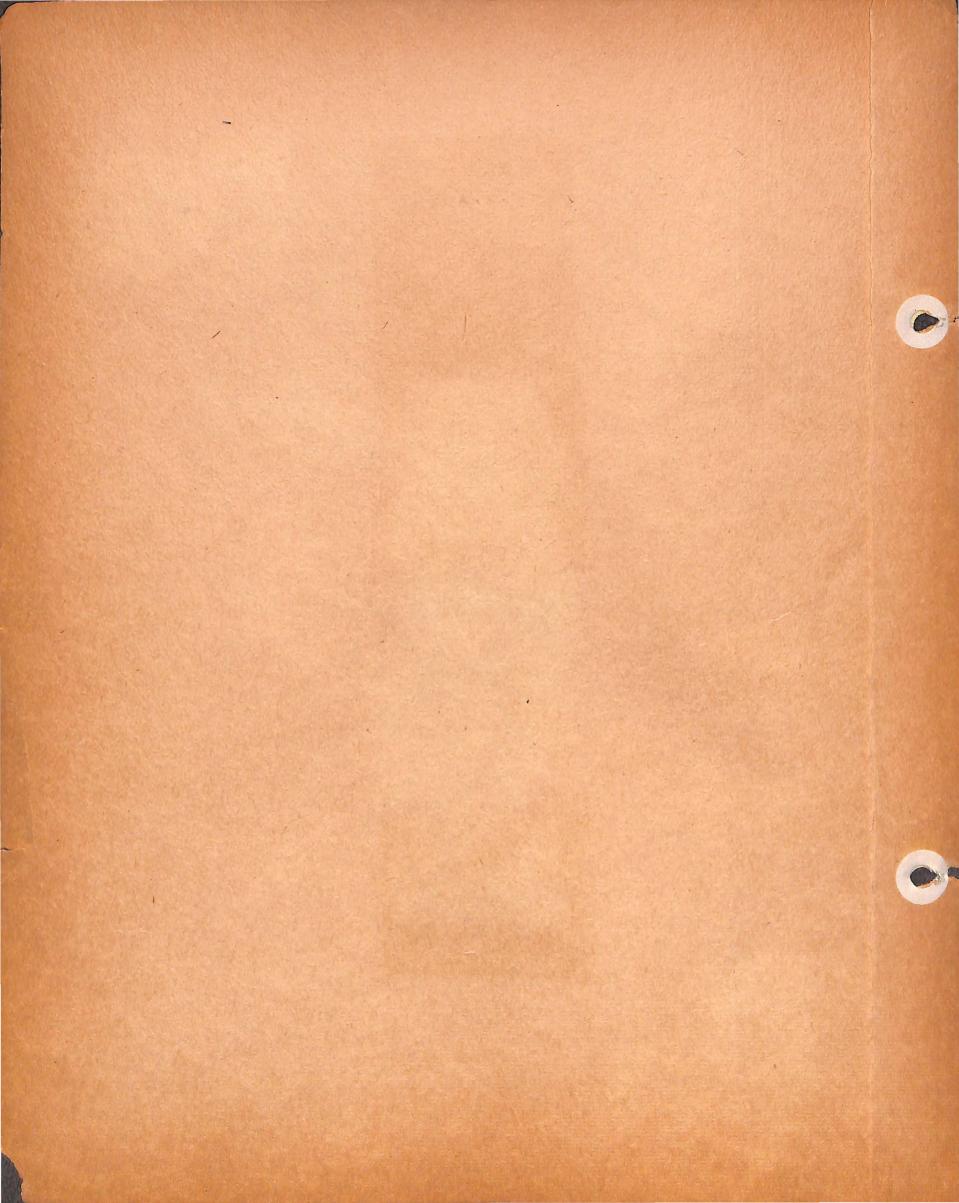
Musical program. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Wallace Reynold, Miss Nancy Car-rington of Richmond; Mrs. Fred Hippey, Mrs. K. Eskelund, Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon, Mrs. Hedley Clews, Mrs. W. T. Lemon, Mrs. H. B. Jordan, and Mrs. Stuart Hig-Echbotham genbotham.

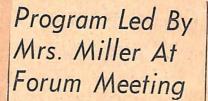
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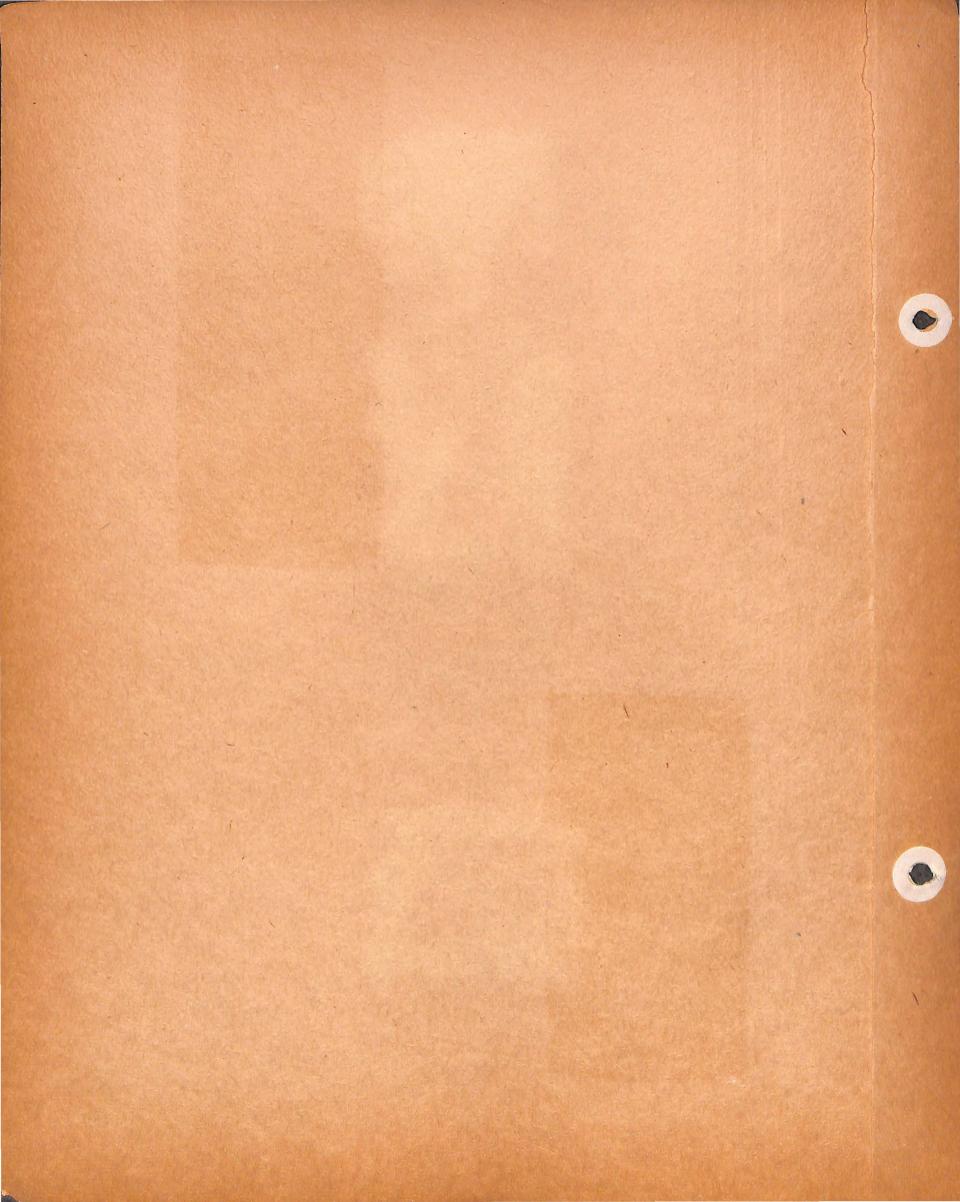
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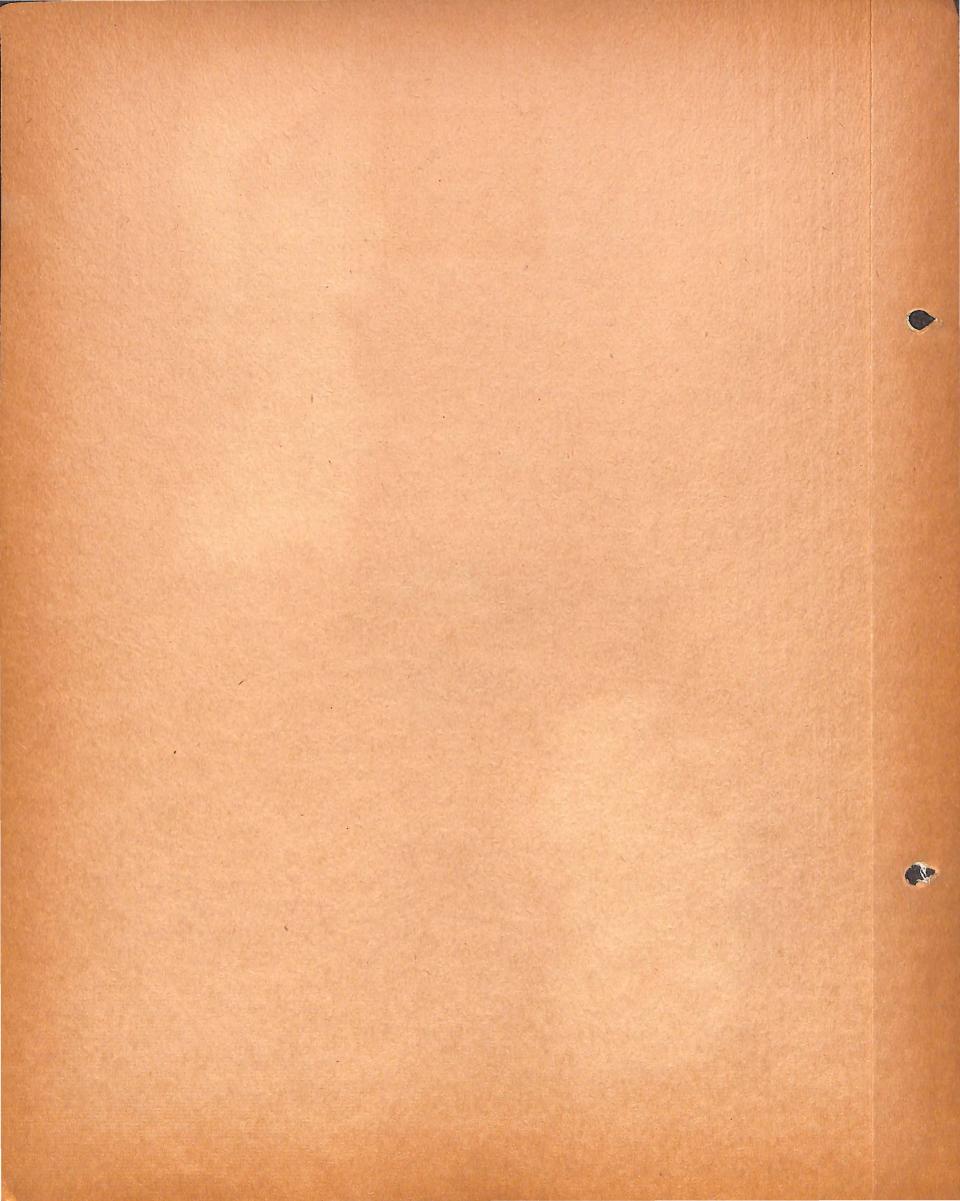
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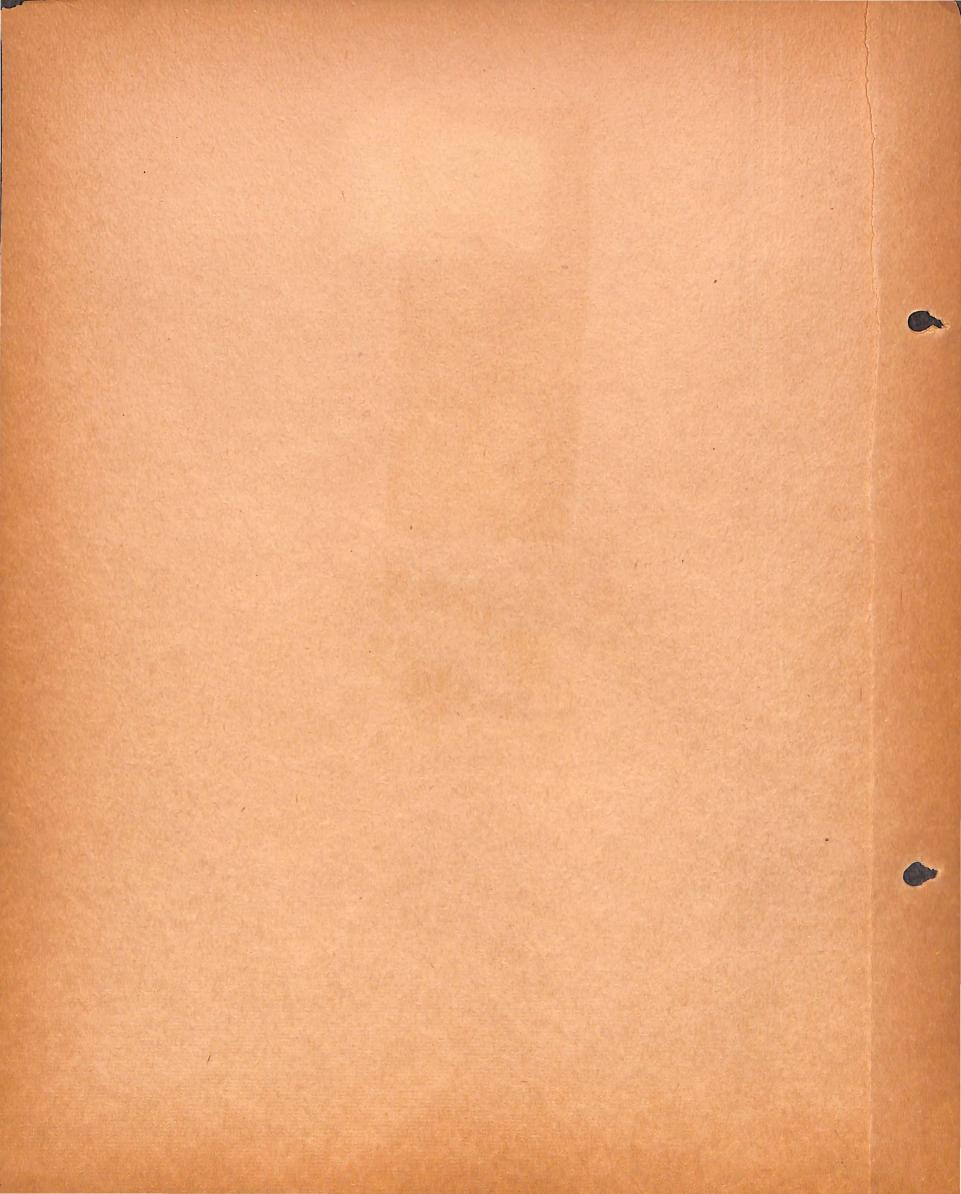


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"The Teeming of Nations" was the subject of the Blue Ridge forum meeting yesterday, with Mrs. W. F. Menafee leading the program. "My America" by Louis Adamic, an immigrant who views America not as a melting pot but as a land of delight, was the book under discussion. Mrs. William Tilman discuss-ed the parts of the book relat-ing to socialism and labor, Mrs. Lacy Edgerton the depression and the workers. Mrs. Menafee opened the dis-fuscion with a short history of imigration, pointing out why and from where the people came by means of a chart illustrating trends of immigration. "My America" reviews condi-the depression, points out that the New Deal is a typical Ameri-can proposition. Ms a short business session

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Jan 24, 1940



The Blue Ridge Forum will have a special guest day and luncheon today with the program given at the Thurman and Boone auditorium and luncheon following at Hotel Patrick Henry. Mrs. B. F. Pence will have charge

of reservations and arrangements. The program on "Renovating Hu-man Environment" will be directed by Mrs. Joseph Forman, assisted by Mrs. A. D. Miller and Mrs. Charles Steele.

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Mrs. Forman Is Program Leader At Club Meeting

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Miller. Mrs. J. A. Beoddy read an article from The Reader's Digest by James H. Street, "In Dixie Land," which told the story of the southern song.

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Lake Rosenberg based on her re-cent operation. Following the program members and guests had a valentine lunch-eon at Hotel Patrick Henry. Mrs. Miller gave the invocation and the history of St. Valentine's Day was given by the toastmistress, Miss Blanche Deal. Mrs. Fred Willman sang a group of songs. Guests were Mrs. Harry Codding-An original poem was read by Mrs. A. L. Bush, Mrs. Travis Thomp-Guests were Mrs. Harry Codding-ton, Mrs. Greenwood Edwards, Mrs.

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O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea! .

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness! America ! America ! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life. America ! America ! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine !

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

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O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

CHORUS

O say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:

CHORUS

'Tis the Star-spangled banner: O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation! Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"

CHORUS

And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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(My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

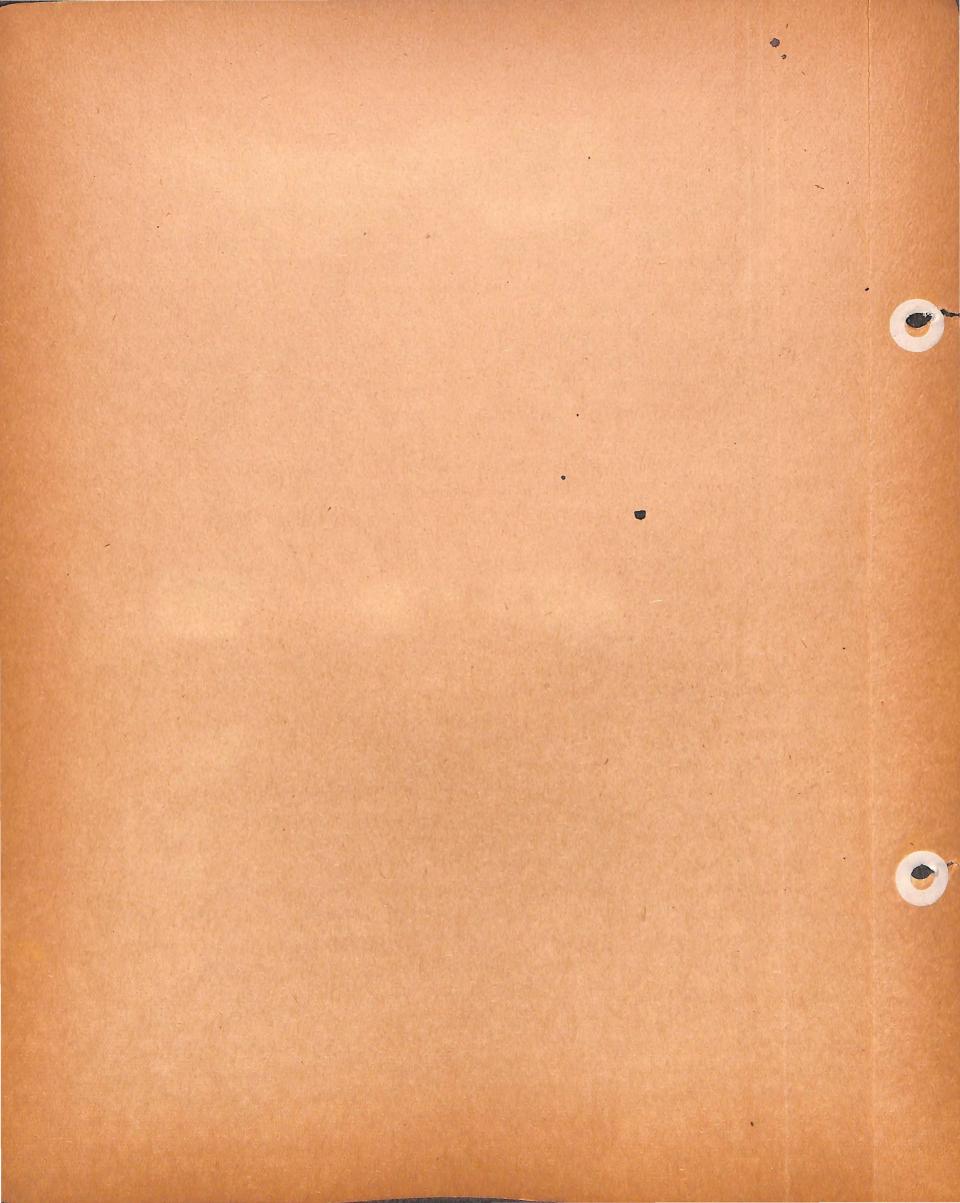
My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring thro' all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break The sound prolong.

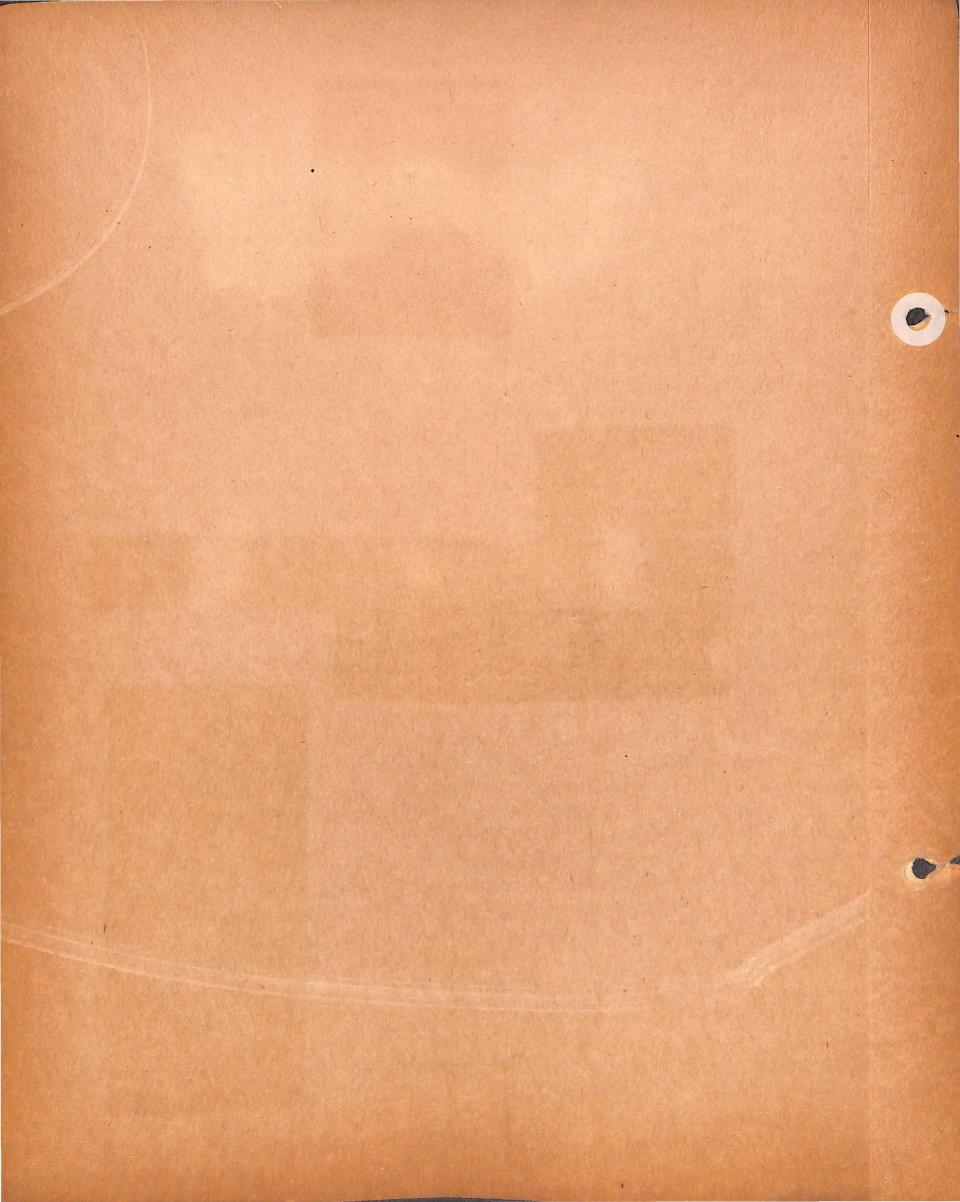
Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

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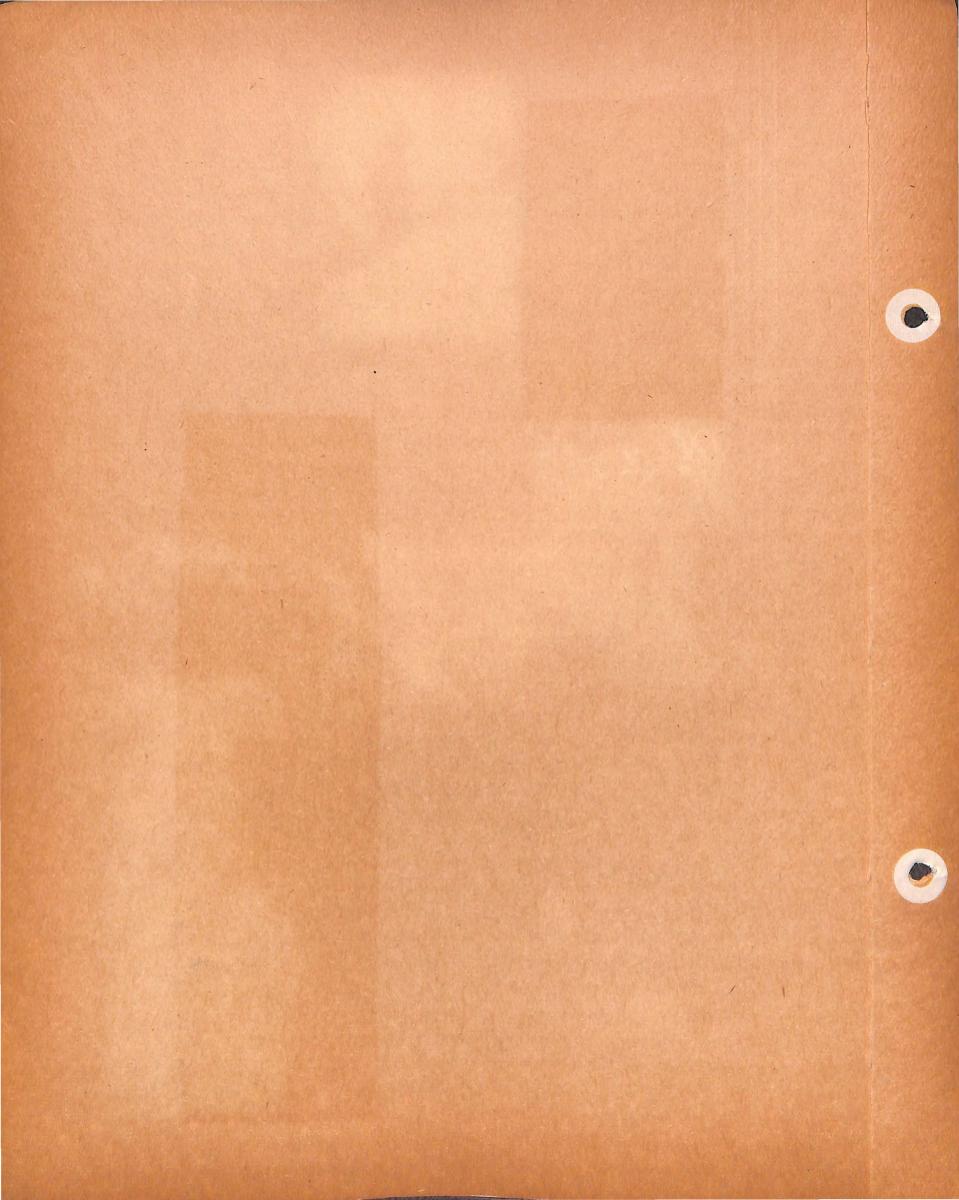
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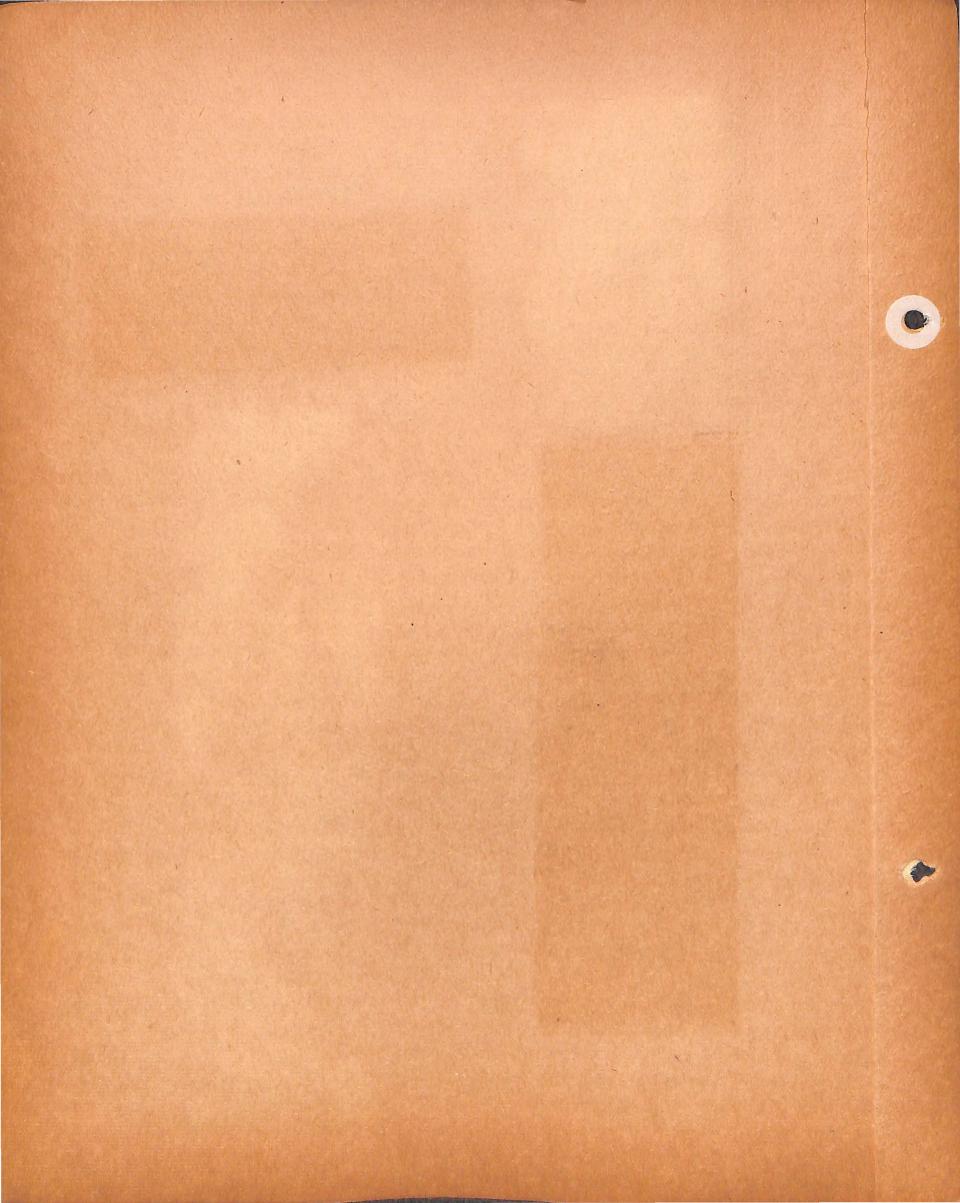
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Luncheon Program Given

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Annual Guest Luncheon

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The Blue Ridge Forum will give its annual guest luncheon on Wednesday, May 8, at the Patrick Henry Hotel. This affair, which is the most elaborate club function of the year, will be given in a private dining room, and every member will invite one

or more guests to attend. The program for the meeting will include two book reviews, "The Tides of Mont St. Michel," by Roger Vercel, and "Black is My True Love's Hair" by Elizabeth Madox Roberts. Mrs. W. F. Menefee and Mrs. Charles Steele will present the reviews, and Mrs. Leonard O. Key will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Fred Willman will read Tennyson's poem, "Enoch Arden."

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Miss Starritt Is Named Head Of Forum Group

Miss Elizabeth Starritt was elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum, at the meeting held Wednesday morning. Mrs. D. P. Hylton was made vice-president for next year, and others elected were Mrs. Clara Greenwood Edwards, secretary; Mrs. William Tilghman, treas-urer, and Mrs. A. D. Miller, Mrs. Fred E. Willman, Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, seminar members.

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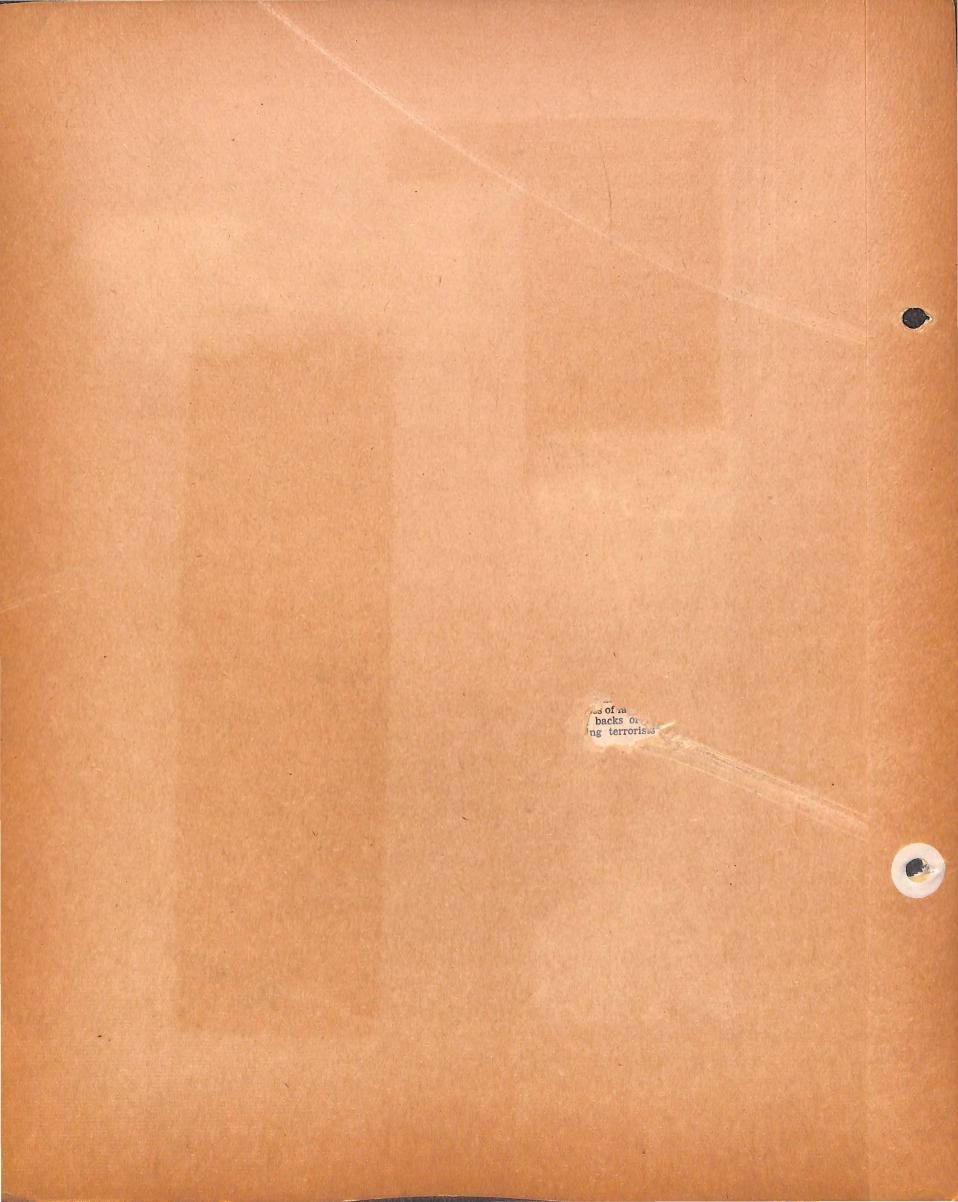
Mrs. Turner reviewed W. R. Lee's "Frontiers of Enchantment," which discussed the animal life of Africa, methods of taxidermy, and described a trip taken by the author with an expedition made in the interests of the New York Museum of Natural History.

"Out of Africa," by Isak Dine-sen, was reviewed by Mrs. B. F. Pence. The book deals with life on a coffee plantation in Africa and the psychology of the natives. Mrs. Joseph Forman gave a review of "What Hath a Man," by Sara G. Miller, a study of the character of a Catholic boy, in whose nature the environments of both England and Africa were combined.

Mrs. Lacy Edgerton announced that a discussion of the course for next year would be postponed until the next club meeting.

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Forum Plans Luncheon

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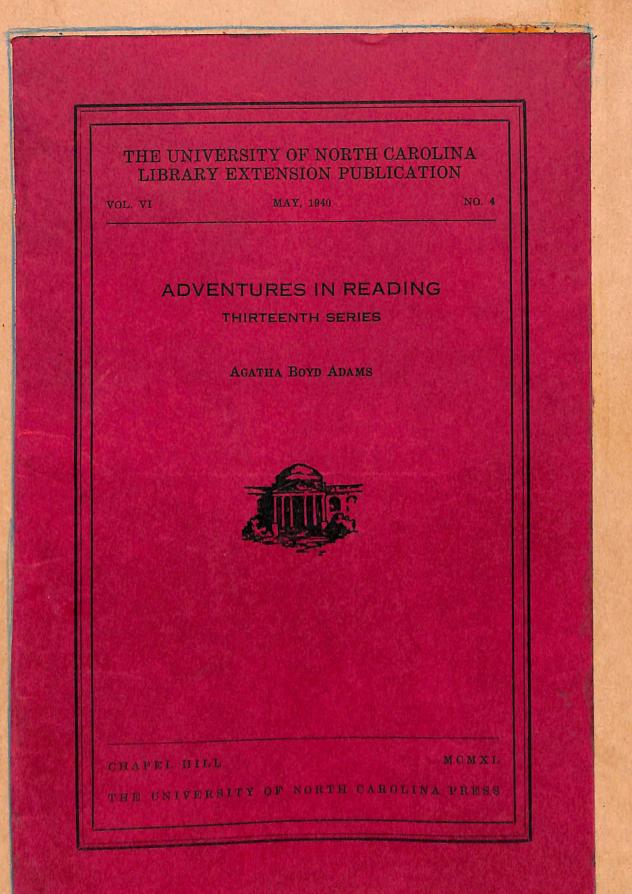
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CHAPTER, IV.

FOREWORD

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-T. H. WHITE. The Sword in the Stone.

Nothing seems quite so important nowadays as to learn to understand other nations. With that idea in mind, the present issue of *Adventures in Reading* has gone international; an attempt has been made to present here, through recent books, an airman's view of the world. The basis of choice has been to select those books which widen our perceptions and our understanding of people in other lands. Perhaps if we can experience, however briefly, the inner life of a Chinese princess, of a crofter in a Finnish forest, of a Spanish lady, of a refugee in Prague, of foreign soldiers and poets and seekers after truth, we can advance ever so slightly toward a genuine internationalism.

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1		2. The Power to Survive
-		Third Meeting: AT HOME IN THE WORLD
		1. In Ivory and Jade
		2. The Mulberry Caterpillar
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		2. Japan in China
		Fifth Meeting: PRELUDE IN SPAIN
		1. One Woman's Choice
		2. "Cowards Die Many Times"
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		1. The Riddle
		2. An Answer

4813 Woodway Lane, N.W. Washington, D. C. October 5, 1940

Mrs. F. P.Hurt 533 Washington Ave., S.W. Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Hurt:

I find your letter on my return to the city and it makes me very happy to know how well you liked ARARAT.

Replying to your request for information on myself, I may say that I am one of a family of five, having three brothers and one sister. My sister is the wife of the director of Carolyn Mission in the city of St. Louis. I was born in Oklahoma forty years ago and my father and mother are still living. My people originally came from Virginia, my grandfather having been born in Wythe County, Virginia, and there is a little village down there by the name of Groseclose where the family originally settled and where, I understand, a good many of them still live. When I finished college, in 1920, I went to Persia to teach in a missionary school and spent three years in that part of the world, during which I came in contact with the work of the Near East Relief with which I deal in ARARAT. It was the inspiration of the missionary enterprise and the work of the Relief that led me to write a book which would make this work live for American readers. I hope to write other books along the same lines, and have one in preparation entitled THE FIREDRAKE, which will be published sometime in the Spring. I am married and have three daughters aged 12, 11 and 3.

I hope the above may be of some value to you in your talk.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Here is a first class aviator, who is also a first class writer; who can describe tensely and swiftly, from first hand experience, the hazards and the beauty of flying. Yet here is also a philosopher who has taken advantage of the splendid solitudes of flight to meditate on the problems of human existence. The aviator as interpreted here is no daredevil who holds life lightly; he has instead a profound sense of responsibility and a profound reverence for human life. His courage is to defend life rather than to waste it; a less spectacular sort of courage and one that the world has need of today.

Forum To Hold Homecoming Day On Wednesday

The Blue Ridge Forum will open its doors for a Home Coming Day, September 25, at 11 o'clock in the assembly room at Thurman and Boone. Following the program, there will be a luncheon at 1 o'clock in the Patrick Henry hotel, All former Blue Ridge Delphians will be honored.

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, the new Miss Elizabeth Starritt, the new president, will preside over the meeting. New officers for the year are: First vice president, Mrs. D. P. Hylton; secretary, Mrs. Clara Ed-wards; treasurer, Mrs. William Tilghman; seminar, Mrs. A. D. Miller chairman, assisted by Mrs. L. G. Edgerton and Mrs. F. F. Will-man; critic, Mrs. W. F. Menefce; historian, Mrs. Gordon Eaker; memman; critic, Mrs. W. F. Menetee; historian, Mrs. Gordon Baker; mem-bership, Mrs. J. A. Beoddy; publicity, Mrs. Charles G. Steele; roll keeper, Mrs. Jerome Snavely; time keeper, Mrs. F. F. Hurt; parliamentarian, Mrs. J. W. Boswell. 'The leader for the day is Mrs. Gordon Baker. Her subject assign-ed is "Geiling Unlimited." She will be assisted on the program by Mrs.

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Reservations may be made through

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Mrs. Gordon Baker, leader for the day, led the discussion on the book "Wind, Sand and Stars" by Antoine De Saint Esupery. She made com-ments about the life of the author and Amore Lindbarch's suppresistion and Anne Lindbergh's appreciation of the book.

Mrs. Stanley Radke spoke on the first part of the book, using as sub-topics adventures in the air, first flight, typhoon in South America, and prisoners of the sand.

The dual role of the airplane in

modern civilization was discussed by Mrs. L. O. Key. "Air Way Lullaby," words and music composed by Mrs. D. P. Hyl-ton, was sung by Miss Elizabeth Starritt Starritt.

Starritt. A skif, "Way Out West," by George B. Hall, was presented at the close of the luncheon by Mrs. D. P. Hylton, Mrs. H. L. Brickey, Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, Mrs. F. P. Hurf, and Mrs. Charles G. Steele.

Guests presented at the huncheon were Mrs. F. A. St. Clair, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. S. H. Huff, Keystôhe, W. Va.; Mrs. Felix Parker, Mrs. George Wood and Mrs. Meade Har-ris ell of Poande ris, all of Roanoke.

. Toastmistress for the luncheon was Mrs. Lacy Edgerton.



ANTOINE DE SAINT EXUPERY, the author of "Wind, Sand and Stars," who was flying and fighting in the French Air Force until the 'l of France, is in Bordeaux saf id uninjured, according to an i. lirect report received by Reynal and Hitchcock.



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Two Books Are Reviewed At Forum Meet

The Blue Ridge Forum met Wed-nesday morning at the Thurman and Boone assembly room, the sub-ject of the program being "Homeless on the Face of the Earth." Mrs. F. P. Hurt, leader, gave the setting and remarks about the lives of the authors of the two books be-ing discussed, "The Torguts" by W. L. River, and "Ararat" by Elgin Groseclose. She had received a per-sonal letter from Mr. Groseclose telling something of his private life. It was interesting to note that he was originally from Virginia, al-though he is now living in Okla-homa. homa.

noma. Mrs. Irad Lower, in reviewing "The Torguts," described the half-million people who started out in 1771, called Torgus Monguls, and traveled 3,000 miles from the Volga river in Russia to the Transhan mountains in China.

China. "Ararat," reviewed by Mrs. Mar-shall Nininger, was a story about a group of people called Armenians who had been forced by fate to seek new homes, with the setting laid in the most anciently inhabitated part of the earth's surface. The members were reminded of the time-liness of the books. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president of the Forum, gave a brief summary of the settings and themes of these books.



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Two Books Are Reviewed At Forum Meeting

"At Home in the World" was the theme of the program of the Blue Ridge Forum at its meeting yester-day morning, at which Mrs. W. "F. Menefee was leader." Mrs. Menefee, in introducing the program, described many of the an-cient customs of the Chinese which make up one-fifth of the world's population, and said that "you could give China to Japan and it would still remain Chinese." The book "Moment in Peking," by Lin Yutang, reviewed by Mrs. E. A. Turner, is a story of a very wealthy and influential family which has been reduced to dire poverty and covers the time from the Boxer up-rising to the present. It deals with rising to the present. It deals with war and politics, and tells how the philosophy, customs and emotions of the people bring many conflicts be-

tween old and new China. Mrs. L. A. Beoddy reviewed "Abri-cot Cheeks and Almond Tyes." by Genevieve Wimfatt, which is a fairy tale with a historical Background with its setting in the twelfth cen-tury. "China is a peace-loving coun-try and whoever invades it becomes Chinese for The high point in the book is the characteristical of its women, tel¹⁹⁵ or the characteristic at he women

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NOVEMBER

HEIRS AND DESTROYERS OF CHINESE CULTURE

CHAPTER IV

Mrs. E. L. Bush Is Leader Of Forum Meeting

"Heirs and Destroyers of Chinese Culture" was the general subject of the guest-day meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Bush, leader, spoke of the Chinese people themselves as being destroyers and how they de-stroy their own culture because of western influence. She told of the advantages of the country, of its culture and love of family. The people have no old age pensions and they take care of themselves and their families. Japan was mentioned as one of the greatest destroyers of Chinese culture. Mrs. Bush used as a basis for her introduction, Pearl Buck's book, "The Patriot." Mrs. H. L. Brickey, in her review

of the book, "Restless Wave," by Haru Matsui, described it as being 'full of beauty and compassion.' The action centered around the end of the World war, telling of the crowded conditions on the Pacific coast. The author said that on ac-count of the stand she has taken on Japan in the book, her return to that country will be in the dis-tant future and perhaps never at

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president, "How Modern Is Japan?" She said that Japanese prefer Beethoven's music because it has a universal appeal, and care very little for American music, The emperor of Japan is very modern in his living and in many of his habits, but chose a wife from among the older cul-ured Japanese. National government is the chief topic of their conversations.

The meeting was followed by a guest luncheon at which Mrs. F. E. Willman was toastmistress. The theme of the luncheon was Thanks-giving and this was carried out in the decorations and favors.

Mrs. J. A. Beoddy gave a short talk on the "Early Thanksgiving in America" and Mrs. Marshall Nin-inger gave an original poem on "Thanksgiving."

Miss Elizabeth Starritt sang two songs and was accompanied by Miss Nellie Stuart.

Hostesses were Mrs. Charles Steele and Mrs. F. P. Hurt.

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DECEMBER CHAPTER V 2 18 PRELUDE IN SPAIN ". . . A man must die For what he believes-if he's unfortunate enough to have to face it in his time-And if he won't then he'll end up believing

in nothing at all-and that's death too."





Conditions In Spain Is Topic f Forum Meet

-MAXWELL ANDERSON, in Key Largo.

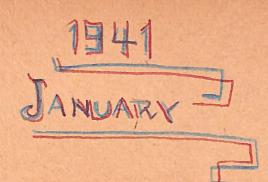
"Prelude in Sain" was the subject of the program of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday at the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. A. D. Miller, who substituted for Mrs. D. P. Hylton as leader for the day, introduced the subject by telling of the situation in Spain.

She said that their lack of food is due greatly to the lack of railways and pack animals which were destroyed during the war. In direct contrast of the horrors of situations in Spain, Mrs. Miller read a poem "Thy Kingdom Come," and spoke of the peace and security we enjoy in America.

In America. "In Place of Splendor," a book re-viewed by Mrs. J. B. Hutchersen, tells the story of a young girl of the upper class who gives up her life of luxury to help people in the lower walks of life.

Mrs. Marshall Nininger in reviewing Maxwell Anderson's play, "Key Largo," said "although the prologue Ing Maxwen Anderson's play, Acy Largo," said "although the prologue occurs in Spain, it goes beyond local interest to set, and at least par-tially answer, the universal ques-tion of personal courage." She con-cluded her talk by asking the ques-tion, "What is Glorious Death?" Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president, summed up the talks by describing a "Christmas in Spain." She spoke of the customs and how they cele-brated Christmas. The festival is called "Noche Buena," meaning Good Night. Mrs. B. F. Pence gave a talk on "Christmas in Verse and Prose," giv-ing original poems.

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CHAPTER VII

LAND OF HEROES "Finland is part of the promise of the next Europe at the end of all the present travail."-H. B. ELLISTON.

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Blue Ridge Forum Meets

"The 'Children of Change' are he war refugee children," said Mrs. C. G. Steele in introducing a program under that title at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum, held at the Patrick Henry hotel yesterday morning. "The problem now is to decide whether they should be placed in school centers

or private homes for the dura-tion of the war." "Polonaise," reviewed by Mrs. R. T. Spangler, by Martin Hare, de-scribes the homes and locations of he Polish people since the war and

scribes the homes and locations of the Folish people since the war and also the Orangery, a place where oranges are grown, which is visited by many English children. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, who reviewed a "Stricken Field" by Martha Gelhorn, gave a brief sketch of the life of the author telling how she gathered much of her material from her friends in Poland and Germany. The book deals with the situation in those countries after the war, and emphasizes the fact that there are people of goodwill in all parts of the world despite the hurdens and sor-rows inflicted on them since it began. Facts about Poland taken from the magazine The New Yorker, were given by the president. Miss Elizabeth Starritt. Hitler calls Poland his land, she said, and has driven out the Poles, sending them to Germany for hard labor and still the people hope for freedom

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A luncheon is being planned for February 12 at the Woman's club.

"If there were balm in Gilead, I would go To Gilead for your wounds, unhappy land, Gather you balsam there, and with this hand Made deft by pity, cleanse and bind and sew And drench with healing, that your strength might grow, (Though love be outlawed, kindness contraband) And you, O proud and felled, again might stand."

Finland Topic Of Program At Forum Meeting

"Finland is part of the promise of the next Europe at the end of all the present travail' is the prophecy given this country by H. B. Elliston," said Mrs. D. P. Hylton, leader, in introducing a program on Finland at the meeting of the Blue Ridge forum Wednesday morning. Its patriotism is Finland's real re-ligion and it is the only country to pay its war debt, she remarked. Mrs. Hylton brought out the fact that there is no Nazilsm or Com-munism on Finnish soil today and the reason Finland hates Germany is because Germany sold them out to Russia. The people are well edu-cated, 90 per cent of them being able to read and write.

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Unto Seppannen and reviewed by Mrs. B. F. Pence, the author divides the book into three parts and stresses the beauty of the language of the Finnish people in each part. Mrs. Pence told how the building of the first railroad from Leningrad to Helsinki opened a new inland trade route. She also remarked on the au-thor's unique ability to portray beauty with power.

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THE SCEPTERED ISLE

CHAPTER VIII

"This happy breed of men, this little world, This precious stone set in the silver sea Which serves it in the office of a wall, Or as a moat defensive to a house Against the envy of less happy lands; This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England."

-SHAKESPEARE. Richard II.

Sceptered Isle Is Subject For Forum Meeting

"Sceptered Isle" will be the subject of the Blue Ridge Forum meeting Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30 in the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

Mrs. J. B. Hutcherson will be leader for the day, and two books, "The Day Before" by H. M. Tomlinson and "Let the People Sing" by J. B. Priestley will be reviewed by Mrs. W. F. Menefee and Mrs. Clara Edwards, respectively.

Edwards, respectively. "The Day Before," said Mrs. Mene-fee, "is a romantic chronicle; one of the most original books in modern English fiction and one of the most baffling." She emphasized the fact that the author seemed adsorbed in his own thoughts, giving his own observations and telling of his love for England, leaving it up to the reader to interpret them. She went on to say that the characters used by the author are like disembodied voices expressing his views. The main character is a body, Clem, who becomes a reporter

body, Clem, who becomes a reporter for a large paper and covers many maneuvers, thus describing the con-ditions of that time, she explained, and giving the attitudes of the Eng-lish toward their neighbors. Mrs. Edwards, in her review of "Let the People Sing," called the book a farce with a purpose; a story of adventure combined with love interests. The author, she inbody, Clem, who becomes a reporter

love interests. The author, she in-dicated, didn't mind revealing what was wrong with the aristrocracy as well as the industrial class, and he used the community singing as a symbol of values of English life that he wanted to be preserved. Mrs. Lake Rosenburg, toast-mistress at the luncheon, conducted or state and an another back

a varied quiz program based on facts about Abraham Lincoln, Mem-bers of the winning team were Mrs. Marshall Nininger, Mrs. Clara G. Edwards and Mrs. Lacy Edgerton. Mrs. Robert Spangler gave the invocation.

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Blue Ridge Forum

Mrs. L. O. Key in introducing the subject, "Land of Lost Content," at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning, said that most of the people studied by the organization were those living in cultivated homes and countries, and it was pleasant change to turn to remote places and folly who live o remote places and folk who live

to remote places and folk who live close to the earth. "How Green Was My Valley," said Mrs. D. P. Hylton in her re-view, "tells of the customs of the people and their love of eating, especially brandy broth." It is a story of an attempt to solve eco-momic problems in a mining dis-trict she continued dealing with trict, she continued, dealing with people who are courageous, hard working and passionately fond of music. She described the book as being a poetic novel with the set-ting laid in Wales and in which is found a profound love for man-kind kind.

Miss Elizabeth Starritt emphasized the importance of the singing of these people and how their de-velopment of the "Elsteddsod," a musical festival, has come to the United States and is held in Ohio United States and is held in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Every year, she stated, hundreds of Welsh people return to their homeland for this singing. Miss Starritt mentioned the beauty of the greeness of the valley before mining came to it and told of the families who got together for singing feasts which were always followed by good food. The mountains of Kentucky are the setting for "River of Earth." reviewed by Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, a book telling of feuds and native customs of the people. Love of fam-ily is so intense that in spite of very little money, kin came and

ily is so intense that in spite of very little money, kin came and stayed indefinitely, she pointed out. The book is rich in humor, Mrs. Lynn continued, full of romance, chivalry, ambition and love. She de-soribed the characters as mild and gentle but when forced to do any-thing, able to act. The leader concluded the pro-gram by giving an account of "Be-yond Dark Hills" by Jessie Stuart, which, she said, is a story of moun-tain people of purest Anglo-Saxon who started out in Burks Garden.

who started out in Burks Garden. It is an autobiography, she stated, full of poetry.

Literary Awards To Be Subject Of Forum Program



Bue Ridge Forum A program on "Literary Awards" was given at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morn-ing in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. Marshall Nininger, her discussion of commercial box clubs and their methods, say that the book of the month club, ared with a leather library. "Now site stated, "over 2,000 people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what other people belong to literary guilds, which show we like to read what college and historical books. "Bishop of Havana" by Pendleton Hogani, is the story of a gypsy boy, said Mrs. Charles G. Steele, in her review of the book, who ran away from home when he was 6 years old. He was able to do many dif-ferent trades, though his first con-tact with the church, Mrs. Steele brought out, was when he became a erave digreer. At the age of 20 he tact with the church, Mrs. Steele brought out, was when he became a grave digger. At the age of '20 he fell madly in love with 'a dancing girl, she told, and maddened by passion of jealousy he hurled his mistress' rich lover from a terrace, and though he became a prince of the church, the stain of murder re-mained on his soul.

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mained on his soul. The bishop's knowledge of life and love, both sacred and profane, enabled him to help others to hapiness, she concluded, and this fact provides the chief interest of the book

book. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president of the club, said that the author, Pendleton Hogan, is the first Roa-noke person to have his book as the book of the month. She brought out the fact that he says he got the inspiration for his writing from Mary Roberts Rihehart and that he took his material to her for help and she advised him to write a novel instead of a short story. "Famous Literary Prizes and Their Winners" by Bessie Graham, was given by Mrs. Irad Lower. Sin-clair Lewis, she mentioned, refused the Pulitzer prize and Bernard Shaw, the Nobel prize. She brought out the fact that the originator of the Nobel prize made his money by discovering materials of destruction and that it is now being used for creative purposes.

HAT MAKES A BEST SELLER

CHAPTER X 21 YOUTH IN A BROKEN WORLD "There is no place in the world For those who love." -W. H. AUDEN.

Two Books Are Reviewed At Forum Meeting

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, president of the Blue Ridge Forum, who pre-sided at the meeting of the organization Wednesday morning, opened,

ization Wednesday morning, opened, the meeting by giving lines from Browning's "Pippa Passes." Mrs. Clara Edwards, leader for the day, in introducing the subject, "Youth and a Broken World," said she felt like punctuating it with a question mark because everyone knows that youth in all the world knows that youth in all the world is being affected at this time. In all occupied countries of Eu-

rope, she emphasized, youths of five years of age are regimented and are no longer free individuals, and in England the family circles are broken up.

are broken up. Mrs. Gordon Baker, who reviewed "Sons and Fathers," by Maurice Hindus, said that four ideas were expressed, the revolutionary, the tsarist, the liberal and the nihilist.

tsarist, the liberal and the nihilist. This book is the only novel ever written of a Russian revolution that gives a readable, impartial presen-tation of these ideas, she concluded. The play, "On the Frontier," by W. H. Auden and Christopher Ish-erwood, said Mrs. Robert Spangler, leads our hopes forward to the time when nations of the world may abol-ish their Siegfried and Maginot lines and when youth may no longer be wasted in the clash of national be wasted in the clash of national differences.



CHAPTER XI

EDUCATION OF A FIGHTING MAN



Blue Ridge Forum To Meet Wednesday

THE BLUE RIDGE Forum will meet Wednesday morning at 10:30 in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. "Education of a Fighting Man" will be the subject, and Mrs. Stanley Racke will be the

Mrs. S. Radke Is Leader Of Club Program

"Education of a Fighting Man," the subject of the Blue Ridge Forum program Wednesday morning, was presented in the reviews of two books, "No Arms, No Armour," by Robert Henriques, and "On a Dark-ling Plain," by Wallace Stegner. Mrs. W. F. Menefee in reviewing the first book, said that it deals with the spiritual side of life and is a metaphysical novel. There are mo-ments in our lives, she emphasized, preparing us for death which is the fullness of life.

"On a Darkling Plain," remarked Mrs. J. M. Richardson, is the story of a man who finds himself drifting, so finally makes his way to the plains where he tries to find himself. On a desert plain, she pointed out, he discovers his need of human beings, there meets a girl and finds that he not only needs other people hut that other people need him.

but that other people need him. She concluded her review by say-ing "we cannot live unto ourselves, neither can we die unto ourselves

Mrs. Stanley Radke, program leader, brought out the fact that England needed America today, and in speak-ing of the English people, said that there is no distinction of class in England today, they are all working for the good of their country. The president, Miss Elizabeth Star-

ritt, concluded the program with some remarks from "In Quest of Contentment" by Marjorie Greenbie. She remarked that the essence of love is not in being loved but in hat love can give.

CHAPTER XII

MAN'S UNENDING QUEST

. . a cry toward something dim in distance, which is higher than I am and makes me emperor of the endless dark even in seeking." -MAXWELL ANDERSON. Winterset.

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Mrs. R. L. Lynn Named Head **DfForum Work**

Mrs. R. Lee Lynn Was elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning when the or-ganization met in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Other officers elected were Mrs. Stanley Radke, vice-president; Mrs. Stanley Radke, vice-president; Mrs. F. P. Hurt, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Bush, treasurer; Mrs. Irad Lower, Mrs. Irvin Brinkley and Mrs. Rob-ert Spangler, members of the Seminar. Seminar.

Seminar. Mrs. B. F. Pence, in leading the program on "Man's Unending Quest," said that the quest of spirit is universal, basing her remarks on "What I Believe" by Sholem Asch. She emphasized the fact that the life of Christ has become a most important factor in our civilization. "As a Driven Leaf" by Milton has as its main character, Elishas, said Mrs. Brinkley, and his life is both

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a parable for our time and the timeless story of a man's quest for the true philosophy of life. In reviewing "The Nazarene" by Sholem Asch, Mrs. Hurt described it as being a novel based on the life of Jesus Christ. It took the author thirty years to write it, she pointed out, and he had to travel extensively in Palestine to get his material. It is more than a novel, she declared, it is a history. Mrs. Pence closed her program by giving two original poems on "Spring."

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Miss Elizabeth Starritt, outgoing president, summarized the course for the year "Adventures in Read-

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New officers of the Blue Ridge Forum elected Wednesday morning at the regular meeting of the group are: seated, Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, left, and Mrs. Robert Spangler, member of the Seminar, right. Standing are Mrs. Stanley Radke, vice-president; Mrs. F. P. Hurt, secretary; and Mrs. Irvin Brinkley, mem-ber of the Seminar. Officers absent when the picture was taken were Mrs. Irad Lower, chairman of the Seminar, and Mrs. E. L. Bush, treasurer. (Times Staff Photo-Huffman). The last meeting of the year of the Blue Ridge Forum will be held at the Thurman and Boone assembly room Wednesday morning at 10:30. Mrs. Lake Rosenberg will be leader of the program which is on "Broad-way in Beview" way in Review

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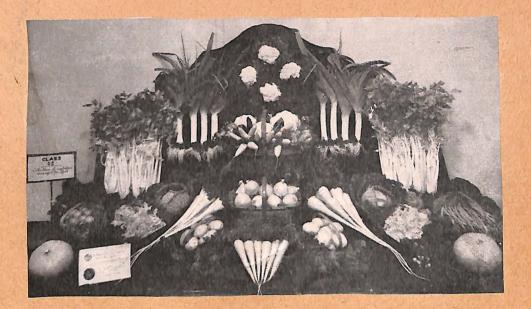
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Blue Ridge Forum Studies South America

A general study of the continent of South America was begun by members of the Blue Ridge Forum at their first fall meeting yester-

at their first fall meeting yester-day morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. Lacy Edgerton, program leader, told of the contrast in the backgrounds of the United States and the countries of Latin Amer-ica, noting the resulting difference in their forms of demonstrate

ica, noting the resulting difference in their forms of democracy. Mrs. D. P. Hilton, in reviewing the book, "Whither Latin Amer-ica," by Tannenbaum, gave a panoramic view of the industrial, financial, political, social and agri-cultural aspects of the continent, and demonstrated by the use of and demonstrated by the use of a map, its varied topography. A description of the different types of people was given by Mrs. Irad Lower.

During an open forum members During an open lorum members discussed current events and pres-ent-day trends in the southern-continent. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, critic, spoke of the interchange-ability of words in language. The new president, Mrs. R. Lee Lyin, presided over the business session, at which time Miss Sarah Ann Lyon was voted in as a new

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October

Blue Ridge Forum

"Inter-American Relations" was the topic of the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, program leader, basing her outline on the book, "The All American Front," by Aikman, contrasted the cultural, religious and racial backgrounds of the two Americas and told of the movement in Latin America to overcome illiteracy as a step towards

come illiteracy as a step towards greater social progress. Mrs. Stanley Radke, in reviewing the book, "The Good Neighbors," by Goetz and Fry, enumerated the many and varied resources of the southern continent, and explained the conditions preceding the time the conditions preceding the time of the Monroe doctrine.

A good neighbor tour of the Pan American Union was discussed by Mrs. Irving Brinkley, who described the climate as ranging from trop-ical levels to the ice and snow of mountains. She also told of the trend to closer economic ties between the Americas.

Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, presided over the business session, when plans were made for a luncheon to follow the next meeting, on November 12.

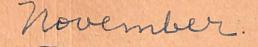
Mrs. Charles Steele was elected vice-president to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.

Blue Ridge Forum

Blue Ridge Forum "Inter-American Relations" will be the subject by members of the Blue Ridge forum Wednesday morn-ing at 10:30 in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Miss Eliza-beth Starritt will be program leader. Mrs. Stanley F. Radke will give a review of "The Good Neighbors" by Goepz and Fry. Mrs. Irving Brinkley will tell of a good-neighbor tour of will tell of a good-neighbor tour of the Pan-American union.

Mrs. Menefee Leads Program At Forum Meet

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Argentina Is Discussed At Blue Ridge Forum Meeting

studied at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone as-

sembly room. Mrs. Hurt, reviewing the book, "Introduction to Argentina," by Waddell, spoke of the bureau of personal service through which Argentina caters to visitors' every need, from guides and escort serv-ice to procuring a doctor, secretary or servant.

Mrs. Charles Steele, in a discus-sion of Argentina taken from Carr's "South American Primer," explained the country's conflict between agri-cultural and industrial dominance. Buenos Aires, called the Chicago of the South, was pictured by Mrs. Marshall Nininger, who described its wide streets, absence of slums,

Its wide streets, absence of slums, gorgeous flowers and elaborate public buildings. Critic, Miss Elizabeth Starritt, gave a lesson in pronunciations. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, pre-sided over the meeting and told some facts about Columbus, Amer-ica's discoverer.

some facts about countries, Amer-ica's discoverer. Following the meeting, forum members and their guests adjourn-ed to the Patrick Henry hotel for a luncheon, which through decora-tions, music, and exhibits trans-ported the guests to Mexico. Mrs. J. M. Richardson, toastmistress, de-J. M. Richardson, toastmistress, de-scribed her recent trip to Mexico and showed moving pictures taken there. She spoke of Mexico as "A Faraway Land Nearby." Mrs. Frank Memefee pronounced the invoca-tion and guests were welcomed by Mrs. Lunp.

tion and guests were welcomed by Mrs. Lynn. Mrs. Irving Brinkley, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Starrit, sang "South of the Border." Guests of forum members for the occasion were Mrs. T. J. Hughes, Mrs. Ernest Fishburn, Mrs. A. E. Moescher, Mrs. A. J. Bennett, Mrs. Felix Parker, Mrs. E. P. Carder, Mrs. Preston Jordan, Mrs. J. Luther Sieber, Mrs. Claude Dickerson, Mrs. Wallace Reynolds, Mrs. Gifford Gobson, Mrs. George P. Hamlin, Mrs. S. H. Huff, Mrs. R. T. Boswell, Mrs. Harry Cod

Mrs. F. P. Hurt was program leader and "Argentina" the subject Antrim. Antrim.

Arrangements for the luncheon were in charge of Mrs. Charles Steele and her committee, consisting of Mrs. E. L. Bush, Mrs. F. P. Hurt, Mrs. A. D. Miller, Mrs. Mar-shall Nininger and Mrs. J. A. Beoddy.



December

Leads Program.

At Forum Meet

"Brazil" was the subject of study at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

murman and Boone assemply room. Mrs. A. D. Miller, program leader, named resources, size and problems of race assimilation as points in common between Brazil and the United States. She also reviewed the book "I Like Brazil," by Jack

Harding, an entertaining and hum-

orous narration of the adventures of the author and his wife in Bra-

orous narration of the adventures of the author and his wife in Bra-zil. Mrs. B. F. Pence, discussing "Sev-en Keys to Brazil," by Kelsey, told of the Portuguese explorers who preceded Columbus, and gave the meanings of important Brazilian names. She described the book as a "reference library" on Brazil, since it gives detailed explanations of the seven localities which make up the mosiac of Brazil. Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, telling of a good neighbor tour of the Pan Amer-ican Union, spoke of Brazils saga of coffee, and her 40,000 coffee plan-tations. Mrs. Robert Spangler gave a word picture of Rio de Janeiro. A drill in pronunciations was con-ducted by Miss Elizabeth Starritt. Preceding the program, Mrs. J. M. Richardson told a Christmas story, "If I Had Not Come." Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, pre-sided over the meeting, which is the only one to be held in Decem-ber.

Mrs. Miller

Blue Ridge Forum Hears Books Reviewed

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Mrs. L. O. Key in introducing the subject, "Land of Lost Con-tent," at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday morning, said that most of the people studied by the organization were those living in cultivated homes and countries, and it was pleastn change to turn to remote places and folk who live close to the earth.

"How Green Was My Valley," said Mrs. D. P. Hylton in her re-view, "tells of the customs of the people and their loves of eating, especially brandy broth."

Miss Elizabeth Starritt empha-Miss Elizabeth Starritt empha-sized the importance of singing by these people and told how their development of the "Eistedd-sod," a musical festival, has come to the United States and is held in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The mountains of Kentucky are the setting for "River of Earth," reviewed by Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, a book telling of feuds and native customs of the people.

The leader concluded the pro-gram by giving an account of "Be-yond Dark Hills" by Jessie Stuart, which, she said, is a story of moun-tain people of purest Anglo-Saxon who started out in Burks Garden.



Stanley Radke, program leader, de-scribed Chile as a country of contrasts and told of its three divi-sions, three classes and its practical plan of teaching trades in the edu-

Blue Ridge Forum

Members of the Blue Ridge Fo-rum studied Chile at their meeting

Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs.

cational system. "Two Thousand Miles in Chile," by E. C. May, was reviewed by Mrs. J. M. Richardson, who discussed the Chilean impressions of North Americans, as disclosed in this nar-rative of travel. Mrs. Lacy Edger-ton described Santiago, the capital city, and Valparaiso, picturesque hillside seaport. During the open forum, questions regarding the re-lation of Chile to the United States in the present South American conference were discussed.

Preceding the program, Mrs. Mar-shall Nininger talked on current events, from the Survey of Religious Life and Thought. A study of pronunciation and the use of words was led by Miss Elizabeth Starritt, critic. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, presided over the meeting.

February.

Forum Program Led Wednesday By Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Clara Edwards was program leader at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room, when three small South American countries, Uruguay, Para-

hly room, when three small South American countries, Uruguay, Para-guay, and Bolivia, and thier turbu-tent mingled history were studied. Uruguay, discussed by Mrs. Ed-wards, was described as up-to-date and progressive, with efficient gov-enment and educational system, and a temperate climate which makes it a popular summer resort. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn told about Para-guay, "inland island," a warlike country, but dramatic, romantic and colorful. Bolivia, with no sea coast and with topographical dif-ticulties, was pictured by Mrs. D. P. Hylton as a country of revolu-tions and bloodshed. A lesson on "weary," overworked words was conducted by the critic, Miss Elizabeth Starritt, who men-tioned "get" and "very" as the most over-used words in the Eng-lish language.





Blue Ridge Forum

Two book reviews were given yes-terday morning at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held in the Thurman and Boone assembly

room. Mrs. J. A. Beoddy reviewed "Im-portance of Woman" by Hortense Odlum, and Mrs. Marshall Nininger reviewed "Soong Sisters" by Emily

Hahn. Mrs. Nininger illustrated her re-view with a number of figurines and appointments in miniature ex-hibited to depict the customs and life in China. Preceding the program Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, president, conducted a book quiz and Mrs. A. D. Miller gave a resume of current events in the world today. Mrs. B F. Pence was program leader.

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Forum Program Is Led By Mrs. Steele

Mrs. Charles Steele was leader of the program on Peru at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

In her discussion of the book, "Fire on the Andes," by Beals, Mrs. Steele told of Peru's three zones of desert, jungle and mountain.

of desert, jungle and mountain. She described Peru as a country of antiquity, which at the same time has produced something very modern in the form of the APRA a youth movement advocating a eneral program of reform. The second strength of the second ancient inca civilization, the Span-tandmarks of Peru's history, the ancient inca civilization, the Span-tandmarks of Peru's history, the ancient inca civilization, the Span-tandmarks of Peru's history, the second second strength of the second comment. Thina, City of Kings, was de-scribed by Mirs Irving Brinkley as a combination of the ancient and the new. She told of the remark-able preservation of the Inca tem-ples, Before the program, Mirs, Erinkley sang "Estrellita," by Man-ule Ponce, as arranged by La Forge. abeth Starritt.



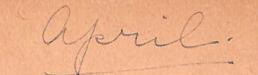
Mrs. Spangler Leads **Program for Forum**

Mrs. Robert Spangler was leader of a program on Ecuador and Colombia at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday in the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

"The Donkey Inside," by Bemelmans, was reviewed by Mrs. A. D. Miller, who described the book as a "humorous fantasy" dealing with Ecuador, disclosing its primitive Indian manner of life, its super-

stition and prevalent propaganda. Mrs. Frank P. Hurt told of Co-lumbia's city of Bogota and the air lines which have helped to surmount its geographical difficul-ties. She also described the ba-nana plantations of Colombia.

A committee composed of Mrs. B. F. Pence, Mrs. Leonard O. Key and Mrs. Gordon Baker recommended a series on Adventures in Reading for next year's course of study, which was adopted.



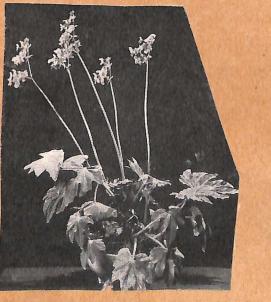


Mrs. Lower Leads Forum Program

Mrs. Irad Lower led the pro-gram on "Adventures in Read-ing" at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday morning in the Thurman and Boone as-sembly room. She reviewed Kathrene Pinkerton's book "Two Ends to Our Shoe-string," an au-tobiographical story of a husband and wife, both writers, who had a successful, adventurous life without settling down. Mrs. Lacy Edgerton told the

Mrs. Laty Eugenon too the story of George Sand, from the book "Romantic Rebel," by Feli-zia Seyd, showing how her books parallel the history of France dur-ing the years of her career. Two Chopin numbers, the E Ma-

jor Etude. Opus 10, Number 3, and the Minute Walse, were play-ed by Mrs. Whitwell W. Coxe. The critic, Miss Elizabeth Star-ritt, made a short talk on proper enunciation.





Mrs. L. O. Key New Head Of Forum Women

Mrs. L. O. Key was elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning when the group met in the Thurman and Boone

met in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. A. D. Miller was named vice-president; Mrs. I r a d Lower, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Bush, treas-urer; and Mrs. Clara Edwards, chairman of Seminar, with Mrs. Marshal Nininger and Mrs. R. Lee Lynn as Seminar members. A program on "Venezuela" was directed by Mrs. Marshall Nininger. "Gomez, Tyrant of the Andes," is a book portraying horrors, brutality and cruelty, but which gives an in-sight into the development of the nation, said Mrs. Lynn, in her re-

sight into the development of the nation, said Mrs. Lynn, in her re-view of the book. Mrs. L. O. Key, in speaking of "Young Man of Caracas," by T. R. Ybarra, pointed out that the pur-pose of it is to give the United States a better understanding of the conbetter understanding of the conditions in Venezuela.

Blue Ridge Forum

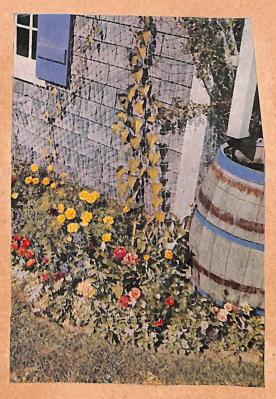
"The Novel of Manners North and South" was the subject of the program at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room, this being the first of several programs on adventures in reading which will be interspersed in the course of study on South America.

America. Mrs. Leonard Key, program lead-er, discussed Ellen Glasgow's book "In This Our Life" as depicting the southern angle of the subject. She described the book as having beau-tiful style and clear cut character delineation, but giving a severe por-trayal of the characters as Virginians.

A picture of northern environment and manners was given by Mrs. Irad Lower in her review of Marquand's book, "H. L. Pulham, Esq." the story of a man who always did "the right thing," no matter what the cost to himself. It was agreed in the discussion period that, from the viewpoint of an author, Mar-quand is kinder to the people of the north than Ellen Glasgow is to the south.

"Wild Is the River," Bromfield's latest novel, was reviewed by Mrs. J. W. Boswell, who described it as a picture of degenerative forces at

a picture of degenerative forces at work in a sordid environment. The critic, Miss Elizabeth Star-ritt, conducted a drill in pronuncia-tions. Preceding the program, Mrs. D. P. Hylton told of her recent trip by plane through the West. It was voted to make a contribu-tion to the Red Cross from the treasury. The president, Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, presided over the meeting.



May.



Forum Women Entertained At Luncheon Meet

A program on Pearl Buck featured the guest day, which was the final meeting of the season of the Blue Ridge Forum, on Wednesday morning in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. D. P. Hylton, program leader, told of her background as the daughter of missionaries in China and her career as an author.

as an author. Her book, "Dragon Seed," was reviewed by Mrs. W. F. Menefee, who disclosed it as the tragic ac-ount of a Chinese family follow-ing the Japanese invasion. Mrs. Gordon Baker, discussing the book "Of Men and Women," described it as a study of contrasting rela-tionships between men and women in China and America. Preceding the program, Mrs. Irving Brinkley talked on current events pertaining to the activities of women in the present war.

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vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Miller;

secretary, Mrs. Irad Lower; treas-

urer, Mrs. E. L. Bush; seminar, Mrs. Clara Edwards, chairman and Mrs.

R. Lee Lynn, and Mrs. Marshail Nininger; parliamentarian, Miss

Blanche Deal; critic, Miss Elizabéth Starritt; historian, Mrs. Fred E. Willman; roll-keeper, Mrs. J. C. Snaveley; time-keeper, Mrs. Charles Steele, and reporter, Mrs. Stanley

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Mrs. Key Entertains Officers of Forum

Mrs. L. O. Key entertained the President, Mrs. officers of the Blue Ridge Forum at vice-president, M her home yesterday afternoon.

her home yesterday atternoon. Announcement was made that the year's work will be based on the fifteenth series of "Adventures in Reading," issued by the extension division of the University of North Carolina, and compiled by Agatha Boyd Adams, formerly of Roanoke.

Yearbooks may be secured from Mrs. Clara Edwards, Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, or Mrs. Marshall Nininger, members of the seminar, it was reported.

The first meeting of the Forum will be held on September 23, at 10:30 o'clock in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. "A Poet and a Critic Look at Life" will be the a office block at the will be the subject. Miss Elizabeth Starritt will discuss "The Opinions of Oliver Allston," by VanWyck Brooks. Mrs. Fred E. Williams will discuss "The Dust Which Is God," by William Rose Benet.

Officers for the coming year, elected in the spring, are:

LIVING

I have not lived and reached that place called fame,

But I have lived, and have not lived in vain.

For am not I the mother of a son

Whose work shall carry on when I am gone? Who knows perhaps that he shall see,

More wondrous things than have been shown to me.

And seeing, love the lowly things of earth,

The rain upon the hills, a cottage hearth.

The wind swept plains, a flower growing wild,

The songs of mating birds, a little child,

And know that God still reigns supreme

In spite of war and war lords' dreams,

Then dying know that he shall live again,

And too shall say-I have not lived in vain.

Ella Weber Walker

Blue Ridge Forum Will Meet Tomorrow

"A Poet and a Critic Look at Life" will be the program theme at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum tomorrow morning at 10:30 at

Forum tomorrow morning at 10:30 at Thurman and Boone Assembly room. Mrs. Leonard O. Key, presi-dent, will preside at this, the first meeting of the fall. Miss Elizabeth Starritt will re-view "Opinions of Oliver Allston," by Van Wyck Brooks, and "The Dust Which Is God," by William Rose Benet, will be reviewed by Mrs. Fred E. Willman. Mrs. Clara Edwards, Mrs. B. Lee

Mrs. Clara Edwards,. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn and Mrs. Marshall will distribute the year books.

Miss Starritt, Mrs. Willman **Review Books**

Mrs. Clara Edwards was leader of the program on the theme, "A Poet and a Critic Look at Life". at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held this morning at Thurman and Boone Assembly room.

man and Boone Assembly room. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, in her re-view of Van Wyck Brooks' "The Opinions of Oliver Allston", de-scribed it as a thinly-disguised autobiography of the author. She said, "It is called Brooks' revenge on the critics. In it he describes himself as a man who likes plain and direct thought, one that be-lieves in truth, and prefers the simple life to the gay one. From this book we learn that the author is a shy, sensitive person, very well read on all subjects." This book contains many pungent ideas and contains many purgent ideas and to be digested must be read a chap-ter at a time, Miss Starritt explained.

Speaking of William Rose Benet's "The Dust Which Is God", Mrs. Fred E. Willman said, "It is a monument in verse. Critics say any review must be most un-happily inadequate". She ex-plained that this book includes numerous verses describing the family life and the home of the author, whom he calls Raymond Fernandez. All characters are accurate portrayals of famous people.

The meeting opened with the sing-ing of the National Anthem, for which Miss Starritt was accom-panist. Mrs. Percy C. Hancock, a panist. Mrs. Percy C. Hancock, a new member, was introduced. The group decided that future meetings would be held on the second Wed-nesday of each month instead of alternate Wednesday, as has been the custom, and that the year's study program would end in June. The November meeting will be held the first Wednesday because the regular meeting day that month falls on Armistice day.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, with Mrs. Frank Menefee, program leader, assisted by Mrs Irving Brinkley and Mrs. F. P Hurt.

Mrs. Willman Gives Review At Club Meet

Mrs. Fred E. Willman gave a review of "The Dust Which is God," at the meeting of the Roanoke at the meeting of the ROADORE Study club held Monday at the Patrick Henry. She explained that the book was an autobiography in verse of American life for the past 50 years. Enterwoven in the story are the lives of some of the lead-ing contemporary literary figures including Elinor Wylie, Kathleen Norris, Christopher Morley, the au-thor's brother. Steven Vincent Benet, and many others. Mrs. Willman told the group that

Benet, and many others. Mrs. Willman told the group that blank verse was used in writing the book, but sometime the narrative was suspended and the poet breaks into lyric poems. All kind of verse is used, said Mrs. Willman, by the author to bring out his purpose. The ending of the book shows the growth of the man's soul, which brings out the title, taken from the poem "Swinburne Herta." Following the review Mrs. Will-

Following the review Mrs. Will-man lead a discussion group and members asked questions about the book.

OCTOBER



Tact is the knack of keeping quiet at the right time; of being so agreeable yourself that no one can be disagreeable to you; of making inferiority feel like equality. A tactful man can pull the stinger from a bee without getting stung.

-GEORGE HORACE LORIMER: Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to his Son. (Small, Maynard.)

Roanoker Appointed Member of Regional **Girl Scout Council**

Blue Ride Forum Will Meet Wednesday

Will Meet wednesday "The Continuing People" will be the theme of the program for the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum which will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 in Thurman and Boone assembly room. The books, "The Century Was Young," by Louis Aragon, and "A Leaf in the Storm," by Lin Yutang, will be reviewed.

Books Studied By Forum Group

"The Continuing People," the subject of the Blue Ridge Forum program Wednesday morning, was presented in the form of two book reviews. "The Century Was Young," by Louis Aragon, and "A Leaf in the Storm," by Lin Yutang. The leader, Mrs. W. Frank Mene-fee, in her opening remark, said the destiny of nations depends on individual character. Back of every good piece of literature is the indi-vidual.

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Vidual. Mrs. Irving Brinkley reviewed "The Century Was Young," a novel dealing with the decay of France. The book is a study of national characters as the root of national strength or weakness. "A Lost in the Storm" deals with

"A Leaf in the Storm," deals with the reasons back of the indestruct-ible spirit of China. Mrs. Hurt, who reviewed the book, said the novel

is the story of war-torn China. Mrs. L. O. Key, presided at the business session when the names of Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mrs. Foun-

Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mrs. Foun-tain Chapman were presented to the Forum for membership. Miss Elizabeth Starritt, the club critic, conducted a drill in pronun-ciations. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 4.



-Parker Studio

Mrs. W. F. Menefee, above, has been appointed a member of the regional council of Girl Scouts, it was learned here today by Miss Mil-dred B. Turner, secretary of the local Girl Scouts. In this position Mrs. Menefee will Serve as a council consultant

In this position Mrs. Menetee will serve as a council consultant and assist Girl Scout organizations in this vicinity with their activities. She will also attend the regional meetings in Washington. Mrs. Menefee is the first person from Southwest Virginia to be chosen for this perition in the re

chosen for this position in the region which includes Pennsylvania. Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia.

Mrs. Menefee has been active in Mrs. Menetee has been active in Girl Scout work since 1938 when she was chosen chairman of the training committee. In January, 1942 she became a Girl Scout com-missioner and president of the board of directors of the Girl Scouts in Reanche in Roanoke.



NOVEMBER

John Dos Pas. Book Is Reviewed

"If we can keep the fabric of a self-governing public unbroken at home we are in no danger from the attacks of the slave states in Europe and Asia. If we can't, everything we as Americanc have stood for from the beginning will have been in vain," said John Dos Passos in his book "The Ground We Stand On." This book was reviewed this morning at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum ' at Hotel Patrick Henry. It shows the author as a person who possesses a strong belief in freedom and in the settlement of disputes by the vote of the majority, instead of the communist he is considered by some critics, Mrs. Irad Lower said. In this book he emphasizes the groundwork of our nation so ably laid by Madison, Jefferson, Franklin and others. The book opens with the thought, "Every generation rewrites the past," and it is developed in the book. Mrs. E. L. Bush was the program leader for the meeting, the theme of which was "Roots of a Nation." Mrs. Charles Steele read "Lincoln's Dream" by Eidgely Torrence. In

Mrs. E. L. Bush was the program leader for the meeting, the theme of which was "Roots of a Nation." Mrs. Charles Steele read "Lincoln's Dream," by Ridgely Torrence. In this poem Lincoln's life as he might have dreamed it is portrayed. The conditions described in the poem are strikingly like those of the present day.

Mrs. Leonard O. Key, president of the group, read Stephen Benet's poem, "Thomas Jefferson,"

Life Life is a winding highway With milestones set for years; Here and there are the toll gates, But tolls are paid in tears.

The road is rough and dreary, But flowers strew the way; Look up and see the beauty, Before the close of day.

Dwell not upon the roughness, Enjoy the scenes aroun'; Get out of life all joy due, And cast your troubles down.

Life is just a step or two Along this rugged road; So pick the roses by the way, And lighten up your load.

Point out to friends along the way, The beauties all around; Look beyond the stony highway, Where the joys are profound.



Ancestry

BY EMILY DICKINSON

The pedigree of honey Does not concern the bee; A clover, any time, to him Is aristocracy.

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PECEMBER

So Many Things Are Lost

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

So MANY things are lost along the way: Laughter, too often, and the silver light Across the fields where little children play, And bright quick gladness . . . But, O Heart, tonight, Let us be young for the little Christ Child's sake. Let us again look out of youthful eyes With the joyous thrill of one who lies awake, Waiting for morning with its glad surprise.

The splendor still abides; the Child is there. The same road takes its followers to him. The Star still sheds its light upon the air . . . God, God, the pity that our eyes grow dim, And lose the glory. Help us, Lord, retrieve The radiance of childhood's Christmas Eve.

Middle West Io Be Discussed At Forum Meeting

A program on the Middle West "Americana" was presented to the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning in the form of two book reviews, lead by Mrs. J. A. Beaddy. Mrs. Gordon Baker reviewed "Is-land in the Corn" by John Selby, bringing out that the book is a well balanced picture of Wisconsin and Minnesota in the eighties and nine-ties. The scene of the novel is laid in the towns and cities of the great Middle-North of America during the time when there was provincialism time when there was provincialism and narrowness but also a leisure, grace and flavor that is not found

grace and flavor that is not found there now. "Birds of the Wilderness" by Vin-cent Sheean was reviewed by Mrs. A. D. Miller. The book, said Mrs. Miller, is a semi-autobiographical novel of adolescence. It is also a portrayal of life in the Middle West. The background is laid in a German community in Illinois in the critical year of the Wilson-Hughes cam-paign, with America on the brink of war. of war.

Preceding the program a poem, "Lead Kindly Light," was read by Mrs. L. O. Key. The club members joined in the singing of Christmas arols

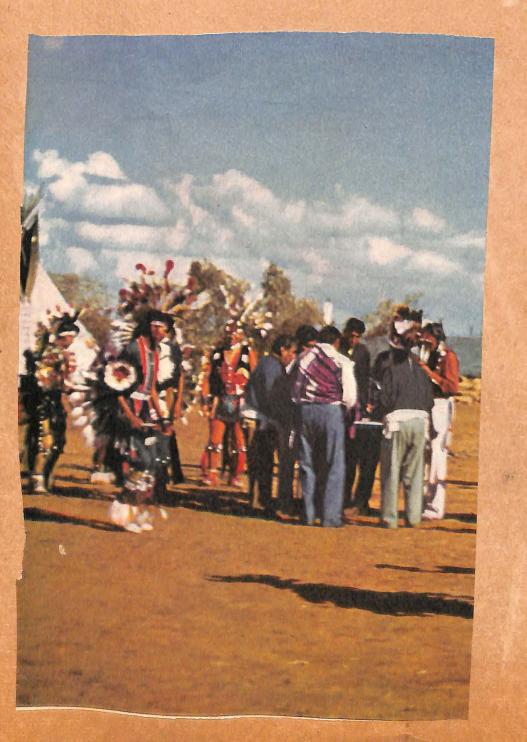
JANUARY

Blue Ridge Forum Studies Australia

Journey to the Antipodes" was the theme of the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held yesterday at the Thurman and Boone assembly room.

bly room. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn was program leader with Mrs. Marietta Spangler and Mrs. Clara Edwards reviewing books on Australia.

The speakers, discussing the history and settlement of the continent, called attention to the fact that it has an area almost equal to that of the United States and the population is less than that of New York city. Most of the people live in the cities on the coast, hence the interior is sparsely populated, mainly with primitive peoples. Only the white race is permitted to enter the country, hence 99 per cent of the population is white.



FEBRUARY

Blue Ridge Forum Studies Indians

"Conquistadors and Indians" was the theme of the program at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held yesterday morning at Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. Irad B. Lower was the leader. Mrs. Marshall Nininger discussed "At the Moon's Inn," by Andrew Lytle, describing it as historically the story of Hernando de Soto and his conquest of Peru as well as his later exploration of Florida. The book concludes with the discovery of the Mississippi river and De Soto's death.

"Broad and Alien Is the World," by Ciro Alegeria, which is a modern story of the Indian in Peru, covering the years 1912 to 1927. The book tells of the community form of government, the love of the people for their native land and explains the superstitions. It describes the gradual conquests of the Spanish, their destruction of community life, and their enslavement of the Peruvian Indians às we know them today.

Mrs. Fountain Chapman and Mrs. Earl Cotton are new members of the Blue Ridge Forum, it was announced at the meeting.

The March meeting will be devoted to, "Auras of Delight," with Mrs. D. P. Hylton as leader. Book reviews of "The Land of Spices," by Kate O'Brien, and "The Days Grow Cold," by Barbara Tunnell Anderson, will be given by Miss Elizabeth Starritt and Mrs. Stanley Radke. The Blue Ridge Forum will meet Wednesday morning at 10:30 at Thurman and Boone Assembly room. "Auras of Delight" will be the program theme and the books, "The Land of Spices", by Kate O'Brien, and "The Days Grow Cold", by Barbara Tunnell Anderson, will be reviewed.

Forum Reviews Books At Meet Held Yesterday

"The Land of Spices", by Kate O'Brien, is the story of a young girl who suffers severe psychological shock but is able to achieve a strong integrated personality, rather than succumb to its weakening influence, Mrs. Stanley Radke told the members of the Blue Ridge Forum at the meeting yesterday. It is a novel of character. The subject is taken from a poem, "Prayer", by George Herbert.

Miss Elizabeth Starritt, who gave a review of "The Days Grow Cold", by Barbara Tunnell Anderson, said, "in this book we see a small town in the deep South through the eyes of a lonely child." She commented that a surprising number of poignant and barbed remarks are packed into this little story of Lucinda. Both of these novels deal with acute perceptions of sensitive

youths. The subject for the program, in charge of Mrs. D. P. Hylton, was "Auras of Delight". Mrs. Hylton read several children's poems by Daniel O'Connor, a contemporary

Mrs. L. O. Key, president of the club, closed the meeting by reading the poem, "Under the Clothes", by Madeline Nightingale.

COURAGE

By Clarence Edwin Flynn

The things one must be brave to meet

Are not the mad storm's breath, The thunder of stampeding feet, The belching guns of death.

They are a cynic's silent sneers, The questions of the wise, Truth's piercing probe, a woman's tears,

A child's heart-searching eyes.

APRIL

Blue Ridge Forum Committees Named By Mrs. L. O. Key

Mrs. L. O. Key, president of the Blue Ridge Forum, which met yesterday, appointed the following members on the nominating committee to present a slate of officers for election at the next meeting: Mrs. Stanley F. Radke, chairman, Mrs. R. Lee Lynn, and Mrs. W. F. Menefee.

A committee composed of Miss Blanche Deal, chairman, Mrs. Fred E. Willman, and Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, was appointed to review a number of books and present to the forum at the next meeting suggestions for the study program for next year.

Mrs. B. F. Pence was leader of the program which was on "Men Against Weather". By way of introduction Mrs. Pence brought out the fact that the trivialities of every day life which seem of great importance to human beings acquire an inconsequential meaning when a person takes time to meditate in a peaceful atmosphere created by the elements and conditions of nature.

Mrs. Charles Steele, who gave a review of George Stewart's book "Storm," said that it is a well written scientific drama which describes the conflict between humanity and the forces of nature. It brings out

the strong feeling of the interdependence of man and nature. The story centers around the powerful influence exerted by a storm, which was small but it left the Japanese coast, and gained momentum as it progressed southward, terminating on the coast of Mexico. The force of this storm necessitated that man use his ingenuity to keep the transportation and communication lines functioning satisfactorily.

"Ocean," by James Hanley, was reviewed by Mrs. L. O. Key. She said it is the story of the experiences of men who were adrift on a raft after their ship, Aurora, had been torpedoed. It is a brief ard intense novel by a young Irishman which suggests the mood of the well-known American classic "Moby Dick."

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Honoring Mrs. L.O. Key

June Ramblings Melody in J Buzzing Bees

June Footnotes On Wings of Song In Pensive Mood

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(Dedicated to the <u>Blue Ridge Fortm</u>)

"Aurora" - Goddess of the Dawn Drove her charlot across the Heavens blue, And left for us a priceless heritage, To guide our first years Delphian studies through.

Days came and went - and years and months morphed on -Those bits of "Time" that God gave from the sky. And as the world wagged nonchalantly on. Your Blue Ridge Delphian Star rose - by and by.

We stood before the portais of the mind -Tall mitts columns on our "Houseof-Life" -And gathered courage from the Bards of earth To enter in - and banish storm and strife.

We tasted doop of Delphian's rare vials. And broke them - one by one with eager hands; And many a post, writer, sage, took us on far-off journeys to strange lands!

We climbed the Artists golden stairway fair, That lad us into mystic shadows too, And shared with him those inmost thoughts sublime -That made his "Make-Believe" same almost true.

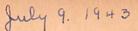
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Mrs. Brinkley to Entertain Today For Few Members of Forum

President Gives Luncheon

President Gives Luncheon Mrs. Irving Brinkley, president of the Blue Ridge Forum, is tertaining today with a luncheon at 12 o'clock at her home on Rosalind avenue. The guest list will include the immediate past president, the directors, members of the seminar, and the special chair-men of the Forum. Summer flowers will be used as decorations.

There is an almost unbearable sadness in reading about European countries a generation or so ago. Each had its own distinctive way of life, its local customs, climates and peculiarities. Of course there were local radicals and malcontents, but on the whole the scene was a fair one. In most of its aspects it is now gone forever.

Blue Ridge Forum "Europe As It Was" will be the subject of the program of the Blue Ridge Forum when it meets Wednesday, September 22, in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. Irving Brinkley, new president, will preside over the business meeting.

Mrs. L. O. Key, leader for the day, will review "Mission to the North" by Florence Jaffray Harriman. Others on the program will be Mrs. P. C. Hancock, who will re-view the book "The House I Knew," by Elizabeth Neilson, and Mrs. J. A. Broddy, "Polish Profile," by Vir-gilia Sapieha.

Mrs. Marshall Nininger will read her poem which received honorable mention at Chautauqua Lake this summer.



(Photo-Harris studio) MRS. D. P. HYLTON, recently elected president of the Roa-noke Woman's club, will preside at the meeting of the club at the clubhouse tomorrow afternoon at 3. John B. Hughes, radio commen-tator, will be the guest speaker. The executive board will meet at 1 preceding the meeting.

Mrs. Steele Leader **Of Blue Ridge Forum**

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The next meeting will be held October 13. The leader will be Mrs. R. L. Lynn.





Forum Meet The Blue Ridge Forum will meet Wednesday at 10:30 at the Thurman and Boone assembly room. The Old South Becomes the New South will be discussed, with Mrs. R. L. Lynn as leader.

Mrs. S. F. Radke will discuss Edwain S. Alderman by Dumas Malone, and "Lanterns on the Levy" by William Alexander Percy will be re-viewed by Miss Elizabeth Stairrett. Miss Blanche Deal will have the current events program.

Blue Ridge Forum Hears Book Reviews

Elizabeth Starritt gave book reviews at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held Wednesday morning at Thurman and Boone's assembly room.

Mrs. Radke, who reviewed, "Edwin A. Alderman," by Malone told the group he was a true southern educator. He was president of three famous colleges, yet his best work was probably done as a North Carolina school teacher. He was an orator, and was chosen to give the memorial address on Woodrow Wil-

memorial address on woodrow Wil-son, she said. Virginia and North Carolina are indebted to Mr. Alderman, the first president of the University of Vir-ginia, for invaluable contributions in the field of education, she added, and characterized him as friendly, fair, just and an outstanding diplomat.

mat. In reviewing "Lanterns on the Levee" by Percy, Miss Starritt told of the delta and it's folks, bring-ing the Old South up-to-date, by explaining the New. Some of the things she told the group of are the Ku Klux Klan; travel in the South; and the life of the people. The subject of the meeting was "The Old South Becomes the New." Percy, who was a lawyer, phi-losopher and enthusiastic gardener, described the flood of 1927 and ex-

Mrs. Stanley Radke, and Miss plained that it was largely responsible for unifying the various classes of people who live in the Delta country.

Miss Starritt lead the group in patriotic songs, and Mrs. Fred Will-

man was the morning critic. Mrs. Marshall Nininger spoke on Fire Prevention, and Mrs. Earl Cotton spoke on War and the Community Fund.

The current events were led by Miss Blanche Deal.

'Background of War' Topic of Program At Blue Ridge Forum

Mrs. D. P. Hylton expressed the hope that war between nations would become out-moded in the same way that dueling between individuals has disappeared at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday in the club room at Thur-

man and Boone. Mrs. Hylton, leader of the pro-gram "Background of War", out-lined the rise of Hitler and told how defamatory signs against the Jews Games in 1939 for the benefit of the reporters. She told how William L. Shirer brought his book "Berlin Diary" out of Germany. The book was examined carelessly put in a trunk and stamped with a seal of approval. As Mr. Shirer was leav-ing the country the officials rushed to examine his papers further but ignored the trunk because of the seal

"Berlin Diary" is a most interest-ing book because of the author's un-usual opportunity of being close to the scene of action, said Mrs. Earl D. Cotten, in her review of the book. She brought out the fact that Mr. Shirer's greatest "scoop" resulted from his being present at the sign-ing of the armistice between France ing of the armistice between France and Germany. She said that the German character under the Nazi rule had no abstract idea of ethics, or honor, or right conduct. The author was able to observe the people at close quarters and is scornful of their methods.

"If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose that free-dom. If it values comfort and money more it will lose that, too. A nation must have honesty, courage, loyalty and vision to be great." Mrs. Frank W. Menefee quoted this sentence from Somerset Maugham's "Strictly Personal" as the most important sentence of the book, in her review. She said that this heat is sentence She said that this book is a most intelligent one in depicting the small things in the whole of France before it fell. Maugham described his life on the French Riviera in his villa just before the war where he planned so many things. In a brief time life crumbled away and he disclosed the essential rottenness of the political world which caused the fall of France. He brought out the idea that inspite of promises the totalitarian states did not improve the life of the working classes. Maugham writes that France is a Matgham writes that France is a land of intrigue, dishonesty and in-competency of the staff which was poorly trained. The people were not informed and were suspicious of the government. Mrs. Mcnefee stated that Maugham had high hopes of a Dostwar period in Fuelend where

be be the annual Christmas party December 8 with Mrs. D. P. Hlyton, hospitality chains in charge. hospitality chairman, in charge.

War Background **Is Subject For** Forum Meeting

The Blue Ridge Forum will meet The Blue Ridge Forum will meet Wednesday, November 10 at 10:30 o'clock in the Assembly room of Thurman and Boone. The subject for discussion will be "Background of the War", with Mrs. D. P. Hyl-ton as leader for the day. The book, "Berlin Diary" by Wil-liam L. Shirer, will be reviewed by Mrs. E. D. Cotton and the book, "Strictly Personal" by W. Somer-ret Maugham will be reviewed by

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Mrs. Irvin Brinkley, president, will preside over the business meet-ing. Miss Elizabeth Starritt will conduct a short musical program.

MAIL CALL

Mark Twain once received a letter intended for someone else. He wrote across the envelope, "Opened by mistake-to see what was inside."

Blue Ridge Forum

Mrs. Marshall Nininger will be Mrs. Marshall Nininger will be the leader at the meeting of the Blue Ridge.Forum to be held Wed-nesday at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Irving Brinkley. "Margaret Fuller" by Mason Wade will be reviewed by Mrs. Leonard Key and Mrs. R. L. Mason will give a review on "Romantic Rebel" by Selzia Seyd. Miss Elizabeth Starritt will have

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Bath and Brighton, rakes and beaux and the Prince Regent, Drury Lane, Shelley and Byron and Missolonghi-what a picture the words conjure up of days that were gay and glittering, life that was romantic and adventurous, not much more than a hundred years ago!

Miss Blanche Deal Leads Forum Club Meet

Miss Blanche Deal was the leader of the Blue Ridge Forum club meeting yesterday at Hotel Roanoke. The subject was "Dandies and The subject was "Dandies and Swashbucklers," and the reviews gave an excellent picture of the life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mrs. In the fain and 19th centuries, 1918, D. P. Hylton reviewed "Sheridan of Drury Lane," by Alice Glasgow. Mrs. Fred Wilman reviewed "The Reign of Beau Brummel," by Willard Con-nely. "Trelawny," by Margaret Arm-strong, was reviewed by Miss reviewed by Miss Blanche Deal.

Mrs. Key, Mrs. Mason **Review Books at Meet**

Mrs. Marshall Nininger led the program, "Nineteenth Century Bluestockings" at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at the home of Mrs. Irving Brinkley. In tracing the origin of the name 'bluestocking', she said that it came from England and was so used because a member of a literary club wore blue stockings. It was later applied to the intelligent women of the nineteenth century.

Mrs. Leonard Key, in reviewing the book, "Margaret Fuller" by Mason Wade, emphasized the fact that Margaret Fuller is better known for her literary criticism than for her writing. She was educated at Boston during the time of Lowell and Emerson and was so outspoken that at times she was most un-popular. Mrs. Key added that she was one of the greatest figures during the flowering of New Eng-land but that few people understood her.

Mrs. R. L. Mason stressed George Sand's devotion to her children in her review of "Romantic Rebel: the Life and Times of George Sand", by Felizia Seyd. She stated that George Sand lived in France in one of her most colorful periods and associated with outstanding writers of that time. Mrs. Mason spoke of the writer as one rich in genius and of most tender sympathies.

Miss Elizabeth Starritt sang "O Holy Night", Adam, and led the

members of the club in the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Fred Will-

man gave a prayer during which time "Silent Night" was played.



Forum Will Meet Wednesday Morn

The regular monthly meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum will be held Wednesday morning, February 9, at 10:30 o'clock in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. Mrs. Stanley Radke will lead the program. Her subject will be "Op-posite Sides of the Continent." She will review Jean Burton's "Sir Rich-ard Burton's Wife." Mrs. A. D. Miller will discuss "Born in Para-dise" by Armine von Tempoki. Mrs. Fred E. Willman will also appear on the program.

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The Blue Ridge Forum met this morning at the Thurman and Boone morning at the Thurman and Boone assembly room with the theme of the program being "No Place Like Home." Mrs. B. F. Pence reviewed Margaret McBride's "How Dear to My Heart," which is the story of the author's life. Mrs. Pence ended her review with an original poem, "Dreams." "Dreams."

"Dreams." Agnes Marley Cleveland's auto-biography, "No Life for a Lady," was reviewed by Mrs. J. E. Beoddy. Mrs. E. D. Cotton discussed "I'll Sing One Song," by Willie Snow Etheridge, which is a story of the author's home life.

The next meeting of the group will be April 12 and the theme will be "Playwrights and Artists." * * *



Blue Ridge Forum To Hold Meet April 12

The Blue Ridge Forum will meet April 12 at 10:30 in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. The title to be discussed is "The Playwright and the Artist." The two books to be reviewed are "The Fun I've Had," by Bayard Veillen and "Here I Am," by S. J. Wolf.

Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Yost **Review Books at Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Blue Ridge forum held yesterday was opened with a prayer by Mrs. F. I. Chapman. After groups singing, a program on "Playwright and Artist" was given. The first book reviewed was "The Fun I've Had" by Bayard Veiller, reviewed by Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. E. J. Yost reviewed "Here

Am I" by S. J. Woolf. The next meeting will be held the second Wednesday in May at which time the program will be on / "Women Born of War."

Forum to Meet

The Blue Ridge forum will meet Wednesday at '10:30 in the Thurman and Boone assembly room. The theme of the program will be "Women Born of War," with Mrs. R. L.

Mason as leader. Miss Blanche Deal and Miss Elizabeth Starritt will review books. Mrs. B. F. Pence will give an original poem.

A discussion of next years programs will be held.

Blue Ridge Forum Blue Ridge Forum "Women Born of War" was the program topic at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held yes-terday. "Clara Barton," by Blanch Colton Williams, was reviewed by Miss Blanche Deal; and "Edith Cavell" by Helen Judson, was given by Miss Elizabeth Starritt.

A resume of the life of Florence A resume of the file of Protected Nightingale and an original son-net entitled, "Lady With the Lamp," was given by Mrs. B. F. Pence. The course of study for next year was discussed. The next meeting

will be the annual luncheon at Hotel Roanoke. * * *



Forum Meeting Here Wednesday

THE BLUE RIDGE FORUM will hold its final meeting of the year on Wednesday at 10:30 in the railroad room of Hotel Roanoke with Mrs. Loving Brinkley, presi-

with Mrs. Loving Brinkley, presi-dent, presiding. Mrs. James H. Moore will be welcomed as a new member and the following officers will be in-stalled: Mrs. F. P. Hurt, president; Mrs. Elmer Yost, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Starritt, secretary; Mrs. Jerome Snavely, treasurer; and Mrs. Fountain I. Chapman, chairman of seminar.

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Mrs. A. D. Miller **Heads Program Of Forum Meet**

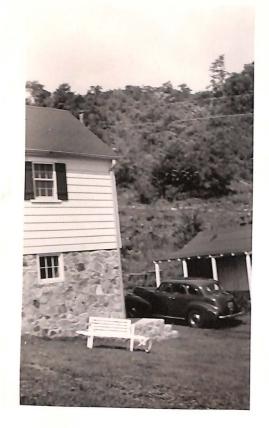
The meeting of the Blue Ridge forum held yesterday at the Hotel Roanoke opened with prayer by Mrs. L. O. Key. After guests were introduced Mrs. A. D. Miller, leader. gave the program on the theme, "Neighbors in the Far East." Mrs. L. O. Key reviewed the book, "Indigo," by Christine Weston, and Mrs. W. F. Menefee gave a review of "Burma Surgeon" by Lt. Col. Gordon Seagrave. Miss Elizabeth Starritt sang "Song of India" and "Nourah," accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Bringman.

The program was concluded with a reading, entitled "Since the War," by Grace Noll Crowell, given by Mrs. Miller.

Guests at the luncheon which fol-Guests at the luncheon which fol-lowed were Mrs. H. O. Horton, Mrs. Fred Schnautz, Mrs. E. L. Light, Mrs. N. W. Kelly, Mrs. W. C. Bring-man, Mrs. D. E. Remsberg, Mrs. Ernest Duvall, Mrs. H. A. Bass, Mrs. Carroll Renner, Mrs. Walden Hast-ings, Mrs. H. Preston Jordan, Mrs. Caree Snalding Hancock, Mrs. Leich Grace Spalding Hancock, Mrs. Leigh Hanes, Mrs. Charles T. Via, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. E. A. Turner, and Mrs. Robert Cochrane.

The theme of the luncheon pro-gram was "Music." Mrs. Invingram was "Music." Mrs. Irving Brinkley and Miss Elizabeth Star-ritt sang "Barcarole" from the "Tales of Hoffman." A musical con-test then followed. Miss Blanche Deal was toastmistress.

On September, 30, 1943 the members of Blue Ridge Forum had a most enjoyable picnic at the country home of our gracious president, Mrs. Irving Brinkley.



Forum Picnic

The Blue Ridge Formu held a picnic and social meeting at the cabin of Mrs. Irving Brinkley on Bent Mountain recently. Mrs. E. J. Yost was in charge of arrangements.

An old man, going a lone highway, Came at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm vast and deep and wide; The old man crossed in thetwilight dim, The sullen stream had no fear for him; But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide.

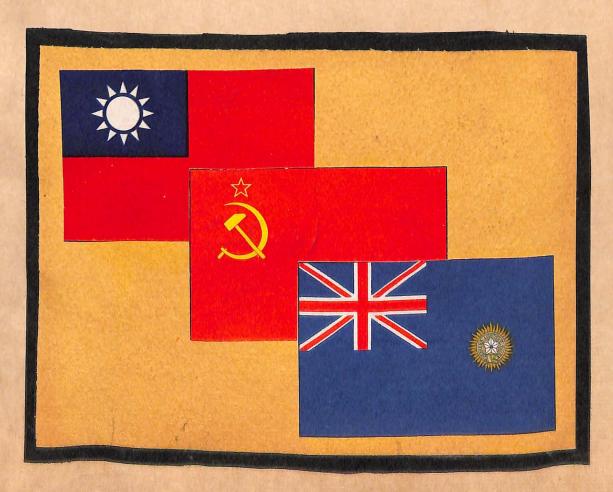
"Old man," said a fellowpilgrim near, "You are wasting your strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day; You never again will pass this way; You've crossed the chasm deep and wide; Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;-"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said, "There followeth after me today A youth whose feet must pass this way; This chasm, that has been as naught to me, To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be; He, too, must cross in the twilight dim -Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.2

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NEW OFFICERS OF THE BLUE RIDGE FOROM MRS. F.P. HURT, PRESIDENT MRS. E.J. YOST, VICE- PRESIDENT MISS ELIZABETH STARRITT, SECRETARY MRS. J. C. SNAVELY, TREASURER MRS. F.J. CHAPMAN, SEMINAR CHAIRMAN



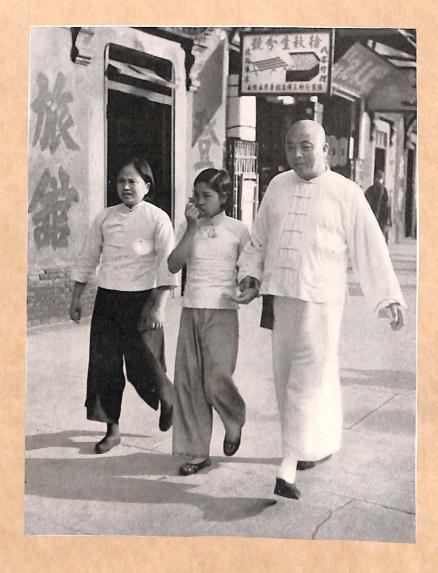
SEPTEMBER

China Is Topic Of Discussion At Forum Meet

In reviewing "Two Years in the Forbidden City," by Princess Der Ling, Mrs. R. Lee Lynn told mem-bers of the Blue Ridge Forum, meeting yesterday in Thurman & Boone's ing yesterday in Thurman & Boone's club room, tha the book was a ram-bling and detailed account of the life of the daughters of a high Chi-nese official, beginning with their education in France and ending with two years spent as maids-in-waiting to the Chinese empress

two years spent as maids-in-waiting to the Chinese empress. The story of China's expression in everything from gardens to pagodas was told in a review of "Made in China," by Cornelia Spencer, which was given by Miss Elizabeth Starritt. All Chinese are artists interpreting, dreaming, creating. They have three loves: beauty, wisdom and democ-racy.

loves: peauty, wistom and terms racy. Mrs. Clara G. Edwards, chairman for the day, gave a brief history of Imperial China. Mrs. F. P. Hurt presided at the business session, at which time Mrs. Charles G. Steele gave a report on the revisions of the by-laws. Mrs. James H. Moore was introduced as a new member. new member.



OCTOBER,

"The Holy Refugees"

"The Holy Refugees," by Lu Hung-Nien, showing the Family asking the way in a village, is a charming picture of Chinese village life with many details and a beautiful landscape. The artist is on the art faculty of the Catholic University in Peking. When a boy he loved the picture cards in the mission Sunday School. But one thing grieved him. No Chinese children were ever seen with Jesus. So his first Christian painting was "Jesus and the Little Children," and he put his own face on one of the children.

Original painting lent by Dr. William B. Pettus Printed in U.S.A.

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Blue Ridge Forum Using as the theme of the meet-ing a quotation from the Book of Songs, the Blue Ridge Forum will continue the study of China at the meeting at Thurman and Boone's assembly room on Wednesday morn-

ing at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Marshall Nininger will be chairman for the day. She will speak on Chinese philosophy and exhibit some Chinese curios. Mrs. Irving Brinkley will review "House of Exile" by Nora Waln and Mrs. Fountain I. Chapman will give a review of "Bat-tle Hymn of China" by Agnes Smedley.



China Is Topic Of Study Group

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Mrs. J. A. Beoddy spoke to the group on the War and Community Fund. Mrs. E. J. Yost talked on fire prevention. Mrs. Fred Willman, critic, gave a report on pronuncia-tion of words.

NOVEMBER



Blue Ridge Forum

"China Shall Rise Again" will be the theme of the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held at Thurman and Boone's assembly room on Wed-nesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Miss Blanche Deal is chairman for the day and will give a review of Chinese music at the conclusion of for the day and will give a review of Chinese music at the conclusion of the program. Mrs. E. J. Yost will review "Three Times I Bow," by Carl Glick, and Mrs. A. D. Miller will give a review of "Between Tears and Laughter," by Lin Yutang.



NEVER have Americans had so much for which to be thankful.



Forum Hears Reviews On Books Of China

Miss Blanche Deal was chairman for the day at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Thurman and Boone's assembly room. Miss Deal, in her review of Chinese music, said. "The Chinese sing very little and have no time. Their music is quite different from ours, but a new kind is coming in from Japan. The younger Chinese are beginning to sing."

Mrs. A. D. Miller in her review of "Between Tears and Laughter," by Lin Yutang, told the forum that "the book is a positive contribution from the store of Chinese political from the slow of Chinese political philosophy to the vexed question of world peace." "Lin Yutang says, more important than the four free-doms is freedom from humbug. The changes in our thinking must be basic, if we are to be saved from disaster," the speaker concluded. "Three Times I Bow" by Carl Glick was reviewed by Mrs. E. J. Yost, who told the club that "It is a book of intimate stories of China, their newspapers, music, poetry, theater, and the ceremonies about tea drinking. Mrs. F. I. Chapman, seminary chairman, closed the study on China with the statement that "China is coming awake."

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At the business session the club adopted the revision of by-laws brought by Mrs. Charles G. Steele, parliamentarian. Mrs. Fred H. Schnautz was introduced as a new member.





IN MEMORIUM.

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Mrs. Helen N. Nininger Mrs. Helen Nottingham Nininger, 56, widow of Marshall L. Nininger, died Saturday morning at her home, 510 Allison avenue, S. W. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mrs. Nininger, a native of Roa-noke, was an active clubwoman and church worker. She was a member of the First Baptist church, serving on the finance and present pulpit supply committees, and was a teacher in the young people's department of the Sunday school.

She was also a member of the Roanoke Woman's club, the Blue Ridge Forum and a member of the executive board of the Thursday Morning Music club; corresponding secretary of the Chautauqua club, Chautauqua, N. Y., and a member of the Poetry club at Chautauqua.

Surviving are a son and a daugh-ter: Edward C. Nininger, Chatham; Mrs. W. F. Stuart, Roanoke; a brother, Wilbur F. Nottingham, Du-luth, Minn.; a sister, Mrs Fred L. Packer, New York; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted at First Baptist church at 3 p. m. today by Dr. T. C. Smith. Interment will be in Fairview.

Pallbearers will be members of the board of deacons of the church.



Active Clubwoman, Church Worker, **Fatally Stricken**

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ng secretary for the Chautauqua club, Chautauqua, N. Y., and spent most of the sum-mer months in that State. She also belonged to the poetry club of Chautauqua. In Roanoke, she was a member of the Blue Ridge Forum, the Roa-noke Woman's club, and was on the executive board of the Thursday Morn-ing Music club. the

ing Music club. Mrs. Nininger Mrs. Nininger was a citizen of Roanoke all her life. She was a member of the First Baptist church and served on the finance and the present pulpit supply committees. She was a teacher in the young people's department of the Sunday school. Her husband, who was a retired business man at the time of his death some years ago, served as assistant to the pastor and as fi-nancial secretary of the First Bap-its church before his death. The funeral will be conducted at the First Baptist church at 3 p. m. tomorrow by Dr. T. C. Smith. In-terment will be in Fairview. Active pallbearers will be members of the board of deacons of the church. Surviving are two children: Ed-ward C. Nininger, of Chatham, and Mrs. W. F. Stuart, of Roanoke; a grandson, a brother and a sister: Wilbur F. Nottingham, Duluth, Minn., and Mrs. Fred L. Packer, New York City.

510 ALLISON AVENUE MRS. MARSHALL NININGER

Blue Ridge Delphian Prayer-

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CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Brinkley Leads Program at Forum Meet

Program at Forum Meet Mrs. Irving Brinkley led the pro-gram on Russia at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Thurman and Boone's assembly room. She gave a review of Rus-sian art, Mrs. R. L. Mason reviewed "Catherine, the Great" by Kath-arine S. Anthony, which was a story of the entire life of Catherine. "Tamara" by Irina Skariatina was sketched by Mrs. Charles G. Steele. It was a novel of Imperial Russia. A Christmas story, "What Men Live By" by Tolstoi, was told by Mrs. F. I. Chapman. Mrs. B. F. Pence read some of her original poems on Christmas. At the beginning of the meeting,

At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. A. D. Miller conducted a me-morial service for Mrs. Marshall Nininger and Mrs. Gonzalee Peters Cumbie.

Mrs. E. J. Yost, hospitality chair-man, presented gifts and favors from the Christmas tree to the members. Mrs. U. W. Massie was a guest.

A CERTAIN SAMARITAN

-GRACE NOLL CROWELL, American Mother for 1938

"Because of his compassion for his kind He lives who never would be known at all Had he not stopped his journeying to find The roadside sufferer, who was too weak to call Aloud for help and pity. Mercy shown, And noticed by our Lord, has brought him fame, Although through centuries no one has known

Where was his dwelling place, and what his name.

" 'A certain Samaritan', enough is told

- In three brief words to bring a scene to view Of beautiful compassion on the old,
- Old road to Jericho-God, may we too Become immortal through some shining deed Rendered to meet today's great human need !"







Blue Ridge Forum

JANUARY.

Blue Ridge Forum Mrs. Fred Willman led the study meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at its meeting at Thur-man and Boone's assembly room, on the theme, "Russia Is the Great Fact, Perhaps the Greatest of Our Time."

Mrs. Leonard O. Key reviewed "Tomorrow Will Come" by Edith M. Von Almedingen, which was the autobiography of a girl in Russia before, and during the revolution... She told of the crowded conditions, lack of food and dishonesty of the citizens in the town where the girl lived. She related the story of the girl's escape from all these hard-

ships to an aunt in Italy, thence to England, where she now lives. Mrs. Key stated that "Tomorrow Will Come" was an Atlantic Monthly prize winner.

Mrs. Mountain I. Chapman, who gave a review of "Mother Russia" by Maurice Hindus, stated that it was a composite picture of the new Russia; of the Kolsomol, the youth organization of the Communist party, which had such rigid, moral codes; of the factory management and ownership; of religion and morality

and ownership; of religion and morality. Mrs. Willman concluded the pro-gram with a sketch of the life of Maurice Hindus in Russia and after coming to the United States to live.

It was announced at the business session that the February meeting will be a luncheon.



MRS. J. M. RICHARDSON



Soldiers on the Moscow Front Dance before a New Year Tree

Lenin's regime frowned on public display of the Christmas tree, a reminder of rural noblemen's largesse to peasants. Under Stalin the gift-laden evergreen was restored to favor in 1936, but the celebration was shifted to January 1. In Russia, Santa Claus is Grandiather Frost.

FEBRUARY

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hancock Give Reviews

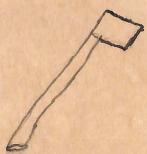
M ISS EDITH STARRITT was leader of the program on Russia at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Thurman and Boone's assembly room. She gave a review of Russian music, particularly the ballet. Mrs. James H. Moore reviewed the book, "My Lives in Russia," by Mrs. Louise Fischer. The book, "Nijinsky," by Romola De Nijinsky was given by Mrs. P. C. Hancock.

The book, "Nijinsky," by Romola De During the business session Mrs. Charles G. Steele presided in the absence of the president. Mrs. O. A. Cozzani, Mrs. E. L. Light and Mrs. J. M. Shellenberger were guests. Mrs. Fred Willman gave the critic's report.

VALENTINE DAY



MISS ELIZABETH STARRITT, s tone, right, have been chosen s which will sing Brahms' "Requie numbers 150 voices.



MARCH

Mrs. C. G. Steele Leader Of Program on 'India'

Mrs. Charles G. Steele was leader of the meeting on the study of "India" at the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Thurman and Boone's assembly room. She read selected poems of Rudyard Kipling. Mrs. Robert Spangler gave a re-view of "India of the Princes" by Rosita Forbes, and Mrs. B. F. Pence reviewed "Kim" by Kipling. Miss Blanche Deal presented a piano ar-rangement of "Song of India."





MRS. E. J. YOST



These Strollers in Imphal's Main Street Made Their Own Shawls and Skirts In a typical Manipuri household, all the women help produce cloth. Mother spins the cotton, grandmother bleaches and stiffens the thread, and daughter weaves.

APRIL

Roanoke Brevities

Mrs. Ruth Sims, of 1627 Patterson avenue, glanced at the map on the front page of yesterday's World-News, and noted the shape of the lines showing Allied advances across Germany. "They form a profile picture of Uncle Sam," she said, "and he's really looking toward Berlin!"

Miss Rachel Nance, of 316 Cleveland Ave., Vinton, said today she enjoyed "the thrill of a lifetime" when a package arrived, sent to her from a Roanoke man who is an army air corps sergeant in India. The package contained a white woolen jacket, embroidered in purple and pink with native Indian designs, and a bracelet, strung with coins used in India.



"India" Topic Of Program At Study Meet

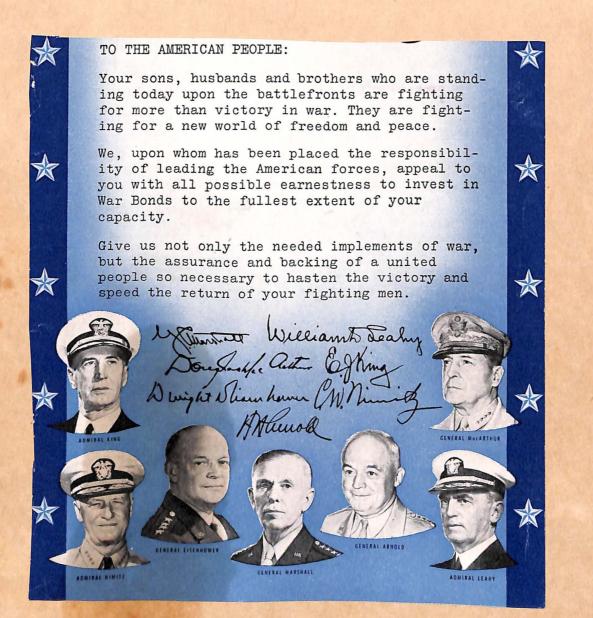
Mrs. Irving Brinkley, leader of the program on "India," gave a brief resume of the history of Indian philosophy at the meeting yesterday morning of the Blue Ridge Forum. Mrs. Fred Schnautz in reviewing "Inside India," by Helide Edib, stated that the book was written as a result of the author's lecture tour of India. She said Miss Edib had kept a travel diary with a day-byday account of the places she visited, which was a comparative study of the various groups. It showed the poverty, difference of language, and difference of religion.

"A Passage to India" by Edward Morgan Forster, reviewed by Mrs. Charles G. Steele, developed the conflict between the English and the Indian, showing the attitude half-respectful and half-contemptuous of the Moslem and the Hindu. At the business session Mrs. E. J. Yost, vice-president, reported on plans for the annual luncheon. Mrs. Brinkley invited the club to her cabin for the summer picnic. The nominating committee was named as follows: Mrs. P. C. Hancock. Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Brinkley, A call was made from the camp and hospital committee for room furnishings at Camp Pickett hospital. Mrs. F. P. Hurt, president, asked officers to bring written reports to the May meeting.



In a Village Market, Food Is Sold from Four-legged Hampers Hindu women merchants allow those of other faiths in the bazaar but not in their homes, which must be torn down if "defiled." Their countrymen, the Naga Hill tribesmen, only recently abandoned head-hunting. MAY

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Mrs. Fred Willman To Head Forum Group

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Mrs. Fred Willman was named president of the Blue Ridge Forum at the meeting yesterday morning at Thurman and Boone's assembly room. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Fred H. Schnautz, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Mason, secretary; Mrs. Jerome Snavely, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Cotton, chairman of the seminar.

Mrs. R. L. Mason was chairman of the day. Mrs. L. O. Key gave a review of "Report on India" by Raman, and "Golden Rose," by Pamela Hirkson was reviewed by Miss Elizabeth Starritt. The club was invited to the home of Mrs. Key for the June luncheon meeting.



JUNE.

Mrs. Willman Leader Of Birthday Program

Mrs. Fred Willman was in charge of the twentieth birthday celebration of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday at Hotel Patrick Henry. "Anything Can Happen," by George and Helen Waite Potashvily was reviewed by Mrs. Leonard Key. Edward Snow's "People On Our Side" was reviewed by Mrs. A. D. Miller.

Mrs. Key was toastmistress at the annual luncheon and Miss El'zabeth Starrit, accompanied by Miss Nellie Stuart, sang several selections. Mrs. B. F. Pence and Mrs. Key read several poems.



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SEPTEMBER /

Forum Group Holds Meeting At Elks Club

Mrs. W. P. Wiltsee was welcomed into the Blue Ridge Forum as a new member at the meeting held Wednesday morning at the Elks club. Officers appointed were: Mrs. W. P. Ayers, reporter; Mrs. Charles

club. Officers appointed were: Mrs. W. P. Ayers, reporter; Mrs. Charles Steele, parliamentarian; Mrs. P. C. Hancock, historian; Mrs. James H, Moore, critic; Mrs. A. D. Miller, membership; Mrs. W. I. Brinkley, music; and Mrs. J. A. Beoddy, re-ort of seminary. In connection with the course for the year, "Places and People of the Mediterranean," Emil Lud-wig's book, "The Mediterranean Re-port," was discussed by Mrs. Class Edwards, Miss Blanche Deal and Mrs. James H. Moore. It was brought out that the influence of the Mediterranean on the world to-day is tremendous. It is bounded by the continents of Europe, Africa and Asia. It was also stated that from its shores came democracy, Christianity, bases of Western civi-lization, the alphabet (Phoenician), laws (Rome), humanism (Greece). It has been fought over for 2,000 years and still is the center of con-tilet and controversy.

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Mrs. E. J. Yost Addresses Blue Ridge Forum

OCTOBER 1945

Mrs. E. J. Yost discussed ancient Hellas at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum which was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. James H. Moore. Mrs. Yost said that the glory that was Greece has become a heritage of tomorrow and that the civilization of Europe was begun on the scrap of and now known as Greece. She reviewed "The Greek Way," by Miss Elizabeth Starritt. A picnic lunch was served follow.

A pichic tunch was served to the wing the program. Mrs. Fred Schnautz presided in the absence of the president. New members reported were Mrs. J. W. Smith and Mrs. L. G. Studivant. Mrs. E. L. Light was a guest at the meeting.

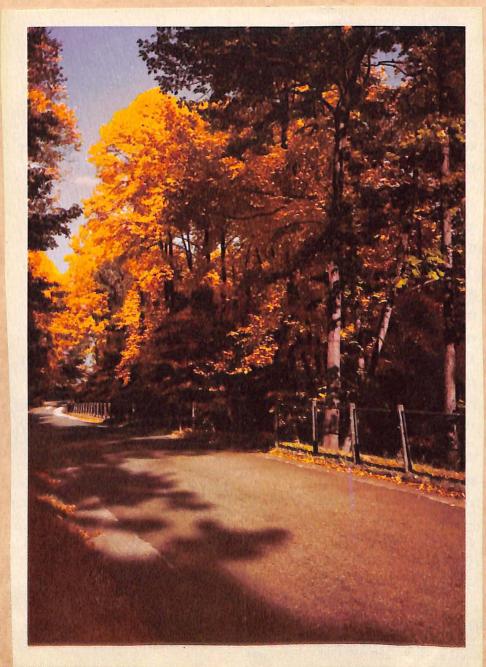
NOVEMBER



Greek History Reviewed By Blue Ridge Forum

Various phases of Greek history were reviewed by members of the Blue Ridge Forum which met at Thurman and Boone yesterday, with Mrs. Fred Willman, presiding. Mrs. R. L. Mason sketched the principal events in Greek history up to the twentieth century. "Mir-acle in Hellas," by Betty Wason, was reviewed by Mrs. Fred Schnaty, and Mrs. F. P. Hurt discussed "Mediter-ranean Front" by Allen Morehead.







DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS

Through the darkness - now - a Star: Through the gloom - a Song! In Heaven and earth, Messiah's birth, Foretold by Prophets long.

> Into every waiting heart Christmas bells - ringing! For Christ is born This Holy Morn! Heaven and earth - Singing!

> > Anabel Pence.



Forum Reviews Books, Has Christmas Party

Mrs. D. T. Hilton, review of Ludwig's "The Mediterranean," and Mrs. W. P. Ayers' review of Sforza's "The Real Italian," featured a meet-ing of the Blue Ridge Forum yes-of Italy.

terday at Hotel Roanoke, at which Mrs. J. N. Richardson was hostess for a Christmas party which followed.

Mrs. Ayers quoted Sforza's statement that Fascism was foreign to most Italians, and that attacks in



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Forgive the past, forget its hate, Look onward to the newer day. Be thankful for whatever fate Has sent with wisdom on your way. Think not of agony and tears, Of battle shards and bombs and death; Go forward to the new-born years With prayer and love upon your breath.

In spite of all the shadows dark, The hovering gloom of hate and strife, Against the heavens still the mark Of beauty stars the path of life. This year, the next, and so far on Against the hills and vales of time Love sets upon the peaks of dawn The light that heals the greed and crime.

No fear, no anger, onward now To hopes and dreams beyond the care. The sun will shine more bright, somehow; New utterance lift to God your prayer. Forgive, forget, begin again, Look up and smile and find the strength Of joy in life for hearts of men In following righteousness at length. —B. B.

Blue Ridge Forum Has French Study

Mrs. J. W. Smith led a study of France at a meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday in the assembly room of Thurman and Boone, drawing from personal experiences when she travelled in France after the first World War. Mrs. W. P. Wiltsee reviewed "Journey Among Warriors" by Eve Curie, and Mrs. J. A. Beoddy spoke on "The Future of France."

FEBRUARY

Blue Ridge Forum

Blue Ridge Forum Mrs. B. F. Pence was the leader of the program on Spain at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum yesterday. Mrs. Pence reviewed "Ap-peasement's Child," by Thomas Hamilton, and said that the Span-ish influence in exploration, navi-gation, and colonizing could still be seen in the countries in South America.

seen in the countries in South America. Cedric Salter's "Try Out in Spain" was reviewed by Mrs. P. C. Han-cock. She said that it indicated what the writer observed about the Spanish Civil War, which was the early phase of World War II. Mrs. F. E. Willman gave several poems. The program was followed by a Valentine party. Mrs. S. J. Wolfe was elected a new member.

MARCH

Mrs. Brinkley Appears On Forum Program

A group of Iris songs sung by Mrs. Irving Brinkley featured the program of the Blue Ridge Forum held yesterday at 10:30 o'clock at thurman and Boone. Mrs. Brinkley gave a biography of St. Patrick. Mrs. R. Lee Lynn reviewed James Street's book the "Gauntlet," and Mrs. J. A. Beoddy gave the story of the author. Mrs. J. M. Smith gave the devotional. The president appointed a com-mittee to select a new seminar. Mrs. S. J. Wolf was introduced as a new member. Mrs. H. O. Horton and Mrs. Carl Hill were guests. Tollowing the business meeting a incheon was given in honor of the new member and guests by the president, Mrs. Fred E. Willman, at her home.

APRIL

Forum To Hear Mrs. Sturdivant

Mrs. L. G. Sturdivant will review "The Black Lamb and the Gray Fal-con" by Rebecca West, at the meet-ing of the Blue Ridge Forum to be held Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock at Thurman and Boone. Mrs. L. O. Key will be leader. . . .



Mrs. Sturdivant **Reviews Book**

Mrs. L. G. Sturdivant reviewed Rebecca West's "The Black Lamb and the Gray Falcon," at the meet-ing of the Blue Ridge Forum held yesterday in the auditorium at Thurman and Boone. She defined the black lamb as the symbol of factifice. Mrs. L. O. Key had charge of a program on Yugoslavia. The president named Mrs. L W

of a program on Yugoslavia. The president named Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. Spangler and Mrs. Irving Brinkley as nominating com-mittee to present a slate of officers at the May meeting. Miss Blanche Deal read a recom-mendation for next year's study course, which was accepted by the group. Mrs. Fred Schnautz submitted the report from the hospitality com-mittee. The club voted to hold their annual luncheon at the Natural Bridge hotel the second week in June. June.

Mrs. B. F. Pence invited members of the forum to a tea at her home on Avenham avenue, May 1 at 4 o'clock.

At the next meeting Mrs. Charles Weeks will be leader and Mrs. S. P. Ayers will give the review.

Blue Ridge Forum Chooses Officers

MAY

Mrs. Fred Schnautz was elected president of the Blue Ridge Forum at a meeting held yesterday at Thurman and Boone. Other offi-cers elected were: Mrs. W. P. Ayers, vice president; Mrs. E. J. Yost, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Snavely, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard O. Key, leader of the seminar, with Mrs. P. C. Hancock and Mrs. L. G. Stur-divant as members of the committee.

Blue Ridge Forum Mrs. Charles G. Steele will give a report on Susan Glastell, author of "Judd Rankin's Daughter," and Mrs. W. P. Ayers will review the book at the meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Thurman and Boone.

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JUNE



Pictured above, are some of the new officers of the Blue Ridge Forum. They are, left to right, Mrs. Leonard O. Key, Mrs. Fred Schnautz, Mrs. L. G. Sturdivant, Mrs. William Penn Ayers, and Mrs. E. J. Yost

Blue Ridge Forum Elects Officers

At a luncheon meeting of the Blue Ridge Forum held recently at Natural Bridge hotel, Mrs. Fred Schnautz was installed president; Mrs. William Penn Ayers, first vice president; Mrs. E. J. Yost, secretary; Mrs. Leonard Key, chairman of seminar, and Mrs. L. G. Sturdi-vant, seminar. Mrs. Fred Willman is the retiring president. Committee chairmen for the com-ing year are: Mrs. D. P. Hylton, year book; Mrs. A. D. Miller, critic; Mrs. Yost, program and Mrs. J. O. Beoddy, co-chairman; Mrs. Wilman, drama; Mrs. Irving Brinkley, music; Mrs. G. G. Gibson, publicity; Mrs. James Richardson, historian; and Mrs. Charles Steele, parliamentar-ian.

