

In my estimation it is definitely the best tool for the teaching of high school economics that has been published to date. Moreover, general readers will find this book a simple and dependable means for acquiring a better understanding of the economic world they live in.

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LE FRANCAIS VIVANT. By Jacob Greenberg. Garden City, New York: Doubleday, Doran and Company. 1934. Pp. 210.

Le Français Vivant is indeed very much alive, and holds the interest throughout. Beginning with the simplest French possible, abundantly illustrated on almost every page, the book offers a gentle ascent to a vocabulary not so easy. Though there can be no royal road to learning, the hill of difficulty has here been well graded.

Part I is verily a First Reader, with its short sentences—childlike but far from commonplace—about girl and boy and dog and cat and even the familiar Little Red Hen. But soon we meet, in a form greatly simplified, Mr. Seguin's Goat, the Twelve Months, and the like, besides well-known folk-songs.

Part II consists of a dozen guignol plays. Amid the present-day interest in the marionettes of Tony Sarg and others, it is fitting to feature this puppet show which is so dear to the hearts of the children of Paris and of Lyons.

E. P. C.

AMERICAN READING INSTRUCTION. By Nila B. Smith. Silver, Burdett & Company. 1934. 274 pp. \$1.96.

For the student who was taught to read by the A-B-C method and who, in her teacher-training courses, now learns that reading vocabulary grows out of speaking vocabulary and experiences of the child, this book is valuable. It traces the development of the reading instruction, showing what was taught, why it was taught, and the methods used. It gives the student a

sympathetic understanding of the changes which have taken place in teaching reading and helps her see clearly the problems involved in present-day teaching.

M. L. S.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Dr. Bessie Carter Randolph, president of Hollins College, was the principal speaker at the ceremonies marking the installation of Student Government officers on Wednesday, March 27. Dr. Randolph, who was dean of women at the college here during several summer sessions, spoke on the responsibilities of world citizenship.

Frances Wells, Suffolk, incoming president, was installed by Henrietta Manson, Lottsburg, retiring president. Other incoming officers who will serve till the beginning of the spring quarter next session, are Charleva Crichton, Hampton, vice-president; Annie Cox, Baywood, secretary-treasurer; Catherine Cartee, Hagerstown, Md., recorder of points; Elizabeth Bywaters, Opequon, editor of the Handbook. Virginia Cox, Woodlawn, editor of *The Breeze*, and Lois Meeks, Baltimore, business manager of *The Breeze*, also take office with the beginning of the spring quarter.

Students returned Wednesday night, April 3, from the spring holidays which lasted from Friday noon, March 29, to Wednesday, 10 p. m., April 3. Classes were resumed Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. This holiday took the place of the usual vacation given at Easter.

Henrietta Manson, retiring student government president, and Frances Wells, newly-installed president, attended the convention of the Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Government presidents held at the State College for Women, Tallahassee, March 28-30. Both report a most profitable and enjoyable trip.

Directed by Dr. D. W. Peters and Miss

Ruth Henderson of the State Board of Instruction, a district meeting of the State Curriculum Committee was held here recently. Superintendents and supervisors from the city of Harrisonburg, Rockingham, Frederick, Highland, and Shenandoah counties were in attendance.

Nancy Turner, of Norfolk, has been chosen by the student body as its princess for the Apple Blossom Festival to be held in Winchester, May 2 and 3.

Twenty paintings by Virginia artists exhibited last quarter in the art room have been donated to the college. There are a number of black and white woodblock prints by Charles Smith, Waynesboro; about five lithographs of historical buildings in Richmond and Williamsburg by Theodore White, one of the best lithographers in Virginia; four etchings of state industries by Carson Davenport, of Danville; several woodblock prints by John Butler, of Hume. Most of them will be hung in the dormitory parlors.

Helen Madjeski, Elizabeth City, N. J., has been elected president of the Curie Science Club to serve through next year. Other officers elected were Katherine Gay, Clifton Forge, chairman of the program committee; Ruth Manning, Assawoman, vice-president; Goldie Cohen, Scottsville, secretary; Gertrude Ashenfelter, Edinburg, treasurer.

Anne Wood, Richmond, was elected recently president of Alpha Literary Society for next year. Eleanor Taylor, Ridgeley, Md., was elected secretary.

Mary Page Barnes, Amelia, has been chosen president of the Lee Literary Society for the spring quarter. Others elected were Frances Jolly, Holland, vice-president; Eugenia Trainum, Meltons, chairman of the program committee; Mary B. Cox, Independence, secretary; Nancy Turner, Norfolk, treasurer; Polly Stephenson, Norfolk, sergeant-at-arms, Margaret Ann Fisher, Petersburg, critic.

The Harrisonburg College Glee Club, accompanied by Miss Edna Shaeffer, director, left April 4 for a three-day tour. Programs were presented in Richmond and Norfolk.

The Davidson College Glee Club and Salon Orchestra, a leading concert organization of the South, appeared in Wilson Hall March 21. This entertainment was sponsored by the local College Glee Club.

ALUMNAE NEWS

ALUMNAE HOME-COMING

The Home-coming in March was splendidly attended, 316 alumnae registering on Friday and Saturday. Others, who came for some special part of the program, failed to register in Alumnae Hall. The number registering last year was 179.

The new vice-president and new treasurer are Virginia Starke, '31, of Norfolk and Margaret Proctor Ralston, '20, of New Hope. The retiring officers are Virginia Buchanan, '26, of Harrisonburg, and Sarah Milnes, '28, of McGaheysville. Shirley Miller, '31, Edinburg, and Rachel F. Weems, '17, Harrisonburg, president and secretary, respectively, do not complete their two-year terms until March, 1936.

Reports from the various chapters showed that practically every one is working toward a loan fellowship.

Alumnae speakers were Clotilde Rodes, Portsmouth; Frieda Johnson, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.; Eva Massey, Boyce; and Anne Trott, Ft. Defiance. These talks, in abbreviated form, will be published in the May issue of the VIRGINIA TEACHER.

REGISTER OF HOME-COMING ALUMNAE, MARCH, 1935

- 1912: Eva Massey, Boyce; Mary Sadler Polard, Scottsville; Vada Whitesel, Harrisonburg.
1913: Elizabeth Kelly Davis, Waynesboro.
1914: Florence Keezell Simms, Penn Laird.
1915: Mary Bosserman, Harrisonburg; Frances