

REPRESENTATIVE MODERN DRAMAS. Edited by Charles Huntington Whitman. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1936. 1121 pp. \$3.50.

This collection of twenty-four plays produced in twelve European countries and America since the time of Ibsen is supplied with valuable introductory essays. The plays themselves represent a wide variety of modern social problems as well as of dramatic types. Thus, the author points out, *The Wild Duck*, *The Father*, *Strife* and *The Silver Cord* illustrate realism; *The Weavers*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *The Lower Depths*, and *Juno and the Paycock*, naturalism; *Pelleas and Melisande*, symbolism; *The Hairy Ape* and *Liliom*, expressionism; *The Bonds of Interest*, *Liliom*, and *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, fantasy; *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Elizabeth the Queen*, romantic poetic plays; *The Weavers* and *Riders to the Sea*, tragedy; *Our Betters* and *Biography*, the comedy of manners; *The Importance of Being Earnest*, intellectual farce; *The Red Robe* and *Strife*, the thesis play; *Mid-Channel*, the "well-made" play; *In Abraham's Bosom*, the folk drama; *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *The Lonely Way*, and *Hotel Universe*, the psychoanalytical play.

CALIFORNIA TEST OF MENTAL MATURITY. Primary Battery, Grades 1-3; Elementary Battery, Grades 4-8. Devised by Elizabeth T. Sullivan, Willis W. Clark, and Ernest W. Tiegs. Los Angeles, Cal.: Southern California Book Depository. 1936. Specimen sets, primary and elementary, each 25 cents.

These tests propose to test the mental capacity of children in the elementary school. They are "designed to provide for a greater insight into the various mental traits, functions, or factors, than furnished by most group intelligence tests." Like all tests of mental ability, these yield the mental age and intelligence quotient. There is also a high correlation between the results obtained from these tests and those gotten from the Binet tests.

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NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

The National Symphony Orchestra of 86 members, directed by Hans Kindler, presented a concert in Wilson Hall, Monday evening, March 8. This was the third regular number in the winter entertainment series. Brahms's Fourth Symphony in E Minor and a Gluck Suite were followed by the Vorspiel and Liebestod from Tristan and Isolde. Other Wagner numbers were given as encores.

Mary B. Cox, president of the Student Government Association, will represent the college students as princess at the 14th annual Apple Blossom Festival to be held at Winchester some time during the first week in May. Along with the princesses chosen from other colleges and localities in the state, she will serve as a member of the Queen's court of honor.

Ringling up a 19-19 score with New College, Columbia University, on March 6, the purple and gold varsity basketball team closed the intercollegiate season with two victories, two defeats, and one tie. Scores for the various games were: H. T. C. 44, Lynchburg 15; H. T. C. 18, Westhampton 10; Savage 10, H. T. C. 8; Farmville 23, H. T. C. 14; H. T. C. 19, New College 19. Brilliant offensive and defensive plays, fast floor work, and smooth team play made the last three games among the closest and most exciting ever played on the local floor.

Twelve Harrisonburg students went to New York early this month to take the New York City Board of Education Day School examination for teachers of swimming. They were Sylvia Weinstein, Constance Lewis, Sylvia Lewis, Winifred Vickery, Edith P. Hogan, Leah Horowitz, Helen Coleman, Georgette Law, Peggy Bullen, Florence Dunnigan, Selma Batterman, and Ruth Tobias. This is the first time the examination has been given in ten years.

The Randolph-Macon College Glee Club from Ashland appeared at Harrisonburg in Wilson Hall, Wednesday night, March 10.

The club of 45 male voices was under the direction of Charles Troxell. This program included a burlesque operetta, "Romeo and Juliet," and was sponsored by the local Glee Club.

Searching the heavens for truth, knowledge, and inspiration, the Juniors appeared as star gazers on their third "birthday," February 19. The celebration was carried through under the leadership of the class officers: Ila Arrington, president; Virginia Turnes, vice-president; Dorothy Peyton, secretary; Virginia Blain, treasurer; Helen Hardy, business manager; and Isabel Russell, sergeant-at-arms.

Three members of the International Relations club attended the annual convention of the Southeastern International Relations Club conference, held at Alabama Polytechnic Institute February 18, 19, and 20. The Harrisonburg representatives were Mrs. Mary Darst, Hazel Koontz, and Louise Faulconer.

The debating club closed its season after three intercollegiate matches. Helen Puliam and Mary Clark represented Harrisonburg in the first debate with the University of South Carolina; Agnes Bargh and Margaret Smiley in the return debate at Columbia, S. C. The decision was against Harrisonburg in the first debate; the match at Columbia was of the "no-decision" type. There was no decision given in the third debate, that with Farmville State Teachers College, held here, the local club being represented by Helen Shular and Helen Hotch.

Chapel programs for the past four weeks have included many speakers from the college faculty, several programs by student organizations, and other features. On February 10 the speaker was Rev. J. B. Hill, Richmond, state secretary of the Baptist Sunday Schools and student work.

A motion picture of the Shenandoah National Park was presented at the assembly period on February 24 through the courtesy of the National Park Service.

Professor R. C. Dingleline discussed the

President's message to Congress concerning proposed changes in the judiciary, and the General Motors "sit-down" strike; Dr. O. F. Frederikson discussed the economic situation in relation to world peace; and Professor J. N. McIlwraith read parts of Washington's Farewell Address and pointed out the relation of certain parts of the first president's policies to present-day foreign policies.

Professor C. T. Logan reviewed Max Eastman's new book, "The Enjoyment of Laughter"; Dr. C. E. Normand described spots on the sun and told of their importance to man; and Professor J. Edgar Anderson gave an explanation of a symphony orchestra by describing and displaying musical instruments which make up a symphony, giving the number of each in a full orchestra and the part each plays in the entire performance.

Chosen by student body ballot, Ruth Mathews, Front Royal, was elected to serve as vice-president of the Student Government Association for the 1937-38 session. Elected at the same time were Helen Hardy, Amelia, vice-president of the Y. W. C. A.; Anita Wise, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; vice-president of the Athletic Association; and Ila Arrington, Pembroke, and Jennie Spratley, Dendron, business manager of the *Breeze* and *Schoolma'am*, respectively.

Other minor officers elected for the coming session were as follows:

Student Government — Isabel Russell, Federalsburg, Md., secretary; Dorothy Peyton, Rhoadesville, recorder of points; and Sue Quinn, Richmond, editor of the *Handbook*.

Y. W. C. A. — Lafayette Carr, Galax, secretary; Wanda Spencer, Lynchburg, treasurer.

Athletic Association — Billie Powell, Hopewell, business manager; Evelyn Patterson, Washington, treasurer; and Letitia Holler, head cheer leader.

Other recent student elections have resulted in the following choices:

Lanier—Jane Logan, Harrisonburg, president; Agnes Arnold, Nassawadox, vice-president; Frances Wilkins, Strasburg, secretary; Carrie Roane, Cash, critic; Doris Hodges, Norfolk, sergeant-at-arms; Virginia Ramsey, Bassett, chairman of the program committee.

Lee—Lois Sloop, Harrisonburg, president; Eleanor McKnight, Cambridge, Md., vice-president; Leslie Purnell, Salisbury, Md., secretary; Virginia Rader, Maxweldon, chairman of the program committee; Alpine Beazley, Beaver Dam, sergeant-at-arms; and Helen Hardy, Amelia, critic.

Page—Adelaide Howser, Arlington, president; Mary Frances Taylor, Fairfield, vice-president; Eleanor Shorts, Harrisonburg, secretary; Ettie Henry, Lynchburg, treasurer; Mary Ellen McKarsie, chairman of the program committee, and Dorothea Nevils, Hopewell, critic.

Rural Life Club—Beverly Carper, Roanoke, president; Mary Land, South Hill, vice-president; Louise Hankla, Louisa, secretary; Virginia Shreckhise, Mt. Sidney, treasurer; Maria Bowman, Staunton, chairman of the program committee; and Christine Rose, Blue Spring Run, chairman of the social committee.

Louise Ellett, Jennings Ordinary, was elected president of the Junior council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Susan Quinn.

Members of the Standards Committee for the 1937-38 session who were recently appointed are Margaret Cockrell, Alexandria, chairman; Evelyn Vaughn, Greenwood, S. C.; LaFayette Carr, Galax; Anna Goode Turner, Suffolk; Olive Johnson, Carrsville; Hazel Blair, Gretna; Margaret Clark, Norfolk; Nancy Dixon, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Stratford Dramatic Club and the Lanier, Lee, and Page Literary Societies initiated 32 new pledges during the past quarter. They were as follows:

Stratford — Patricia Minar, Arlington; Louise Ellett, Jennings Ordinary; Alice

Gilliam, Prince George; Ellen Stanford, Norfolk.

Lanier — Virginia Becker, Petersburg; Kathleen Cowden, Gate City; Carrie Roane, Cash; Ethel Driver, Mt. Sidney; Doris Hodges, Norfolk; Marjorie Grubbs, Norfolk; Ellen Miner, Meridian, Miss.; Ann Thweat, Petersburg; and Frances Warren, South Hill.

Lee—Mary Catherine Lyne, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.; Marguerite Bell, Suffolk; Marlin Pence, Arlington; Margaret Clark, Norfolk; Martha Ann Fitzgerald, Crewe; Geraldine Douglass, Grottoes; Nancy Dixon, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Leslie Purnell, Salisbury, Md.; Jean VanLandingham, Petersburg; and Ruth Schafer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Page — Dorothy Anderson, Rustburg; Lottie Ayers, Antonia; Mildred Glass, DeWitt; Virginia Gordon Hall, Ashland; Frances Lanier, Petersburg; Mary Ellen McKarsie, Alexandria; Catherine Minetree, Petersburg; Eleanor Shorts, Harrisonburg; and Dorothy Lee Winstead, Norfolk.

Pledges to other organizations on campus were:

Choral Club—Alice Doss, Gretna; Leslie Purnell, Salisbury, Md.; Isabel Buckley, Rural Retreat; Cora Mae Fitzgerald, Portsmouth; Letitia Holler, Camden, N. J.; Doris Fivecoat, Portsmouth; and Betty Baumeister, Portsmouth.

Art Club—Helen McMillan, Harrisonburg; Anita Wise, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Kathryn Shull, Winchester; Betty Lou McMahan, Sanford, N. C.; Virginia Becker, Petersburg; Eleanor Cole, Norfolk; and Dorothy Newman, Harrisonburg.

International Relations Club — Carrie Roane, Cash; Audrey Kilman, Jenkins Bridge; Alma Curtis, Spring Grove; Peggy Byer, Hagerstown, Md.; Emma Rand, Amelia; and Virginia McCue, Staunton.

Kappa Delta Pi—Agnes Bargh, Cape Charles; Peggy Byer, Hagerstown, Md.; Mary Ella Carr, Fairfax; Helen Hardy,

Amelia; Margaret Shank, Harrisonburg; Winifred Vickery, Rockaway Beach, N. Y.; and Annie Vincent, Midlothian.

Sigma Phi Lambda—Audrey Kilman, Jenkins Bridge; Jane Lynn, Manassas; Dorothy Sears, Appomattox; Jane Rosenberger, Winchester; Anna Miller, Aqua; Mike Lyne, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.; Ellen Beery, Harrisonburg; Celia Ann Spiro, Harrisonburg; Geraldine Lillard, Madison; Nell Long, Richmond; and Marie Walker, Kilmarnock.

Glee Club—Nancy Dixon, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Patricia Stone, Staunton; Elizabeth Hickerson, Davis, W. Va.; and Nancy Earman, Harrisonburg.

ALUMNAE NEWS

Home Coming has been announced for the week-end of March 19-21. Mary Brown Allgood, '30, of Richmond, will preside at meetings of the Alumnae Association on Saturday morning. Following the business meeting, there will be an open meeting at which an oil painting of our first president, Dr. Julian A. Burruss, will be presented to the college by Mrs. Harry E. Garber, of Harrisonburg, representing the Alumnae Association. Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland of the faculty will accept the portrait on behalf of the college.

There have been many messages from alumnae who plan to be present. "Please do reserve me a place for the Home Coming week-end," writes Hilda Hisey, '34, of Edinburg. "Since I still know a few students at school, I am particularly anxious to come back. Then it has been a whole year since I last saw most of the faculty.

"I remember the very first alumnae meeting I attended when so many of the 'ex's' were speaking of the 'boardwalk' days. From all the news I can glean at odd moments I suppose we of the next period shall have to classify ourselves as of the 'double-deck bed' era. I do want to see the many changes and catch up with the progress the school is making."

Other alumnae express regret, in which

we join, that they cannot be present. Florence Fray, '25, Madison, Virginia, who has spent several years at Blue Ridge but is now able to be at home, writes, "The entire program for Home Coming sounds so very interesting and I should like to be with you. I am still taking a rather strict 'cure,' therefore I cannot attend Home Coming."

From Brinkley, Arkansas, Phyllis Eastham Harrison, '21, writes, "I am so sorry that I cannot be with you all for the Home Coming. I do hope you will all have a grand time together on dear old Blue Stone Hill. Give my love to all my former instructors, friends, and classmates."

Evelyn Wilson Gunter, '31, of Richmond, Virginia, sends this message. "I am dreadfully sorry that it will be an impossibility for me to attend Home Coming. However, my thoughts will certainly be with you and I trust that you will have a very successful meeting. Your program sounds excellent and I do hope that the weather is fine and that you have many girls back with you."

Annie Spencer Sikes, '33, writes from Tuscaloosa, Alabama: "I regret that I shall not be able to be at H. T. C. for Home Coming. I don't know of anything that would give me more pleasure than a visit; and hope that some day this will be a realization."

Marguerite Bristow, '36, writes, "Last Friday afternoon when I arrived home for the week-end your letter was awaiting me. It was indeed a very delightful invitation and one which I would be overjoyed to accept. Just at this time it will be impossible for me to visit the college, much as I would like to do so. My sincerest hope is that there will be a great reunion and my thoughts will be with you during this time. May it be the very best ever!"

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