

list of contributors including many names prominent in American clinical psychology as well as in elementary education. Clear and readable in style, sane and constructive in viewpoint, complete in glossary and bibliography, this yearbook is indispensable for all those engaged in guiding children's growth.

K. M. A.

**BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR.** By G. David Houston. New York: Globe Book Co. 1936. 290 pp. \$1.32.

This concisely-written book is designed as a self-instructor in the essentials of English grammar. The elements of grammar are classified and discussed under the various parts of speech.

For both instructor and student it is a good reference book in formal grammar.

A. B.

**ERIK AND BRITTA. The World's Children.** By Virginia Olcott. New York: Silver Burdett Co. 1937. Pp. 168. 84 cents.

There is delightful charm in this reader of third grade level, both in story and in illustration. It gives a pleasing picture of childhood life and adventure in Sweden, so expressed as to stimulate and hold interest. Pronunciation and explanation of the Swedish words used in the book are found at the back.

## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Miss Harriett Greve, dean of women at the University of Tennessee, was the speaker at the inauguration of the newly elected student government officers Wednesday, March 24. The oath of office was administered by Mary B. Cox, retiring president, to Virginia Blain, incoming head, who in turn swore in the other new officers, Ruth Mathews, vice-president; Isabel Russell, secretary-treasurer; and Dorothy Peyton, recorder-of-points.

The following night the new Y. W. C. A. officers were installed, the customary candlelight service being used. They are

Hilda Finney, president; Helen Hardy, vice-president; Wanda Spencer, treasurer; and Lafayette Carr, secretary. New Y. W. C. A. cabinet members for the 1937-38 session are: Catherine Falls, chairman of the Social Committee; Olivia Wooding, chairman of Alumnae and World Fellowship; Marie Walker, librarian and chairman of the Y. W. room committee; Sue Bowles and Vivian Weatherly, choir committee; Janet Miller, town girl representative; Elizabeth Rawles, pianist; Marlin Pence, *Breeze* reporter; Katherine Stone, chairman of the church committee; Eleanor Cole and Mary Ella Carr, co-chairmen of the art committee.

Tapping the queen and her court with shoulder bouquets in assembly, members of the athletic association announced to the student body the results of a secret ballot taken to determine the queen of the May and her attendants. Mary B. Cox, retiring president of the Student Government Association, will reign as queen, with Martha Way assisting as Maid of Honor. Those who will compose the court of honor are: Helen Shutters, Virginia Blain, Bertha Jenkins, Marjorie Fulton, Helen Willis, Anne Wood, Alice West, Virginia Turnes, Katherine Beale, Adelaide Howser, Betty Martin, and Annie Glenn Darden.

The May Day celebration this year will be a pageant depicting May Day customs of many ages.

Under the direction of Dr. Hans Kindler the National Symphony Orchestra presented a concert of great beauty in Wilson Hall Monday night, March 8.

The Siberian Singers gave a program of Russian music on the evening of March 19, this number serving as part of the special program of entertainment for home-coming alumnae.

Recent club elections have resulted in the following choices of officers for the 1937-38 session:

*Sesame*—Dorothy Slaven, president; Mary Hutzler, vice-president; Alice Mc-

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Cormick, secretary; Elsie Thomas, treasurer; LaRue Huffman, sergeant-at-arms; Mildred Miller, reporter; Agnes Davis, pianist.

*Debating*—Margaret Smiley, president; Mary Clarke, vice-president; Louise Boisseau, secretary; and Helen Hotch, treasurer.

*Frances Sale Club*—Catherine Marsh, president; Olivia Wooding, vice-president; Ethel Hill, secretary; Margaret Trevillian, treasurer; Elizabeth Alexander, chairman of program committee; and Jessie Gearing, chairman of social committee.

*Curie Science Club*—Louise Ellett, president; Vivian Weatherly, vice-president; Florence Pond, secretary; Hazel Ritchie, treasurer; Catherine Marsh, chairman of program committee; Elizabeth Clay, sergeant-at-arms.

Dr. Argus Tresidder, English professor at the college, was chosen chairman of a new state organization of teachers of speech. The association, which held its initial meeting at Lynchburg March 13, decided to make a study of the teaching of public speaking in the secondary schools and colleges of Virginia. The results of this study will be presented to the State Board of Education.

Chosen to complete the terms of Ila Arrington and Virginia Blain as president and treasurer, respectively, of the Junior Class, Evelyn Vaughn and Lucille Webber will serve also as senior class officers next year. The former officers resigned because of newly assumed duties in other activities.

The State Teachers College Glee Club, in collaboration with five Harrisonburg church choirs, presented a Palm Sunday vesper service March 21 in Wilson Auditorium. Miss Frances Houck was soloist and Mrs. Vera Melone Conrad the accompanist for the massed chorus.

Chosen for their high scholastic standing and their interest in the French language, the following girls were elected to membership in the French circle: Alma Blatt, Celia

Ann Spiro, Lafayette Carr, Mary Catherine Lyne, Corinne Carson, Helen Rector, Mary Ellen Smith, Marguerite Bell, Perry Darner, Eleanor Hill, Evelyn Faught, Mildred Miller, Agnes Craig, and Emma Dunbar.

Students who successfully passed tryouts for Aeolian membership were: Geraldine Douglas, Jean Van Landingham, Marie Walker, Anne Kidd, and Marie Smith, in piano; Margaret Young and Caroline Schaller, in organ; and Lafayette Carr, in voice.

Patricia Minar, of Arlington, was winner over 13 contestants in the short-story contest conducted by Scribblers, Agnes Bargh, new chief scribe, announced recently. An award of five dollars was made at the same time. Pat Minar's story, "Goldfish and Pearls," along with the second prize story, "Two-ninths a Cat," written by Dolores Phalen, of Harrisonburg, have been sent to the national collegiate short story contest being conducted by Story Magazine. Runner up in the contest was "If You Choose to Play," by Margaret Byer, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Judges for the contest which began last December and closed February 27, were three members of the English department: Miss Margaret Hoffman, Dr. Edna Tutt Frederickson, and Dr. Argus Tresidder.

## ALUMNAE NOTES

Home Coming is a pleasant memory now. We had a total of 324 back, and everyone seemed to enjoy the week-end. Over 200 had registered by ten o'clock Friday night. A bus got in about nine-thirty with twenty alumnae from Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The business meeting on Saturday was marked by interesting reports from the local chapters. Pam Parkins Thomas, president of the Norfolk Chapter, was elected vice-president, replacing Virginia Starke, also of Norfolk. Mary McNeil, president of the Culpeper Chapter, is the new treas-