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FRIENDLY DOGS. By Louise Schawe. Yonkers, N. Y.: World Book Co. 1938. 170 pp. 88 cents.

Sixteen true stories in which dogs are the principal characters, moving against a background of everyday life in fourteen different countries. Among them are Pierre in Canada, who helps his master farm and fish; Ney, who lives near a Mexican serapo factory; Waldi, a little dachshund, who became a hero in the Black Forest; Zanna, the foster mother of two lion cubs in the Brussels zoo. The stories have action and spontaneity, with a style and spirit unusual in books for third or fourth grade children.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Following the liberalization of college curricula to permit students to graduate with either the B.A. or B.S. and either with or without student-teaching experience, and following the extension of the course in business education, the enrolment this fall surpassed all previous figures and reached a total of 1081.

Approximately 900 students use the college dining rooms, but the residence halls do not provide accommodations for so many. About 75 students are therefore rooming in private homes near the college. There are over 100 day students who live in the city or nearby.

To care for new courses offered this year for the first time and for additional sections necessitated by the larger enrolment five new appointments have been made to the faculty of Madison College, as follows:

Robert E. Slaughter (M.S., University of Southern California) becomes professor of commercial education.

Fernando Q. Martinez (Ph. D., University of Virginia) becomes assistant professor of Spanish. Dr. Martinez has taught

in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg and in Mary Baldwin College, Staunton.

Miss Ambrosia Noetzel (A. M., Iowa State College) becomes assistant professor of home economics.

Miss Josephine Walker (M. A., Columbia University) becomes supervisor of home economics, following the resignation of Miss Frances Houck to accept a position as supervisor of home economics training at the Farmville State Teachers College.

Miss Ruth Cooper (M. A., George Peabody College for Teachers) becomes supervisor of the second grade in place of Miss Marie Alexander, who is at Columbia University completing work for the doctor's degree.

The establishment of a department to train women for business is the result of this college's effort to meet the demand many young women are making for business training. Emphasis is placed on the four-year course in commercial education, but the State Board of Education has authorized the granting of junior commercial diplomas for completion of the two-year course.

What will some day be looked back to as a major event in the history of Madison College got under way without fanfare of trumpets when the Harrisonburg Building and Supply Company broke ground for the erection of a new library building on October 17. The building, which will stand on a line with Wilson and Reed Halls, facing west, will occupy the site of the tennis courts, to the north of Reed Hall.

The library will eventually house 80,000 volumes, with reference rooms, reserve book rooms, browsing room, several seminar rooms, and a children's book room.

The basal contract price for the building is \$118,000, and for furniture and equipment \$15,000. Architect's fees and other costs will absorb the remaining \$7,000.

The construction of the new library building and a new heating plant is being financed with the aid of P. W. A. grants. Excavation has already been completed by the contractors, the Nielson Construction Company, of Harrisonburg, for the heating plant, which will stand near the Chesapeake Western Railway just east of the Home Economics Practice House. The heating plant will cost about \$72,000, and will supplant the present unit south of the Senior Dining Hall.

Entertainments scheduled for the fall have been announced in part. The Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre, which appeared at the college last session in "Hansel and Gretel," returned on October 15 to present "Five Little Peppers"; on December 10 another of the Clare Tree Major companies will offer "Cinderella." These plays are being presented under the joint auspices of the college and the Parent-Teachers Association of Harrisonburg.

The Wagnerian Festival Singers, to appear in Wilson auditorium on November 14, will be one of the most expensive and elaborate entertainments ever presented at the college, it is said. An ensemble of five world-famous voices will sing favorite concert selections from the operas of Wagner, as well as parts from operas by other composers.

The English Placement Test given to Freshmen at the end of their first week on the campus showed for the 396 students examined a median score of 140 as compared with a national median of 129, according to Mr. Conrad Logan, head of the English department.

The following twenty-one girls make up the highest five per cent of the group: Margaret Beauford Warwick, Monterey; Anne Warren Anderson, Arlington; Susan Annette Bowles, Louisa; Pauline Richie Barfield, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Mrs. Vivian Berry Fauver, Staunton; Alice Mary Griffith, Gaithersburg, Md.; Evelyn Louise Jef-

erson, Federalsburg, Md.; Louise Elizabeth Parks, Bedford; Sue Ann Crockett, Oceana; Marjorie Hope Kryske, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Margaret Adelia Eaton, Suffolk; Julia Kilpatrick, Glen Allen; Margaret Schrader Shelton, Pearisburg; Jane Watts Sites, Covington; Patricia Rhoe Johns, Arlington; Nan Kathryn Walker, Norfolk; Virginia Milliah O'Sullivan, Ivy; Harriet Long, Harrisonburg; Mary Lee Utley, Norfolk; Ethel Lois Williams, Church Road; and Catherine Funkhouser, Harrisonburg.

Since the State Board of Education announced that no new teachers will be certified to teach after 1942 who have not had four years of college training for their work, the college has instituted Saturday classes for teachers in service interested in meeting these requirements. These Saturday classes will be conducted for fifteen weeks and will carry each three quarter-session hours credit. Classes now being offered are a course in Tennyson by Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland, a class in First Aid by Miss Dorothy Savage, American Colonial History by Mr. John McIlwraith, and Public School Music by Mrs. Clifford T. Marshall.

ALUMNAE NEWS

MISS YOWELL IS NAMED SUPERVISOR FOR
N. Y. A.

Miss Nettie Tucker Yowell, of Boyce, has begun her duties as home-making supervisor of the National Youth Administration in Virginia, with headquarters in Richmond. She will supervise N. Y. A. home-making centers, N. Y. A. sewing rooms, and N. Y. A. school lunch rooms throughout the state.

Miss Yowell has been a teacher of vocational home economics at Berryville High School for the past three years and is a native of Clark County. She received her B. S. in home economics at Madison College, Harrisonburg, in the class of 1930.