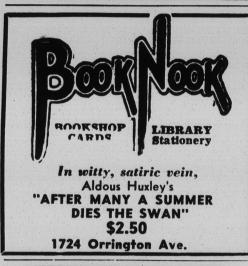
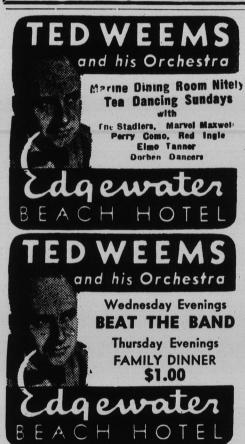
Miss Gertrude Roemer, 2608 Glenview road, has recently returned home from a visit with relatives and friends in Detroit, Mich.

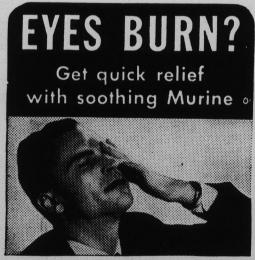
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BOOKS-REVIEWS-AUTHORS

Kenneth Horan Recommends

Testament of Friendship
By Vera Brittain. (Macmillan)

Winifred Holtby was Vera Brittain's closest friend. They were in college together, shared lodgings in London when they were both doing journalistic work, and when Vera was married. Winifred was her bridesmaid. All that is told in "Testament of Youth," and now it is Vera Brittain's beloved task to tell the complete story of Winifred Holtby's life, of her editorship of the English magazine, "Time and Tide," of her work for the natives of South Africa, and of her novels, chief among which are "Manoa, Manoa" and 'South Riding.'

The unhappy love affair with "Bill" brought Winifred only discontent, and although on her death bed he asked her to marry him, he consistently hindered her throughout her lifetime. Like a shadow he flits in and out of the story of the Yorkshire days, the London activities, and finally the suffering in various nursing homes.

Miss Brittain feels that Winifred Holtby was a genius, who, had she lived, would have fulfilled the promise given by her fine novels, and would have made herself one of the great of English literature. Her death was a national as well as a personal loss, and in this heart-rending account of her battle against a blood pressure so high that it literally pounded her to death at the age of thirty-seven, her friend testifies to the beautiful quality of her art, and Puzzle to Readers of her personality. More than that, a this book, which is proof again that love is stronger than death.

Letters to Mary

By Catherine Hayes Brown. (Random House)

Grannie takes her per in hand and tells her precious grandchild a series of bedtime stories that reveal the life and works of America's most beloved stage lady, Helen Hayes. They sound a touch like A. A. Milne in his more melting moments, but they can't hide the genius of the woman who climbed from a stock company to that classic of the stage, "Victoria Regina." Grannie tells Toots all about it, and it's interesting and sweet and simple, and it's also important, for everything concerning Helen Hayes' life is momentous in the growth of the American

There are quantities of stories of of the brilliant little person who has become so great an artist through hard work and her own natural gifts. It's all told in words of practically one syllable, for Grannie is a fine raconteur, and a good deal of a person herself. She's not the heroine of the piece, but she's the deus ex machina, without whom her daughter might never have reached her pinnacle of fame. Her story is endearing and that little child who, a few years ago, was referred to in the law courts as an "act of God" will be grateful to Grannie for telling all there is to know about "dear mummy."

As Charles MacArthur, who is Grannie's son-in-law, remarks in his spirited introduction to this book, times changed my view about life, "Brownie's recognition of ham (amalways implicit in a look, has some- away, Brownie."

On Friendship



Vera Brittain's new book, "Testament of Friendship: The Story of Winifred Holtby," is an unusual biography. As in her au-"Testament of tobiography, Youth," a personal story is related against a background of world events. It is an account of an ideal friendship between two

Identity of Heroine

rare, perfectly unselfish and absolutely devoted friendship actuated tion puzzling the literary world. Lady Ffulkes appears, of course, as the heroine of Doris Leslie's new novel, Another Cynthia, and according to that book her adventures are reconstructed from hitherto unpublished memoirs discovered in the secret closet of an old house in Berkeley Square, London. This information has sent the literary investigators scurrying to the records to see what they can discover about the lady and about Owen Samp-

Of course real people whom everyone recognizes do figure in the pages of this book, which covers the period of Sarah Siddons and the Prince Regent. Among these are Lord Byron, William Cobbett, and of course Sarah Siddons, and another famous actress, Mrs. Jordan. But Lady Ffulkes isn't, at first thought, so recognizable, and the question is being quite generally stage people here, and of decisive asked here and in England as to theatre offers and acceptances, and whether that is a name under which there are many fascinating pictures masquerades a better-known personality or a real and colorful figure about whom we should have heard nefore.

The author is keeping her own counsel.

An Educator

Scribners have published A Teacher and His Times by William Adams Brown. An outstanding figure in American education and religion, Dr. Brown's autobiography begins in the colorful New York of the '70s. It recalls important religious and educational events in England, India, Europe and at home, in peace and in war.

Once or twice it has even changed ateurishness), always unspoken but my views about myself. Take it

Whole Array of Rackets Window-Dress a Biography

Attorney for the People

By Rupert Hughes. Houghton Mifflin

Rupert Hughes' Attorney for the People traces Thomas E. Dewey's rise from modest beginnings, the processes he has evolved for handling those cases that have made headlines throughout the country, and gives the lurid stories behind the cases. Careful preparations and astute legal strategy resulted in the conviction of entrenched racketeers whom no other man had successfully tackled.

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Attorney for the People presents the first complete description of the whole array of rackets, a portrait gallery of amazing criminals and their political protectors, as well as the heroes involved.

What the future may hold for Thomas Dewey, no one can tell, but his achievements have earned him a right to this permanent and comprehensive record. A modern version of St. George and the dragon, it is packed with facts stranger than fiction.

The Author

As the biographer of George Washington and the author of successful novels, Rupert Hughes combines a zest for research and reverence for fact with a storyteller's interest in character and its vivid presentation.

A thorough study of many records and the interviewing of a large number of individuals add to the testimonial authenticity of the picture.

Travel in Finland

Neill James, author of Petticoat Vagabond Among the Nomads, traveled extensively in northernmost Finland, where the present war is being waged most fiercely, during the journey throughout arctic Scandinavia described in her book. An authentic picture of the hardy, outdoor life of the people, which she shared during mid-winter months when weather conditions were similar to those now assisting the Finnish resistance, is given in the story published by Scribners.

In the Navy

Eugene O'Brien, whose first novel, He Swung and He Missed, caused a mild critical furor and made the admirals mad, works as a metal layer during the day and attends evening classes at Columbia. His second novel, One Way Ticket, another story of the navy, will be published Janu-

Indian History

American Indians probably came originally from Siberia, crossing from Asia to Alaska, reveals Dr. Clark Wissler in Indians of the United States, a volume tracing four centuries of Indian history and culture. Dr. Wissler is curator of anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History