Pulse of the Times; What Free Lancers Are Thinking About

Conversationalists Dichotomized Into Groups; Agreers and Deniers

By D. H. TALMADGE, Sage of Salem

the schools were hotbeds of poli-

tics, nothing less. As a matter

of fact, the churches and society

in general were affected, and oc-

cassionally a democratic wife left

her republican husband and went

parents. Or a republican wife

went home bristling to her repub-

Those were the sweet old days

in village life when cows roamed

at will over the town plat and

everybody - that is, everybody

who was anybody - kept one or

lived two enterprising citizens

who conducted piggeries on a

school, at recess and after school

ious grades got into bad odor.

our fair city's citizenry.

Of course, when anything be-

citizenry it cannot go much fur-

However, after considerable

growling, he agreed to clean up

his piggery and destroy all corn-

cobs, and the ultimate result was

that every pigpen in the village

ter a fashion, that dirty political

betterment of general conditions.

cal practices gave off a definite

and unpleasant odor the people as

end to them. But, unfortunately,

There is this to be said for the

which opened

Warner Brothers musical, Col-

the week at the Elsi-

nore, it presents to us a dif-

seen before - more restrained,

yet more sure of herself. Her

dance-numbers with Paul Draper

ferent Ruby Keeler than we have

they do not.

I reckon that if corrupt politi-

ther. Either the stench is reme-

comes a stench in the nostrils of

lican parents. It was that bad.

VISITORS Soon the summer visitors will begin to summer-visit, Voices will waft down the stairs, asking who in thunder is it?

Folks will ha-ha and gaily say gee, but it's good to see yuh! And how'd yuh stand the winter's

The front porch and the parlor will resound with happy chat-And the back porch and the kitch-

en will-O well, it doesn't

Days will pass, and selfish plans, by the visit upset badly, Will be resumed where they were dropped and not entirely

Somewhat later in the season, folks will figger to repay, And they'll do it sure as shootin'. because folks are built that

Matter o' fact, folks love to visit - no reason why they And they'd sputter more than ever

if for some cause they.

By their fingernails thou shalt know them-the gardeners who

It is fair, I think, to assert that conversa tionalists are of two general sorts - deniers and agreers.

couldn't.

E verybody misspellsa word now and then. Mark

Twain said he did not think much of a person who could only one way.



spell a word If we are not annoyed by the idiesyneracies or little notions of a person, but instead, are amused and entertained by them, it may safely be assumed that we truly like that person. I always got along first rate with a chap who shared a bedroom and a bed with me one winter in Dubuque. When

he prepared for bed he placed a glass of water within reach. He said he might want a drink in the might. But he never did, Morning after morning the glass of water stood there, untouched. However, on those infrequent occasions when he wakened in the night and discovered that he had forgotten to place the glass of water in the accustomed place he rose and got it. I never mentioned the the democratic piggery man was matter to him, because I figgernot one to put up with any fooled it was possible I might have a ishness, the salvation of the napeculiarity or two of my cwn, but | tin being at stake, as he ensidof course I could not imagine ered it to be.

Too warm for heat, too cool for none-a case where nothing's to

what they might be.

I reckon there is no particular objection to the veterans of future wars movement, which the college boys are enjoying so much. They boys are entitled to all the fun they can get from the war business. When they are presented with the bill for the last one it will not be so funny.

The press news lately contained an item about a dog somewhere that returned home carrying in its mouth a newspaper in which its loss was advertised. Suit yourselves about believing the story.

Old-timers say the circus of the past was more thrilling than that of today. Perhaps it is less thrilling to the old-timers, but it is safe to say that the youngsters of today get pretty much the same plainly still on the way up. Colold thrill from it.

There is a limit to everything. A man may train a dog and a dog may train a flea, to some extent at least - but that is the final

A man sat in the lobby of a Salem hotel one day this week, en- tion. Thus we see a Dick Powell gaged in transferring the "cake" from the bowl of a pet pipe to a newspaper spread upon his lap. the stab and dig system. A man done giggle, gets most of his with a magnenta complexion laughs without recourse to an ov-"it's plain to be seen you've never worked in the oil fields. To clean that pipe you've got to drill, not poke. Hold the bowl firmly in the left hand and drill with your right, You'll be surprised at the result, which I take it isn't very satisfactory to you thus far." And the man with the pipe thereupon applied the tip of the knifeblade as if he were starting a gimlet into an oaken board, and the

Yes, I know it destroys the sweethess of a pipe to remove all the "cake." Do as you please with the bowl of your old pipe. I'm just telling you, that's all.

I suspect that the man with the magenta complexion had the pipe sized up as a sort of gusher, and perhaps he was not far wrong, at.

man with the magenta complexsmoke, he said, he rolled his own, loff's . . . Bob Ramp is working using a filling composed of equal at the Meadow Brook dairy lunch at Queener.

coast before driving home. . . new home in Alaska. Looking back across the years.

am disposed to consider the presidential campaign of 1876 to have been the most violent political demonstration I have ever known. It was the first campaign in which I took a part. This statement may on the face of it seem somewhat ridiculous, but it cold, and now it's warm how is true enough. I was a student places where there don't seem to be many indications, in the public schools in '76, and

knew. Just at this moment I feel that the aggravatingest thing pos sible is a petrified rubber eraser. home bristling to her democratic But shucks! I ain't minding much. What's the use? I don't better if I was to call it all the unprintable names in the lan-

to bubble and boil Tis time to look up antidotes for more pigs. Near the schoolhouse what's called banana oil.

> We talk of motion plays and reaches the town with the baby, and falls dead. The other two give up along the way. Not especially cheering in its nature, but impressive and in places, beautiful.

Our old friend, the needle in a aystack, could not be much more difficult to find than were folks

last week who had not seen Shirley Temple in Captain January . And if there is a person in town who did not visit the World Wonder Car, "the largest traveling museum in the world," which stood on the Miller corner Wedsday and Thursday, cause he or she was unable to get of the past have been removed from the southeast corner of Center and Front streets . . . Another service station will at once come into being on that corner . . Ten more years and Salem will be practically unrecognizable by the man of 50 who left here when a boy . . . Artistic people tell us that the lawns are now wearing the loveliest green of the year . . . But green to most of us is only green . . . There are folks who hold the winter green of the lawns to be the loveliest of the

papers outnumber men readers three to one . . . Dogs in this town noticeable in these parts . . . But pipe smokers are seen more numerously on the streets. The weaes as to what Salem's population will be in 1940 vary from 30,000

are swell. Some of the artists go down and some go up. Ruby is leen, in its entirety, is pleasant entertainment. There are spots And next comes the circus!

> Farmers Consider Soil Conservation

SHELBURN, May 2-A large crowd of farmers from Shelburn at first so sure of herself that she attended the soil conservation meeting held at Scio Thursday groups: evening, Floyd Mullen, county ageat, being in charge of the meeting. Officers elected were George they go quite clear of their direc-Sandner and Victor Lyons from this community.

visited by a large number of per- ture play-boys, - mention games, sons daily preparing graves of relatives for Memorial day. Oral Bates is busy shearing goats. The increase in the price

provement over last year. Ralph Shilling returned home this week from a visit with his brother, Glen, in Washington. The Shelburn school board has hired Mrs. Margaret Kelly as the teacher for the next year. Fifteen applications were received for the position. Mrs. Kelly has attach their instincts for competi-

Only three pupils attended even money making." aifalfa. But, he said, he didn't smoke much, on account of his health, which was delicate. Then health, which was delicated by the health was delicated by

BRIGHT MEN FAVOR PLAN , the extra tax for a whole year. Editor Statesman: Somewhere I have seen this motto: "Thank God for Dr. Townsend and the ballot"; and I year ago, (before they studied the thank God for a J. Lincoln Ellis, Plan) now say, with hundreds of and courage to so present the Portland, and likewise in every

who has the forethought, ability Townsend plan to the readers of city in the United States, "the 're-The Statesman that it is under- volving' feature and 'recovery he can seem to produce in refu- and that is why it is A RECOVtation is to say, "the tax disburs- ERY PLAN, AND THE TOWNed to the recipients, who are not SEND PLAN! required to render any service to the state therefor, the 'revolving' feature and 'recovery' claim do not alter the essential character of the plan, etc."

Now that is where the mistaken idea, and false impression is. The annuitant while not being allowed to render service by toil in the industrial vocations of any kind, DIRECTLY, for profit to himself, he IS hired to put this money into circulation, and get it into the channels of trade, for your, and all business men's benefft, within thirty days from time of receiving it, which if he does not do, will be discharged from further service for Uncle Sam, just as you, Mr. Editor, would discharge an employe if he failed to render you service as per agree-

This money when forced into circulation IS "service rendered," as everyone in the United States will be benefitted, directly or indirectly, thereby. For example: There are approximately 4000 eligibles in the trading area of Salem, lem, which means \$800,000 more to be spent in the city each month than now. Even the Statesman would double and triple its profits through advertising which the increased business would demand, and also through the increased subscriptions, for when that much money is forced into circulation, anyone with reasoning power can readily see business would be bet-

If this is NOT a fact why is by the way will soon be a thing of the past, then look out for a REAL DEPRESSION! when the appropriations cease—which are putting us so deeply in debt that state. we can never pay out, unless the Townsend becomes a law. Yes the time will come to pass when these appropriations will not be forthcoming, in fact the time is here

The extra amount of business firm would do in a month when eight million dollars,) would pay and paid out according to law.)

ing world of today.

pensive mental sanitorium.

and they're wide awake.

Some of the brightest and most prominent men in this city who a the successful business men of standable, and also make it so claim DOES alter the essential plain that the editor is so non- character of the plan," so that it clussed that the only argument differs from any other form of tax,

B. I. PLUMMER.

"MAY BASKET" To the Editor: I hardly feel qualified to write for your column. I am not a graduate of any Rosedale academy or any plush college, or Hayesville seminary. I have never been baptized in the filth of the last period. Willamette river. However, without these degrees, I thought I would write anyway.

As to the Townsend plan, I have often wondered why the grange did not take up the subject and would be the Chrysalis or Pupa settle it once for all, and ever. The work is to decide what to plant, when and where. They are supposed to stay home and "follow the plow," but they do not, I am surprised that they are so quiet on the question. As a general thing their work covers everything from locating the bunghole in the vinegar barrel to making

I have admired your editorials on Salem water, school superin-Townsend problem. Your ideas worms. are broad and sane; your views and writings are well adapted for sound papers as the Oregonian and Statesman

A. T. AXTELL, Broadway Ave., Salem.

LOGIC Editor Statesman:

By your editorials you claim that all money paid for the Townbusiness better in localities where send plan would come out of the WPA work is in progress? (Which U. S. treasury. By the same logic you would say that all money raised by the sale of liquor and turned over for relief would come out of the state treasury of this

A Book Review

B. P. TAYLOR (Editor's Note - If Mr. Taylor will read the law he will find that is exactly what happens with the liquor money: it is just as much the general fund, the higher eduthis money turns over ten or 15 cation fund, or the moter vehicle times, (ten times \$800,000 is fund. They are collected by law

BUTTERFLY OR ANGEL To the Editor of the Statesman,

Salem. Ore. President Roosevelt has been accused of being a magician taking rabbits out of his hat and other tricks of magic, but I think his greatest feat of magic if he does it as he has outlined it to the people in one of his addresses will be changing men into butterflies. According to his idea there would be three stages in the

transition of man: The first one would be from birth till eighteen in which period children would only be supposed to eat, study and grow, preparing for the second period.

The second period from 18 to 60 would be the work period when a man would be required to earn enough to take care of his offspring and to take care of himself | ginia stock, that and others less fortunate in the low growing.

Then the last period there would be nothing to do but eat, drink and be merry. Now comparing this transition to the butterfly, the first stage

The second stage would represent the worm stage where a man would be supposed to keep his nose to the grindstone, getting himself ready for the third stage providing the woodpeckers didn't get him, (and there are

Then there is the last or butterfly stage where all a man is supposed to do is flit around and sip the nectar from the flowers tendent, Senator McNary and the cultivated and grown by the

several different varieties).

It's surprising what a man can be turned into with the right kind of environment, but it remains to be seen whether the voters will give Mr. Roosevelt another four years to experiment, but anyway a man can take his pick, he can either be a butterfly or an angel whichever he chooses. EARL SHARP.

> PARADISE IN 1937 Mill City, Ore., 4-28-1936.

To the Editor: The general expression of the

great majority of citizens now--a-days is what the newspapers are for, is that which we the great majority must not vote for, and that which the newspapers are against. is that which we the great majority must vote for. The newspapers of our country imagine that their greatest income comes from the great financial minority who control the money of our nation. Not bad imagination for the newspapers we grant. But the great majority of citizens are going to the polls next November and change the money control of this nation. This is apparent now by the largizens are going to the polls next November and elect a Townseend pledged majority of members in both houses of the congress. This is going to change the complexion of the money control of our nation, and also change the tactics of the newspapers of the land. Nineteen hundred thirty seven is going to bring forth a paradise in which to live in this country. It will even then be a pleasure to ead the newspapers.

Respectfully R. D. TURPIN.

ATHEETE'S FOOT-NOTE

Editor, Statesman: The foot-note on Mr. Lincoln's etter last Sunday was wrong. We do not loot the treasury. The 2 per cent transaction tax is levied expressly for the OARP. The treasury department is merely carrying out the provisions of the law.

The oldsters are pretty evenly scattered over the U.S. and we do perform a service to the state each month, putting that money in circulation for useful goods and service.

It seems as if the opponents to the OARP would rather go on as we are, and according to a questionnaire sent to 200 cities, continue relief from one to several years. It could all be settled so easily. The transaction tax is the easiest and best tax of all and the one per cent additional would soon carry on the government all other taxes repealed except tariffs to protect our labor and industry, and inheritance taxes. M. W. RULIFSON, R. 2, Box 59, Salem.

Carnival Date Is **Fixed by Juniors**

TURNER, May 2 - The high school junior class will put on a carnival Friday night, May 8, as a benefit for the junior-senior banquet. School will close May 29. The grade children are to take part in the musical program at Willamette gymnasium next Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Van Santen is their director and also is on the committee of arrangements for the day. Mrs. R. J. Watson has returned to her home having spent the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Freedon in Portland.

R. O. Witzel returned home this week from Kitson Springs where he spent two weeks for his health, and feels that he has been much benefited. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coder and

Mrs. Merrill Richmond of Bremerton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Richmond of Salem were recent guests at the Raymond Titus Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnett

had for their house guests durby will write. On September 29th ing the week Mrs. Mable Milke last, she died in London at the age of Washington and Mrs. Ivy Mansfield of Plummer, Idaho.

Set Pinball Fee STAYTON, May 2 - A special meeting of the council Thursday

charged in other communities.

How is Your Garden?

Stock, Snapdragons, Zinnia and Petunias All Fine to Replace Early Blooms

that the hyacinths and daffodins are gone, and tulips will soon be, is a question

me frequently this week. There are many things one can use in place of the early flowering bulbs. One could broadcast the bed. over seed of the Virfragrant stock which will give

that has come to

so much color. Lillie L. Madsen The little plants should be thinned to about three inches apart. One could also broadcast seed of petunia or clarkia or marigolds. There are also nice plants pur-

chaseable at 20 or 25 cents a dozen. These include stock, snapdragons, zinnias, petunias, marigolds and any number of others. Until this year I purchased the netunias grown individually in little pots. Then I found I could buy them at 25 cents a dozen. The plants are nice and seem to be doing just as well as those individually grown. Gladiolus Possibility

If space permits anything so tall, there are gladioli and dahlias which can be planted almost anytime now. If the spring bulbs grow far enough apart, chrysanthemums may still be set out. They do rather well in the bulb garden if given plenty of bonemeal and other fertilizer. The bonemeal is also beneficial to most of the bulbs.

The pink geranium and the blue ageratum or the lobelia make a pretty combination for an outdoor bed. I often wonder why geraniums are not more often used as a bedding plant. They are colorful in the garden.

Geraniums from Seed Speaking of geraniums recalls to my mind that I was asked this week if geraniums could be grown from seed and if so, where this seed could be purchased. Geraniums grow very easily from seed and a mixed packet can furnish considerable interest. They come into bloom much more rapidly than would be supposed, too, Most seed houses carry geranium seed. If the inquirer fails to find it send me a self-addressed envelope and I'll send the name of a seed house which I know does carry it.

asks if there is such a thing as blue salvia. Yes, there is - at least two varieties of blue salvia. perennial and has come through many a cold winter here. The other is less hardy but will live through some of our winters. Both grow readily from seed. "I have tried so hard to grow lilies and have never succeeded. Have you ever grown the Madonna lily out of doors?" comes the

question from Salem. On Growing Lilies

Lilies are peculiar things to grow. Sometimes they grow very well; other times they won't grow at all. I have one clump of Madonna lilies that I started from one bulb 12 years ago. This year it has eight flower stocks, so the increase has not been great. But the plants are large and have bloomed each year-even one that moved them. I have anothera smaller clump - which I grew from seed a few years ago. These did not come into bloom until the third year.

The Madonna lily usually re-

sents moving. But if it must be

moved, this should be done not later than six weeks after flowering. This lily rests but a very short while before it starts growing again. And unlike many other lilies, the Madonna should have its bulb only just covered with soil. It evidently prefers a rather stiff loan in a sunny situation. At first I had mine planted beneath trees for I was of the opinion that the lily liked shade. Then, when it flowered very frugally, I decided to move it. It now grows at the south side of the house, fully exposed to the sun, and blooms very well. Lowgrowing shrubs protect its base. I understand with the Madonna lily, that this isn't even necessary, but mine has done well in this location so I have left it there. While most lilies detest lime the

W/HAT to plant in the early- | Madonna lily seems in different W ly-blooming bulb garden now to its presence in the soil. But good drainage is essential. For those whose soil is not too welldrained, the suggestion was made by Dr. E. H. Wilson to plant the bulb on an inverted flower-pot, and surround it with gritty river

Fertilize With Care Leaf-mold is good for lilies, and while lilies need food, fertilization should be done with the utmost care. If manure is used, it should be thoroughly rotted and should never be permitted to come in contact with the bulb. Bonemeal and leafmold are about the best fertilizers for the lilies.

One gardener reports that the spittle bug is taking her chrysanthemums and wants to know what to do about it. I'd suggest getting a little of the spittle bug dust from any of the seed or plant stores. A dime's worth will go quite a ways. Dust the plants thoroughly with it at this time and again a little later-say in eight or ten days. I believe the spittle bug dust with the nicotine in it would be the best for the chrysanthemums. There are some of the dusts without poisons in them. I have found that some of this dust is also quite helpful in ridding the garden of slugs and cut worms.

Plants for Lime Soil Always, writes one gardener, one is told of acid loving plants. She wants to know if there aren't plants that prefer a lime or sweet soil. There certainly are. Lots of them.

The tall-bearded iris definitely will not grow in a soil that is acid. Delphiniums, kerria, pentstemon, peony, butteflybush, firethorn, hollyhock, are among the sweetsoil loving plants. There are dozens of others in this group at

"Can you tell me the name of fungicide which does not discolor foliage as much as does Berdeaux?" asks a Stayton gard-

Copper acetate is said to be a good fungicide that does not have this defect. I have never tried it myself. There are commercial and patented brands on the mar-"What is liver of sulphur?" H.

E. of Salem asks. A druggist could, perhaps, answer better than I. I am of the opinion that liver of sulphur and potassium sulphide are the same. The same person wants to know

Another question this week what to do when an over-supply of nitrogen has been given to plants. I am told that bonemeal or wood ashes will correct this The one is an extremely hardy fault. Guano, dried blood and other animal fertilizers contain liberal amounts of lime.

> Methodist Youth in Albany Convention

ALBANY May 2 - The Salen district league Youth" convened in Albany Friday for a three-day session, it being the annual convention of the league. The Salem district comprises the south half of the Willamette valley and westward to the coast taking in Tillamook, Bay City and Nehalem. At least 150 young people are in attend-

Ten ministers are taking part in the programs. President of the league is Wayne Wright of Albany.

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here and there of much beauty. The plot, what there is of it, is a departure from the back-stage motif which has characterized these productions for so long, and the Warner Brothers stars show the influence of intelligent direchappily free from the flailing armaction which has accompanied his singing on former occasions, Jack He was using a pocket-knife and Oakie is partially subdued, and was operating in accordance with | Hugh Herbert, despite the overspoke to him. "Brother." said, eruse of strong drink. All of which, from some viewpoints at

least, indicate a change for the Perhaps I should not mention this Be Kind to Dumb Animals week incident, but it was a very small incident and it can do no serious harm to tell it. It is merely that a tender-hearted Salem man, having several unwanted kittens to drown, carefully warmed the water before drowning "cake" gave way as if by magic. them. Is it not a pretty little story? And was he not the ten-

Persona Harley and Mrs. Bosler visited the southern Oregon beaches last week . . . Clarence Wenger and Harvey Thomas are back on the Multnomah orchestra job after a winter in Honolulu . . . Shirley Temple has two brothers, one of whom is a student at Stanford He was a big, strong chap, the university . . . Henry Poppe is again at his old place in the Paramount market, formerly Steus-

der-hearted man?

parts of very mild tobacco and | . . . Ernie and Mrs. Folsom of the

may decide to drive to the east Word has been received here of the safe arrival of Peter Hepner, wife and two children, at their

Everybody to his taste. Ed Tunk says some folks seem to get a heap of satisfaction from diggin' around here and there for scandal, but him he'd ruther, when he feels like diggin' for somethin', dig around for soul in

People speak at times of the aggravatingest thing they ever reckon the eraser would erase any

When the pot of politics begins

more than usually extensive scale, the books from which certain One of these citizens was a demothem are taken, and usually. crat and the other a republican. the book chances to be a favor-Their pigpens were what may be ite of ours, we comment adverse termed the munitions plants of ly on the motion play. But not the two armies which waged war always. Peter B. Kyne's story of for their respective heroes, Hayes the Arizona desert, Three Godand Tilden, each day - before fathers, is an exception to the rule in that it gives body and color As a natural result of this pigto the story and detracts nothing. soaked-corncob warfare, the var-A silent audience marked the showing of the film at the Capi-This perhaps would have cretol Tuesday night-a tense and ated no great obstacle to the thoroughly interested audience. cause of human rights and the va-Three outlaws (Chester Morris, rious other issues at stake in the Lewis Stone and Walter Brennan) campaign had the odor confined rob a small town bank and escape itself to the school house. But it into the desert. They find a dead did not. It penetrated to all parts man, an almost dead woman and of the community, on clothing, on a very much alive baby. Their hands and faces and in the hair. horses drink poisoned water and And eventually it became that die. And that is the story-their which is known in classic politijourney across the burning sands cal literature and platform oraon foot in an effort to save the tory as a stench in the nostrils of baby. Ultimately one of them

died or the nostrils snort themselves to pieces. The citizenry Salem Briefs of the town, republicans and democrats alike, admitted tactily that they had no particular objection to dirty politics, but they stated frankly that politics which caused the dining rooms and bed-

rooms of the town to smell like a pigpen was too much. Fortunately, one of the teachers in the school was the daughter of a democratic family, and to her was asorder, somewhat in the nature of an ultimatum, to the democratic in . . . Pretty well all reminders piggery man. Diplomacy was necessary in dealing with the democratic piggery man, because the school board was solidly republican, all two members of it, and

year . . . Women readers of newscleaning. Which goes to prove, afare like holes in underwear-they methods sometimes work to the don't show . . . Cigarette smokers are reported by some news mediums to be returning to cigars. Not a whole would promptly put an ther may account for it . . . Guess-

to 50,000 . . . The person who guesses 30,000 is an ultra-conservative. It is a safe bet that the town already has 30,000 population . . . The ladies' art needlework shop, heretofore occupying cojointly the room on Court street occupied by Sims' secondhand book shop, has moved to Liberty street, between State and Court . . . A brilliant decathlon in the pre-Olympic contests was rerural community or small town. corded in Monday's papers, Glenn

Morris being the performer. It was not the local Glenn Morris, but performance or no performance he could not be more keenly interested in clean athletic sports than is the local Glenn . . . Being remodeled and refronted - the room on State street formerly occupied by the Kahle pool hall . . .

The Miller cemetery is being of mohair is a boost to farmers. The price on wool is also an im-

taught this school for two years,

health, which was delicate. Then he winked at nobody in particular and went over to ask the man lar and went over to ask the man at the desk what time the Shasta at he will take over a new car, and the use of crutches. which she is planning for the high

interest and the result is a prob-

In reading over the long list of lem in personal relationship. characters printed in the beginning of the book, it seems scarcely possible that so many names can ther and grandmother, dealing in wend their way through the story in any orderly sequence, but they the much younger-appearing Aldo. "South Riding" becomes a derman Mrs. Emma Beddows, community one has known and liv- keen and shrewd and yet kindly ed in a long time. The many char- in her judgment, forms an interacters become the many people in esting part of the story. Mrs. Bedthe community. Some of them we dows admits she has an odd halflearn to know well; others but To understand the significance

of Miss Holtby's title fully, the Mrs. Beddows symbolizes all the reader must know that a "riding" is "one of the three administrative jurisdictions, each formerly under the government of a reeve, into which the county of York, in England, is divided. They are called "the North, the East and the West Riding." So South Riding does not really exist. But, Vera Brittain, Miss Holtby's literary agent, tells us, "South Riding" is actually a study of the peculiar local government of Yorkshire, the birthplace of the author. It is much more than that: it is a study of the social, as well as the civic. life of a community-almost any and all anxiety, all sorrow and

Miss Holtby has shown a remust transform circumstances unmarkable ability in bringing forth | til they gave him cause for pleasthe quality of the characters that make up South Riding. There is Councilor Robert Carne, a gentleman farmer, fine, handsome and courageous in his fight for the welfare of South Riding as he letting the "immediate future, his sees it, always burdened with his sorrow. His runaway marriage with Muriel, the beautiful neurotic daughter of Lord Sedgmire was of short duration. To pay for the short happiness, Carne is forced to watch his ancestral estate running downhill because of Muriel's past extravagances and the present ne-

wheels going round. . . I don't to the inevitable, that we don't

think you can change the first even ask if it is inevitable." and the third groups much. You It is with special regret one can educate their minds - give lays down this fascinating book, them a certain amount of knowfor it is the last novel Miss Holtledge to direct their energies. The middle group you might alter a bit-but many women, like many of 37 from an illness she had men, never grow up. They prefer fought for four years. "South Ridgames all their life. They like to ing" was finished but a month before her death. Undoubtedly tion, achievement and the rest of because of this, she understood but recently has been employed it to something immediate, con- and could better picture, the men crete and artificial, golf, bridge- and women "who already belong night an emergency ordinance

The End.

"South Riding" by Winifred school. In all county affairs Carne Holtby (Macmillan. \$2.50) is a is stubborn, reactionary, consernovel with real substance. It is a vative, and feaudal in his ideasnovel of the bargaining, the intrig- directly opposite to Sarah. But uing, compromising and disturb- the very difference seems to beget The study of Mrs. Emma Bed-

dows, the 72 year old wife, mothe petty gossip of family life, and motherly and half-untranslatable love for Carne. She comes to sympathize with Sarah, and for Sarah

staunch virtues of South Riding. There are many stories within the story-that of Socialistic Alderman Astill, doomed to tuberculosis. There is the preaching Councillor Huggins, who seeks his pleasures in far corners of the community and later finds he has a blackmailing sweetheart, Bessy Warbuckle, on his hands. In Tom ably ill, Miss Holtby does a nice piece of characterization of the kind, loving person who cannot bear illness in others. "He felt the need of action. He was anxious, disappointment bored him. He

There is the ambitious, clever Lydia Holly, whose family lives in an abandoned railway car, whose father has the ability of precarious livelihood, the long tiring cycle-rides against the wind. his ailing wife, the feverish, fretful, noisy children, the squalor, the monotony, the tedium all sink like sediment to the bottom of his mind. On the surface frothed the heady foam of his dreams, and the

impish pleasure of a new and fine cessity to care for her in an exidea. A gertain sadness prevades the There is Sarah Burton, the new novel, There are times the reader enterprising headmistress of Kipmight wish Miss Holtby had seen tington high school. Sarah, who is her native countryside a little less somberly. The philosophy that prepiegonholes all her girls into three vades the story is put into words by Sarah, "Oh, patience, surely we "To one group," she says, "say husband," love, 'babies' and off need courage even more' and through her mind passed a procession of generations submitting pation moved by a Life Force or intiently to all the old evils of the stinct. . . . others, while they are world-to wars, poverty, disease, still at school, are simply immaugliness and disappointment, and calling their surrender submission colours, matches, sports, prizes to providence. 'We need courage, not so much to endure as to act. others the words exploitation, in-All this resignation stunts us. justice, slavery, and so on start We're so busy resigning ourselves