## The Return

Rona Morris Workman Rocking W Ranch

She has come home to the



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new experiences, new people, a quietly. different way of life, and so she followed the siren voice. She found congenial work in an office, she found a pleasant apartment with another girl, she found friends. At first all was exciting and interesting. Crowded streets, new faces, her first

work away from home, the forced intimacy of apartment life, all were strangely fascinating after three years of quiet on the ranch. Then the change began, Eight hours a day for six days a week

in an office, the morning and evening jam in over-loaded buses, the thin apartment walls hiding no detail of the neighbor's domestic quarrels in the evening, the lonliness of a great impersonal city, the hardness of cement replacing the soft clean soil, these began to tkea the zest from the new experience.

One week end she came home for a visit. "Next week I'm go-

months ago she was tired of the ing to quit my job and come land. The city called, offering home to stay," she announced

Her mother smiled. "Has the big city lost its glamour?" she asked.

The girl laughed shortly. "Every bit of it. There's no time, no place for living there, People herd and mill and trample each other worse than crazy cattle. Fou work all week for money to live on and buy things with, and then find that the money cannot buy the things you want, nor is there time left over for living."

Now she is home gain. The earth was soft beneath her feet when she returned, and the fallen leaves were a carpet of gold under the big maples. The fields were green with the fall seeding, and in the pasture the horses greeted her with soft whinnys and the touch of velvet nos- And Tyranny will storm our es. The river slid softly between banks that wore the green and gold and flaming red of late autumn, and in the dark waters flashed the 'rose-red sides of spawning salmon. The air was crisp and clean and the fall wind sent more leaves scattering down and swung the green boughs of the great firs on the hill slope." There was no constant tumult of restless people, no grind and roar of traffic, but only the sounds of flowing water, the wind in the trees and the pleasant homely noises of comfortable animals. It was good to be home, good to be alone again sometimes, to work with the soil and to see things grow.

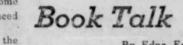
Change is vitally necessary for all of us. Often we wust leave the good things of life in order to find them again. We cannot value peace as we should unless we have known war: we cannot understand the soothing quiet of a still evening unless our ears have at sometime been tortured by constant rasping noises, and we cannot really appreciate the sweetness and strength of the earth and the calm of the woods unless we have moved with crowds of weary humanity and felt only the hard unyielding cement of endless streets beneath our feet.

She sat by the warm fire that first night of her return and caressed the soft ears of the dog who lay sleeping at her feet. A cricket chirped just outside the window, the soft lights glowed on books and dear familiar old furniture. She looked slowly about the quiet room. "It's so nice to be home", she said softly.

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"UNITED THROUGH BOOKS" This is the slogan for National Book Week. It is a timely one as all war-weary peoples are looking hopefully into the future towards a peaceful world and one in which war will have been banished by knowledge and, understanding. I thought the following lines

would bear reprinting as it seems to tie in with the above theme. While yet the Citadel of Know-

ledge stands, No despotic greed for power and

gain Can wrest this precious freedom

from our hands

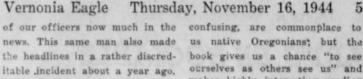
gates in vain. E. E.

Among the more recent books that have been added to the library shelves are an interesting pair: "A Bell for Adano" and "Who Could Ask for Anything More" by Kay Swift. These are entirely different

according to subject matter and treatment but they go together well like a substantial meal and a light dessert.

The substantial meal is "A Bell for Adano" and is well written and thought provoking. It is a story dealing with our troops in a little town in Italy. There are two outstanding characterizations in the book. That of the "Major", who is supposed to have a counterpart in real life and who is representative of all the fine qualities that we, as Americans, want to be represented as having. The other portrait is far from sympathetic, that of the "General", and is supposed

to be a fictionized picture of one



The light dessert is Kay Swift's amusing "Who Could Ask for Anything More." This is Miss Swift's own story of her change from a sophisticated New York "City Gal" to a Central Oregon Cattle Rancher's wife. Many are the amusing incidents that arise to confound her. However, some of the things,

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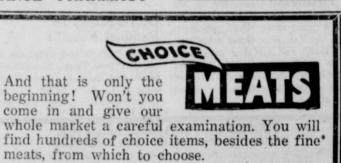
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