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BOOKS SERVE AS FALL TONIC

Elliott Paul's New Study Of Spanish Civil War Heads List

A group of new books, as arresting and bracing as the autumn weather, is at the Baldwin Library, with Elliott Paul's story of the Spanish war probably the most pertinent. The remainder of the list comprises seven volumes which run the gamut of experience from murder to mountain climbing.

Paul's "The Life and Death of a Spanish Town" is an important book to America—the first penetrating light thrown upon the lost peace and present terror in Spain. The little town of Santa Eulalia, lying on an island off the Spanish mainland, is as typical of all Spain as Middletown is of this country. The serene beauty of its peace-time activities and its simple humanity are revealed by Paul who, for five years, lived among its people, shared their work and learned their problems. With the invasion, death and hatred were let loose on the tranquil inhabitants, with heartbreaking consequences. Santa Eulalia represents in miniature what is seen happening on an enormous scale in Spain itself and elsewhere in a troubled world.

Clarence Day's "Life With Mother," published by Knopf, is a new piece of the same cloth as his first book, "Life With Father," the same marvelous characterizations, the gentle wit, the vigorous good sense combined with gaiety. The Mother, who charmed and delighted everyone who met her in the first book, is the central figure here—but there is plenty of Father too! They and the four little Day boys make up one of the most enchanting families that has ever lived and yet one typically American. Like its predecessor, this picture of their life together is for every husband, every wife, son or daughter—for everyone indeed who ever had a mother or father!

MacMillan publishes "The Ascent of Nanda Devi," by H. W. Tilman. In a foreword, Dr. T. G. Longstaff says: "The finest mountain ascent yet made. It so happens that besides being very difficult, Nanda Devi is the highest mountain that has yet been climbed to the top. This is the story of a self-sufficing party of friends who provided their own funds and eschewed publicity.

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horrible to contemplate. I was thinking of the probable self-glorification of man in a conquest of Nature at her sublimest and the loss of one more mystery. Yet news of their successful climb with delight. A laconic telegram came to me: 'Two reached top August 29, no names.' They had deserved the honor; they had humility, not pride, and gratitude for a permitted experience."

"Stubbs At Fifty," published by MacMillan, is written by Guy Focock. It tells of Stubbs, whose resignation from his quiet English prep school becomes inevitable when parents and the headmaster label him as "modern." He goes to London and finds the kind of Bohemianism he had visualized. With a grim and pathetic courage he puts aside his loneliness and makes himself believe he has become a true intellectual. He grows a picturesque moustache and beard, wears a cape, broad brimmed hat and other appropriate trappings and becomes a member of the Y to the Nths, a weird, yet, frankly "advanced" group whose ideas he doesn't in the least understand. Then he meets Mary, a girl in an amusing novel, but more—it is the curiously touching story of a man's efforts to make out that he is a devil of a fellow when in reality he is lost in a maze of shyness and perplexity.

Frederic Van De Water authors "A Home in the Country," published by Reynal and Hitchcock. If you have been thinking of going back to the land or of buying an old house to fix up; if you like to read about dogs and birds; if you like to read about a life of flowers or vegetables; if you are a timid week-ender who might just possibly have to shake the dust of the city streets altogether and settle close to the land; if you want to be one of the original Americans close to their own soil; or if you just enjoy beautiful writing enhanced by reality, he is lost in a maze of shyness and perplexity.

The story is one to entrance all those who are gnawed by land hunger; it is a story of life in crowded places. It doesn't tell how to run a farm or decorate an ancient house; it simply tells you how some people have fun living and how you may too.

"The Lost King" published by Houghton Mifflin, is Rafael Sabatini's account of Louis XVII, the last Dauphin of France, his small, youth and mysterious disappearance and the bold attempts after his death to put an imposter on the throne of France. And to make of history a living thing, to recreate in the past—the past—these are Sabatini's distinctive powers.

Two new murder mysteries which have received much prominence, complete the list of new books: "The Accident Ward," written by Rhoda Traub and published by Little, Brown and Company, "Octagon House," written by Phoebe Atwood Taylor, is another Asey Mayo story. It is published by Norton.



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Oakland Red Cross Chapter Sets Date For 1937 Roll Call

Plans for the Annual Roll Call of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross were made last week at the regular quarterly meeting held at the Hotel Heidenbrand. Father Charles W. Heath, Chairman of the Chapter, announced October 10 to 24 as the dates chosen at this meeting for the annual membership campaign.

Miss Ruth Kimball, recently chosen Executive Secretary of the Chapter was introduced to the Board of Directors at this meeting. Miss Kimball assumed her new duties at the Chapter Headquarters, Rike Building, Pontiac, on August 23, 1937. Miss Kimball brings to the Chapter a background of continued association and experience in community activity in Oakland County.

Directors who attended the meeting were: Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Pontiac; Mr. Leo P. Atkins, Pontiac; Miss Gladys Meggitt, Pontiac; Mrs. Frank Langdon, Royal Oak; Mrs. H. H. Robinson, Berkley; Mrs. Harold L. Jackson, Berkley; Mrs. Jess Neel, Southfield Township; Mrs. Frederick Strong, Berkley; Mrs. George Higgins, Ferndale; Mrs. John Irwin, Ferndale; Mrs. Ben Donaldson, Pontiac; Mr. Jay Jacobson, Pontiac; Mr. A. B. Kershbaum, Pontiac; Mr. W. H. Boyce, Troy Township.

Reports of the Committee Chairman were presented as follows: Home Service, Miss Gladys Meggitt, Office Secretary, Executive Secretary, Volunteer Service, Mrs. Frederick Strong, Chairman. Water Safety Report, Mr. Mel Stapp.

First Aid and First Aid Stations, Mrs. Ben Donaldson, Chairman. Mr. Mel Stapp, Chairman of Committee on water safety considers that the summer program has been most successful. While the original plans were not to teach swimming it was found necessary to do so in order to see-



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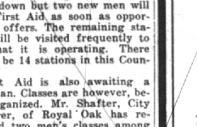
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