

BOOKS ON PARADE

So Red The Rose--Young

Sarah Morgan Farmer

Out of the many, many books written about the Civil War, this is one of the most interesting. It tells of the fine, rich life before the war. The story is built around happenings at Portobello and Montrose, homes of the Bedfords and McGhees, who are cousins. Both families sent a son off to war, but only Bunyan Bedford returned. During the time that Sherman was camped at Natchez, he visited the McGhees, since he had once taught their son, Edward. A few weeks later his negro soldiers burned the house.

"So Red The Rose" can easily compete with the best of novels of the Civil War. Exciting and entertaining it does not once grow dull. Unlike most Civil War stories, the English is clean and simple throughout the book.

The Virginian---Wester

Hildred Ruffin

A very unusual and yet a very lively and likable character is he, the Virginian. He is not highly educated but experience teaches him much, and he is always ready to learn more. Maybe this is why he studies reading and writing at the age of twenty-eight. To be able to hang a person that you love as a friend, even though he has turned to cattle thieving, takes more than will power. This the Virginian does, but never forgets. His idea of fun is probably a little different from ours. Would you think of mixing the babies of the community so that their mothers would go home only to find that they had someone else's child? Preferring, at times, his own companionship to that of another, he rides his horse, Monte, up into the mountain where he often

BOOKS AS FRIENDS

Esther Finch

Have you ever thought of books as friends or in what ways they may be our friends?

Books are just as informative as the radio. Through books we learn new facts and reawaken in our memory old facts. Had books not been kept we would not know what happened hundreds or even thousands of years ago.

Books are educational. Not only are textbooks educational but books of fiction as well. Some books picture life in the backwoods, others in the cities, and still others in the remote corners of the world. Again, books are educational in that they lay excellent examples to follow. For instance, take the "Life of Abraham Lincoln." This book shows that in every case, honesty is the best policy.

Books are another way because of the pleasant pastimes they create. What is better on a cold, rainy afternoon than taking an interesting book, an apple to munch, and curling up in a chair before a huge, crackling fire, all set for pleasant trips through books.

In that books are friends, we shouldn't treat our best friend this way, neither should we so treat our book friends.

Let us take a new attitude toward books, not that they are just something to lug around, but friends--informative, educational and pleasant.

spends the night alone, making his camp, fishing, and dreaming dreams, having no idea that they are to come true. Maybe you will consider the Virginian only a forman on Judge Henry's ranch, but to me he is a man never to be forgotten. And oh how wonderful it would be to have qualities like his!