

NORMAN WILL LEAD

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Christain Youth Fellowship for the school year 1948-'49, having been elected by the high school student body March 12.

Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Norman and comes from Apalacha Cola, Florida. This is her first year as a student of Montreat High School but even in this short time she has proved that she is a true Christian leader. She has been elected as one who is trustworthy, dependable, and capable of accepting the responsibilities of this office.

DR. MITCHELL

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change. "I've usually managed to arrange it," he said, "and my year at Brown was one of the most enjoyable."

In reviewing the educational systems that he has known, Dr. Mitchell pointed out that colleges today have very little in common with their ancestors.

Perhaps the greatest change has been in the curriculum. When he entered college, Latin, Greek and mathematics were generally considered the most important subjects. The only thing approaching a social science was a course in ethics. Dr. Mitchell himself was present at the first history lecture which was given at the University of Virginia, in 1891.

His life has been full and rich and now as he lives quietly at Montreat's Assembly Inn, he serves as a constant inspiration to those with whom he comes in contact.

An Irishman and a Scotchman went into a hotel for refreshment and were asked to sign their names and nationality.

The Irishman signed: "Irish—and proud of it."

The Scotchman signed: "Scotcl—and fond of it."

—Tid Bits

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At what we use,
You should see
What we refuse.

—The Staff

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RAINTREE COUNTY

Reviewed by Evan Wrenn

Raintree County is an epic novel, epic in that it attempts a complete embodiment of the American myth. The story is a typical picture of American life in which the highlights and the shadows are boldly painted.

The hero **Raintree County**, John Wickliff Shawnessy, lived during the 19th century, in a rural land of farmers, soldiers, and poets. On the banks of the Shawmucky River, in Indiana, young Johnny studied the classics—Homer and Virgil—in languages of the past, but languages which expressed freedom and the birth of new republics. And youth was here in **Raintree County**—youth and a young worshiper of the earth.

Ross Lockridge, Jr., author of **Raintree County**, tells his story through the device of a single day, embedded with flashbacks, in the life of Johnny Shawnessy. The day is July 4th, 1892—a glorious Fourth, complete with flags, political celebrities, fire crackers, band music, revival meetings, and parades.

The novel, **Raintree County** is based on historical fact; but it is written in an easy, flowing style that makes it live before you. Although the story covers only one day, the author spent six years in research, writing, and revision. This is Lockridge's first novel, but it is highly successful. It has received the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer novel Award, and **Raintree County** is still high on the best seller list.

Howard M. Jones, in the **Saturday Review of Literature** says that "the breath of life sweeps through its voluminous pages, and it may be that **Raintree County** marks the end of a long slump in American fiction."

(Editor's note: Ross Lockridge, Jr., died Saturday night, March 6.)

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Chapel Chats

From one of Miss Hoyt's recent chapel programs, it is apparent that Montreat students are not well read. Now, girls, really, don't you think we should do something about that? After all, every day has twenty-four hours, twenty-three of which could be spent in study, thus leaving one whole, free hour for leisure to keep up with the world! Hey, put that chemistry book down!

If Montreat girls don't always look up to par as far as good grooming is concerned, it certainly isn't Miss Miles' fault. She spoke during chapel a week ago on the elementals of being well groomed, which sage advice caught not a few girls up short! However, an occasional prod in this direction is sometimes helpful, especially at a girls' school!

During one of the more recent chapel programs, Mrs. Carr from the Black Mountain Red Cross chapter spoke, informing the student body of Red Cross activities during peacetime to alleviate want. Mr. Guy was also present, in an official capacity but, much to our disappointment, did not sing.

Several weeks ago, Dr. King gave a splendid message at Chapel on human handicaps and how they affect the lives of their victims, as stepping stones, or

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stumbling blocks. He recounted an inspiring story of a cripple who overcame psychologically his physical handicap by developing his mind and personality to such an extent that he ceased to think pityingly of himself.

A few chapels later, Miss McElroy spoke—"Do not prepare to live, **live!**" The phrase, "going to school to prepare oneself for life" is very familiar; but actually, while in school, one is not only preparing for life, but living, consuming his precious span of threescore and ten years. Miss McElroy's point that one should think of his early years more in this light was well taken.

Miss Kok, a young missionary preparing to go to China, spoke quite some time ago on "God's building blocks," comparing the workers in the Kingdom to those stones necessary for the erection of the Church on earth.

On World Day of Prayer, Miss Watkins led those assembled for chapel in prayer for the different groups of Christians around the world, demonstrating the location of each place on the map and globe. It would have been difficult not to have been impressed with the universality of prayer among Christians over the world, as Miss Watkins' audience followed the sunrise from one part of the world to another on World Day of Prayer.

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