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## AAUW Fellowships Endowment Exceeds \$9 Million

Over \$540,000 in American and International Fellowships for 1976-77 has been awarded to 81 women scholars from the United States and 39 women from other countries by the Educational Foundation.

Dr. Yvonne C. Condell of Moorhead State College, Minn., chairman of the AAUW Educational Foundation Programs Committee, noted the heavy competition for the AAUW awards. Over 1000 U.S. women applied for the 81 American Fellowships while 39 international recipients were selected from a field of 425 pre-screened applicants.

Dr. Condell attributes the record number of applicants for American fellowships to (1) cutbacks by colleges and universities of traditional funding sources—such as teaching and research fellowships—accompanied by reduction of monies available from outside sources, (2) the desire of women confronted by a discouraging job market to enhance their employability by completing their doctorates, and (3) affirmative action programs which encourage women to complete their Ph.D.'s in order to qualify for advanced positions.

Moreover, she asserts, AAUW fellowships do not discriminate against women because of age or because they have young children, and the majority are not restricted to a specific field of study. The 1976-77 recipients range in age from 23 to 54 years. Nineteen of the American recipients have children ranging in age from toddler to 20 years, and 12 of the 19 have two or more children. Of the international scholars, 11 have children, 6 of them having two or more.

About 20 percent of the U.S. women will conduct their research in Canada, Europe, Africa, Asia or Japan while nearly all the International Fellows will enroll in graduate schools in this country.

For the second year, fellowships have been awarded by the Foundation to women in engineering and business. Four of these American fellowships are made possible by grants from International Business Machines Corporation and the United States Steel Foundation.

The majority of American recipients will complete research for their doctoral dissertations. However, 15 will enter their final year in law, architecture, veterinary medicine, dentistry and medicine, with three engaging in painting and sculpture.

While the humanities, physical and (Continued on page 2)

## Dollars for Equality

An appeal was made in the last issue of the Division Bulletin to members of the Division "to be counted among those who are funding the drive to spur ratification of Equal Rights Amendment." There are still several states that have not ratified ERA.

Following is a letter from the Chairman, Women Committee for the Montgomery Branch which tells about a project the Montgomery Branch started with the hope that all Branches will adopt their idea and make this a Division Project:

Dear AAUW Members:

The Association has appealed to members for contributions to "Dollars For Equality." Our Montgomery Branch thought a gift from the Division would be helpful. We collected \$56 at our last general meeting. This amount will be sent to the Division Treasurer. We are asking all the other Branches to join us and send their gifts to the Division by December 20.

The money will be used to help the key states which are close to passing ERA this year.

Call on your Legislative and Women Committee Chairmen to help with this project.

Sincerely,

Mary Nessmith

Chairman, Women Committee

## NOTICE

Over 100 fellowships for 1977-78 are offered by the Educational Foundation of the American Association of University Women to qualified women to pursue advanced degrees.

December 15, 1977, is the application deadline for the fellowships which range from \$2,500 to \$7,500. Information about the awards and application forms are available from the AAUW Educational Foundation Program Office, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20037.

The AAUW Fellowships Endowment holds in trust well over 89 million designated for the education of women. This fellowships program aims to increase fellowships opportunities for advanced study by women, thereby increasing the number of qualified women in academic, professional and creative fields.

## Video Tape Project

A video tape project covering four public policy issues is underway at The University of Alabama Women Studies Department. The new project is the second phase of the larger "Women in The South" program.

Funded with matching monies from The University and the Alabama Committee on Humanities and Public Policy, the project deals with the economic situation of poverty, health care, child care and quality of education.

These tapes are available to interested organizations or groups. They may be obtained from Patti Woodham, UA Women's Studies, Box 1408, University of Alabama 35486.

The tapes show the real problems of the poor, rural people in our state.

Only one-third of all black families and one-fifth of all white families are women-headed, and yet these women account for over 60 percent of the classified poor.

The issues of health care and child care are the first to be studied and filmed. Women are the adults who are most often responsible for the well-being of their children, and, frequently in the Southern culture, for aging parents.

That is why it is so important for this health care program to reach the rural areas. It was found that many people in the state have never been to a doctor.

The last film will deal with the quality of education in the state. While this is a serious problem for all residents of the state of Alabama, it is an even greater problem for those who are part of the classified poor, many of whom are women.

## Program Development

All of our Branch activities, whether related to study or to action, go into creating an organization to which women in the communities choose to belong. Our Topics are ones which allow us to study and act, which is vital if our communities are to adapt to the changing times.

Plans are underway to conclude the year for Topics by having End-Product sessions at the Convention in April, followed by a look into the new Topics for the next two years. Take time to look at the goals your Branch program development committee outlined for this year to determine if you are moving toward an outcome resulting from study and action related to a Topic or Topics. Involve your Reps, your Legislative Chairman, your interested members, to plan a schedule of events for the year that will "lead" somewhere—to some

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From the New President

The summer of 1976 has been an exciting one for me, beginning with the opportunity you afforded me to attend the AAUW Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C. as your Division President. I wish that each of you could have been sharing these impressive moments with me: Hearing Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers speak on the need for ratification of ERA; Representative Millicent Fenwick on government; Dr. Lloyd Elliott, president of George Washington University on the needs of colleges and universities; Dr. Jessie Bernard and Dr. Donna Shalala accepting the AAUW Achievement and Young Scholar Recognition Awards; the experience of actually lobbying at the Capitol and participating in a Media Workshop; meeting all the presidents of other divisions and talking about AAUW projects across the country.

Participation in our own Summer Workshop, so beautifully planned and executed by many, made me especially proud of you, the Alabama Division. Nineteen of 25 branches were represented. Those branches not attending were missed. Let's work for 100% participation next year. Your division officers and the Jacksonville Branch will endeavor to make it worth your while to be there.

Dr. Helen Wolfe, General Director for AAUW, has told us that AAUW is one of the few women's organizations in the country continuing to grow in membership. Let's be sure this is true in Alabama. "JOIN THE DRIVE—BRING IN FIVE". Set your goals and let everyone know that AAUW is alive and on the move!

As this is being written, I am looking forward to meeting with Prattville, Jacksonville, Scottsboro, Athens, Enterprise, and Bessemer Branches. I would like to have more of you on the calendar and hope to hear from you soon.

Plan to attend the January Board Meeting in Marion (Judson College) on the 15th. See you then!

Corporate Membership  
in AAUW

All 4-year accredited colleges and universities offering baccalaureate or higher degrees should be encouraged to become corporate members of the American Association of University Women. For the year 1975-76, Alabama's Corporate Membership was 17. Alabama institutions received invitations from the Association office for renewal in April.

The Immediate Past President of the Alabama Division serves as liaison between the Representatives of these corporate members and the Alabama Division Board of Directors. In addition, the Corporate Representatives are voting delegates at the Alabama Division and the Association Conventions.

Plans are being made for a close working relationship between Corporate Member Representatives and all organization levels of the AAUW. This will benefit higher education and the AAUW.

Carol Deming,  
Corporate Member Liaison

Calendar of Events

January 14  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Marion—Judson College

January 15  
Division Board Meeting  
Marion—Judson College

January 15  
Deadline Date for Division Bulletin Material

April 22, 23  
Division Convention  
Montgomery

June 25-29  
Association Convention  
Minneapolis

July 8, 9, 10  
Division Workshop & Board Meeting  
Jacksonville

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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action and growth. Your Branch and community will benefit from studying needs and setting objectives to attain.

One Branch has reported to me that there is a need for an adequate library in their community. They are in the process of setting out to solve this problem—which is setting objectives to bring about a conclusion desired. Hopefully, the 21st Century will find this group prepared in the area of media resources. Just imagine all of the other problems Branches throughout our State could identify and set about to solve!

New Topics being considered for 1977-79 are: Redefining Education, The Politics of Food, Reinforcing Personal Relationships, Skills for Equality, Delivering Health Services, Formulating American Foreign Policy, and Independence for the Aging. Your Branch 1st Vice president has given some input to the Division so that we may indicate what we are most concerned to study. Our opinions will be registered with the Association.

First Vice Presidents are reminded to distribute all material which comes to you and to especially take note of the Program Development Cues from the Association. Call on me if I can be of any help.

Carolyn Puryear,  
First Vice President

AAUW FELLOWSHIPS

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natural sciences are well represented among the scholars' chosen fields, many of the doctoral and postdoctoral research projects will center on contemporary problems.

The AAUW Fellowships Program, established in 1888, is the oldest and largest non-university program of graduate fellowships for women in the United States. The 190,000 AAUW members throughout the country contribute to the program through gifts and varied fund-raising events.

## HIDDEN HEROINE



Christine Ray Richard

The national bicentennial project of the Girl Scouts of the USA has selected Christine Ray Richard as the HIDDEN HEROINE for the North Alabama Council which embraces 14 counties; 12 in Alabama and 2 in Tennessee. She was honored by a place in the Women's Hall of Heroines at the National Girl Scout Council in Washington, D.C. in October, 1975. A special tribute was paid to her on March 12, the anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts sixty-four years ago.

Mrs. Richard is dedicated to volunteer service. She has worked with Scouts for 16 years and has served in many areas. She is presently serving as publicity chairman for the Huntsville area and as a member of the Public Relations and Nominating Committees.

She was originator and chairman of the steering committee for the establishment of the Madison County Wo-

men's Scroll of Honor, the Bicentennial Project of Girl Scouts of North Alabama.

As a member of the Huntsville Branch, she has made major contributions to that organization, primarily in the fields of fellowships and scholarships. She is presently serving as Publicity Chairman for the branch.

Mrs. Richard received her education at Mississippi State College for Women where she received a BS degree in Social Studies. She is a former high school teacher and served as Placement Officer and Employee Counselor for the Federal Government for twelve years. She has also made significant contributions to the Huntsville Community Ballet Association, Group Home for Girls, the Women's Guild, and the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Richard's first intensive community involvement, which lasted for a decade, was her efforts toward the establishment and development of Randolph School. Active in fund raising for Randolph, she served on three major drives, and, as division chairman, was recognized and commended for significant leadership by the Headmaster and Board of Trustees at the dedication for the Junior High School Building.

### Division Board of Directors Meeting Friday and Saturday, January 14-15, 1976

- Friday — 7:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting  
(Elected Officers of the Division)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
(Division Elected Officers, Division Chairmen, Branch Presidents—Vote. Other Branch Officers and members are welcomed.)
- Saturday — 9:00 A.M. Registration and Coffee  
9:30-11:30 Business  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
1:00-3:00 P.M. Business  
(Special committees may meet after adjournment of general meeting.)

### Registration

Clip and Mail by January 5, 1977 to:

Mrs. Maxine Fowler  
127 Oakcrest Drive  
Marion, Alabama 36756

Phone: 683-8952

Make checks payable to: Marion Branch, AAUW

- Overnight accommodations at Judson \$5.00, linens provided
- Friday night dinner, Judson, 5:30 p.m., \$2.00. No other facilities available. Reservations must be made to eat at Judson.
- Saturday Breakfast, Judson, 8 to 8:45 a.m., \$1.25
- Coffee, lunch and registration, \$5.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Does Your City Have a Council of Arts and Humanities?

We have enjoyed several attractive Festivals of Art in our community sponsored by our Council. It takes about three years on an average to develop one and details may be secured from the State Coordinator, Dr. M. J. Sakrewski, 449 S. McDonough St., Montgomery 36130. Would you like to share schedules of concerts and theatre groups? I would love to have yours, as I have found sharing programs with friends in Montgomery and Birmingham helpful in planning occasional weekends. Please put on your calendar for next year the Alabama Shakespeare Festival at Anniston mid-July to mid-August. This idea conceived by a 22 year old Anniston Little Theatre director has grown phenomenally both in professionalism and scope of audience in its five years of existence. Shakespeare is really fun! Have you thought about writing your family history? This is always a good project but especially appealing during this Bicentennial year. Local libraries are glad to help you in tracing your genealogy. Next year consider a critical review of your writing or art through the Association program. Some participated this year, and details for next year will be available later. Please call on me if I can be of help with any program ideas. Hope to see you Branch Presidents at the meeting at Judson in January.

Elizabeth Humphrey

## Alabama Division Contributions to AAUW Fellowships Programs

Alabama Division can take pride in the contributions it made to the AAUW Educational Foundation Programs in 1975-76. The following chart shows exactly how much each of the 25 Branches raised for this important phase of AAUW work. The per capita figure is what is important. Please note that several Branches gave more per member than in previous years. Every Branch is to be commended for its support of the Association's great programs for fellowships, research, projects, current educational expenses, and educational endowments. At the same time, Branches are encouraged to apply for project funds to be used on the local level.

—Jewell Ellen Smith  
Alabama Division Chairman  
AAUW Educational Foundation Programs

Branch	1974-75 Per Capita	1975-76 Per Capita
Anniston	3.03	3.57
Athens	10.31	6.25
Auburn	4.06	5.16*
Bessemer	2.00	2.08*
Birmingham	3.57	2.18
Chilton County	3.00	3.00
Decatur	17.50	11.00
Demopolis	4.37	6.06
Enterprise	3.00	6.00
Ft. Payne-DeKalb	1.00	1.00
Gadsden	4.25	5.23
Huntsville	6.11	1.95
Jacksonville	5.38	5.00
Jasper	4.00	5.00
Livingston	2.06	1.75
Marion	5.66	5.25
Mobile	5.55	5.37
Montevallo	9.17	10.52
Montgomery	9.35	11.11
Prattville	5.15	5.00
Scottsboro	2.62	4.50
Tri-Cities	17.01	23.79
Troy	14.35	12.73
Tuscaloosa	3.82	2.50
Tuskegee	4.50	5.31

### 1975-76 Assignments:

#### FELLOWSHIPS ENDOWMENT:

American—Lucy Summerville Howorth	\$ 2,595.00
American, Undesignated	996.13
International—Alabama Endowment	\$ 5,355.71
General Fellowships Endowment	199.16

#### FELLOWSHIPS, CURRENT STIPENDS:

American	440.00
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#### RESEARCH & PROJECTS ENDOWMENT:

Hallie Farmer Memorial Research	\$ 1,535.00
Research & Projects, Unrestricted	429.00

#### RESEARCH & PROJECTS, CURRENT:

Unrestricted	170.00
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**SUMMARY TOTAL** **\$11,720.00**

\*Not included in total.

## A Half-Century of AAUW in Alabama

The History of our Division! Let's not keep it to ourselves! Let's sell it to others! Following are some suggestions for Branches:

1) Order the book in quantity. Have copies on hand to sell. The book sells better when seen. Order from Distribution Chairman, Mrs. Jimelu Wood; 4233 Ridgewood Road; Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

2) Make arrangements to sell at an autograph party—in the Branch at a meeting. Better still, at a local book store or department store, for Christmas.

3) Carry a copy with you everywhere you go. It may catch an eye, a request, and sell itself. Carry it so the cover shows.

4) Set up a display based on the book at a museum, library, or other

public place.

5) Contact families of women named in the book. Suggest buying for gifts, for memorial contribution to libraries, etc.

6) Present copies to local college libraries.

7) Publicize in local newspapers. Write an article about the book. Name local people mentioned in the book. Accompany with picture of presentation to a library, special person, etc.

8) Prepare a program based on the book. Offer it to other organizations.

## Membership Lifeline

Even though membership teas and coffees and orientation meetings are probably behind us for this year, we need to continue to attract and hold members. In the Membership Lifeline distributed by the Association, ten ways

to recruit and retain members are listed. They are worth repeating;

1. Good Programming: Present a varied program. Streamline your formal meetings. Become involved in a branch project.
2. Rotate your branch leadership.
3. Orient your members.
4. Place the new members on committees so they can work with a small group, and get to know them.
5. Have an active membership committee.
6. A member should be given the opportunity to show her ability and experience.
7. If at all possible, phone your members.
8. Publicize your meetings.
9. Project an active image in your community.
10. Be friendly.

The member must feel that she is wanted and needed.

The Division Membership Committee is eager to help give support in our effort to attract women. For assistance, contact the individual nearest your branch.

#### Carol Card

35 Woodbine Road  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

#### Louise Heidish

5710 Criener Road  
Huntsville, AL 35802

#### Nell Jackson

2651 Woodcliff Drive West  
Mobile, AL 36609

#### Margaret Scarborough

603 Meadowbrook Drive  
Auburn, AL 36830

#### Julia Williams

20 Eastwood Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35209

#### Annette Lindsey

406 E. Lafayette  
Marion, AL 36756

## In Memoriam

Mary Lee Slaughter Emerson who died August 6, 1976, was known throughout AAUW for her unflagging zest and concern in a wide range of topics. She was a Champion of the educated woman's responsibilities to fulfill her potential. She thought every woman should be involved in decision making, leadership, and action. Committed to the ideals and purposes of AAUW, she believed strongly in the influence of women. The Equal Rights Amendment expressed her feelings completely.

Active in many phases of AAUW activities, she served as president of the Birmingham Branch in 1933-34. She felt honored by the contribution of a Named Gift to the Fellowships Program from the Birmingham Branch and the Alabama Division because it reflected her deep interest in this aspect of AAUW. She especially enjoyed receiving her Gold Fifty Year Membership Card, attending the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation from Barnard College, being present at the IFUW Conference in Japan and her recent visit with her daughter and family in Spain.

She enriched the lives of all she touched. It is with great love, admiration and affection that we hold her in our memory.

## The Caravan Is Coming

At the Executive Committee Meeting in September, it was decided that additional training of Branch Officers and Chairmen should be accomplished by a Caravan Program. Since this is experimental for us and needs to be evaluated carefully, it was decided that only two offices would be covered at this time. Those two are membership and publicity. Annette Lindsey, First Vice-President (Membership) and Claire Weygand, Publicity Chairman, are now working on plans for such a program to be presented. The Division has been divided into four zones as follows:

Jasper, Birmingham, Bessemer, Aniston, Gadsden, and Jacksonville

Tri-Cities, Athens, Huntsville, Decatur, Scottsboro, and Fort Payne-DeKalb

Tuscaloosa, Montevallo, Chilton County, Marion, Demopolis, and Livingston

Prattville, Montgomery, Auburn, Tuskegee, Troy, Enterprise, and Mobile

There will be a meeting held in a central location for each zone. Each meeting will be on a Saturday, approximately 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Those expected to attend will be the Branch Presidents, Program Vice-Presidents,

Membership Vice-Presidents, and Publicity Chairmen. Any other Branch Officers/Chairmen who are interested are welcomed to attend. Two of these meetings (Tuscaloosa and Birmingham) will be held prior to the Division Convention in April. The other two will be scheduled after that. Each Branch President will receive a letter with all instructions regarding the event in her zone. Please contact your officers and members as soon as you receive the information. These Division officers are working diligently to help the branches. I am confident that you will respond with great enthusiasm and cooperation.

## FLASH! NEWS! FLASH!

The Association Nominating Committee has made its decision! **GEORGIA VALLERY HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE OF 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT (MEMBERSHIP)**. The Alabama Division and the South-East Central Region will be extremely proud to have such a fine leader representing us in this capacity and are confident of her election at the Association Convention. Thanks to all of you who took time to write letters of endorsement and who encouraged your AAUW friends in other states to do the same.

## From the New Bulletin Editor

Compliments to those who sent material for the November Bulletin. Most of it was in good format. I tried to use all the material received but in order to do so I did quite a bit of editing.

May I ask a favor of those who send in Branch information? Please do the following things before submission:

1. Give a short heading to your article. You know best what you think will get the readers attention.
2. Make your article short and to the point—summarize. Otherwise too much editing is necessary.
3. Type doubled space. If you don't type ask someone else to type it for you. Printers much prefer this.
4. Limit your articles to no more than two. This leaves space for each Branch. We do hope all branches will send material for the Bulletin letting members know about their activities.

If you have questions contact me.

Lois Esco

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES



Dr. Eva B. Dykes and Mary Witherspoon

### Dr. Dykes Recognized

Dr. Eva B. Dykes of Oakwood College, the first black woman in the United States to receive a Ph.D. degree, was recognized at the September meeting of the Huntsville Branch. She was honored with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding contributions to education. She received her doctorate in 1921 from Radcliffe and has been a teacher of English literature and linguistics for more than 50 years.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary, Dr. Dykes has taught at Howard University, Oakwood College, and Alabama A & M University. She is currently a professor emeritus of English at Oakwood College.

AAUW charter members Dr. Frances Roberts, Mrs. Thomas D. MacDonald, Mrs. Josh O. Kelly, and Mrs. S. L. Mathison were also recognized and honored for 25 years of continuous membership in the Huntsville Branch.



Mrs. Benson, seated, Mrs. Terry and Dr. Jackson

### Huntingdon Receives AAUW Book

The Montgomery Branch recently presented a book on the organization's history, "A Half Century of AAUW In Alabama," to Huntingdon College in memory of Sara Belle Brown, a charter member of the Branch.

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES



### Library Exhibit AAUW Style

Enterprise Branch presented an exhibit titled "The Making of a Book" to the Alabama Public Library Service. APLS is now showing the 42-item display in public libraries throughout the state. The exhibit shows step-by-step how a book of fiction is written, edited, copyrighted, published, reviewed, and made available to readers. As it goes from town to town, it will also show Alabama library patrons something of AAUW and its interest in public libraries and in creative writing as a form of the arts.

Pictured with the exhibit are (L to R) Jewell Ellen Smith, author of "Great Jehoshaphat and Gully Dirt," the new novel used in the display; Delores Martin, president of Enterprise Branch AAUW; and Emma Thompson, director of the Enterprise Public Library.

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### Henrietta Thompson Honored

A portrait of Miss Henrietta Thompson, Professor Emeritus of Home Economics and a former head of the Department of Clothing, Textiles and Interior Design at The University of Alabama, was dedicated September 25 at Doster Hall on the University campus. The portrait will hang in Doster Hall which houses the Historic Costume Collection which was initiated by Miss Thompson. She was affiliated with the U of A home economics program for 38 years.

Among her numerous AAUW posts, Miss Thompson has served as Vice President of the Southeast Central Region, Alabama Division President, and Branch President.

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The Montgomery Branch is making plans for another Lamplighter Dinner Theater Party for Fellowships to be held on Saturday, January 22.

The Huntsville Branch assisted the Huntsville Youth Orchestra in presenting their first "KINDER KONCERT."

The purpose of "KINDER KONCERT" is to develop an appreciation and knowledge of Symphonic music and to stimulate interest in young people to become musicians.

All students (grades 1 through 6) are encouraged to attend the Koncert and experience the personal contact between the audience and the orchestra. Admission is free.

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Judy Moody and Peggy Hooks, members of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, branch, were among the field of twenty candidates for the office of Mayor of Tuscaloosa in a recent election. They were the only women candidates.

Mrs. Moody, who was employed in the City's Planning and Community Development Department, polled 12½% of the vote in the general election. Ernest Collins, a local businessman who had polled 41% of the vote, was her opponent in the run-off election.

Mrs. Moody was defeated in the run-off receiving 33% to Mr. Collins' 67% of the 10,938 votes cast.

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Several members of the Tri Cities Branch recently contacted local residents who either are foreign born or have lived abroad and asked them to serve as volunteer speakers in the local schools. A list was presented to The superintendent of education, much to his delight. In the spring the program will be evaluated, and if the volunteers and the schools consider it a success, the program will be continued.

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