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HALLIE FARMER: Crusader For Legislative Reform In Alabama, by Carolyn Hinshaw Edwards, The Strode Publishers, Inc., 1979, 102 pp., \$7.95.

There are five reasons why I am recommending this book to you as a "must" acquisition. The author was born in Huntsville and resides here. She wrote this book as her master's thesis under the direction of Dr. Frances Roberts, our own past president. The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors sponsored the publication of the book. Our local publisher, The Strode Publishers, Inc., published it. Last, but not least, it is a very good biography of an important figure in Alabama history who was one of the first three inductees into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame.

In the author's own words:

"Hallie Farmer, professor at Alabama College (Montevallo) 1927-1956 and author of The Legislative Process in Alabama, published in 1949, crusaded for reform of Alabama politics in the 1940's and early 1950's. She worked for legislative reform, and she influenced women's groups to inspire them to be politically aware and active. She held state and national office in the American Association of University Women and state offices in the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She helped found and was president of the Joint Legislative Council, an organization which coordinated the efforts of sixteen women's groups as they studied and attempted to affect legislation at the state level.

Hallie Farmer's efforts for women bridged the period of the Suffragette Movement, ending in 1920, and the Women's Liberation Movement of the 1960's."

Thus, she became "the champion of Alabama's politically minded women," partly by informing, by prodding, and by making such statements as there was "too much dealing in platitudes and pussyfooting around" on the part of women in the states.

Editor

