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SOME HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS OF  
SPECIAL INTEREST

ORANGE high school has recently received a liberal appropriation for the purpose of erecting a new school building. Orange reports a flourishing school orchestra, as well as a successful school paper, *The Midget*, both of which have been a great inspiration to the student body during the past session.

WHITMELL high school has recently staged several very successful plays, which have been presented in near-by cities. Whitmell has devised some novel methods of improving the appearance of the school grounds, accomplishing the ends in view by competitive team work. By a purely voluntary movement the students have organized themselves into a democracy, the school-community, and are conducting themselves in accord with a civic creed, self-devised, but embodying the highest principles of government.

MOUNT JACKSON and NEW MARKET high schools, in the county of Shenandoah, and EAGLE ROCK and TROUTVILLE, in Botetourt county, have recently been added to the list of accredited high schools in the State.

TOM'S BROOK is planning for a junior high school next year.

TIMBERVILLE, in Rockingham county, will be placed on the accredited list of high schools with the opening of its first nine-months session next year.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE N. E. A. AT  
CLEVELAND, FEBRUARY, 1920.

"We re-affirm our endorsement of a Department of Education with a Secretary of Education in the President's Cabinet and generous appropriations by Congress to aid and encourage the States in the promotion of education, with the express provisions that federal aid shall not imply federal control or supervision of education, and that education in all its phases shall be organized, supervised, and administered exclusively by state and local educational authorities established by state laws as provided in the Smith-Towner bill now pending in the Sixty-sixth Congress."

## THE VIRGINIA TEACHER

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## EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

## A NEW VIRGINIA HISTORY

On May 4th the State Board of Education adopted for use in the public schools of the State a New Virginia History from the pen of Dr. John W. Wayland, Head of the Department of History and Social Sciences, of the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg. Those who have read the manuscript of this book feel that Dr. Wayland has made a notable contribution to the education of Virginia youth.

## NEW DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

The State Board of Education at a recent meeting announced the appointment of the following Division Superintendents:

R. M. Williams, Nansemond County.  
T. J. McIlwaine, Prince Edward County.  
J. H. Brent, Hampton and Elizabeth City County.  
W. E. Kidd, Nelson County.

## A NEW PHILANTHROPY

(From a daily newspaper.)

## Teachers Are Allotted Bonus

New York, May 4.—Each of the 270 school teachers and supervisors in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn has been allotted a bonus of \$100 by the American Manufacturing Company, for faithful attention to the children of the company's employees.