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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Music, jollities, dramatics, frivolities—these four have been the interests at Harrisonburg during the last month.

**"Trim-mings"** And yet it must be understood that classes have not been suspended. They are still meeting and work is being done as usual. But it is of the "trimmings" that these chronicles tell!

There have been some rare musical treats lately. There was the second concert in the Artists Series, when Mr. Norman Arnold, lyric tenor, appeared at the New Virginia Theater under the auspices of the State Normal School April 4. There was the final concert in the series when Mr. John Powell appeared in a piano recital on April 9. Not only the concert was charming, but Mr. Powell himself, who afterward was the guest at a reception tendered him by members of the Glee Club in the music room in Harrison Hall.

On April 6 Miss Shaeffer entertained the Glee Club at her home. From the fruit cocktail through the ice course new surprises were presenting themselves. Each table tried to see who could raise the most melodious tune in the singing contest, and it was only by firmness that Mr. Dingle-dine was able to stop the singing, so that the members of that harmonic body might be called on for speeches.

The Glee Club is winning quite a reputation for itself, it may as well be admitted. It has been called "the best-looking set of chorus girls that ever appeared on the Virginia Theater stage"; it has given a sacred concert at the Methodist church; it presented an interesting program at Augusta Military Academy April 19, and the cadets afterwards gave a delightful informal dance in honor of the singers.

But not content with honor at home, the club managers arranged a trip to Blacksburg for May 7 and 8, when thirty members sang in two concerts arranged for the enter-

tainment of the visiting athletes who participated in the South Atlantic Track Meet at V. P. I.

Dorothy Williams, president of the club, and Miriam Walton were the soloists. Miss Edna Shaeffer, director of the club, accompanied those who went to V. P. I. They were May Williams, Ruth Witt, Tita Bland, Anne Gilliam, Blanche Ridenour, Marion Marshall, Sarah Wilson, Rosa Heidelberg, Margaret Proctor, Lelouise Edwards, Margaret Norfleet, Maisie Morgan, Mary Stephens, Gladys Nichols, Marion Hodges, Kathryn Willson, May Davis, Penelope Morgan, Gertrude Bowler, Miriam Walton, Frances Stell, Mary Phillips, Goldie Hammer, Charlotte Yancey, Elise Loewner, Miriam Jones, Ethel Channing, Ethel Lanier, Mattie Brown, Ella Holloran, Evelyn Craig, and Arline Cutshall.

Being old-fashioned has become the fashion of the day. Paradoxical? Yes, isn't it!

But then there's a reason:  
**That Bow of Gingham** the H. C. of C. Ask any Normal girl what that means. She'll know. Why? Because she is trying to check its dizzy flight, swat it, exterminate it. How? By joining the OLD CLOTHES CLUB and by digging up the relics of the garret trunks and the mending basket.

Again, why? Because—tell it not in Gath—four University students came to the Frivolities of 1920 in *overalls*! S-h-h!. Of course she realizes it is her patriotic duty to bring down the H. C. of C., and too—a woman hasn't allowed a man to have the last word yet!

Hence the enthusiasm when the Home Economics Club proposed that everybody sign their resolutions endorsing the old-clothes idea. More than three-fourths of the students here assembled—indeed, almost the whole three hundred—have signed the resolutions and may now be seen wearing their old clothes, and their little bows of gingham, the badge of membership.

Resolutions declared that—

"Until commencement, or until the price of clothing falls from the ridiculous to the sublime, we shall feel no delicacy in wearing our oldest clothes. That the old clothes be clean and honorable with patches; the color



matters not—just so it matches. That old shoes with polish bold we shall wear to save a sole. That silk hose now are not in style; we'd better wear a pair of lisle. That twenty cents for hair nets thin makes buying them a real sin; that we will go to the ten-cent store and buy them there for evermore."

"Green Stockings," presented at the New Virginia Theater in Harrisonburg April 16, and in Lantz Hall, Woodstock, April 17, was the annual dramatic offering of the junior class. In Harrisonburg the production was under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the proceeds were applied to the support of a scholarship at the Harrisonburg Normal School now sustained by the Turner Ashby Chapter, U. D. C.

The juniors acquitted themselves well, and their choice of a popular vehicle such as "Green Stockings" was remarked with satisfaction. The cast included Elizabeth Daniel as Admiral Grice; Bernie Jarratt as William Faraday; Kathryn Willson as Colonel Smith; Alma Tatum as Robert Tarver; Frances Sawyer as Henry Steele; Blanche Ridenour as James Raleigh; Frances Buckley as Martin; Virginia Mecartney as Celia Faraday; Arline Cutshall as Mrs. Rockingham; Louise Gibboney as Lady Trenchard; Mary Davidson as Phyllis; and Evelyn Craig as Mrs. Chisolm Faraday.

The senior class celebrated Arbor Day April 9 when it presented to the school a handsome row of Norway maples running from Maury Hall parallel to the walk down as far as Ashby Hall.

Following brief services at assembly, an academic procession was formed which marched to the campus. The tree immediately in front of Harrison Hall came in for the ceremonies, and each member of the faculty and each member of the senior class was called upon to throw on a shovelful of earth. Wit and wisdom a-plenty were mingled with the earth, and the entirely satisfactory condition of all these trees gives assurance of the infallibility of such a ceremony.

"Blue-Stone Hill," led by its author, Dr. Wayland, and the acceptance of the senior

class shovel by Miss Frances Sawyer, president of the junior class, marked the conclusion of the exercises.

Happily, the Senior Frivolities of 1920 fell on the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday, April 23; consequently those in charge accepted their responsibility and gave a tone, you might say, to their somewhat jazzy entertainment by presenting a version of *Romeo and Juliet*. (Or it might be said more accurately that the Frivolities gave a jazz to Shakespeare's well-known and rather tragic play.)

The pseudo-cabaret was most effective, with its small tables and shaded lamps, its dancing floor, and its stage. The male quartet—Messrs. W. H. Keister, P. H. Baugher, H. D. Newman, and A. K. Hopkins—won merited applause, as did the singing of Lillian Hatcher and Mary Phillips in a very clever song.

Dancing continued for a pleasing space following the end of the cabaret entertainment, with excellent music furnished by a colored orchestra.

The seniors were properly proud of the success of their undertaking, which was attended by a large number of townspeople, as well as by many young men from neighboring colleges and universities.

The May Day celebration was a great success. It began at 4 o'clock, with a large crowd of spectators grouped about the hockey field, where it had been arranged the events were to be presented.

Members of the senior class, under the direction of Mrs. James C. Johnston, director of physical education, had arrayed themselves to represent the inhabitants of an Elizabethan village, and the program presented their way of celebrating May Day with genuine historical accuracy.

Following the traditional contest between Spring and Winter, the May party was seen returning from the woods, singing their May song. With them were the Lord and Lady of the May, the Jester, Jack o' the Green, court followers, and peasants with their May Queen. There followed a milkmaids' dance—"Selling's Round"—and the crowning of



the May Queen; then the singing of old songs—"Come a-Maying," "Be Gone, Dull Care," and "I Know a Bank Whereon The Wild Thyme Blows;" a children's singing game—"Nuts o' Maie"; the morris dances—"The Tideswell Processional," "Bean Setting," and "Laudanum Bunches"; and the peasant dances—"The Butterfly" and "The Black Nag"; and the celebration ended with the Winding of the Maypole.

At the request of W. L. Prince, State Supervisor of High Schools, Dr. W. J. Gifford has been called upon recently to make a number of trips inspecting high schools of the Valley High Schools Accredited of the Valley counties, and in numerous cases arranging for their addition to the list of accredited high schools of the State. He has made trips to Mt. Jackson and New Market, in Shenandoah county, and to Eagle Rock and Troutville, in Botetourt county. At all four of these schools it was found possible to meet certain State requirements that will admit of the accrediting of these schools. At Tom's Brook plans have been made for the establishment next year of a junior high school.

Mrs. Jas. C. Johnston, director of physical education, attended the meetings in New York, April 5 to 10, of the American Physical Education Association. President Duke spoke at Broadway at the Plains District school fair April 10, and the following Saturday Raymond C. Dingleline spoke at the Linville-Edom School, where the Linville District school fair was held.

The demand from neighboring schools for commencement speakers has been frequently met by the State Normal School in the last month. George W. Chappellear, jr., spoke at the commencement of the Stanley high school, Page county, May 10; Dr. J. W. Wayland made commencement addresses at Upperville May 11 and at Rectortown May 12.

Dr. W. J. Gifford made the commencement talk at the closing of the Timberville high school April 29. The principal is O. F. Miller, and there were this year eight students in the graduating class. It is under-

stood that the high school will be made a nine-month school next year by the help of its patrons, and that it will be placed on the accredited list of high schools of Virginia.

Members of the summer school faculty at Harrisonburg have been announced with the publication of the 1920 summer school catalog. Those of the regular Normal School faculty who will remain for the summer quarter are: Dr. John W. Wayland, Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland, James C. Johnston, Miss Mary I. Bell, Raymond C. Dingleline, Miss Ethel Spilman, George W. Chappellear, Jr., Dr. Henry A. Converse, Dr. Walter J. Gifford, Conrad T. Logan, Miss Mamie K. Myers. Other instructors who will be here for either the first or second term of the summer session are: William D. Smith, principal Scottsville high school; Newton D. Cool, of Bridgewater College; Miss Ada E. Baugh, rural supervisor in Rockingham county; Clyde K. Holsinger, principal Lawrenceville high school; Miss Annys Allison, Richmond public schools; Miss Ruth Witt, rural supervisor in Rockingham county; Clyde P. Shorts, Harrisonburg high school; Mrs. W. G. LeHew, Harrisonburg public school; Miss Zoe Porter, Harrisonburg public school; Miss Bessie C. Randolph, State Normal School, Farmville, Va.; Miss Julia Robertson, State Normal School, Valdosta, Georgia; Miss Marie Walters, State Normal School, Fredericksburg, Va.; Miss Josephine Hanson, Richmond public schools; Miss Elsie Coleman, Richmond public schools; Miss Mabel G. Dooley, public schools, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Miss Marceline A. Gatling, Norfolk public schools; Miss Lillie Belle Bishop, Harrisonburg public schools; Miss Vada M. Whitesel, Harrisonburg public schools; and Miss Virginia Buchanan, Harrisonburg public schools.

Interesting talks recently made before the student body at assembly period have been that by Dr. H. M. Canter, of the Methodist Church, on April 21; that by Miss Loulie Powers, a sister of Mrs. P. P. Moody, on her experiences as a Red Cross worker in France, made April 23; the highly entertaining presentation of illustrations of



humor by Mr. Johnston April 26; Miss Cleveland's interesting talk on May-day customs, which served so well to introduce the Merry month of May and the senior May-day celebration; the talk May 3 by Miss Elsie Heller, Student Y. W. C. A. Secretary for the South Atlantic field; and Nell Critzer's report on some of the larger aspects of the recent Cleveland Y. W. C. A. meeting, when the Y. W.'s attitude towards industrial questions was revised. Miss Critzer and Catherine Harrison represented the Harrisonburg State Normal School at the meeting.

The State Normal School Board held its annual meeting in Harrisonburg April 16 and 17, when business of a routine nature was taken up. President J. P. McConnell, of the East Radford Normal School, was unable to be present; but President J. L. Jarman, of Farmville, and President A. B. Chandler, Jr., of Fredericksburg, together with President Duke, of Harrisonburg, were in attendance.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was the reception at the president's home Friday afternoon, when members of the Harrisonburg faculty were invited to meet the members of the Board.

Members of the Board attending the meetings were Virginius R. Shackelford, president, of Orange Courthouse; D. D. Hull, Jr., of Roanoke; E. O. Larrick, Middletown; Geo. L. Taylor, Big Stone Gap; Alfred G. Preston, Amsterdam; Dr. H. M. DeJarnette, of Fredericksburg; R. C. Chamberlayne, Phenix; and R. K. Brock, secretary-auditor, of Farmville.

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*WHAT?* Reunion!

*WHERE?* Harrisonburg.

*WHY?* The call of Blue Stone Hill.

The best investment of your savings. Come back, everybody. Many attractions!—the "old" faculty, the new President. Make your class the banner one for attendance. Your name sent to Agnes Stribling Dingle-dine insures preparation for you. ALL COME!!

REBA L. BEARD

President Alumnae Asso.

## XIV

### AMONG THE ALUMNAE

#### COMMENCEMENT

For thousands of young people all over the land this is a thrilling word. It seems to be a potent composite of joy and sorrow, of music and magic, of romance and tragedy. It is wreathed in smiles, jeweled with tears, scented with flowers, winged with hopes, and laden everlastingly with memories. It comes but once in many lives, but every springtime it returns. May it come this year with joy abounding, and may its return be hailed by all who bear its charmed touch!

This year at Blue-Stone Hill, as always, love is waiting. It is waiting to rejoice with those who graduate this year; it is waiting to welcome back all those who were the light of other days. Come back, girls, we want you again! We want to clasp your hands; we want to look into your eyes. Again we want to hear the music of your voices. Help us to keep the happy past alive; help us to launch continually a better future.

This is the special reunion year of the class of 1915. On June 8, 1915, they received their diplomas. This year again the session will end on June 8. Wouldn't it add to this class's honors to break all records so far in reunion attendance? Try it, please.

This class is already distinguished. It contains a rather unusual proportion of young women who may be aptly characterized in striking terms or phrases. Who does not remember Mary Davis the initiator or Frank Selby the athlete? These two made a sort of David and Jonathan combination, and were always on hand when a Saul had to be outwitted or a Goliath killed. Mary Bosserman was a standby in the Y. W. C. A.; Alice Gilliam was always level-headed, loyal, and efficient; Maria Murphy had a smile that was as good as medicine; Lilla Gerow was a wholesome beauty; and Joe Warren was always a friend indeed to any girl in trouble. Joe is here now.

Esther Coulbourn was pretty, popular, and resourceful; Agnes Stribling was the first president of our student association; Margaret Kinnear was witty and wise, ed-