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SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS

In order that we may see ourselves as others see us, we summer school people may pause a moment and look at ourselves through the eyes of the students of the winter session, who are a much smaller group, numbering only about half our enrollment. It is hard, indeed, for the girls who left here in June for their summer vacations, to conceive of a session at which twice as large a student body as theirs is on the campus. For the summer session, first term, has an enrollment of 590, while the other three quarters had an enrollment of 308.

Imagine then, you winter folks, how strange it must seem to see Rebecca Gwaltney and Louise Gibboney, arm in arm, on their way to assembly—not in the auditorium above the library,—oh no—but out behind Science Hall in the openair theater. And would you believe it—Mr. Chappellear has a huge white tent top reared high above the benches. So folks who leave chapel early, or come late, must take care, or the ropes and pegs will get 'em if they don't watch out.

The piano is on the platform, well protected in a piano-box, backed up to the apple tree, "right upper end," in stage terminology. In case of rain, you pull down a rubber cover which protects the keyboard; and that's all there is to it!

Dr. Wayland usually leads the singing, using for a baton the morning's News-Record gotten only a few moments before from his mail box. After the usual devotional exercises, there is a talk by some member of the faculty, or a demonstration by some visiting agent, or an address by a minister of the city, or an exhibit of special educational interest.

We summer folks start things on time. Classes begin at eight o'clock; chapel services are at nine-thirty; and there are three more periods before the dinner hour, twelve-thirty. Then it is that Eleanor Pendleton and Ella Holloran may be seen "hot-footing it" to reach the dining-room door in time. Then it is that Miss Dwyer's window goes down bang. Then it is that the busy hum of conversation floats out the windows to

those stragglers who are still passing Miss Moore's office windows.

Would you know the dining-room? More than five hundred are being served at once. And what was last winter the auditorium is now just a part of the dining room. There is no partition any longer.

Imagine the postoffice window. Think of the letters that are inquired for. Think of the trouble one has in finding that book for special reference in the library. No fire in the fire place these days. But every day Mr. Smith has a new variety of wild flower or weed found in this neighborhood on display in the library. And a moment reserved to examine the day's find is always well spent.

Classes run on through the afternoon, and at four-thirty the ninth period is over. Pretty soon all is quiet in Science Hall except the click of a typewriter and the rub of Walker's polishing apparatus.—But now the bell has rung for supper, so the typewriter stops and leaves Walker, faithful and never-failing.

N. B.—Just before the bell rang, Rosa Tinder was still in Chem. Lab., and Elizabeth Murphy was selling Oates's ice cream at the well remembered corner.

Rev. Walter Williams, of Emanuel Episcopal Church, Harrisonburg, gave an interesting account of a recent trip to Bermuda Islands when he addressed students at assembly the morning of July 1. Mr. Williams' party included Miss Mary Louise Seegar, director of kindergarten in Harrisonburg, and it was a matter of interest to hear from Mr. Williams that while he did not consider the trip rough, there were ladies in the party who at times "didn't seem to care for meals!"

A talk on musical appreciation illustrated by the use of phonograph records, and the dancing of several folk dances

to the accompaniment of the phonograph occupied assembly period June 30. Mrs. May K.

Brigel, formerly of the Pittsburg Public Schools, as the representative of the Columbia Graphophone Company, had charge of the entertainment. In view of the constantly increasing use of the phonograph in educa-

tion, Mrs. Grigel is visiting all summer schools in this territory, and explaining to teachers the educational possibilities that lie in the device.

At a meeting of the faculty Monday evening, July 5, efforts were made to eliminate many subjects from the present curriculum, but each subject teacher valiantly supported his subject, and in the end only Slang was rejected. This insistent personage insisted that he would remain on the campus, even if he should be banished from the classroom. Toward the end of the meeting, Spelling was discovered in a comatose state, and heroic measures were taken to resuscitate her, with how much success it remains to be seen.

This meeting, it may be remarked, did not occur in the faculty room, but on the stage of the open air theater, and in the presence of a large number of students and visitors. Many members of the faculty, too, were in the audience, and saw themselves impersonated.

The play was full of clever lines and situations, and was written by Miss Annye Allison, an instructor in drawing. Opportunity was provided for the various subjects to "show off" when they appeared before the faculty. Physical Education demonstrated some very effective dances, Vocal Music sang, Educational Tests and Measurements undertook to demonstrate his infallibility by measuring certain members of the faculty.

At the conclusion of the play, a prize consisting of a book was awarded Mrs. O. J. Turner, of Salem, Va., for her impersonation of Medicine.

The Normal Special, a train running from Staunton to Harrisonburg following the arrival of the evening west bound C. & O., has become a habit. The plan of meeting the large number of students from Norfolk and environs was instituted by President Duke after the Christmas holidays last winter. The special brought into Harrisonburg the evening of June 21 more than 125 summer school students.

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Seventy-three of Virginia's hundred counties are represented, and 11 students from 5 other states are also enrolled. West Virginia leads with 4, North Carolina has 3, Texas 2, and Maryland and Alabama, each 1.

Richmond, Staunton, and Harrisonburg each contribute 12 students, and Winchester 7. The banner county is of course, Rockingham, in which the school is situated, with an enrollment of 62; Augusta is second with 42; Shenandoah sends 37; Rockbridge 24; Loudoun 15; Albemarle 13; Madison, Warren, and Norfolk, each 11; and Nelson 10.

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