

The State Normal School at Harrisonburg always welcomes opportunities to be of assistance in other communities of the state working for the public good, for better schools, for community spirit, for better legislation, and so on. During recent weeks members of the faculty have taken part in public meetings and have addressed teachers' institutes as follows:

President S. P. Duke, at Woodstock, on the "School Amendments", and near Greenville before the Tuesday Club of Augusta county on "Improvement in Rural Schools"; Dr. W. J. Gifford, at Big Stone Gap for a teachers' institute, at Manassas and in Shenandoah county for the school amendments; Dr. J. W. Wayland, at Botetourt county teachers' meeting; Dr. Henry A. Converse, at Edinburg, on the school amendments; Miss Katherine M. Anthony and Miss Mary Louise Seeger, at Woodstock for a county teachers' institute; Miss Grace Brinton, at Front Royal to serve as a judge of home economics exhibits; and Miss Frances I. Mackey, in Rockbridge county, to judge manual arts exhibits.

The training school facilities at Pleasant Hill have recently been extended by the installation of complete equipment for instruction in sewing and cooking classes. This school offers students superior opportunities for teaching and observing in a typical Virginia Rural Junior High School.

Like opportunities in a city system including kindergarten, primary and grammar grades, and junior high school, are of course offered also, in the city training school of Harrisonburg.

The Home Economics Club held its first regular meeting Tuesday, November 9. The enrolment of 125 is the largest membership the club has ever enjoyed. Its new officers are Mary Brown, president; Dorothy Fosque, vice-president; Anna Cameron, secretary; Esther Evans, treasurer; Christine Gladstone, sergeant-at-arms.

After a social hour of dancing and chatting down in the Gym, with maple-nut ice cream as the crowning feature, the club adjourned to the Y. W. auditorium, where a business meeting was held.

The meeting concluded with talks by members of the faculty in the home economics department. Miss Brinton outlined the history of the home economics movement; Miss Wilson told of some important women interested in the work; and Mrs. Moody discussed some of the larger and leading home economics schools of the county.

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#### HERE AND THERE AMONG ALUMNAE

Ella May Lane is teaching history and economics in the high school at Warm Springs. She is busy but she does not forget her old friends. Linda Berrey and Lois Henderson are working in Nelson County in the vicinity of Tye River, where Beulah Crigler is principal. These three frequently unite their leisures in making a pleasant week-end. Louise Walker and Bess Lay are "way down south in Dixie." Both are students in Peabody College for Teachers. They report themselves as happy and one of their professors reports them as doing fine work. We are not surprised.

May Davis is making a mark teaching at Shenandoah. Marion Nesbitt, at South Boston, is keeping up her record for efficient work and fine spirit. Music and athletics, as well as other good things, are being enhanced by her touch. Catherine Harrison is enthusiastic over her situation at Andrew Chapel, Fairfax County. She is pleased with her building, her assistant, her children, and her living conditions. Incidentally, she is pleased also with the \$15 first prize which her school captured at the county fair. Bessie Parrish is also teaching in Fairfax, and sends an interesting report from Falls Church. The Gatling sisters, Marceline, Margie, and Lucy, are all teaching in the busy city of Norfolk. Says Lucy, in a recent letter: "May Rowbotham is with us again this year, and we can have 'regular old-time meet-in's' with so many Harrisonburg girls in our

Lucy, are all teaching in the busy city of home."

#### MISS VIRGINIA ZIRKLE MARRIED

On the evening of October 26, Miss Virginia Zirkle, well known as a student, then as a teacher, at Blue-Stone Hill, was united in marriage with Mr. Thomas Owen Brock of Harrisonburg.

It will be gratifying to all the friends of these popular young people to know that they will make their home in Harrisonburg, quite near the school campus. Thus it will be fortunate for all concerned, we trust, and convenient for the perpetuation of friendships as the years pass and our students, old and new, come and go.

We are quite resigned and philosophical in the face of the inevitable, which is, we are persuaded, also the desirable. The school, however great it may be, is only an adjunct to the home. Our girls, through the schools, are continually aiming to make better homes. We certainly cannot, therefore, suffer any surprise or disappointment when good teachers establish good homes of their own. The state can well afford to train teachers so long as those trained teachers, either directly or indirectly, build up the homes of the state.

If this little preachment is pardoned we may offer it again, and in the meantime we do not forget to offer congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brock, and to all the other Beatrices and Benedicks that have so many friends among us.

#### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

For the last three or four years a luncheon on a certain day, enjoyed together by all the Harrisonburg folks within reach, has been made a special feature of the Thanksgiving educational conferences. Several years in Richmond, one year in Roanoke, the occasion was indeed a 'flow of wit and a feast of reason,' as well as of things more visible and tangible. Not only so, it was a season of springtime to memory, a sunny summer to friendships, and a golden autumn to all good fruits of comradeship.

This year the Harrisonburg luncheon will be served at the Hotel Richmond, at 12:30 p. m., on Friday, November 26. Already it is being enjoyed in prospect by those who

have been fortunate enough to be in attendance upon former occasions, and it is, we trust, also being pictured as a new delight by those who are planning to join in the good fellowship this year for the first.

Not only in their possibilities for pleasure and culture are these annual luncheons of the Thanksgiving season a fruitful institution, but also in the opportunity they afford for constructive and potential co-operation for education and Alma Mater they are to be cherished and perpetuated. Let us have this year a record-breaking attendance. By whatever tie Harrisonburg binds you, by whatever name you there were known, in whatever capacity you labored as student or teacher, let your presence this year on this occasion testify to your good will and contribute to the happiness of your friends.

The Richmond alumnae, through their efficient organization, are due the hearty thanks of all concerned for their generous gifts of time, thought, and labor to the preparation of the luncheon. They have secured a fine place and have provided an attractive menu at a remarkably low cost (only \$1.00 a plate); and to them we are all profoundly grateful.

Let all Harrisonburg State Normal people who plan to attend the forthcoming luncheon write or wire Mrs. G. C. Chewning, 200 North Sheppard St., Richmond, asking for the reservation of as many plates as may be desired.

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