

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNAE

INKLINGS

The first days in June always pass swiftly as examinations rush by, as the Senior play comes on with its inevitable accompaniment of rain, and as the commencement exercises pass on to the morning when everybody, in high glee, rises early to take buses and trains, off for the summer vacation. Follows a week of cleaning up when the campus is deserted except by those in the administrative offices, the cleaners, and grass cutters. Then comes summer school with its hundreds of students, and work begins all over again. The campus is as busy as ever—even busier.

The fifteenth commencement program at Harrisonburg ended Tuesday evening, June 10. Former Senator Floyd W. King, of Clifton Forge, was the principal speaker. Mr. King was a member of the first board of visitors of this institution and, as President Duke said in introducing him, the present success of the Harrisonburg Teachers College rests largely upon the far-sighted plans made by that first board. Mr. King's theme was individual responsibility and the intangible rewards coming to the individual who accepts his responsibility.

President Duke conferred the Bachelor of Science degree upon sixteen young women who had completed four years of work, specializing in home economics; the two-year certificate was granted to 157 students.

Dr. H. A. Converse, Registrar, announced the merit roll of honor students of the two-year courses:

Emma Graham Dold, Buena Vista; Mary Almyra Lacy, Oak Park; Bertha May McCollum, Danville; Margaret Rose Ritchie, Petersburg, and Carolyn Isabel Wine, San Antonio, Texas.

Graduates of the four-year course leading to the Bachelor of Science degree who made the highest standing during the four years, were, in the order of merit:

Lila Lee Riddell, Dumbarton; Anna Seaton Cameron, Newport News, and Celia Pearl Swecker, Monterey.

The merit roll for the third quarter, 1923-24, was as follows:

Magna Cum Laude, Carolyn Isabel Wine, San Antonio, Texas; *Cum Laude*, Thelma Louise Eberhart, Norfolk; Bertha May McCollum, Danville; Barbara Christine Swartz, Danville; Margaret Rose Ritchie, Petersburg; Emma Graham Dold, Buena Vista; Hattie Jacobson, Portsmouth; Mary Almyra Lacy, Oak Park; Carolyn Virginia Weems, Ashland, Anna Seaton Cameron, Newport News; and Lila Lee Riddell, Dumbarton.

Dr. John W. Wayland, head of the history department, announced the award of the Dingleline prize of ten dollars to Margaret Ritchie of Petersburg for having written the best senior essay. The successful effort was "A Stylebook for The Breeze." Those whose essays received honorable mention were:

Emma Dold, Buena Vista—"The Vital Relationship of Latin to Practical Life;" Kate May Dunivin, Harrisonburg—"Political Development in France, 1789-1875;" Susie Clay Geoghegan, Danville—"The Value of Art Education in the Public Schools;" Lucille Fisher Keeton, Lawrenceville—"Shakespeare's Place in the High School Course of Study;" Grace Katherine Luck, Ashland—"Thomas Nelson Page;" Eleanor L. Pendleton, Wytheville—"Mount Vernon and the Washingtons Since 1800;" Elizabeth Firebaugh Rolston, Mt. Clinton—"Should the One-Act Play Be Studied in High School;" Rebecca Elizabeth Spitzer, Hinton—"On an Old Attic in the Valley of Virginia;" Clara Evelyn Tiller—"The Moral Training of Children in the Elementary Grades;" Sadie Stuart Williams, Afton—"Moral and Ethical Training in the Schools."

The Snyder Prize, named for an editor of the Harrisonburg Daily News who was secretary of the first Normal School Board until the time of his death, is awarded annually by the Breeze staff for the best article written by a student and published during the academic year. Conrad T. Logan, head of the English department, announced this award, conferring the prize on Emily Hogge, of Hornsbyville, York County, who wrote an editorial, "Back Home to

Mother," for the Breeze of December 15, 1923. Madeline Bishop, of Hampton, was given special mention for her work, "The Magic Pool" being an unusually clever article.

The summer enrollment fell slightly below that for the first term last summer. From newspaper reports it appears that the same thing has been true at most of the summer schools in the state. The enrollment at Harrisonburg for the first term was only a little in excess of 780, but indications are that the enrollment for the second term of the summer school (July 28 to August 29) will be somewhat larger than the enrollment for the same period last year.

The summer session began on June 21 and the severe heat of those opening days was most acceptably modified by the presence of a summer breeze. In the first issue of *The Summer Breeze* appeared the schedule of classes, a letter of welcome from President Duke, an outline of the scheme of registration, a map showing the arrangement of buildings on the campus, and news articles, including an account of commencement, written by Margaret Leavitt, editor of the 1924-25 Breeze.

The staff of the *Summer Breeze*, which will be issued bi-weekly through the summer quarter consists of the following: Margaret M. Herd, Richmond, editor; Jerrine Patterson, Danville, assistant editor; Winniefred Price, Blacksburg, business manager; Mary F. Jackson, Lynchburg, assistant business manager; Lois Barnes, Petersburg, circulation manager and the following reporters: Dorothy Clark, Onancock; Lucy Harris, Augusta County; Marion I. Smith, Lancaster County; Evelyn Coffman, Harrisonburg; Blanche Meadows, Clifton Forge; Margaret Lacy, Halifax County; Hilda Warren, Rockbridge County; Fay Thompson, Rockbridge County; Eliabeth Thompson, Fauquier County; and Ernest Bowman, Rockingham County.

This summer, for the first time, a student government council has been organized in an effort to put problems of discipline under the control of a representative group of students in much the same manner as that employed in the regular session.

Members of the student government council for the summer session are Margaret M. Herd, Richmond, president; Winniefred Price, Blacksburg; Mary F. Jackson, Lynchburg; Lois Barnes, Petersburg; Margaret Lacy, Halifax County; Kathleen Moffett, Fauquier County; Elizabeth Thompson, Fauquier County; Eunice Lambert, Rockingham County; Vivian Price, Blacksburg.

A summer Y. W. C. A. has been organized, with Winniefred Price as president, Marion I. Smith as treasurer, and Elizabeth Harley as chairman of the social committee. Under Miss Price's direction, the Y. W. C. A. entertained new students and old at a stunt night the evening of June 21 in the open air auditorium. There were numerous games and much good fun. It is true, the Y. W. "said it with bricks" instead of flowers—but the bricks were ice cream.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Sidney Artz has just returned to her home at Woodstock from a trip to Gettysburg. She reports a most interesting series of experiences.

Katherine Reaguer writes from her home at Culpeper, where she is enjoying the summer vacation.

Estelle Baldwin (Mrs. Cornette) with her husband drove through the country from Roanoke recently and stopped for a brief visit on Blue-Stone Hill.

Genoa Swecker (Mrs. John Slaven), Martha Eagle, Lona Pope, and several more of our girls may be found at home among the green slopes and in sound of the rippling waters at Doe Hill. Celia Swecker was a recent visitor there. She is going to teach next year in Arlington County.

Mary Wallace Buck (Mrs. George D. Rowe, of Baltimore) and her husband announce the birth of George Davis Rowe, Jr., on May 14.

Sara Monroe passed through Harrisonburg not long ago on her way to her home in Loudoun from Roanoke, and left a word of greeting.

Janet Farrar and Mary Davis took a boat at Cleveland and started home to Virginia

by way of Duluth and Milwaukee. We hope they will reach Harrisonburg before the summer is over.

Amy Garthright is managing a Y. W. C. A. camp in the Blue Ridge mountains eleven miles from Lynchburg. She is thinking seriously of returning to Harrisonburg for two more years.

Mrs. Charles T. Hiser is teaching this summer at Wilmington College, Ohio. She reports a good time.

From the *Peabody Reflector* for June we glean these facts:

Besse L. Lay (B. S. 1922, Peabody), is teaching home economics in the Montgomery County High School, Montgomery, Ala.

Margaret S. Seebert (B. S. 1922, Peabody), is teaching science in the Cloverdale High School, Montgomery, Ala.

Eva Duvall (Mrs. E. O. Smith) lives at Alexandria, but still thinks of the Shenandoah Valley, especially in the long days of summer.

On May 25 Zelma Wagstaff became the wife of Mr. Frederick A. Stanley, at Reidsville, N. C.

On June 26 Louise Houston married Mr. James P. Alexander, the ceremony taking place in New Providence Church, in Rockbridge County.

Nancy Mosher sends a message of greeting and good wishes from Blue Ridge, N. C., where she and several others of our girls went a month or two ago to spend a season of special study.

REFERENCE and LENDING LIBRARY FOR AMERICAN TEACHERS

The largest and most complete library of strictly educational literature in America is maintained by the United States Bureau of Education at Washington. This library is administered as a central reference and lending collection for the teachers and the educators of the United States. Its bibliographers supply information to investigators of technical educational subjects. On request the library will give information and advice regarding methods of organization, administration, cataloging, classifying, etc., for educational libraries and educational book collections.

STUDENTS' FEES PAY SMALL PART OF COST

Not less than \$10,000,000 is required adequately to endow a modern medical school, and double or treble that sum is not too much if the school is to include in its scope all the specialties of medicine and surgery, according to Dr. E. D. Burton, president of Chicago University. The days have long gone by in which a group of physicians could supplement their income by conducting a medical school for pecuniary profit.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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REBECCA SPITZER will finish her work for the State Teachers College diploma in August. She expects to teach this coming winter.

MARY LIPPARD is likewise a B. S. graduate from the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg who expects to do Demonstration Work, but whose field will be in North Carolina.

PAYSON SMITH is the State Commissioner of Education, Boston, Mass.