A BOOK FOR MISSOURIANS


At rare intervals a book appears in each of the several fields of instruction that is of unusual merit. Such a book is this. Quite a few textbooks in elementary agriculture have been published in the last few years, but in my opinion, Waters has succeeded far better than any other in approaching the ideal.

There are 357 well chosen illustrations. Not one of them could be omitted if the instruction given is to be complete. A good proportion of these illustrations contrast good and poor farm practices, plants and animals. In addition there are six pages in colors, of which the two of horses and cattle are invaluable.

Another striking general impression is that the subject matter is not only accurate and ample but is also concise. The 530 pages could have been indefinitely extended without any material addition to their fund of information. If it is desired to increase the available material for reference and study, the list of texts and bulletins at the end of each chapter will supply the necessary material.

The whole book is arranged for teaching by a combination of the project, actual farm study, problem, and laboratory methods, as well as by class discussions. The problem outlines at the end of each chapter are especially valuable and furnish the basis of the class discussions. As compared with other texts, approximately the same topics of discussion are found. It is the method of presentation that affords the real contrast. In agriculture we believe it is better to study a cow than to hear a teacher talk about one; I suggest that you get a copy of this book and let it speak for itself.

GEORGE W. CHAPPELEAR


This is another of those useful books in tablet form with detachable tests for swift classwork. Selections from these varied drills will afford good setting-up exercises at the beginning of the French hour, with their inviting blank spaces to be filled in with idioms learned a few at a time throughout the book.


For use in college survey classes, this volume has recently been brought up to date by the addition of much contemporary writing, including generous selections from A. E. Housman, Wm. B. Yeats, John Masefield, Wilfred Wilson Gibson, and a taste from each of Bennett, Conrad, Wells, Beerbohm, and Galsworthy. It is a comprehensive volume, handsomely printed.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNAE

INKLINGS

When these lackadaisical newslets come to be read, the campus will be quick with eager footsteps, enthusiastic greetings, joyous reunions, with vivid crepes and more subdued serges—indeed, there is a theme for poetry in the joyous gaiety that hovers over the campus when the fall term begins. But when these lines were written an ominous thunder shower was in the offing, the buildings were quiet but for the rat-tat-tat of a few typewriters, the tap-tap-tap of the carpenters' hammers, and the shwoo-shwoo of the floor waxers. And so—if vacation comes, can fall be far behind?

Returning to Harrisonburg after a three months' absence, students will be astonished to find that Mr. Duke has waved a magic wand over the one vacant lot across the campus on South Main Street—and lo, a new apartment house, similar to the Shenandoah Apartments, has arisen. And back of Cleveland Cottage they will find the new swimming pool which added so much to the pleasure of the summer students. These, with the new porch on Alumnae Hall, are the only changes apparent on the campus, except that the hilltop has been cut down and graded a little more and that the pile of stone has grown larger waiting for the rock-crusher.

During August our entertainments have included two performances by the Devereux Players, who won much praise for the same presentations here in the Spring. At assembly Miss Zinita Graf spoke of the values of
drama and of the encouragement to which good drama is entitled at the hands of educational institutions. Mr. W. W. Wood, head of the Welfare Department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, spoke on the relation of railroads to public welfare, showing how our national development has been contemporaneous with the extension of the railways. Mr. George S. Harnsberger and Rev. Minor C. Miller, president and secretary, respectively, of the Virginia Sunday School Association, urged their audience of teachers to co-operate with the Sunday schools in insuring moral training to school children. Mrs. Edna Fox, in charge of the Social Hygiene work of the State Board of Health, took as her subject "The Bureau of Human Figures," and explained how the information coming into the Bureau of Vital Statistics might be interpreted. Among the speakers in attendance at the Massanetta Springs Bible Conference were several who addressed our students during the closing weeks, Rev. Dr. Beaver of Philadelphia and Mr. Belmun, song-leader.

Superintendent Harris Hart, here from Richmond to attend the August meeting of the State Teachers College Board, addressed students on August 8. "The chief excuse for the present vogue of organization that Mr. Hart said, "is training for citizenship." Certain tendencies in modern government were therefore pointed out as worthy of attention of every teacher. The development of innumerable institutions is a decided tendency in democracy until what the individual formerly did for himself comes more and more to be done for him by institutions. But these institutions can be supported only by public taxation and therefore there is an increasing demand for larger assessments against property. A few institutions liberally supported, the superintendent urged, can be more effective than many supported with parsimony. So acute is the present vogue of organization that Mr. Hart declared his interest in An Organization To Prevent The Organization of Further Organization.

A second tendency in a democracy, said the speaker, is the reliance of the people on the passage of numerous laws as a means of righting a wrong.

The Board approved the plan to establish a course for the preparation of teachers of backward children. The idea of this course is to meet a condition existing pretty generally over the state where teachers in small schools are forced to conduct ungraded classes. Supervision of home demonstration work by means of a special course at Harrisonburg was approved by the board; such a course will be offered at Harrisonburg through the co-operation of the extension department of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, provided the plan is indorsed by the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham county.

Not to be outdone by their more numerous sisters in the June graduating class, twenty-eight graduates of the two-year professional course and one B. S. graduate celebrated their achievement by a class dinner Wednesday evening, August 20. There was the usual feast of wit, toasts being offered by Mary Jackson, Winniefred Price, Lucille Harrison, Eunice Lambert, Margaret Herd, Dr. Gifford and President Duke. Dr. Converse presided as toastmaster with great felicity. Guests were Miss Waples, Big Sister to the class, Miss Turner, Mrs. Moody, President and Mrs. Duke, Dr. and Mrs. Gifford and Dr. and Mrs. Converse.

When these same young ladies came to graduate on the night of August 28, it was the third annual summer school commencement of this institution. The commencement speaker was the Honorable R. Gray Williams, of Winchester, a member of the Handley Board, unique in its administration of a private legacy for public education. President Alderman's condensation of Jefferson's philosophy into the phrase, "you can trust men if you train them," was eloquently interpreted and applied, as Mr. Williams urged the high responsibility of the teaching profession in just this task.

Miss Eunice Elizabeth Lambert, of McGaheysville, was the only candidate to receive the Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. Graduates of two-year professional courses were:

Matilda Finey Bell, Lexington; Nettie Golden Berry, Twyman's Mill, Madison County; Elizabeth Graham Bolen, Harrisonburg; Frances Giliam Carter, Halifax, Halifax County; Gwendoline Violet Carter, Selma, Alleghany County; Alice Mabel Dalton, Norfolk; Vallie Virginia Furry, Bridgewater,
Rockingham County; Mary Lucille Harrison, Elkton, Rockingham County; Nora Daugherty Heatwole, Dayton, Rockingham County; Margaret Morrison Herd, Richmond; Vergie Pearl Hinegardner, Weyers Cave, Augusta County; Mary Belle Hinton, Roanoke; Mary Frances Jackson, Lynchburg; Mary Elizabeth Jones, Broadway, Brunswick County; Carolyn Elizabeth Kackley, Berryville, Clarke County; Sallie Bronner Leach, Somerset, Orange County; Anna Margaret Lloyd, New Market, Shenandoah County; Martha Elizabeth Powell, Elkton, Rockingham County; Gladys McKee, Hampton; Willie Lee Payne, Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County; Mary Josephine Warters, Elkton, Rockingham County; Beatrice Carolyn Warner, Staunton; Elizabeth Olive Warner, Staunton.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Sydney Artz is teaching this session at Conicville, Shenandoah County. She likes the fine scenery and the people with whom she is working, and we predict for her a successful year.

Kathryn Roller still has her art shop in Norfolk, but she is doing active teaching work again. Last session she was at Florida State College; this year she will be supervisor of art classes in the Petersburg schools.

Under date of August 22 Frances Ripberger sent us a post card from Jamestown. She says: "We had a delightful trip to Jamestown yesterday on the boat. It is a beautiful old historic place."

Lucetta Livesay holds a good position under the Federal Government in Washington, but she confesses that the call of the school room still haunts her occasionally.

Annie Ballard (Mrs. R. O. Adams), writes from Ivy and says that her younger sister, Dorothy, is planning to come to Harrisonburg this session. She also states Myrtle took a summer vacation in New Jersey.

Mary Carolyn Thompson recently paid a visit to Harrisonburg, but it was too brief to satisfy her friends here.

Hazel Bellerby sends a post card from Cleveland and says, "I am spending a most pleasant vacation in Ohio with Mary Rumburg. I often think of Blue Stone Hill and hope to go there on a visit soon."

On August 30 Beulah Crigler was awarded the A. B. degree at William and Mary.

Hazel Davis recently sent a message from Reno, Nevada, to this effect: "We spent some time this morning in going over the campus and around the buildings of this university. It seems to be a fine place. This afternoon we go to Lake Tahoe, enroute to the Yosemite Park."

Marion Nesbitt was a member of the critical staff of supervisory teaching at the State Teachers College, Fredericksburg, this summer, and is planning to do further work at Teachers College, Columbia University, though at present she is continuing her teaching in Richmond.

We take pleasure in chronicling the following marriages:

August 12, Smily Burger to Mr. Dennis U. Austin, of Fincastle, Va.;

August 21, Sallie Clarkson to Mr. William O. Hahn, of Greensboro, N.C.

Theodosia Branham is now Mrs. W. D. Dunn of Boonesville, Va. Just when the marriage took place we have not learned.

Leela Vaughan (Mrs. Routzahn) and her son paid Blue Stone Hill a brief visit recently. Inasmuch as college was not in session she did not find the usual busy crowd, but she was lucky to find Miss Elizabeth Cleveland here for an extra day with Special English. Mrs. Routzahn lives at 713 Cameron Street, Alexandria.

Kathleen Watson has been teaching in Charleston, W. Va., for the last two or three years and likes her work so well that she will go back next session. Not long ago she spent a day or two in Harrisonburg.

Pauline Callender is also teaching in Charleston. She spent a summer recently in California, but Rockingham County in the Shenandoah Valley, has first place in her heart.
PRINCIPAL OF HOME ECONOMICS

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following open competitive examination for a principal of home economics:

The examination will be held throughout the country on October 22 and again on December 10. It is to fill vacancies in the Indian Service, at an entrance salary of $1,500 a year. Advancement in pay may be made without change of assignment up to $1,860 a year. Furnished quarters, heat, and light are allowed free of cost.

Applicants must have been graduated from a four years’ course in a college of recognized standing majoring in home economics, and have had at least two years’ experience in teaching foods, clothing, and household management.

The duties of the appointee will be as the head of a department of home economics education, to organize the school, plan courses of home economics suitable for the elementary and secondary schools, outline methods of presentation, etc.

Competitors will be rated on home economics (a thesis or discussion to be written in the examination room), and education, training, and experience.

Full information and application may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the secretary of the board of U. S. civil-service examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city.

How to improve the kindergarten-primary courses of study now given in many teacher-training institutions is told by Nina V. Vandewalker in a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of Education, entitled “An Evaluation of Kindergarten-Primary Courses of Study in Teacher-Training Institutions,” Bulletin 1924, No 3.