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**NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE**

**INKLINGS**

What with the attention everybody gave to pronunciation, to matters of good usage, and to clearer enunciation, Better Speech Week, February 19 to 23, left us all in a state of confused uncertainty. Not that there were not many values derived from a consideration of problems of speech, but because we indulged almost to the point of satiety (remember the word? It was on that printed list)—Three playlets certainly held the mirror up to nature in the matter of current slang; indeed there were those who gasped incredulously, sure that no student here ever used such effervescent language. The judges had troubles, but finally awarded the prize to the Senior class.—The Senior playlet showed the ghosts of injured words and expressions appearing in her dream before a little girl who had talked carelessly.—On Tuesday, the 20th, more than sixty students chosen from the various English classes and organized into a squad of Four-Minute Speakers, waged a campaign through talks made at the beginning of each period of each class in each subject.—The pronunciation bee held on Friday morning excited a great deal of interest. It was won by Thelma Eberhardt, a 1922 graduate of the Maury High School, Norfolk. To her went, as a souvenir of the occasion, a copy of C. Alphonso Smith's *What Can Literature Do for Me?* The "runner up" in the pronunciation bee was Miss Sidney Artz, of Woodstock, who it is well to remember was winner of a spelling bee held here in the summer school of 1922.

Coinciding with Better Speech Week was a "National Week of Song." On Wednesday a most pleasing recital was heard,
when Miss Shaeffer arranged a varied pro-
gram of solos by members of the Harrison-
burg Music Lover’s Club: Miss Nelson
Maxwell, Mrs. Samuel P. Fletcher, Mrs.
Armentrout, Mr. Henry Dold Newman, and
Rabbi J. E. Schvanefeldt.

It was Mr. E. R. Lineweaver, speaking
at assembly February 16, on the automobile
industry, who told of the car rented for the
house party. “How many will it carry?”
asked the young man. “Waal,” replied the
farmer, “It’s a five passenger car, but it’ll
carry ten if they’re pretty well acquainted.”

—Mr. Dingledine read several O. Henry
stories to introduce Saint Valentine’s day.—

Miss Stevens, February 26, told “A Modern
Fairy Tale,” the hero of which was a self-
made negro man whose discoveries and in-
ventions are having a wide economic influ-
ence, especially in the South,—George Carver

—Other assembly programs have included
Mr. E. W. Minor’s interesting talk on the
telegraph system and Mrs. Mead’s lectures
on world peace and means of insuring it.—

The Schoolma’am one morning conducted an
election to decide on twenty school celebrities,
but the results of this election will not be
known until the book is distributed in June.

To Saint Valentine must be attributed in
some measure the phenomenal outbreak of
parties recently. Tuesday night, the 13th, Mr.
and Mrs. Logan entertained the Post Gradu-
ate class; Wednesday night the Post Gradu-
ate class had its honorary members at a
Valentine supper; Thursday night the Metho-
dist girls were entertained at a Valentine
party at the church; Friday night the Presby-
terian girls were similarly entertained at
their church and the Baptist girls, members
of the Philathea class, at the home of Dr.
and Mrs. E. R. Miller; Saturday afternoon
the members of the Norfolk club by their
president, Annabel Dodson; and Saturday
night the members of the Portsmouth Club
by their honorary member, Miss Dorothy
Spooner, at Friddle’s Grill room; Sunday
night Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dingledine had
at supper the ten students of whom Mr.
Dingledine is the advisor.—As a fitting climax
came the Cotillion Club dance in Harrison
Hall the night of February 23, when to the
music of the Gaiety Orchestra, more than
fifty couples danced the l. f. t.

In addition to basket ball games which
have taken representatives of the school to
other parts of the state, there has been
recently a Student Volunteer Conference,
held at the Radford State Normal School,
February 23 to 25, to which Harrisonburg
sent the following representatives: Lucy Mc-
Gehee, Mary Tanner, Leona Grubbs, Beulah
Weddle, Barbara Schwarz. Reports on the
meeting, both its serious and funny sides,
were made at the following Y. W. meeting.

When Harrisonburg played Radford a
return game of basket ball, the tables were
turned and Radford lost by a score of 13 to
20. The seven points margin was the same as
that by which Radford had won from Har-
risonburg the week before. Mrs. Johnston
and her team received a royal welcome on
their return, for the victory over Radford
was the first for three years, and—in view
of Anna—an achievement of note.—At Farm-
villle the following week Harrisonburg fared
less well, for they lost their second game to
Farmville by a score of 19 to 23.

Two classes have recently presented en-
tertainments in Sheldon Hall at week-ends.
“Mrs. Clatterbuck Wins Her Case” was the
title of the playlet arranged and produced
by the Post Graduate class the evening of
February 16. The scene was a court room,
and the trial was full of amusing sidelights.
“American Romances,” arranged and pre-
sented by the Senior class on March 3, con-
sisted of five scenes picturing different periods
in American life. The first scene drawn from
“The Song of Hiawatha,” showed the tent
of Nakomis and portrayed an Indian romance.
Then followed a Puritan romance, that of
Priscilla and John Alden; a Colonial romance,
in which appeared the Jeffersons, the Madon-
s, and the Washingtons; a Civil War
romance, based on Page’s “Meh Lady”; and
last, a modern romance, taken from Sophia
Kerr’s story, “Hardboiled,” and mirroring
the spirit of 1923.—Harrisonburg girls have
a remarkable knack of producing clever little
performances, and it’s a pity more people
can’t see them.

To the Massanutton Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution stu-
dents will be grateful for the recent addition
of the “Daughters of the Revolution Maga-
zine” to the magazine rack in the library.

At the meetings of the National Educa-
tion Association in Cleveland, Harrisonburg
had two representatives: President S. P. Duke and Dean W. J. Gifford.—By the way, Dr. Gifford has just published his *Introduction to the Learning Process*, a syllabus in educational psychology, designed to follow his previously published syllabus in general psychology.—Mrs. B. F. Crum is a new member of the faculty, teaching the classes formerly conducted by Mrs. Pearl Powers Moody.—Three members of the regular faculty will be away during the summer session, teaching in summer schools elsewhere. Miss Grace Brinton and Miss Mary Louise Seeger both will teach in the University of Virginia summer school, and Mr. C. T. Logan will teach in the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville.

—Dr. W. J. Gifford, who was in November elected vice-president of District G, of the Virginia State Teachers Association, has announced a two-day meeting here of educators from the valley counties on March 16 and 17.

The Harrisonburg Glee Club made an enviable name for itself when it presented programs under the auspices of Harrisonburg alumnae associations in Richmond, Norfolk, and Petersburg. For good measure the Glee Club, which was directed by Miss Edna T. Shaeffer, sang twice on Sunday in Norfolk: Sunday morning in the Second Presbyterian Church and Sunday evening in the Park Place Methodist church. In Richmond the girls were much elated to see in their audience Governor E. Lee Trinkle. The Harrisonburg Glee Club combines two important attributes. It is easy to look at and easy to listen to. Notice, not neither . . . nor, but both . . . and.

**FOUR-MINUTE SPEAKERS DURING "BETTER SPEECH WEEK"**

MORE than sixty students, selected from the entire student body on the basis of their ability as speakers, took part in a campaign lasting throughout the day Tuesday, February 20, during "Better Speech Week," observed nationally February 19 to 24.

At the beginning of every class period, in no matter what subject, four minutes were allowed in which instructor and students heard a talk on the need of more care in our speech. Talks took a variety of turns, some dealing with historical processes in language development, some with objections to the "slang habit," some with pleas for more forceful and vigorous language.

In preparation for the campaign each one of the "four-minute speakers" was given a list of books for reference and consultation which were to be found in the school library, and the following statement of suggestions, adapted from "Hints for Four-Minute Speakers," as issued by the U. S. Treasury Department for the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign. Prepared, evidently, by a master of popular oratory, they are reprinted here.

**Hints for Four-Minute Speakers**

Begin with a positive, concrete, definite statement. Tell your audience something at the start that will immediately grip their attention.

Use short sentences. Try to make one word do the work of two.

Avoid fine phrases. You aren't there to give them an ear-full, but a mind-full.

Talk to the simplest intelligence of your audience; you'll hit everything higher up.

Talk to the back row of your audience; you'll hit everything closer in.

Be natural and direct. Sincerity wears no frills.

Speak slowly. A jumbled sentence is a wasted sentence.

You represent the movement for Better Speech. Don't forget this. And don't let your audience forget it.

Finish strong and sharp.

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DR. WAYLAND COLLABORATING

Dr. John W. Wayland and Professor Will H. Ruebush, the talented music writer, are collaborating on a dramatic exercise for use in schools, clubs, and patriotic societies. It is to be entitled "Home and Native Land," and will consist of short speeches by Columbia and other familiar characters, interspersed with easy, singable, patriotic music. In some respects it will be unique, but it will be adaptable to almost any group of players and will appeal, it is believed, to any intelligent audience in the country. It will be off the press within the next week or two.

In this connection it may be of interest to note that "Old Virginia," the song by the same authors that is being used so widely in our schools, may soon be put upon a Columbia phonograph record. Many persons have expressed a desire to have it on a standard record for use in school and home. Professor Ruebush's attractive melody in "Old Virginia" has recently been adopted for use with a "national" song in Alaska.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Myrtle Haden is making a great success as a teacher at Gretna, Va. This is her fourth year there. Here is part of a recent letter from her:

"How is Harrisonburg? I have not yet in any measure outgrown my homesickness for Blue-Stone Hill. I think the only cure will be to return. I have seen many H. N. S. girls this winter. At our county teachers' institute last fall many of the girls were in attendance. One of the most interesting features was a wide-awake talk by our own Verlie Story on 'How to Vitalize English.' These people have been very good to me in many ways, in a financial way as well as others. My salary has been raised each year till now it lacks only $5 of being twice as much as it was the first year. We have a beautiful new auditorium given us by the town. We are watching eagerly now the erection of a classroom building, thus giving us three handsome brick buildings."

Marion Nesbitt has recently given an observation lesson in silent reading for 2A and 2B on the Northside (of Richmond), that is Ginter Park, Highland Park, and Barton Heights. "I know Miss Anthony would think it queer that I am demonstrating silent reading, as that was hardest for me at the training school.

"We have an Alumnae luncheon every month at the Y. W. now; our next meeting is Saturday and we have some plans that we hope will bring some money for the building."

Nell Critzer says: "I am enjoying my work here in Richmond so very much, and I am having such a good time . . . We have some great times at our Alumnae meetings with our "Don't you remembers!", "Have you heard!" and "Don't you knows!"

Luna Saunders is teaching in Roanoke City. Her address is 409 Church avenue, S. E. She says:

"I certainly am glad I had work at Harrisonburg last summer. I feel like it was the best I have ever had, and it has helped me so much in my work this session. The superintendent and the principal have told me they were very much pleased with my work, and have sent several people to observe me."

Maria Murphy is now located at Dawson Springs, Ky. She says: "I'm back with the Government in a lovely big new hospital located here—feeding over six hundred—have fine co-workers in the other departments, and am immensely happy; received a nice raise the first of January."

Jo Warren paid us a visit during the holidays, on her way back to her work in West Virginia. She is planning to complete the work for her M. A. degree next year.

Emily Burger remembers us from her home near Natural Bridge.

Bessie Kirkwood still writes a beautiful hand and mail[s] her messages in Roanoke City.
Lucile Early Fray is at home at Advance Mills and will there welcome her old friends.

Georgia Foreman Smith (Mrs. Albert Smith) lives at Willoughby Beach. Her house address is on 6th Street.

Penelope Morgan is teaching in Danville, and sends love to her friends in Harrisonburg.

Etna Hardaway writes us that Nannie Cox is completing her course in nursing at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Etna’s box is No. 26, Roanoke, Va.

Ella Mae Lane is teaching in the Broadwater High School.

Frances Rolston is taking a special training course in Richmond to prepare her for work in the mission field.

Elise Loewner (Mrs. Aufenger), who now lives in Roanoke, recently paid a visit to her old home in Harrisonburg and to her friends at Blue-Stone Hill.

Lucy Spitzer, who spent a year or two in the Hawaiian Islands, is now teaching in Frederick County. She renewed acquaintances at the Normal one day last month.

Anna Allen sends us a lot of interesting news about her work in Hampton. She renews her subscription to The Virginia Teacher and says a good word for it, which, out of sheer modesty, we forbear repeating. About her work she says:

“We came into a new building this year. . . . For two months we taught to the accompaniment of hammers and saws and sometimes the children stood up or sat on the floor. The building wasn’t really finished until Christmas. . . . We are a state aid (Smith-Hughes) school this year. . . . We have been planning a real home in which to train the girls. It is now about ready for painting and papering, and then we’ll have the fun of selecting draperies and furniture; and then there will be a series of receptions to the school people and town folk. . . . Last month we had a county teachers’ meeting, Miss Gregg came to speak and was just as good to look at as ever. . . . Yesterday I saw Anna Cameron in Newport News, and two weeks ago I talked with Sallie Brown in Norfolk. She said they were planning a Harrisonburg rally. Emma Beard’s sister Estelle is visiting her now. Of course we see Maude Evans and Mary Hess daily.”

Lillian Gilbert is still keeping up her fine record in Prince William County as Home Demonstration Agent. Not long ago she engineered a big “Better Kitchen Contest,” of which the Manassas Journal gave an extended report. Early in October twenty-five women of Prince William banded themselves together to improve their kitchens, the women’s workshops; and, as an incentive to continue the work undertaken, Miss Gilbert secured the following articles to be awarded as prizes: a three-burner oil range, with oven; a 17-quart steam pressure cooker; a kitchen canner; a folding step-ladder; a Johnson floor brush and wax; an aluminum griddle; a case of quart white glass E-Z seal jars; a case of pint jars; two Betty Blue aprons; caps, cans of paint, and brushes. Not one of the contestants withdrew and the results achieved were most satisfactory.

May Fitzpatrick is doing a fine work at Neuse, North Carolina. Under date of February 13 she writes:

“This letter is just to tell you that I often think of dear old H. N. S., and all of you. Needless to say, those are pleasant memories.

“When The Virginia Teacher arrives, I can hardly wait to get it open. It is always a treat to me to read it, and I find that it is very inspirational in my work.

“I am still teaching in the cotton mill village of Neuse. This is my third year here as principal of the school. Somehow I find it hard to leave. I did welfare work here one summer. I find the people are very appreciative and I enjoy my work with the children immensely, though, of course, I have my discouraging moments (I wonder if this is not true of nearly all teachers).

“We are now getting our children ready to give ‘Massa Washumton’s Birthday,’ also to dramatize ‘Rip Van Winkle.’ ”

Sarah Shields has been in India for the past seven years, working chiefly as a teacher in mission schools. This year she is to have a vacation in America. We are hoping that she may reach Harrisonburg in time for commencement.

Mary Wallace Buck has taken to herself a husband, and her address is 7 East 27th
Street, Baltimore. In a recent letter she writes:

"I haven't kept in touch with things at Harrisonburg as I would have liked, but I have not forgotten my two happy years there. Since my marriage I have obtained my Master of Arts degree at Johns Hopkins University, so now I have the interests of three 'alma maters' at heart."

The young lady's name is now Mrs. George D. Rowe; but her smile is just the same as it used to be and to us she will always be "Mary Wallace."

Nettie Berry is teaching at Etlan, in Madison County. She is planning to attend the summer school again this year.

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