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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

At last! A student newspaper! Plans under way all fall have recently resulted in faculty approval of the establishment of a bi-weekly newspaper to be published under the auspices of the Student Government Association and in affiliation with THE VIRGINIA TEACHER. A contest is now in progress for the choice of the most appropriate name, and the first issue of the new publication is promised for Thanksgiving or a few days thereafter.

The newspaper will begin with a subscription list of more than 350. It will appear on alternate Saturdays.

According to the scheme adopted by the Student Government Association, only an editor-in-chief and a business manager were elected. The editor appointed two assistants, the business manager one. These five form the editorial board and it was in turn their duty to select six reporters, one from each of the four classes and two from the student body at large.

Roselyn Brownley, of Norfolk, who had been chairman of the committee named to investigate ways and means of establishing a newspaper, was elected editor-in-chief. Florence Shelton, also of Norfolk, was elected business manager. As assistants Miss Brownley selected Anne Gilliam, of Petersburg, and Bertha McCollum, of Danville. Miss Shelton chose for her assistant Emily Hogge, of York county.

The staff as finally announced includes the above-named and also the following reporters: Rebecca Gwaltney, Wakefield (Degree class); Edna Draper, Charlottesville, (Post Graduate class); Ruth Bean, Hinton, W. Va., (Senior class); Shirley McKinney, Hinton, W. Va., (Junior class); Grace Heyl, University, and Mildred Morecock, Newport News, (student body).

During October Mr. Aufenger, of the

Aufenger and Dunn Company, Roanoke, came to Harrisonburg to take pictures for the annual, "The Schoolma'am." Under the direction of Audrey Chewning, editor-in-chief of "The Schoolma'am," and Celia Swecker, business manager, the schedule was arranged for the different pictures.

Mrs. Aufenger (Elise Loewner, 1921), a former business manager of "The Schoolma'am," was a great help to the girls. Mr. Aufenger will return in the spring and take the rest of the group pictures and also the remaining individual pictures.

Eight states are represented by students enrolled at Harrisonburg for the fall quarter. From Virginia there are 376; from North Carolina 11, from West Virginia 4, from Georgia 2, and from Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas, 1 each.

The Virginia students come from 73 of the 100 counties in the state and from 16 out of the 22 cities. Norfolk county leads with 44 students, Augusta and Rockingham come next with 25 each, Pittsylvania follows with 19. Other counties sending 10 or more students to Harrisonburg are Rockbridge, 14; Dinwiddie, 12; Roanoke, 11; Brunswick and Wise, 10 each.

Figures for the cities of Virginia are included in the above county totals. Separated from the counties, the cities show the following representations: Norfolk, 24; Portsmouth, 18; Petersburg, 8; Danville, 7; Harrisonburg, 7; Roanoke, 5; Hampton, 5; Newport News, 4; Buena Vista, Richmond, and Winchester, 3 each; Lynchburg, 2; Bristol, Charlottesville, Staunton, and Suffolk, 1 each.

A real holiday! Long enough for one to go home and eat Thanksgiving turkey, even!

A Holiday! It has long been the custom to have classes in Harrisonburg on Friday following Thanksgiving, and to have the annual class hockey game on Sat-

urday morning. This year it was decided by the Administrative Council that it would be better to declare a holiday on Friday to allow members of the faculty and students as well to attend the meetings of the Virginia Educational Conference in Richmond November 28 to December 1.

The hockey game has accordingly been advanced a week and will be played Saturday morning, November 25.

It is quite apropos that just when a student newspaper is in the act of inauguration here, Mr. Logan should be called to make an address in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on *A Reading Public for High School Writers*. The occasion is no less than the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English.

A "Geography of Virginia," by President S. P. Duke, has just been announced by the American Book Company, for Mr. Duke to the Brigham and McFarlane Writes Geog- Geography. This is one of raphy Sup- newer geographies published plement publication as a supplement within the last few years, and is being offered for state adoption.

On Hallowe'en night the student body was invited by the Post Graduate class to come down into the gym. to Hallowe'en "Spookland." Everyone went. Night The gym. looked weird and mysterious with ghosts, witches, and black cats flitting about. Dry leaves on the floor, corn shocks, pumpkins, and dim lights gave a true Hallowe'en effect.

Mr. Logan opened the entertainment with a ghost story, which sent cold shivers down the backs of his audience, on account of its profusion of cold winds, black cats, and witches.

Twelve spooks then gathered around a table and in gruesome voices predicted to each person the fate which the month of her birth decreed for her. Just as the crowd

had become too frightened to look around, the lights were turned on and they were called to buy peanuts, cider, and candy, and to dance. This continued until the ten o'clock bell warned them that Hallowe'en was over.

A most interesting meeting of the Home Economics Club was held on Tuesday evening, November 7. The Junior-Senior debate was the main feature of the program. The subject was: "Resolved, that membership in the Home Economics Club should be automatic upon entering the home economics course."

The affirmative side of the question was argued by Nancy Mosher and Hattie Jacobson, the negative by Marie Cornell and Mary Warren. The decision of the judges was unanimously for the affirmative.

A very impressive service of the Y. W. C. A. took place on Thursday night, November 9, when the annual Service of Lights was celebrated. The Junior class, all clad in white, came in a body. After the opening hymn the students were welcomed by Carrie Malone, vice-president of the Association, who gave a reading from the Scriptures and explained the meaning of the Service of Lights.

Then, while the choir sang softly "Ancient of Days," the new girls silently marched up and received their membership badges. Each girl was also given a little white lighted candle. The hundred little flames glowing in the soft light made a beautiful and impressive effect.

While the candles were all burning the Vice-President again welcomed the new girls into the Y. W. C. A. and reminded them that their influence was like the little flame of the candle which they held, and that their light would shine over the campus of the School and out into their world. She reminded them that it is written:

"Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify

your Father which is in Heaven."

The beautiful service was then concluded by the whole assembly pronouncing in unison the motto of the Y. W. C. A.

Students of the Music Department presented an attractive program the evening of November 21 when the latest class recital was given.

Tarantella, (Risher), Daisy May Gifford; The Scenic Railway, (Beyer), Marguerite Coffman; Romance (for Left Hand), (Spindler), Frances Kinnear; On the Lake, (Williams), Jean Gose; Margherite's Waltz, (Reinhold), Parepa Smith; Baby, (Brown), Gladys Coiner; Waltz Serenade, (Poldini), Rebecca Kilby; Top O' the Morning, (Mana-Zucca), Mary Lacy; Springtime, (Carreno), Mary Moore Aldhizer; Butterflies, (Chopin), Elizabeth Buchanan; I Love My Jean, (Burleigh), Frances Walter; Hark, Hark the Lark, (Schubert, Liszt), Helen Early; Marche Grotesque, (Sinding), Nancy Mosher.

A recent class recital included the following numbers:

Mountain Climbing, (Bugbee), Charlotte Mauzy; The First Violet, Helen Shaver; Waltz, (Presser), Wilson Dunn; First Duet, (Engelmann), Lois Dundore; The Return, (Heins), Margaret Pence; Le Retour des Gondoliers, (Binet), Frances Biedler; Polonaise, (De Leone), Janet Houck; Witches Dances, (MacDowell, Mildred Loewner; and Somarina, (Boex), Janet Biedler.

Interest in athletics, as well as athletics itself, is coming on apace. Hockey seems to be the focus of attention right now. Each class has two practices a week, gym. period being used for this purpose.

Every Saturday morning comes a grand rally of all the classes. The seniors have the field from 10:00 to 11:00 and the juniors from 11:00 to 12:00. The select and "sure-to-win" team has not been picked yet, so everyone is working especially hard. Ankles, knees, hands, and even eyes receive unsought and emphatic blows, but who cares for that? The thrilling-in-the-extreme junior-senior game is to be played Saturday, November 25.

Basket-ball is also a topic of conversation, though at present it is not so engrossing as hockey. The P. G. and Degree classes, be-

cause of their small numbers combined to make one team.

The first game between the Seniors and the P. G.-Degree combination, was played November 17, and resulted in a victory for the Seniors, 53 to 6.

The Pleasant Hill School had its annual Hallowe'en entertainment on Monday, October 30. Special features were the musical numbers by each room under the direction of Marguerite Daugherty, and a negro minstrel, written, directed and acted by five junior high school boys. There were many patrons present and quite a few students from the Normal School. The whole affair was a credit to Pleasant Hill and indicative of the general "pep" being displayed there this year.

Supervisors at the Keister School were at home to their student teachers and a few other guests, including Superintendent Keister and Miss Hill, Saturday afternoon, November 4. Everybody joined in the Hallowe'en games, and had their fortunes told by Miss Pamela Ish.

Later, around a bountifully spread refreshment table, Miss Mary Louise Seeger, who is giving a course in educational measurements this quarter, led in a lively discussion—of course: "round-table discussion"—of various measurement problems. Many of the topics considered merited very serious consideration, especially those two: (1) Just what does a frat pin measure? (2) What are the best sources for obtaining norms by which to measure love-letters?

Students presented the first public entertainment in the new auditorium the evening of November 17 under the general direction of Mr. Jas. C. Johnston. Called a Variety Show, the entertainment lived up to its name.

Terpsichore, Euterpe, and Thalia—or was it Melpomene? (for there was a tragedy

Hallowe'en Entertainment

Too Much Science

Entertained by Muses

Athletics During November

in the acceptance of the name "Wurzel-Flummery"!—joined hands for the evening. Blanche Ridenour did a charming solo dance; she and Grace Heyl danced a Pierrot and Pierrette figure; and Margaret Parham, Frances Harris, and Henry Converse, Jr., did a barn dance for three. The Choral Club sang "The Dance of the Pine Tree Fairies," "Evening Calm," and "The Gypsy Trail"; and Messrs. Sheff L. Devier, A. K. Fletcher, A. K. Hopkins, and Harry Garber showed, among other things, what beautiful harmony a male quartet can get out of negro spirituals.

Part Two of the Variety shows consisted of A. A. Milne's one-act comedy, "Wurzel-Flummery." The play is full of whimsicalities, but there is an undercurrent of thought serious in its philosophy of life. The persons of the play were Robert Crashaw (Grace Heyl), Margaret Crashaw (Anne Gilliam), Viola Crashaw (Margaret Moore), Richard Meriton (Blanche Ridenour), Denis Clifton (Roselyn Brownley), and a Maid (Laura Lambert).

Since getting into the new auditorium on November 6 there have been a number of interesting programs presented **Assembly** at the regular assembly periods on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:40 o'clock.

Beginning with Mr. Johnston's exciting paper that was always going to be read after the next joke had been told—yet, he had a *bona fide* paper in his hand, and if every joke hadn't reminded him of another one he'd have read his paper—and ending with the musical program on November 24, the first three weeks in the new quarters set a good standard for future assembly programs.

The morning of November 10 was turned over to the Student Government Association in order that the newspaper program might be better understood, and that students might indicate their support of the plan for establishing another student publication. Talks were made by Sue Raine, Edna Draper Rebekan Stephenson, and Frances Clark, presidents of the four classes; by Roselyn Brownley, chairman of the ways

and means committee, and by Bessie Dillard, who told of the publications at the John Marshall High School.

Children's Book Week, November 12 to 18, was recognized in the three programs in charge of Mr. Logan. On Monday a series of tableaux and pantomimes was presented under the direction of Margaret Moore and a committee of students from English 207. Books represented were "Little Women," "The Little Lame Prince," "The Bluebird," "Daddy Long-Legs," "The Prince and the Pauper," "Cinderella," and "Seventeen." On Wednesday various members of the faculty presented a symposium on "The First Book I Remember Reading": Miss Cleveland, Mr. Johnston, Miss Hudson, Dr. Wayland, Miss Hoffman, Mr. Duke, Miss Stevens, and Dr. Converse. Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, spoke Friday morning of "The Joys of Reading," naming also a number of great books which one could not read without enlarging one's capacity for enjoyment.

Dr. Wayland spoke November 20 on some of the historical and geographical aspects of Harrisonburg and Rockingham county. On Wednesday Mr. Duke, Miss Lancaster, and Dr. Converse were called on to relate their recollections of their first teaching experiences. Friday morning came a delightful musical entertainment.

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