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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Did Dr. Converse ever find that four hundredth student? The enrolment for the fall session, unless Dr. Converse’s search has been rewarded, is 399 students at the present writing. But there are several more students who will enter before Christmas, so it is safe to speak with all accuracy of an enrolment of 400 at Harrisonburg this fall. This is the largest enrolment for any but the summer quarters in the history of the school.

It is interesting to note, too, that practically all of these students are rooming either on the campus, or in buildings leased by the school and under the entire control of the school. The advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

Enrolment

Speakers at assembly, which is this year being held at 11:40 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, have included ministers of the various Harrisonburg denominations, who extended cordial welcomes to students to find a church home in Harrisonburg. Mr. C. G. Price spoke on Fire Prevention during the Fire Prevention Week; Mr. C. J. Heatwole, secretary of the State Teachers Association and editor of the Virginia Journal of Education, spoke partly in reminiscent vein, telling of his years of service in the Harrisonburg Normal School; Miss Alimae Aiken presented an interesting array of objets d’art which she had found about the campus and discussed the appeal that each made; Mr. C. J. Schuler, a representative of Community Service, Inc., conducted a “sing” one morning; and Mr. C. T. Logan discussed Sinclair Lewis’s new book, “Babbitt,” reading excerpts from it.

But most important of all, Miss Ida M. Tarbell, writer of national prominence, visited us recently while on a trip to Rockingham county to look into the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln. Miss Tarbell has written a life of Lincoln and various short stories including the charming little “He Knew Lincoln,” also various books on American business and one widely read volume entitled “The Business of Being a Woman.” Miss Tarbell spent a week or more in this county searching for information about the Lincoln family, which had lived on Linville Creek previous to its migration to Kentucky, and in her talk at assembly here recounted some of the things she had learned here during her visit.

With President S. P. Duke as their conductor, several score students, many of whom come from Tidewater Virginia and have never seen a mountain before this fall, spent Saturday, Oct. 28, climbing to the top of Massanutten Peak, which rears its head a thousand feet above the surrounding Shenandoah river bottom.

With the establishment of the permanent grade line and the acceptance of landscape architects’ plans for the future development of the Normal School campus, the Superintendent of Grounds, in the spring, has now begun extensive plantings of trees, shrubs and perennial flowers. More than a thousand plantings will be made in all, and the somewhat desolate appearance of the northern portion of the campus will be changed.

Seniors have definite plans on foot for the opening of their tea room on Saturday night, November 4. The tea room is to help the girls feel more at home; and the most genuine way to do this, they think, is to give them “Eats”—things like they have at home—not like mother cooks them, but just the best that Seniors can do. Decorations are to be in green and white, Senior colors, and booths with more “eats” will offer sandwiches, candies, and everything good.

On the opening night there will be music, stunts, and lively times to make the minutes fly and carry one back to memories of what used to be.

The tea room will be open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and if one would like extra sleep on Saturday morning, Seniors will be glad to serve just anything to make up a good breakfast. They want all the business coming.

If you want “eats”, they have them;
If you have money, they want it!
Chairmen of committees in charge are Menu, Norma Spiers; Decoration, Ruth Bean; Poster, Zelma Wagstaff; Buying, Mildred Bell; Social, Elizabeth Sparrow, and Accounts, Helen Wagstaff.

Beginning this year, a model Smith-Hughes home economic department is being conducted at Bridgewater as a part of the Bridgewater High School. This work is under the direction of Miss Rosa Payne Heidelberg as critic teacher. Miss Heidelberg last year received her bachelor's degree in home economics at Harrisonburg. The Bridgewater home economics department is one of the first such schools in the state to be operated as a demonstration practice school for teacher training.

Members of the Harrisonburg faculty who have recently made addresses before teachers institutes in the Shenandoah Valley include Miss Katherine M. Anthony, Supervisor of Training, who spoke before the teachers both at Woodstock and Harrisonburg; Miss Mary Louise Seger, Director of Kindergartens, who spoke also before Shenandoah and Rockingham county teachers; Dr. Henry A. Converse, who addressed the teachers of Prince William county on "Arithmetic in the Grades", and those of Fauquier county on "Teaching Mathematics".

The first music recital of the present session was given the night of October 26 in the Music Room. Miss Furr, instructor in voice, sang "My Laddie," by Thayer, following the students' program.

Menuetto (Beethoven), Beatrice Copper; Will-o-the-Wisp (Rebkow), Susie Geoghegan; Joyful Wanderer (Wolff), Thelma Eberhart; Can You Tell Me Why? (Scarmolin), Lucy James; Valse Arabesque (Lack), Nell Moon; Etude (Wollenhaupt), Helen Walker; Melody (Tours), Elizabeth Gunther; Mignonette Waltz (Thoma), Ruth Bramford; Butterfly (Lavalee), Lucll Boyer; The Sandman (Jacobs-Bond), Emma Dold; Romance (Sibelius), Marian Travis.

Each fall the old girls give the new students at H. N. S. some manifestation of the hail-fellow-well-met spirit, and as is usually the case play off a basket-ball game early in October. This year on October 6 the two teams met, and both seemed out to win. The new girls showed splendid material and both teams played exceptionally well, considering the small number of practices.

But by now you want to know who won? The old girls, because team work and a good familiar field makes all the difference in the world. The score was 51 to 14. But we do not despair for our Junior team even so.

The Home Economics Club held its first meeting in the gymnasium on Tuesday, September 26. Mickie Lamphier was in charge of the party given the new girls to make them feel at home. After dancing and playing games, refreshments were served. The second meeting was in the music studio. After a few words of welcome by the president, Miss Brinton told the new members what the ideals and purposes of the club were. The rest of the program gave the club a chance to know the new members of the Home Economics faculty. They told of their association with other clubs and gave a few very good suggestions as to how the Harrisonburg club could be improved.

On Friday, September 29, all the girls dressed up in their brightest colored organ-dies. Big sisters went for little sisters to go to the Y. W. C. A. party in the basement of Harrison Hall. As they entered each girl was given a blank card and another card on which were five numbers. While each leader was trying to get the prettiest dresses for her rainbow, the girls filled their blank cards with the names and addresses of other students. Rose Hendrick got the prize for listing the greatest number of names. After the storm of name-getting, the rainbows appeared. The judges awarded the prize to the group which had everything like a real rainbow except the pot of gold.

At a signal from Peggy Moore, who was in charge of the party, everyone started on a tour of the side shows. The card with the numbers was the ticket. In room No. 3 re-
freshments were served. No. 2 was a doll's show in the underground passage. In No. 1 Sue Reigned as a gypsy fortune teller. There were some more stunts in No. 4. The drawing card was the Great Omar, the magician from India in No. 5. Edna Draper, as Omar, and Blanche Ridenour as his exhibitor, brough forth peals of laughter.

Friends of Dr. John W. Wayland will be pleased to learn that he is entering upon the task of preparing a revised edition of his How to Teach Books by Dr. Wayland American History. This volume, first published in 1914 by the Macmillan Company, has enjoyed quite a steady sale.

Another of Dr. Wayland's publications, History Stories for Primary Grades, has recently been brought out in a special "Indiana Edition" which includes also a valuable list of Indiana stories prepared by Superintendent Haworth of Kokomo. In all but ten of the 92 counties of Indiana the book is now being used.

In addition to those announced in The Virginia Teacher for June, the following senior essays have been accepted from students who completed their courses and graduated in September.

The Teaching of Agriculture in the Junior High Schools of Virginia—Edith L. Lickfold.
My Experience in Educational Work among the Indians—Mrs. Winona Miller.
The Importance of Teaching Citizenship in the Elementary School—Helene Moorefield.
The School Lunch—Hazel Payne.
The Renaissance of Art in Charlottesville—Agnes Stephens.
Limitation of Armament Conference—Ella Stover.
The Teaching of Composition in the Secondary School—Florence Taylor.

The Stratfords were back on the job early in the season and welcomed into their number six "goats" from the Stratford Goating "old girls". No one knew anything about it until the familiar goat sign appeared, riding gaily upon the backs of the six heroines. That was Monday and on Wednesday, October 10, the Stratfords held their banquet for the goats. One might say that the table was beautifully decorated and that the hostesses were attractively gowned, but one could not say any of that about the "goats", for they came in many strange costumes. Miss Sallie Loving representing Mrs. Jiggs; Miss Mildred Lamphier representing Mr. Jiggs; Miss Mary Lees Hardy and Miss Carrie Malone, the Gish sisters; Miss Margaret Moore, Peg-O-My Heart; and last Miss Roselyn Brownley, the conductor of Tooerneville Trolley. We don't know what happened after the banquet, but next day all the goats appeared in class,—tho perhaps a trifle wan.

Probably no course at the Normal School has stamped itself in the minds of former students more indelibly than "Special English", "Special English." Since the founding of the school it has each year, with Miss Elizabeth Cleveland as pilot, rescued the perishing and steered them thru troubled waters. Entering students who might confuse their commas and semi-colons, who perhaps needed Alice to help them spell receive, who sometimes grew lackadaisical about crossing their t's, who might not—alas—be good at "these kind of things", have profited immensely from this class.

But year by year the freshman class has grown larger, and there have been times when juniors grew to be seniors before they were ready to disembark from "Special English." It became necessary to divide Special English into sections.

A new plan devised this fall is now in operation. The entering class, together with such students as had not been previously exempted, were given a series of seven tests designed to measure their skill in spelling, in punctuating, in composition writing, and in various kinds of language performance. Computations were then made on the basis of these scores and for each student an index figure was secured to show that student's ranking.

The upper quartile, that is, the best fourth of the 261 students examined, was exempted from attendance on this elementary class; and the remaining 200 have been divided into three sections under the supervision of Miss Cleveland, Miss Hoffman, and Mr. Logan.

After so rigorous a testing, it is surely a distinction to be exempted from "Special English". Those whose earlier training and
whose present performance entitled them to exemption are as follows:

Ruth Bransford
Emma Dold
Sally B. Leach
Mary F. Bailie
Susie Geoghegan
Sybil Harmon
Bertha McCollum
Ethel J. Reid
Gene Bailey
Lucile Keeton
Delia Leigh
Dorothy Mosher
Virginia Simpson
Virginia Wiley
Sidney Arts
Melva Barnhart
Elizabeth Buchanan
Bette Harris
Ruth Kirkpatrick
Elizabeth Shields
Madeline Bishop
Frances Clark
Dorothy Mayes
Grace White
Mary M. Aldhizer
Dorothy Parkhurst
Katherine Sebrell
Elise Warren
Lillian Barham
Bessie Dillard
Marguerite Daugherty
Elizabeth Gunter
Janet Harshberger
Euphemia Lawrence
Bessie Meador
Mildred Morecock
Ruth Swartz
Mary M. Aidhzer
Dorothy Parkhurst
Katherine Sebrell
Elizabeth Johnson
Emily L. McCaleb
Virginia Poe
Sadie Williams
Mary Woodward
Labinda Clement
Katherine Cogbill
Wille Higgs
Ellen Kagey
Mabel Kirk
Margaret Parham
Barbara Schwartz
Mrs. B. H. Burcheild
Thelma Eberhardt
Jane Nickell
Elizabeth Rolston
Elisabeth Thomas
Mable Fitzhugh
Lena Hitchings
Mina Jordan
Mary Lacy
Mabel Suthers
Jennie D. Payne
Louise Burgess
Maggie Drewery
Elizabeth Franklin
Shirley McKinney
Esther Patton

The following books have recently been added to the library:

**EDUCATION**

Psychology, a Study in Mental Life, by R. S. Woodworth.
How to Measure in Education, by W. A. McCall.
How to Teach Silent Reading to Beginners, by Emma Watkins.
The Dalton Laboratory Plan, by Evelyn Dewey.
Human Traits and Their Social Significance by Irwin Edman.

**MUSIC**

Grade School Music Teaching, by L. P. Giddings.
The Child Voice in Singing, by F. E. Howard.
Descriptive Analysis of Piano Works, by E. B. Perry.
American Composers, by Hughes and Elson.

**ENGLISH**

Public Speaking, by Clarence Stratton.
Elements of Debating, by L. S. Lyon.

Selection from the Federalist, edited by J. S. Bassett.
Landmarks of Liberty, edited by St. John and Noonan.
Modern Verse, British and American, edited by Anita Forbes.
A Book of Short Stories, edited by S. P. Sherman.
Southern Life in Southern Literature, edited by M. G. Fulton.
Longer Plays by Modern Authors, American, edited by Helen Louise Cohen.
Songs from the Trenches, edited by H. A. Gibbons.
The Odyssey for Boys and Girls, by Rev. A. J. Church.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Historical Readings, edited by H. B. Bennett.
Around the World with the Children, by F. G. Carpenter.
The World Remapped, a Summary of the Geographical Results of the Peace Settlement After the World War, by R. Baxter Blair.
The Play House: Home Hygiene, by M. S. Haviland.
The Perfect Gentle Knight, by H. D. Jenkins.
Opportunities for Women in Domestic Science, by Marie Franke.
Construction Work for the Primary Grades, by E. F. Worst.
Pasteless Paper Construction, by S. E. E. Hammond.
The American Girl, by Anne Morgan.
The Rib of the Man, a Play of the New World in Five Acts, by Charles Rann Kennedy.
The Charm School, by Alice Duer Miller.
Later Adventures of Wee Macgregor, by J. J. Bell.
People Like That, by Kate Langley Bosher.
In the Morning Glow, by R. R. Gilson.
Your United States, by Arnold Bennett.
Diplomatic Days, by Edith O'Shaughnessy.

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Stratford Dramatic Club—Edna Scott Draper, Charlottesville, president; Nan Taylor, Waynesboro, vice-president; Marie Cornell, Barnwell, S. C., secretary; Blanch Ridenour, Petersburg, treasurer.

Frances Clark, temporary chairman.

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Roanoke Club—Clarinda Holcomb, Roanoke, president; Constance Beard, Salem, vice-president; Evelyn Harris, Roanoke, secretary and treasurer.

Hampton Roads Club—Norma Spiers, Newport News, president; Elizabeth Buchanan, Hampton, vice-president; Charlotte Wilson, Hampton, secretary and treasurer.

Tri-County Club (Dinwiddie, Mecklenburg and Brunswick)—Carrie Malone, Petersburg, president; Anora Ivey, Lawrenceville, vice-president; Lucille Keeton, Lawrenceville, secretary and treasurer.
Rockbridge Club—Louise Houston, Fairfield, president; Florence Saville, Lexington, secretary and treasurer.

Danville Club—Anice Adams, president; Charlotte Clement, vice-president; Susie Geoghan, secretary and treasurer.

Norfolk Club—Annabel Dobson, president; Grace White, vice-president; Roselyn Brownley, secretary and treasurer; Lena Hitchings, sergeant-at-arms.

The Wise County Club—Margaret Guntner, president; French Taylor, vice-president; Clara Lay, secretary and treasurer.

Southwest Virginia Club—Henrietta Hufford, Rural Retreat, president; French Taylor, East Stone Gap, vice-president; Dina Dalton, Galax, secretary and treasurer.

The Ramblers (Out of the State Club) Marjorie Bullard, Bluefield, W. Va., president; Marie Cornell, Barnwell, S. C., vice-president; Bernice Spear, Kinston N. C., secretary and treasurer; Elizabeth Sparrow, Wilmington, N. C., business manager.

Estelle Thurston is attending the Richmond city normal school this session. She writes from 3135 West Franklin Street and sends her good wishes to all friends at Blue Stone Hill.

On registration day Lucile Whitesell (Mrs. Claggett) visited us. She brought along her husband and her small daughter. She likes being the daughter of a preacher so well that she married a preacher. Her home at present is at Moorefield, W. Va.

The next day came Carolyn Ruan (Mrs. Arthur H. Beebe) from Stillman Valley, Ill., with her husband and two children, a girl and a boy. The little girl was so pleased with the Normal that she was persuaded to leave only with difficulty. She seemed quite ready to pick out her room for a session in the near future.

Nora E. Crickenberger is teaching at Bassett. She tells of plans for an accredited high school next year.

Clara M. Thompson is teaching at Glen Wilton as principal of the junior high school at that place for the third session. She recently addressed the county teachers' institute on "What Constitutes a Really Effective Study Period in the High School."

Bernice Gay sends greetings to teachers and students at the Normal. She says she wishes she could drop in to see us—so do we.

Louisa Battermann is teaching near Chatham. She has pleasant memories of her summer at Harrisonburg.

Gretchen Bell writes from Toano in her usual breezy style:

"As a change from the home economics work that I have taught for the past four years, I am teaching grade work in Toano High School. I am teaching fifth grade. . . The work here is most pleasant, the school is an attractive and up-to-date one, and the faculty charming, I think. Mary Phillips of H. N. S. is teaching Home Economics here.

"I am boarding with Mrs. Walter Martin, who was Mary Garden, and who taught here several years. She is dear to the teachers. Her house is by far the prettiest and most attractive in Toano. Her sister, Virginia, is teaching at Darumsville, very near here."