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NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE

INKLINGS

Mrs. Varner seems to have a fixed policy of brightening up the corner where you are, as the song puts it. The November birth-days—thirty-seven of 'em—were all celebrated at a fine party in the dining-room the evening of Saturday, November 17. The November girls were seated at a special table in the center of the dining-room and entered together to the lyric greeting of the student-body singing "Happy Birthday To You." Betty Cleaves presided and called for toasts from Louise Sheppe, Genevieve Brett, Leland Sutherland, Elizabeth Buchanan, and Helen Gardner. There were pleasing responses from Professor W. B. Varner, of Bridge-water College, Mrs. Varner, and Miss Turner. December girls are now eagerly waiting for an announcement, for Mrs. Varner plans to have a birthday party each month.

The quarterly dance was held Saturday night, November 24, with almost two hundred young men in attendance. With the girls in an inner circle, the evening’s visitors went the rounds until everyone had met everyone; and there followed a merry evening which ended, much to everyone’s regret, before the clock struck twelve. In the receiving line were Mildred Morecock, president of the Blue-Stone Cotillion Club, Dorothy Mayes, representing the student-body, Mrs. Varner, and President and Mrs. Duke.

Another cheerful occasion was the Thanksgiving dinner to which members of the faculty and their families were invited. About half of the student-body was away over the week-end, but the more than two hundred and fifty who remained felt repaid. After dinner, a short Thanksgiving service was held in Sheldon Hall, when Rev. W. W. Hamilton, Jr., of the Harrisonburg Baptist Church spoke on the relation of "think" and "thank." Later, there were games and fun in the reception room of Alumnae Hall, with a big log fire to make things cozy. There has been a feast of good music this fall. Reinald Werrenrath, of course, was the trump card; his concert here was possible through the joint support of the Harrisonburg Music Lovers Club and the State Nor-
mal School. Charles Wakefield Cadman, well-known composer of Indian melodies, gave a lecture-recital which was much enjoyed because of the singing of the Indian Tsianina; the Russian Cathedral Sextette was an exceeding treat with its basso profundo (very) and its tenor naive (most) and its announcer—whose name was Wilhelm. A piano concert by Robert Schmidt, of Mary Baldwin Seminary, given as one of the monthly entertainments of the Music Lovers Club, was also attended by a large number of Normal School students.—There have also been interesting class recitals by students of Miss Shaeffer, Miss Hoffman, and Miss Furlow.

The fall has been well sprinkled with athletic events. To begin with, there was the New-Girl—Old-Girl game of basketball on October 14, won by the Old Girls 36 to 19. The “Degrees” met and vanquished the “Post Graduates” the evening of November 15, the score being 17 to 12. It was a tight game, and sister classes backed up the teams enthusiastically. A “Graduate” team picked from the combined classes next met, on November 23, the “Junior” team, but this time the youngsters won out, 31 to 10. On December 5 the “Graduates” once more took the floor, this time against the “Seniors”, who must have carried the rabbit’s foot over from their warren, for the score was in their favor, 35 to 15. The culminating game of the inter-class series was played December 15, when the mantle of victory fell upon the Juniors. The score was 21 to 19.

But Mrs. Johnston drove her team in tandem formation during the fall. In addition to basketball games, there was a series of hockey games which brought to every section of every class an opportunity to disport on the hockey field. Match games were played every Saturday until gradually the best and strongest players had been selected for a final contest on November 24 between Juniors and Seniors. On this gala occasion there was fine organized rooting, and colors floated in the breeze: the red and white on one side, the green and white on the other. During the first half neither side scored, but in a thrilling second half the score went to 3 to 1, with the Juniors triumphant.

At Richmond during Thanksgiving Week the usual Virginia Educational Conference was held, and a number of faculty members were in attendance. President Duke spoke before several section meetings, among them The Trustees Association, where his subject was “How Educational Progress can be Wrought in Virginia.” Dr. H. A. Converse addressed the Mathematics Section on “The Relation of Mathematics to other Sciences,” and was elected chairman of this section for the ensuing year. Miss Portia Boddie, Kindergarten supervisor was elected chairman of the Primary-Kindergarten Section for the year. Both she and Miss Marie Alexander, third grade supervisor, read papers before this section, Miss Boddie on “Learning Through Activities,” and Miss Alexander on “The Progress Book as a Means of Stimulating Growth.” Mrs. P. P. Moody spoke before the Home Economics Section on “Principles of Cooking Taught Through the Preparation of Food.”—Coming also during Thanksgiving Week was the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English, held in Detroit. This meeting was attended by Mr. C. T. Logan.

In this totally inadequate summary of all the “goings-on” at Blue-Stone Hill during the fall, there has been no mention of many events that deserve much more than passing reference. At assembly there have been “weeks” to celebrate: Children’s Book Week, American Education Week, and Health Week. Clubs have presented programs; faculty members have made talks and “speeches,” ministers of the city have been invited to conduct devotional exercises and to speak; visiting educators have spoken either entertainingly, or informally, or both.

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STANDARDS FOR CLUBS AT H. N. S.

New requirements, drawn up by the Presidents' Council at the suggestion of the Student Government President, have been approved by the Administrative Council, and have gone into operation. They will limit the number of clubs in the student body by setting up definite standards for each existing club. Hereafter, therefore, each club at Harrisonburg will be an active club performing some function in the student body. The standards are as follows:

I. Constitution
   A. Purpose
   B. Membership (minimum number 20).
   C. Officers — President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer.
   D. Duties of officers.
   E. Meetings
      a. One regular meeting each month.
   F. Dues.
      a. Must be kept as low as possible.

II. Requirements
   A. At least one program at chapel during the year. (Except Tennis Clubs).
   B. Some form of program at each meeting. (These may be examined by the Presidents' Council).
   C. Special for Tennis Clubs.
      a. Two big tournaments each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

DIRECTORY OF STUDENT OFFICERS, FALL QUARTER

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Sallie Loving, Stage Junction, president; Clotilde Rodes, Greenwood, vice-president; Florence Shelton, Portsmouth, secretary-treasurer.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

*The 1924 Schoolma'am* — Susie Geoghegan, Danville, editor-in-chief; Celia Swecker, Monterey, business manager. Other members of the staff are to be elected later.

*The Breeze* — Margaret Ritchie, Petersburg, editor; Doris Persinger, Salem, assistant editor; Emily Hogge, Hornsbyville, business manager. Reporters—Clarinda Holcomb, Mary Warren, Frances Clark, Elizabeth Rolston, Thelma Eberhart, Clyde Carter, Madeline Bishop, Virginia Simpson.

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*Pi Kappa Omega Honor Society* — Margaret Ritchie, president; Lila Riddell, vice-president; Emma Dold, secretary; Mary Lacy, treasurer; Florence Shelton, historian.

*Lanier Literary Society* — Shirley McKinney, Hinton, W. Va., president; Charlotte Wilson, Hampton, vice-president; Virginia Simpson, Norfolk, secretary; Elizabeth Johnson, Lynchburg, treasurer; Mina Jordan, Norfolk, chairman of program committee; Elizabeth Rolston, Mt. Clinton, sergeant-at-arms.

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*Le Circle Francais* — Ruth Ferguson, Sigma, president; Gladys Nock, Assawoman, vice-president; Mary Moore Aldhizer, Broadway, secretary; Ruth Lewis, Holland, treasurer.

*Portsmouth Club* — Nancy Roane, president. Other officers not elected yet.

*Cotillion Club* — Mildred Morecock, Newport News, president; Dorothy Mayes, Petersburg, vice-president; Emily Hogge, Hornsbyville, secretary; Elizabeth Thomas, Portsmouth, treasurer; Elizabeth Richardson, Danville, business manager; Elizabeth Joynner, Smithfield, assistant business manager.

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**ORGANIZING KINDERGARTENS IN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEMS**

Increasing desire to establish kindergartens in new centers bring many questions to the Bureau of Education concerning their organization, according to a circular on Organizing Kindergartens in City School Systems, just issued by the Department of the Interior. Because of the differences in the needs and possibilities of communities, there is necessarily a corresponding difference in their kindergarten organization.

In most States children are allowed to enter kindergarten at four years of age. An enrollment of 25 to 35 children with one teacher is considered ample to maintain a proper average daily attendance, according to the circular. More than that number are usually divided into two groups, the older children in one, and the less developed in the
other, one group attending in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Should the attendance be from 70 to 100, an extra teacher is engaged as an assistant. It is the consensus of opinion that kindergarten children should be in school for half a day only.

In a number of cities the authorities do not care to have children attend kindergarten in the afternoon, consequently the number of morning kindergartens is doubled. Under this type of organization, or where there are only enough children for one session, the teacher gives some of her time to other activities, the circular points out. Usually she helps the primary teacher by taking groups of children into the kindergarten room for handwork, rhythms, games, stories, or dramatics; or by supervising seat work of certain sessions in the regular class room; giving instruction in music, drawing, or speech correction in speech in their minds. The enlistment of cooperation in the home by skillful and tactful appeals is advised.

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