

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND THE ALUMNAE

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The bill passed the Senate, the bill passed the House, the bill was signed by the Governor. From February 13 the State Normal School at Harrisonburg became the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg.

Seemingly merely a change in name, this step actually indicates a change in character that has been going on for some years in Virginia's four teacher-training institutions. Entrance requirements have been raised considerably in recent years. Physical equipment and laboratory facilities have been greatly improved. Provision for a definite salary schedule, organization of the faculty by departments, attention to teaching loads, etc.—all these matters had received consideration and the Harrisonburg school had held membership in the American Association of Teachers Colleges for several years.

One of the potent reasons for desiring a change in name, therefore, was to indicate a change that had already taken place in the character of the institution and thus give whatever added prestige there was to prospective teachers. A telling argument advanced by President S. P. Duke and the presidents of the other three normal schools in Virginia in favor of the change was that just as doctors, lawyers, engineers and other technically trained students were prepared in vocational "colleges"—medical colleges, law colleges, etc.—so the institutions that trained teachers should be similarly indicated.

President Duke, Dean W. J. Gifford, and Miss Katherine M. Anthony, Director of the Training School, all left during the week-end of February 22 for Chicago where they attended the meeting of the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association. President Duke went early to attend the meeting of the American Association of Teachers Colleges; Miss Anthony remained in Chicago a week after the N. E. A. meeting in order to observe work in the University of Chicago's elementary schools as well as in the city graded schools.

The basket ball season began auspiciously with a thorough-going victory for Harrisonburg against the girls of Bridgewater College. The game, played in Harrisonburg,

resulted in a score of 54 to 4. A week later on the local floor came the contest with Radford, which aroused special excitement because of the record during the previous three years when Radford had won five out of the six games played. "Big Anna," tallest forward in the Southwest, had always seemed a jinx for the local sextet; but the game played here on the 16th brought to an end this painful record. Radford's team was off to a quick start, but at the end of the first half Harrisonburg had scored two points to Radford's one. Altho Radford's left-hand forward, Lucinda Thomas, gave the home fans some thrilling moments, the exceptional teamwork of Harrisonburg enabled the girls to keep definitely ahead of the visitors. The final score was 31 to 27.—The following week, February 23, Harrisonburg's sextet journeyed to Bridgewater where a third victory was annexed. This time the score was 39 to 5.

In addition to our own athletics the student body manifested great interest also in the contest between members of the local Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, who played a game of volley ball in the gymnasium the night of February 1, the proceeds going to the Athletic Association. President Duke was one of the Rotarian players and Dr. Converse played a lively game for the Kiwanians. The freshmen lent their unanimous vocal support to the Rotarians, while the sophomores were equally cordial to the Kiwanians. It was a equally cordial in cheering the Kiwanians. It was a great game, in which the Kiwanians won three out of five matches and then, as victors, played a team of students and won this game too, by a score of 21 to 13.

ALUMNAE NOTES

On January 26, 1924, Josephine Bradshaw was married to Mr. John Arnold Rea, at San Jose, Calif. The happy couple are at home at Gilroy, Calif.

Helen Baber is principal of the Hillsboro Junior High School. Under date of March 4th, she writes: "I often think of the happy days spent at Harrisonburg. . . . Grace Heyl visited my school today. We are doing our best over here in Loudoun to keep in mind our instruction at Harrisonburg."

Mrs. Charles T. Hiser writes from Greenfield, Ohio. She says: "Never will I forget Harrisonburg and the kind people it numbers in its population. . . . I really wish I were coming back this summer, but I am to take work at Wilmington College near here, and at the same time give a course in primary methods, so shall be located near home. That is the sole compensation, for I shall always remember Virginia with a feeling of homesickness; and I hope to return some time. . . . Please convey my best wishes to Miss Shaeffer. I shall never forget her—I received so much benefit from her work last summer. I am to have charge of the music in the first two grades here next year. We are to have the platoon system, and my work will be supervision and music."

All alumnae who are interested in getting a 1924 *Schoolma'am* please notify Celia Swecker, Business Manager, before May 15. Kindly remit \$2.50 with your request and the annual will be sent to you in June.

Minnie Berry is teaching at Brightwood, Madison County. She lets her friends at the College hear from her occasionally.

Susan Heyser (Mrs. Edwin C. Fockler) and her husband came up from Hagerstown a few days ago and paid us a short visit. We are glad to have the girls of former years return, and are most pleased to have them say that they enjoy going back.

Recently Florence Shelton received a long letter from Anne Gilliam, written at Hankow, China, on March 28, and passed the news around by allowing a number of us to enjoy it with her. Anne tells mighty interesting things about a visit to Shanghai and of an elaborate dinner with "Sing-Song Girls" as entertainers. She also had something to say about a Japanese chow and ghesik girls. Address Anne at Hankow, care of British Cigarette Company.

The *Schoolma'am* this year is in need of a supplement to chronicle all the marriages. Here are two that have been recently brought to our attention:

Lorraine Urie sends best wishes from Towson, Md., where she is a student in the state normal school.

February 8, 1924, Pattie Lacy and Mr. Thomas K. Jones, Jr., at Reidsville, N. C.

Marjorie Cline is principal at Parnassus. Kathryn Willson is teaching in the same school. Not long ago they planned and carried out successfully a very interesting spelling match, much to the enjoyment and edification of all spectators. Even those who participated and finally had to go down on such words as "benefited," "caoutchouc," "circensian," and "ihlang-ihlang" had a good time too. And the Parnassus folks can raise money as well as enjoy a literary event. They have two or three thousand dollars in evidence and various additions to the school plant in prospect. Mrs. Hazel Stoutamyer and Lucile Berry are other teachers in the Parnassus school.

Katherine Mahoney writes from Seven Miles Ford, asking for a copy of "Old Virginia." "I want to teach the song to my children," she says. She sends best wishes to Alma Mater.

Eunice Lipscomb is still in the land of the Lucky Stones. Her school at Critz is alive to the fine things of life and education, and the whole community is responsive to school spirit. Eunice sends greetings to all her friends.

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PEARL POWERS MOODY here recounts her interest in the meetings of the American Home Economics Association which she attended in New Orleans December 28 to January 2, 1924.

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