sent and prospective, who have not yet "found
themselves.”

**The Teaching of High School Subjects**, by
William A. Millis and Harriett H. Millis. New
$2.00.

After a brief discussion of the function of the
high school, educational values, and the teaching
process, the authors consider most of the subject
matter taught at the present time in the high
school. Such a variety of discussion was based
on the belief that at least half of the high school
teachers are called upon at some time in their
teaching experience to teach in two or more de-
partments. It is also urged that the departmental
teacher needs a certain command of the whole
field of the secondary school in order rightly to
comprehend and relate her own particular field.

**First Aid to the Opera-Goer**, by Mary Fitch
Watkins. New York: Frederick A. Stokes
Co. 1924. Pp. 367. $3.00.

Interesting stories of forty-two operas, written
in a pleasing style free from too many technical
terms, make this book serve a two-fold purpose.
It is equally valuable as an aid to interpretation
and appreciation of opera to those who have had
this experience and to that vast majority who
would be opera-goers if given an incentive. This
book would encourage the real thing, which is to
inspire the people to demand that artistic and
entertaining form of diversion known as opera.
E. T. S.

**Syllabus in the History of Education**, by
Walter John Gifford. Bridgewater, Va.: The
Rinker Printing Co. 1924. Pp. 59. 50 cents.
Teachers and students will find in Dr. Gifford’s
syllabus a valuable contribution to the history of
education. This syllabus is packed with thought-
provoking questions and exercises. The method
of approach is entirely modern. On the basis of stimula-
ting questions and terse historical sketches
the educational development of the race is traced.
This syllabus can be used to supplement a text and where no text is used it will prove an invalu-
able guide. It is especially good in suggesting
topics for class discussions.

**Language in Use**, by M. G. Clark. Bloomington,
194.
This is a manual for the fourth grade student’s
work in English. Material prepared for use with
the manual includes a set of alternate chapters in
a story. The children have as their project the
writing of the missing chapters. Directions for
writing and illustrating these chapters are to be
found in the manual, which consistently guides
children in effective language control. Psycholo-
gically, the whole method employed is sound.

**Five French Comedies**, edited by L. J. Setcha-
276. 80 cents.
Five French plays for classroom use, or still
better for staging in the school auditorium by the
"Cercle Francais": Maurey’s *Rosalie*; Forest’s *Par
un jour de pluie*; France’s *La comédie de ce lui
qui épousa une femme muette*; Bernard’s

**Favoriite French Stories**, edited by Clifford S.
323. 80 cents.
Eleven of the most popular stories of Mérimée,
Maupassant, and Daudet, with abundant notes,
exercises, irregular verb tables, and vocabulary.

**Automotive Electricity**, by George A. Wil-
A text and shop manual which states simply the
principles of electricity that are of special value to
the student of automobile repair and upkeep.

**NEWS OF THE COLLEGE
AND ITS ALUMNÆ**

Oh, a busy month was May, was May!
May Day, celebrated on Saturday after-
noon, will be remembered as one of the
most effective entertainments of its kind
ever held here. Edith Ward was in general
charge of the occasion, and devised a festi-
val called “The Dances of the Months” in
which twelve dance numbers—one for each
month—were presented before the court of
the May Queen.

Costumes and themes were appropriate:
January, the month of snow-men; Feb-
uary, valentines; March, wind and rain;
April, fools and jesters; May, the winding
of the May-pole; June, wedding bells,
brides and grooms; July, soldiers and the
Red, White, and Blue; August, harvest time
with flowers and bees and butterflies; Sep-
tember, school children; October, autumn
colors and a solo dance; November, month
of the Puritan’s Thanksgiving; December,
Christmas.

Alene Alphin was a pleasing May Queen;
Matilda Roane was Maid of Honor; and
the attendants were Bertha McCollum, Ev-
elyn Coffman, Nancy Peach Roane, Vir-
ginia Ransone, Electa Stomback, and Vir-
ginia Griffith. Really, a galaxy.

Besides the celebration of National Music
Week, May 2 to 9, the Music department
provided numerous other entertainments.
There was a recital on May 23, another on
May 29. Frances Hanbury and Rebecca Kilby gave a joint recital, as did also Katherine Williamson and Christine Maria. The Philadelphia Festival Orchestra, giving a concert in Winchester on the evening of May 4, was heard by twenty-two students from the college, who made the trip to Winchester under the chaperonage of Miss Elizabeth Trappe. On May 22 the College Glee Club gave a concert in the Handley School auditorium in Winchester.

During Music Week the Glee Club sang at assembly on May 4; members of the Aeolian Club gave the following Wednesday a program of music drawn from the Romantic period; on Friday Miss Sarah Furlow’s voice pupils entertained at assembly with a program of modern American music.

Pupils of Miss Hudson in expression entertained at a recital the evening of May 15. There were readings by Dorothy Clark, Dorothy Ridings, Thelma Dunn, Alene Alphin, Marian Kelly, and Thelma Taylor; an added feature of the program was two piano numbers by Ruth Kirkpatrick and Nancy Mosher.

Then there was another Week—Better Homes Week, which was observed by the Frances Sale Club. Three assembly programs included a talk by Mr. Chappelear on Financing and Building a Home; three talks by members of the Spottswood Garden Club of Harrisonburg; Mrs. Harry Lee Dechert, Mrs. William Dean, and Mrs. John T. Harris; and a playlet written by Dorothy Clark, president of the Frances Sale Club.

Two other projects of the Frances Sale Club during Better Homes Week were a contest for the best-kept room on the campus and the arranging and furnishing of a model five-room apartment. Prizes were awarded to Thelma Eberhart and Virginia Wiley for having the most attractive room. Ten members of the club, under the guidance of Mrs. Pearl P. Moody, selected furniture for a living room, bed room, dining room, a breakfast room, and kitchen. This complete apartment was set up on the first floor of the show rooms of the J. S. Den- ton Company of Harrisonburg, where it attracted much attention.

Carrying out the idea of Better Homes Week, Miss Margaret Macadory, of the Art department, spoke in assembly May 20 on Pictures in the Home. Miss Macadory’s talk was illustrated by copies of some lovely old paintings.

President S. P. Duke was called on May 7 to Ashland, where he was made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity at his alma mater, Randolph-Macon College.

On the local campus, May is the time of numerous elections. Carolyn Weems was elected president of the Athletic Association for the coming year; Doris Kelly was chosen captain of the 1925-’26 basket ball team; Lorraine Gentis was made captain of the 1925-’26 hockey team; Thelma Eberhart was re-elected editor of the college annual, The Schoolma’am, while Lorraine Gentis, assistant business manager of the 1925 annual, was elected business manager for next year; Doris Persinger was elected editor of the 1925-’26 Breeze, with Kathryn Sebrell as business manager.

The Reverend Warren Grafton, of New York City, was an effective speaker at the Y. W. services on May 17. Following an active year of the Y. W. C. A., four representatives of the local association left prior to commencement to attend the annual student conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. In the party were Thelma Taylor, Y. W. president; Janie Harrison, undergraduate representative; Virginia Wiley and Marian Travis, both members of the new cabinet.

Dr. Converse, Mr. Logan, and Mr. A. K. Hopkins, the latter in charge of manual training work in the Harrisonburg schools, created a surprise when they appeared at assembly May 18 garbed as country rubes, and undertook to present a program of old favorite airs including “After the Ball,”
"Flow Gently, Sweet Alton," and "Turkey in the Straw."

Dr. William Brown, professor of education at Washington and Lee University, was the speaker at the annual open meeting of Pi Kappa Omega, held in Sheldon Hall May 23. Defining education as “an appreciation of life’s responsibilities, its goals, and its values,” Dr. Brown said that education is chiefly the result of contact with people and contact with books. Preceding the meeting, the members of the society celebrated the second birthday of Beta Chapter in the college dining room.

One of the requirement of the society is that each member shall engage herself in some useful undertaking each year. As announced at the open meeting, the projects of the various members during the past session were as follows:

Revision of the card catalogue for the Dean of Women’s office—Virginia Campbell.
Table of scholarship indexes for the office of the Dean—Louise Elliott.
Arrangement of program of the Pi Kappa Omega annual open meeting—Helen Yates.
Editor-in-chief of the 1925 Schoolma’am—Thelma Eberhart.
President of the Student Body 1924–25—Eliza- beth Rolston.
Codification of rules governing the award of athletic honors—Elizabeth Ellmore.
Draft of a National Constitution as a step toward nationalization—Elizabeth Sparrow, Nora Hossley, Bertha McCollum.
Compilation of important facts in the history of the Y. W. C. A. at Harrisonburg Teachers College—Emma Dold.

These projects are worked out each year with a view toward furthering the interests of the school or of the society. When a member of the society is holding a position of special responsibility in the school, such as president of the student body, she may work out her project through her work in this position.

Harrisonburg’s first “prom” was a thrilling event the evening of May 29, just before the beginning of examinations. Members of the Freshman class, attired as men, having made “dates” with their sisters of the graduating classes, sent them flowers, called for them, arranged their dance cards, “rushed” them, took them home. It was a gay evening, with an orchestra that did one-steps, two-steps, three-steps.

A balsam fir was planted in front of Spottswood Hall with appropriate ceremonies by the Sophomore class the evening of May 27. There was a procession, with Sophomores in white, other classmen in bright colors, faculty in academic garb. Dr. Gifford, honorary member of the class, spoke on The Meaning of Tree Planting; the assembled group sang a song composed for the occasion by Christine Maria, with words by Frances Grove and Kathryn Griffin.

Just ahead lies June, perhaps a busier month than May because of commencement and the immediate opening of the summer school. Of that, more later.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Ollie Lee Hogshead writes from Stuarts Draft, Augusta County, where she and several other of our girls taught last session. She says: “The seventh grade of Stuarts Draft school won a medal for the essay written on Jackson’s Valley Campaign.”

Haynie S. Allen sends a message from Guinea Mills, Cumberland County. We have good reports of her work.

Elizabeth Powell taught last session at Richlands, in Tazewell County. Her pupils took part in the essay contest relating to highway development.

Mrs. H. B. Ellis writes from Cherrydale, Va., where she taught last year.

Louise Fuqua sends a word of greeting from Waverly. She expresses a warm interest in Alma Mater and says, “I want to drop in for a week-end this summer, if possible.”

Mrs. Florence Watkins taught last session at Bell’s Cross Roads, in Louisa County.
Sina Kite's address on May 18 was Front Royal. She gave interesting glimpses of her work in a busy school.

Mrs. Elmer Ritchie wrote recently from Broadway, and gave evidence of a successful year's work.

Helen Heyl has recently become the worthy recipient of double honors. About May 1 she was appointed Tileston Scholar in Teachers College, Columbia University, and was awarded a position on the *Journal of Rural Education* for the session of 1925-26. About the same time she was elected superintendent of Albemarle County schools for next session, to act in the absence of Mr. Bennett at Harvard. We hope that arrangements can be made at Columbia to enable Miss Heyl to discharge the duties appropriate to both of these honors.

We have had very complimentary reports of the excellent projects in state history and literature which were carried out this spring by pupils of the Charlottesville schools. A number of our girls teach in the Charlottesville system.

Sydney Artz, Miss Koontz, and Clara Dellinger were on the teaching staff at Conicville last year. They had a most successful session.

Dorothy Williams came up recently from Winchester to spend a week-end in Harrisonburg. She reports enough Harrisonburg girls in Winchester for an alumna chapter, and spoke in most cordial terms of the concert given at the Handley School not long ago by the College Glee Club.

Mrs. Julia D. Smith wrote not long ago from Front Royal, and told of the interesting work her pupils were doing in preparation for a county commencement.

Ruth Swartz, who taught last year in Wise County, paid us a visit on her way home. She is planning to return for commencement.

Mary Garden (Mrs. Martin) came up from her home at Toano, in Tidewater, to visit Virginia and to get new vigor from the breadth of the mountains. She is quite at home here, and we are all delighted to welcome her back to Alma Mater. We regret that her sojourn is to be so brief. We must recall, in this connection, that Mary Garden, G. Farrar, Grace Darling, and Clara Barton were all here together. May they all come again.

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EDITH R. WARD, a graduate of the Maury High School, Norfolk, will present herself for the bachelor's degree at the Harrisonburg State Teachers College at the end of the present summer session. Miss Ward has been an assistant in physical education during her junior and senior years in college.