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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The thirteenth annual commencement is almost upon us. For those who have had an acquaintance with the Harrisonburg State Normal School since its foundation, it will be a more than usually happy occasion, for it will mark the end of the school's third year under the presidency of Samuel Page Duke, and the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Julian Ashby Burruss, who was its president during the first ten years of its life. Dr. Burruss is now president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg.

Several changes will be signalized by the coming commencement. The school will, beginning next fall, be run on the regular college-hour basis. A constantly increasing faculty has made desirable the complete organization of departments. The growing student body has made imperative new buildings, and the beginning of the fourteenth session will find the school better equipped than ever before.

A recreation center in Alumnae Hall, with temporary living quarters for about thirty students upstairs; a new auditorium and six new classrooms; and a privately owned apartment house adjoining the campus where about fifty students will be accommodated—these are some of the material improvements that will be noted when the fourteenth session begins next September 19.

The commencement program as announced by President Duke, is published here. Diplomas will be delivered to about one hundred and fifty graduates, and the Bachelor of Science degree will be conferred on six students.

Thursday, June 1: 8:30 p. m.—Recital by Departments of Music and Expression, Auditorium, Harrison Hall.

Friday, June 2: 8:30 p. m.—Senior Class Play, "Pomander Walk," Open-air Auditorium. (Admission fee for the benefit of the Alumnae Building Fund.)

Saturday, June 3: 7:30 p. m.—Campus Songs; 8:30 p. m.—Reception to students and guests, Gymnasium, Ashby Hall.

Sunday, June 4. 11:00 a. m.—Commencement service, sermon by Rev. Frank Marvin Richardson, pastor Salem Methodist Church, Salem, Va., Harrisonburg Methodist church; 6:30 p. m.—Vesper service of the Y. W. C. A., Open-air Auditorium.

Monday, June 5: 10:00 a. m.—Business Session Alumnae Association; 4:30 to 6:00 p. m.—Exhibition of School Work, Maury Hall; 7:30 p. m.—Alumnae Banquet, Dining Hall, Harrison Hall. (Admission by special invitation.)

Tuesday, June 6: 11:00 a. m.—Class Day Exercises, Open-air Auditorium; 8:30 p. m.—Final Exercises: Address by Dr. Julian Ashby Burruss, President Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia; Delivery of Diplomas; Conferring of Degrees, Auditorium, Harrison Hall.

The summer school faculty was announced in the April issue of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER. Sixteen members of the winter faculty will teach here this summer. Miss Grace Brinton will, as last summer, teach classes in home economics at the University of Virginia Summer School, June 19 to September 2. Conrad T. Logan will teach English at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, the summer quarter lasting from June 8 to August 29.

Dr. Wayland plans to spend the summer leading the life of a practical farmer at his home near Edgelawn. But it is safe to say that he will not let this take all his time.—Miss Elizabeth Cleveland will take some advanced work in French at the University of Virginia.—Miss Natalie Lancaster expects to return to Teachers College, Columbia University, to do graduate work.—Miss Margaret Hoffman and Miss Ruth Hudson will be at Woodstock and Luray, respectively.—Miss Mary Louise Seeger will study at Teachers College, Columbia University, later going to her home at Michigan City, Indiana, for a visit.—Mrs. Pearl Powers Moody will take advanced work in home economics branches at Teachers College, Columbia University.—Miss Katherine M. Anthony expects to continue her graduate studies at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.—Miss Grace A. McGuire will be in Harrisonburg during the

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greater part of the summer, going later to her home in Colorado for a visit.

It is pretty certain that the enrolment during the first and second terms of the summer quarter will run over one thousand. While there are still available some dormitory rooms for the second term beginning July 31, even this space is likely soon to be taken. Whereas formerly the attendance was such as to tax the school's capacity in the first term and quite small in the second term, the attendance is now much more evenly divided. In fact many students now prefer the second term and wait to come to Harrisonburg then.

Division superintendents of schools from the Valley of Virginia and adjacent counties were guests at Harrisonburg April 14 and 15 when they met at the State Normal School for conferences with Superintendent Harris Hart and J. N. Hillman, secretary of the Board of Education. The superintendents were entertained at a dinner by the Home Economics Department on Friday in Maury Hall, and in the evening the superintendents and the faculty were guests of the school at a supper in the music room.

During their meetings with Superintendent Hart, such problems were discussed as teachers' salaries, administration of the new attendance laws, school finances, and public sentiment regarding public schools. In attendance at the meetings were the following gentlemen: L. D. Cline of Clark and Frederick counties, F. Osgood Smith of Fauquier, O. L. Emerick of Loudoun, C. A. McDonald of Prince William, M. D. Hall of Fairfax, A. W. Yowell of Madison, John Bootten of Page, T. W. Hendrick of Culpeper, R. E. Mauzy of Highland, E. C. Hoover of Bath, F. M. Somerville of Augusta, C. V. Shoemaker of Shenandoah and John C. Myers of Rockingham.

There was much interest in the debate staged the morning of April 21 between the representatives of the Lee and Lanier Literary Societies. The Lee Society Wins Debate two societies had chosen their teams in preliminary society ton and Louise Elliott represented the Lan-

iers. The Lees were awarded the decision for their support of the question, Resolved that the Strike as a Weapon of the Labor Union Should be Illegal.

Instead of the usual assembly hour, the cool of the evening just before supper was the time set aside this year for **Seniors Plant An Oak** the Senior tree-planting. After brief services in the auditorium, a procession was formed consisting of Senior officers, the faculty in academic costume, and members of the Senior class.

An oak tree was planted in the Smythe orchard just in the rear of Alumnae Hall. Following this ceremony, a lily sent from the birthplace of Stonewall Jackson was planted on the lawn just in front of Jackson Hall, and some wild thyme was planted near the bird bath in front of Cleveland Cottage. A quartet sang Shakespeare's song, "Show me a bank whereon the wild thyme blows", as a fitting conclusion to the ceremonies.

The Normal School Glee Club added a great deal to our enjoyment of the music festival held in the city the week-end of May 6th. **Glee Club in Music Festival** day afternoon they gave a program of Fanny Crosby hymns in the Presbyterian church which was particularly pleasing, both in thought and arrangement. The use of the antiphonal choirs was unusually effective. The glee club was assisted by members of the regular choir and Dr. Wilson talked very interestingly on Fanny Crosby's life and work.

Monday evening they were given place of honor on the concert program and were lavishly complimented by Mr. Cosby, president of the State Music Teachers Association and the speaker of the evening, upon their rendition of their numbers, *Song of Spring*, a cantata by Bush, and *Dawn's Awakening* by Grieg.

The "jinx" which has pursued the present Senior Class through their athletic events last year and this year was at **Squelched in the Nick of Time** field day was held April 29. In order that the results of the various contests might be based on class participation, those in charge of the field day devised a system of scoring

by which the records made by the five best in each event might be averaged; and the results are given below. The Seniors, it will be seen, won 8 out of 13 events. The field day lasted from 10 to 12 o'clock and from 2 to 4 p. m. President Duke presented ribbons to the winners of the various events. Miss Louise B. Franke, instructor in physical education, was in general charge of the affair.

50-yard dash—Tied by Maude Brooks, Josephine Painter and Mildred Bell, 7 seconds; won by Maude Brooks, 7 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds. (Senior average, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds; Junior average, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.)

Standing broad jump—Mary Lee Perry, 6 feet 6 inches. (Senior average, 6 feet, 1.7 inches; Junior average, 6 feet .7 inches.)

Running high jump—Hattie Deatherage, 4 feet 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. (Senior average, 4 feet .1 inch; Junior average, 3 feet 11.5 inches.)

Throwing a baseball for distance—Rose Hendrick, 160 feet 4 inches. (Junior average, 142 feet; Senior average, 124 feet.)

Hop, step, and leap—Mary Carolyn Harris, 27 feet. (Senior average, 26 feet, 1 inch; Junior average, 25 feet 2 inches.)

Pitching basketball goal for accuracy—Catherine Kemp, 30 times in one minute. (Junior average, 25 $\frac{2}{3}$ times; Senior average, 24 times.)

100-yard dash—Tied by Josephine Painter and Mildred Bell. Won by Mildred Bell, 14 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds. (Senior average, 14.9 seconds; Junior average, 15 seconds.)

Three-legged race—Mildred Bell and Clara Aumack, 9 seconds. (Juniors won.)

Sack race—Helen Harris. (Juniors won.)

Throwing a basketball for distance—Clotilde Rodes, 68 feet. (Junior average, 62 $\frac{2}{5}$ feet; Senior average, 57 $\frac{1}{5}$ feet.)

Running broad jump—Mary Lee Perry, 13 feet. (Senior average, 12 feet 3 inches; Junior average, 11 feet 10 inches.)

Dress relay—Isabel Crank and Catherine Kemp. (Seniors won.)

200-yard relay—Maude Brooks, Mary Hess, Mary Carolyn Harris, and Josephine Painter. (Seniors won.)

“Maidens All Forlorn” was the title of an amusing play presented by students in expression Thursday night, April 20, in the auditorium. **Tres Charmant** The play was directed by Miss Ruth L. Hudson, instructor in expression. Those in the cast were: Helen Smith, Margaret Moore, Elizabeth Robinson, Roselyn Brownley, Laura Lambert and Mary Bell Bear.

“Mother Goose Land”, an operetta produced under the direction of one of their number, Selina Walters, was the “stunt” presented by the Junior Class for the Spring quarter. It was so complete a success that the Harrisonburg Rotary Club arranged with the Juniors to present it again in the New Virginia Theatre the evening of May 19 when a Rotary benefit picture was shown.

Incidental music was very appropriate for the songs and dances through which the Mother Goose characters were portrayed. The costumes were quite clever, and some of the parts were notable, even in an all-round good performance such as it was. Alice Denby as the Crooked Man that Walked a Crooked Mile and Eloise Gay as Simple Simon were a delight to the children as well as the grown-ups. But everyone was charming, and the *tout-ensemble* deserves an A!

On April 21 Dr. Wayland went to Manassas where he addressed the Women's Auxiliary, at their regular monthly meeting, on “Some Practical Phases of Law and Government”; and at night he spoke in the court house on “The Progress of Democracy.” The ladies of the Manassas community have a large and enthusiastic membership in their organization, representing both the town and the rural neighborhoods adjacent. Miss Lillian Gilbert, a graduate of the Normal, is secretary of the chapter; and a considerable number of other members of the group are also graduates or have been students here for longer or shorter periods.

Dr. Henry A. Converse spoke before the Valley Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church meeting at Woodstock April 27. His subject was “Religious Instruction Through the Schools.”

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I believe that the image is the great instrument of instruction. What a child gets out of any subject presented to him is simply the image which he himself forms with regard to it.—John Dewey.