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The Orleans Algebra Prognosis Test and the Orleans Geometry Prognosis Test are so alike in principle and in intention that they may very well be considered together. According to the authors, the scores on the test, when properly checked may be used:

1st. To advise students whether to undertake the study of algebra (geometry).
2nd. To advise students who have failed once whether they should repeat the study another year.
3rd. To divide students into ability groups for the purpose of instruction.
4th. To determine, in connection with achievement test scores, whether students are doing their best work and whether instruction is effective.

To one who is old-fashioned enough to believe that no student should be allowed to finish two years of high school without one year of algebra and one year of geometry, the first is valueless. To one who believes that a task once undertaken should be carried to completion, the second is valueless. As to the third use, pupils may be divided into ability groups by other means.

Be that as it may, these tests appear to have a real use which will be described later. The algebra test consists of a test on arithmetic, eleven lessons on algebra, each followed by a test on that lesson, and finally a review test. Each lesson gives a few simple algebraic facts, followed by a test to show whether the pupil has learned these facts. Each lesson increases in difficulty, as do the corresponding tests. Each lesson and each test is timed and the total is supposed to be accomplished in an hour's time, or may be given in two half-hour periods.

To the writer's mind these tests used as introductory lessons in algebra would be most valuable as giving a good foundation in the fundamental ideas of algebra.

The geometry test is similar in every way to the algebra test, and might be used for the same purpose.

HENRY A. CONVERSE

ALUMNÆ NOTES

Matilda Roane is studying music supervision at the Washington College of Music this year.

Mary A. Hartman is teaching at Chadbourn, N. C.

Virginia Shore is living in Columbus, N. C.

Dorothy Hearring was a recent visitor on the campus.

Emily Hogge, Ruth Fitchett, Charlotte Wilson and Virginia Curtis were back for the annual dance given on February 23. All of these girls are teaching in Hampton, except Ruth, who is teaching in Newport News, Va.

Clotilde Rodes and Ida Huckstep were welcome visitors at the college recently.

We were all glad to see Mary Fray, ex-president of student government, back at school for a short visit. Florence Fray, teaching in Main Street School, Harrisonburg, this year, expects to come back to the college for her degree in the near future.

We are delighted to see Edna Dechert and Delucia Fletcher attending so many school functions. We are always glad to have our old girls back—even if they are town girls.

About the middle of February, the alumnae secretary, Mrs. Garber, left for a tour to visit the large high schools of the state. She addressed the senior girls of Petersburg, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Newport News High Schools, and presented the teacher-training work to them. She was most cordially received by the principals and students of the high schools. The Alumnae of Harrisonburg met on the nights in which Mrs. Garber was in their city, and the meetings were thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. On February 11 the alumnae of Petersburg met in the Parrish House of St. Paul's church, at four-thirty in the afternoon. Those present were Helen Bowman, Blanche Ridenour, Mildred Jones, Annie Lee Jones, Mrs. James Scott, and Annie Tomko. The Petersburg Chapter has been very active this year, under the able direction of Helen Bowman. They recently cleared over fifty dollars at a benefit bridge party.

On February 14 the Portsmouth alumnae met at the Y. W. C. A. about 7:30 p.m. The secretary was delighted to see Nancy Roane, Carrie Bishop, Mary Woodard, Audrey Chewning, Rowena Lacy, Elizabeth Thomas, and Emily Nicols Spong. My, we had a good time! Emily had prepared (all
ments and presented Mrs. Garber with a heart-shaped box of candy. Isn't that just like Emily! Always doing something nice for someone. The Portsmouth Chapter is planning a benefit movie, the proceeds of which are to go to the Johnston Memorial Fund. Mattie Wooster was asked to be chairman for the rest of the year, as Alberta Rodes was married recently and left the office of president of the chapter vacant.

At Virginia Turpin's house, in Norfolk, the Secretary met with the alumnae on February 15, at 7:30 p.m. Although the snow was falling fast and furious, the following faithfuls came out to the meeting: Helen Goodson, Lorraine Genti, Frances Hanberry, Elizabeth Grubb, Thelma Eberhart, Bernice Mercer, and Peggy Moore. The Norfolk Chapter is planning a benefit bridge party to be given at Miller and Rhoads' Tea Room. Linda Carter and Mary Foliard called over the phone to talk to Mrs. Garber. It was nice to hear their voices again.

Mrs. Garber left Newport News before the alumnae there could get together, but she was glad to see Alease Charles and Sue Kelley. Mrs. Garber takes this method of thanking the alumnae who met with her and for all the courtesies shown her by the alumnae, while visiting in the various cities.

WEDDINGS

Anna Charles was married in Washington, on February 5, to Thomas Newman, Jr. The bride and groom are at home at 6314 Huntington Ave., Newport News.

Bernice Gay is now Mrs. "Mickey" Euler. Her address is Portsmouth, Va.

Alese Charles Rangeley and Virginia Seegar will be attendants in the wedding of Helen Smith, which is to take place in the spring. Helen will marry Captain Charles Mugler.

Martha Hubbard was married to Tom Dwight recently. Martha and her husband are living at Pine Hall, N. C.

Announcements of Louise Patrick's marriage to Russell Marshall have been issued. Virginia Simpson was married to W. A. Robertson last June. Virginia's address is The Almah Apartment, Norfolk, Va.

DEATHS

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Elise Loewner's husband, Mr. Richard Aufenger. Mr. Aufenger died of pneumonia, the middle of February. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Elise in her great sorrow.

BIRTHS

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Noland M. Canter, of Harrisonburg, on Tuesday, February 26, a little son. Mrs. Canter is known here as Mary V. Yancey.

THE ALUMNÆ MEET

A LETTER TO DR. WAYLAND FROM CANADA

Dear Dr. Wayland,

Although it is now several months since I received the poem on Blue Stone Hill, I feel that even at this late date, I must tell you how pleased I was to be remembered as an old student. I often think of my two years at Harrisonburg, of the good times I had there, of the good friends I made there and of the splendid work done by the school. It seems almost incredible to me that so many years have passed since I was a student at Harrisonburg. But when I see how many books you have written, and when I think over the various places I have worked and studied, I know that much time has actually slipped away. After I left Virginia to study in Ottawa, I completed an arts course at Queen’s University, after which, I taught English in a high school for five years. Last year I spent at Simmons College, Boston, and enjoyed a winter in such a historic city. During the summer, I took a graduate course at Harvard in the School of Education. This winter, if all goes well, I hope to get a master’s degree from Harvard.

So much of my time and money have been spent in these courses of various kinds, that I have not been able to come back to Virginia for a visit, as I have often wished to do. However, I am looking forward before many years, to return to Blue Stone Hill, where I hope to see you again, and Miss Cleveland, and others—for I have such a vivid recollection of all of you, that I feel that you may remember me.

Cordially yours,

DOROTHY L. BROWN, 13,
169 McKay St., Ottawa, Canada.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE STATE WRITE OF WORK OF H. T. C. ALUMNÆ

The following “extracts” from various letters of superintendents throughout the state give evidence of the success of our alumnae as teachers. Would it not be a source of great satisfaction to your Alma Mater, if all school officials concerned could write such comment as the following?

“I wish to express my appreciation of the splendid type of training at Harrisonburg. We find our Harrisonburg girls up to the standard in almost every instance.” (There are forty-seven of our girls working with this superintendent. Six are four-year graduates and twenty are graduates of the two-year courses.)

“I am pleased to state that the few teachers we have from your college are doing very satisfactory work, and I am sorry that we have so few of them.” (There are only two of our graduates in this county, but they seem to be “holding their own.”)

“I consider these as good if not better
than any I have in their departments.” (We hope that they are better.)

“The teachers listed have attended summer sessions at Harrisonburg. They are doing good work.” (Rah! for our summer school.)

“Majority of these girls are doing satisfactory work.” (We wish all of them were doing excellent work.)

“All of the above listed are doing good work.” (Ha! there it is.)

“We are very much pleased with the Harrisonburg teachers.” (Thanks!)

“Those listed attended Harrisonburg. Some are good teachers and some are not.” (I hate to print that one—but it must be so.)

“Excellent! Very good!” (Individual remarks concerning two out of three of our alumnae teaching in a certain county.)

“Fine! Very fine! Splendid!” (And if they were all like that!)

MISSIONARY RETURNS

On January 30, Elsie N. Shickel, of the class of '11, stopped at the College a few minutes. She has been a missionary to India for some time. We always feel honored when our missionaries take the time to visit their Alma Mater, if for only a little while.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

COLUMBIA INCREASES SALARIES

Columbia University has announced sweeping advances in the salaries of teachers and of administrative officers in keeping with its policy of protecting “the dignity and freedom of the academic career.”

The new schedule, as made public by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the university, calls for a minimum salary of $7,500 a year for full professors instead of the present salary of $6,000; a minimum salary of $5,000 for associate professors in place of $4,500, and a minimum of $3,600 for assistant professors instead of $2,400. In addition there will be salaries of $9,000, $10,000 and $12,000 to which certain full professors of exceptional service or distinction may advance, and salaries of $6,000 open to associate professors of uncommon attainment.

TERRE HAUTE TEACHERS ENJOY SABBATICAL LEAVE

Sabbatical leave as recently adopted by the school board of Terre Haute, Ind., may be granted for one year of study to any member of the teaching, administrative, supervisory, or library staff, after seven or more consecutive years of successful experience in public schools of the city. For each subsequent period of service of seven years or more an additional leave may be granted for study or professional advancement. The leave of absence, if desired, may extend over only a half year. During absence on sabbatical leave the regular salary will be paid, less the amount paid to the substitute. The time of such absence will count as regular service toward retirement, and full contribution toward the retirement salary shall continue during the period of leave. Any person to whom such leave is granted may have his old position upon return to school work if he desires it.—School Life.

HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS EDUCATION FOR RETAIL-STORE SERVICE

Retail selling, a 2-year course open to third and fourth year girls in Eastern and Western High Schools. Baltimore, Md., is given in co-operation with seven important department stores which serve as laboratories for the course. The girls spend one afternoon a week and every Saturday, as well as the entire week preceding Christmas, as regularly employed workers in the stores to which they are assigned. Names of the practice girls are on the pay rolls of the stores and they do real work as sales-