ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Naming Schools in Honor of Virginia Educators

The State Board of Education, at its meeting held on March 26, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, in the majority of cases the school buildings of the Commonwealth have been named after men distinguished in military or political life; and

"Whereas, the opportunities of honoring men thus distinguished are many and varied, and appeal to the largest possible class; and

"Whereas, those distinguished in the less spectacular work of teaching, or who have interested themselves in the education of the public as writers, philanthropists, or workers in many other ways in the spread of learning, have had but few opportunities of public recognition; and

"Whereas, a most fitting method of perpetuating their memory and emphasizing the fact that to their humble efforts in training our heroes and statesmen these often owe their success, would be the naming after them of buildings devoted to the cause of education;

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the State Board of Education recommends to the school boards throughout the Commonwealth that they name any school buildings hereafter erected after professors, teachers, men of learning, men advancing the cause of learning by philanthropic or other efforts, or women eminent for work along any of the lines above named;

"That the Board will take pleasure in furnishing to any school board desiring it a tentative list of names from which to make a selection, but with the understanding that this entire resolution is only by way of suggestion and is not intended to hamper any school board in its choice of names;

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to the different school boards of the Commonwealth.

Reading Course Examination

The Reading Course examination for the renewal of certificates will be held in the several cities and counties of the state on May 29, 1931. The examination for high school teachers will be based on Pupil Adjustment in Junior and Senior High Schools and Woodrow Wilson, The Man, His Times, and His Task. The examination for elementary school teachers will be based on Children's Reading and Woodrow Wilson, The Man, His Times, and His Task.

Those interested in taking the examination should notify their division superintendents one month in advance so that necessary preparation may be made.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION COMPLETED

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The January issue of the Virginia Journal of Education contained a list of elementary and high school books which were readopted for basal use for the five-year period beginning July 1, 1931. I will give in this article the list of new books adopted and changes made in the complete basal list of twenty-five elementary books and forty-five high school books.

Following is the List of Elementary Basal Textbook Changes

Arithmetic

Smith, Luse and Morss, Problem and Practice Arithmetic, Ginn, (3-books) will
replace Smith, Modern Arithmetics, Ginn, (2-books) in use 16 years. The first book of the old series was used in grades 3 and 4 and the second book in grades 5, 6 and 7. Book one of the new series will be used in grades 3 and 4, book two in grades 5 and 6 and the "advanced" book in grade 7. The "advanced" book is made especially for use in the 7th grade of the public schools of this state. Book three contains work for two years and may be used in grades 7 and 8 in any school system which has eight elementary grades.

Pupils enrolled in grades 3 and 5 will be required to buy the newly adopted arithmetical next session. Pupils in grades 4, 6 and 7 will continue to use the books which they own until they have completed the study of these books. Pupils promoted in 1932 to grades 4 and 6 will study the newly adopted arithmetics which they used the preceding year in grades 3 and 5. Book two of the displaced series contains work for grades 5, 6 and 7, therefore, this book will be used in the seventh grade until 1933 when the "advanced" book of the new series will be required for this grade.

Schematic Arrangement Showing Gradual Introduction

Grades Using Grades Using Smith, Smith-McMurry; and Deffendall:

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Grammar

Rader and Deffendall, Doorway to English, Johnson, (2-books) will replace Smith-McMurry, Language Series, Johnson, (2-books) in use 6 years. The first book is to be used in grades 3 and 4 and the second one in grades 5, 6 and 7. Pupils enrolled in grades 3 and 6 must buy the newly adopted grammars next session. Pupils in grades 4, 5 and 7 will complete the study of the Smith-McMurry grammars which they already own. Pupils promoted in 1932 to grades 4 and 7 will study the newly adopted grammars which they used the preceding year in grades 3 and 6. Book one of the displaced series contains work for grades 3, 4, and 5; therefore this book will be used in the fifth grade until 1933 when book two of the new series will be required for this grade.

Schematic Arrangement Showing Gradual Introduction

History

Wayland, A History of Virginia for Boys and Girls, Revised, Macmillan, or Willis-Saunders, The Story of Virginia, Newson, will replace the Wayland history which has been used in the fifth grade for 11 years. Each division must choose one of these histories for basal use for the five-year period.

Southworth, What the Old World Gave the New, Iroquois, will be added to the list for use in the fifth grade. This book will supply the European background for the study of the histories of Virginia and the United States.

Riley, Chandler and Hamilton, Our Republic, Hunter, which has been used in the 6th and 7th grades 16 years will be continued one year, until June 30, 1932.
Hygiene

Ritchie-Caldwell, Primer of Hygiene, and Ritchie, Primer of Sanitation and Physiology, Third Revision, World, will be substituted for the 1920 editions of these two books. The 1920 editions are going out of print. Second-hand and new copies of the 1920 editions may be used in the same classes with the Third Revisions, until the supply of the 1920 editions is exhausted. No student will be forced to buy a new copy of either of these books if a second-hand copy of the old is obtainable. Teachers will be supplied with bulletins showing how the new books may be used with the old books in the same classes.

Readers

Lewis and Rowland, The New Silent Sixth and Seventh Readers, Winston, will replace the New Elson Readers, Scott, in use 16 years.

The Story and Study Readers, Johnson, may be substituted for the Child's World Readers, Johnson, primer through the fifth reader, for basal use, in any city or county which prefers this new series of readers next session. The Child's World Readers will be dropped from the list June 30, 1932. The Story and Study Readers, primer through the fifth reader, will be listed for basal use in all schools for the last four years of the contract beginning July 1, 1932.

The Gates-Huber, Primer and First Reader, Macmillan, will replace the Everyday Classics, Primer and First Reader, Macmillan, for optional basal use.

Books Dropped From The Elementary List

Duggar, Agriculture for Southern Schools, Macmillan, in use 23 years; Mathews, Elementary Home Economics, Little, in use 8 years and Aldine Primer and First Reader, Newson, in use 16 years, will be dropped from the list June 30, 1931.

Following is the High School List of Basal Textbook Changes

Six new high school basal texts have been adopted to replace seven unsatisfactory books. Of these six, one will replace a book in use 21 years; one will replace two books in use 11 years and four will replace books in use 8 years. The length of tenure of high school basal books in the old list is from six to twenty-six years. The average length of use is fourteen years.

English

Lewis and Hosic, Practical English, American, which has been used in the first and second year classes 8 years will be continued one year, until June 30, 1932.

Guidance

Holbrook and McGregor, Our World of Work, Allyn, has been adopted for use in the first year.

History and Civics

Latane, History of the United States, Allyn, which has been used 8 years will be replaced by Muzzey, History of the American People, Ginn.

Webster, History of Mankind, Heath, which has been used 8 years will be replaced by Robinson, Breasted, Smith, General History of Europe, Ginn, for optional basal use. This general history will be used in the rural high schools the last half of the first year and all of the second year. Schools which prefer a single book for General history may use this book instead of using the two-book course.

Smith, Davis and McClure, Government in the United States, Laidlaw, will replace Long, Government and the People, Scribner's, which has been used 8 years in the fourth year of the high school.

Burch and Patterson, Problems in American Democracy, Macmillan, has been dropped from the list.

Latin

Foster and Arms, First Year Latin, Johnson, has been chosen to replace Place, Beginning Latin, American, in use 8 years. Berry and Lee, Second Year Latin, Silver, will replace Walker, Caesar's Gallic War, Scott, in use 21 years. Bennett, A Latin Grammar and Bennett, A New Latin Composition, Allyn, in use 26 years, may not be required for use in the second year because
the newly adopted Second Year Latin contains enough grammar and composition for
the year’s work.

Mathematics
Strayer - Upton, Junior Mathematics, American, has been adopted for use in the
first half of the first year.
Moore and Minier, Practical Business
Arithmetic, Ginn, in use 16 years, has been
dropped from the list. A new business
arithmetic will be selected.

Science
Clement, Collister and Thurston, Our
Surroundings, An Elementary General
Science, Iroquois, will replace Clark, In-
troduction to Science and the Laboratory
Manual, American, in use 11 years, or Hess-
er, Junior Science and Laboratory Manual,
Sanborn, in use 8 years.
Black and Conant, Practical Chemistry,
Revised, and Manual, Macmillan, will be
substituted for the old edition of this chem-
istry which is out of print. Second-hand
copies of the old book may be used in the
same classes with the revised book, which
contains about fifty pages of new material.
Peabody and Hunt, Biology and Human
Welfare, Macmillan, which has been on the
adopted list for several years will be used
instead of three texts; namely, Ritchie-
Hartman, Human Physiology and Manual,
World, in use 23 years, and Peabody and
Hunt, Elementary Biology, Macmillan, in
use 16 years. These three books will be
dropped.

Supplementary Material
All contracts for supplementary books
will be extended to June 30, 1932. Any
changes in this material will be based on
the revised courses of study which will be
completed next session.

READING COURSE EXAMINATION
Under date of April 27, 1931 in a letter
addressed to Division Superintendents, Sec-
retary Eason, who is also supervisor of
teacher training, announced plans concern-
ing the Reading Course examinations. The
letter follows:
The Reading Course examination for the
renewal of certificates will be offered in the
various divisions of the state on May 29,
1931. The examination is usually conducted
in the superintendent’s office. It may, how-
ever, be given at any point designated by
you, provided it is under your general sup-
ervision.

It is suggested that you appoint 10:00 a.
.m. as the time set for the examination, and
that you notify teachers through your local
papers of the time and place.

Holders of the Elementary certificate is-
sued for the full period of six years, or of
certificates of higher rank, may meet re-
newal requirements by reading five books
on the Teachers’ Reading Course and by
taking the examination on the appropriate
books. Since First Grade and Provisional
Elementary certificates are not subject to
renewal beyond July 1, 1931, the holders
of such licenses are not eligible for the
Reading Course examination.

The examination for high school teach-
ers will be based on Pupil Adjustment in
Junior and Senior High Schools, by W. C.
Reavis (D. C. Heath & Co., New York) and
Woodrow Wilson, The Man, His Times,
and His Task, by W. A. White (Hough-
ton Mifflin and Company, (Boston, Massa-
chusetts).

The examination for elementary school
teachers will be based on Children’s Read-
ing, by L. W. Terman and Margaret Lima
(D. Appleton and Company, New York
City) and Woodrow Wilson, The Man, His
Times, and His Task, by W. A. White
(Houghton Mifflin and Company, Boston,
Massachusetts).

Upon receipt of this notice, please advise
the State Department of Education con-
cerning the teachers who will take the ex-
amination in order that the proper number
of questions may be sent you. After the
examination is given, the papers should be
sent to this office, with certificates attached
and poll tax statements, properly executed.

“Nothing is so difficult as tolerance.”

—NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER.