

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

Eight new elementary basal texts have been adopted to replace seven unsatisfactory books. Of these eight, five will replace books in use 16 years; one will replace a book in use 11 years and two will replace books in use 6 years. The length of tenure of elementary basal books in the old list is from six to twenty-three years. The average length of use is thirteen years.

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 arithmetic 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

Year	Grades Using Smith: Modern Arithmetics (2-books)	Grades Using Smith, Luse and Morss: Problem and Practice Arithmetics (3-books)	
1931	4	3	5
1932	6, 7	3, 4	5, 6
1933	7	3, 4	5, 6 7

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

Year	Grades Using Smith-McMurry: Language Series	Grades Using Rader and Deffendall: Doorway to English	
1931	4, 5	3	6
1932	5	3, 4	6, 7
1933		3, 4	5, 6, 7

Art

The Art Appreciation Textbooks, Laidlaw, Books one to seven, (a separate book for each grade for optional basal use) will replace the Industrial Art Textbooks, Laidlaw, in use 8 years. Each book of the old displaced series contains work for two grades except the one for the first grade. Pupils enrolled in grades 1, 2, 4 and 6 will buy the newly adopted art books next session. Pupils in grades 3, 5 and 7 will continue the study of art in the books which they already own.

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 unsatisfac-

tory 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 Hosis, *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, will replace 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, *Cæsar'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 Miner, 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, Introduction to Science and the Laboratory Manual, American, in use 11 years, or Hessler, 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 chemistry 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, Secretary Eason, who is also supervisor of teacher training, announced plans concerning 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, however, be given at any point designated by you, provided it is under your general supervision.

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 issued for the full period of six years, or of certificates of higher rank, may meet renewal 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 teachers 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 (Houghton Mifflin and Company, (Boston, Massachusetts)).

The examination for elementary school teachers will be based on *Children's Reading*, 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 concerning the teachers who will take the examination 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.