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## EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS

The annual meeting of the National Council of Geography Teachers will be held in Washington, D. C., December 26 and 27, 1932. Members of the National Council and all who are interested in geography are invited to be present. Sessions begin at 9:30 a. m. Monday, December 26. The themes for four of the five sessions will be: Modern tests and testing in geography, supplementary aids in geography teaching, the supervisory and administrative aspects of geographic education, and research studies in the science of teaching geography. The meetings will be held at the headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

### GLEANED FROM THE PRESS

Succeeding the late E. C. Glass as superintendent of schools at Lynchburg is Omer Carmichael, of Hollins, Alabama, former superintendent of schools at Tampa, Florida. During the past summer Mr. Carmichael taught in the summer schools at both the University of Alabama and Duke University. He is a former president of the Alabama Educational Association.

Dr. Charles G. Maphis, dean of the summer school at the University of Virginia, and director of the Institute of Public Affairs, has recently been elected president of the Association of Deans and Directors of Summer Sessions.

Washington and Lee University again operated its annual freshman camp prior to the opening of its 183rd year on September 12. Eighty-five freshmen spent three days at Camp Powhatan learning of Washington and Lee traditions.

At the close of the registration period on September 17 William and Mary College announced that the enrolment was one more than at the same time last year when 1410 had registered.

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, of the department of economics, has this fall become the new dean of Washington and Lee University.

"Richelieu," Bulwer-Lytton's best known play, was presented by the Virginia Players of the University of Virginia in November under the direction of Professor H. R. Pratt, who also played the title role.

The bachelor of science degree was granted to 18 students and the master of science to 4, following the completion of summer work at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Ivy Foreman Lewis, professor of biology at the University of Virginia, will serve as acting dean of men at the University during the current session.

Dr. J. A. G. Shipley resigned as division superintendent of schools in Bedford county, effective October 15.

Collegiate professional certificates were issued last year to graduates of the following Virginia colleges in the numbers indicated: Harrisonburg State Teachers College, 127; William and Mary College, 96; Farmville State Teachers College, 88; Radford State Teachers College, 71; Fredericksburg State Teachers College, 62.

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It was announced that only 36 registrations at the Farmville State Teachers College are from without the state, while 79 of 100 Virginia counties and 16 of 20 Virginia cities are represented.

President Julian A. Burruss, speaking at convocation at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute on the so-called "rat system," is quoted by the *Times-Dispatch* as saying: "What V. P. I. needs more than additional buildings, or additional professors, or students, or additional funds is a development of a genuine school spirit, a heart-felt pride in the institution, a refined campus life, an unflinching loyalty to the best standards of conduct, and an ever present sense of the responsibility connected with it, for maintaining it as a high-grade college for gentlemen, worthy of respect and esteem throughout the state and nation."

### THE READING TABLE

WASHINGTON—FRONTIERSMAN AND PLANTER. By Florence E. Bamberger. Richmond: Johnson Publishing Company. 1931. Pp. 58.

This workbook is strong in the activities presented and in the outline maps included.

MUSIC OF MANY LANDS AND PEOPLES. Edited by Osbourne McConathy, John W. Beattie, and Russell V. Morgan. New York: Silver, Burdett and Company. 1932. Pp. 268. \$1.52.

In this junior high school song book, one of the finest I have seen, is a variety of folk songs—just the type children of this age enjoy.

All the songs are well-arranged and suit the voices of children at this age. Boys' voices have received consideration.

The book is completely indexed. The pictures and songs, because of their interest and appeal, are making this series very popular in our schools.

L. M. H.

LITTLE STORIES TO READ. By Eva A. Smedley and Martha C. Olsen. Illustrated by Matilda Brewer. Chicago: Hall and McCreary Company. 1932. 12 cents a copy.

Here is a primer which tells an in-

teresting story from the very first page. Other distinctive features are the clever introduction of new words in meaningful phrases, the use of pictures to enrich the content, and frequent pages which contain no new words and thereby increase the child's sense of power in reading.

K. M. A.

SUPERVISORY YEARBOOK, 1930-1931. By D. W. Emerson and Lector Hackworth. Talequah, Oklahoma: Northeastern Teachers College. 50 cents.

This booklet outlines the Supervisory Program by which Northeastern Teachers College guides instruction in a designated area of fifteen adjoining counties.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SUPERVISORY ACTIVITIES AND TECHNIQUES OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAINING SUPERVISOR. By Harry N. Fitch. New York: Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University. 1931. Pp. 130.

This study "determines and analyzes" the activities of the elementary supervisor in working with student teachers. It also "determines and analyzes" the techniques the supervisor uses in carrying on these activities. It should be suggestive for supervisor both in service and in training.

### NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

The 1931-32 SCHOOLMA'AM, yearbook of H. T. C., received first prize in Class B, for annuals smaller than 225 pages, at the sixth annual meeting of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association held at Farmville with the Farmville State Teachers College and Hampden-Sydney as joint hosts. This was the only award to be captured by a state teachers college.

Margaret Moore, Norfolk, '32, and Catherine Bard, Norfolk, '33, were editor-in-chief and business manager, respectfully, of the publication.

Those who attended the convention from H. T. C. were Catherine Bard, Lois Drewry, Catherine Manke, Virginia Jones, Christobel Childs.

Dr. Sidney B. Hall, State Superintendent