

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Virginia Ruby, Lynchburg, was elected vice-president of Student Government, and Eunice Meeks, Baltimore, secretary-treasurer, at the minor election Thursday, March 9. The election of major officers had taken place on February 13.

Frances Whitman, Purcellville; Rachel Rogers, East Falls Church; and Ruth Hardy, Buena Vista, will be vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Marietta Melson, Machipongo, and Pamela Parkins, Norfolk, are the vice-president and business manager of the Athletic Association.

Kathleen Carpenter, Norfolk, will edit the Handbook.

Courtney Dickinson, Roanoke, and Margaret Smith, Norfolk, will be business managers of the *Breeze* and the *Schoolma'am*, respectively.

Elizabeth Sugden, Hampton, was selected recorder of points.

Mae Simmerman, Roanoke, will lead the cheers as varsity leader.

Professor Armistead M. Dobie, dean of the law school of the University of Virginia, discussed the judge and his relation to the English language before students and faculty recently. Dean Dobie cited cases to show how a competent judge must interpret and justify language.

"Civilization is developing problems faster than we are growing brains to solve them," was the forceful statement made by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, professor of history and social science at the University of Richmond, in assembly recently. Dr. Mitchell dwelt particularly upon modern science and its relation to everyday life.

"The amateur has made a vital contribution to the development of drama," declared Mr. Roger Boyle, instructor in dramatic art at the University of Virginia in a speech here on February 7 under the auspices of the Stratford Dramatic Club in celebration

of Drama Week. Beginning with the earliest form of drama, Mr. Boyle gave a detailed account of its history, emphasizing the importance of the amateur in the development.

Winning contests both at Staunton and at Harrisonburg held on the same evening with Mary Baldwin College, Harrisonburg debaters argued the following question: "Resolved, that socialism as advocated by Norman Thomas is preferable to our present capitalistic system."

Lillian Shotter, New York, and Ruth Behrens, Timberville, upheld the affirmative at home; while Sarah Lemmon, Atlanta, Georgia, and Virginia Cox, Woodlawn, argued for the negative in the Staunton contest.

This dual debate was the first of the present college year.

Dorothy Mentzinger, New York, with a score of seventeen, won the individual high-scoring cup at the annual intra-mural swimming meet. The senior class was easily the winner with forty-six points, while the sophomores placed second with twenty-four points. The freshmen followed with a close twenty-three.

Presenting *Lord Lovel* and the *Ground Hog*, two folk tunes especially arranged for them, the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Edna Trout Shaeffer gave their annual concert in Wilson Hall recently.

The college orchestra, under the baton of Miss Louise Hosmer and accompanied by Elizabeth Preston, assisted in the concert. Mrs. Ernest Pleasants, Harrisonburg, was the guest soloist.

Miss Vera Melone, professor of music, presented a Lenten recital at the Harrisonburg Methodist Episcopal Church, March 11 at 4:00 p. m. She was assisted by the male quartet of Bridgewater College.

Christobel Childs, Orange, editor-in-chief, and Virginia Jones, Gordonsville, business manager of the *Breeze*, attended the ninth annual convention of the Columbia Schol-

astic Press Association held at Columbia University, New York City.

Divorce in the Family, a sound picture starring Jackie Cooper, was recently shown in Wilson Hall.

ALUMNÆ NEWS

Anna Seaton Cameron, of the class of 1924, was married to Mr. Jesse Leggette McIver on Saturday, February 18, in Portsmouth, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. McIver are at home in Westhampton Apartments, Portsmouth.

Lucie Macon Vellines (1931), of Newport News, was married on March 19 to Mr. Charles Glenn Crafton, of Staunton. Mr. Crafton, who is a graduate of V. P. I., is employed by the Du Pont Company in Waynesboro, Va., where the couple will make their home.

Alice Rhea Horsley, of the class of 1932, stopped in Harrisonburg for a brief visit as she drove from Roanoke to New York the week-end of March 24.

ALUMNÆ ISSUE IN MAY

The next issue of *THE VIRGINIA TEACHER* will present papers of special interest to alumnæ of the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg. In addition to the interesting recollections of Dr. M'Ledge Moffett, who was a student here during the first two years of the college's existence and whose letters home during those years had been fortunately saved, providing authentic source material on many intimate and specific matters, there will also appear the delightful comments of Miss Frances Mackey and Miss Penelope Morgan.

Another feature will be the address of Miss Beatrice Marable in accepting the portrait of Senator George B. Keezell on behalf of the alumnæ of the college. Miss Marable, also a student during the first year of the college, enjoys the distinction of having made application number one for admission.

A complete list of all returning alumnæ, and a digest of the talks made at the Alumnæ Dinner on March 18, will also appear in the May number of this magazine.

A PROPHECY

In the future there is going to be a substantial increase in the time and attention given to frills, fads and fancies—as part of our school is termed by part of our people. There will be added more subjects with scarcely any money-making value, and teachers of these subjects will be expected to have qualifications as high as those of any other teacher. The high-school standards will not be lowered; they will actually be increased because the actual education received today is far below what we fondly believe it to be. That is, many pupils take solid subjects and are passed with good marks, but their actual understanding is very low, indeed. This new material will appeal to the pupils and most of it will live with them for all their lives. Most young people can appreciate and have a liking for simple art, manual training, group music, dancing, health instruction, vocational guidance, practical civics, newspaper reading and home decoration, all of which subjects will be taught in the new school.—HENRY L. FARR, in *School and Society*.

Before you give way to anger, try to find a reason for not being angry.—*Bacon*.

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