

cannot go beyond public opinion, teachers should assume the responsibility for continually interpreting education to the people of their respective communities," reads one of the resolutions adopted by District F of the Virginia Education Association which recently held its spring meeting in Lexington.

The *Troïades* of Euripides was presented in Greek at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg on April 12. It is the annual custom of the Greek department to offer a classic drama in the original. This year's production came the day before the meeting of the Classical Association in Williamsburg.

A school term of nine months for every Virginia school child and more stringent scholarship requirements for teachers' certificates were demanded by teachers of District J at their spring meeting in Charlottesville April 8. The resolution regarding teachers' certificates was as follows:

"Whereas, there is at present a surplus of persons in Virginia holding teachers' certificates, and whereas, the present standards for certification do not rest on a sufficiently sound basis of scholarship,

"Therefore, be it resolved that we favor at least two years of academic education beyond the high school as a prerequisite to purely professional training."

The Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia will this year meet in its seventh session from July 2 to July 15.

Although the entire program has not yet been completed, Dr. Charles G. Maphis, Director of the Institute, announces that the general theme of the entire session will be Economic Recovery. There will be six or eight round-table discussions, a number of special conferences, and each evening in McIntire Amphitheater addresses by persons of national reputation.

The Virginia language arts program now being developed by the production committee for English courses was called "the most forward-looking curriculum program" that he knew of by Dr. R. L. Lyman, professor of the teaching of English at the University of Chicago and formerly president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Arthur H. Compton, Professor of Physics at the University of Chicago and winner of the Nobel Prize in 1927, lectured at Mary Baldwin College April 26 on the topic, "Cosmic Rays on Six Continents."

Heads of science departments at Virginia College were invited to a dinner preceding the lecture.

THE READING TABLE

REPORT OF THE SURVEY OF THE SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: By the Division of Field Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University (Dr. G. D. Strayer, Director). Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. 1932. Five volumes, 1352 pages.

This comprehensive survey at once marks a new and high stage in school surveying because of the thoroughness with which approximately one hundred specialists have covered the schools of a great urban center. It also presents a valuable picture of American schools in this era of depression. The latter note is clearcut in the statements of aims, and in the references to needed curriculum revision.

The teacher in training or in the field will find Volumes II, III, and V more valuable than the other volumes which deal with administrative problems. In the volumes mentioned one finds a philosophy of modern education, with much helpful suggestion for curriculum revision, classroom teaching, vital learning, and the selection of aims in accord with present-day needs. The reviewer believes that few survey reports will be as generally usable as this.

W. J. G.

THE FIRST YEARBOOK OF SCHOOL LAW. Edited by M. M. Chambers. Columbus, Ohio: M. M. Chambers. Ohio State University. 1933. Pp. 106. \$1.00.

Lawyers must constantly obtain new books to keep up-to-date on all recent laws and decisions. So one who is interested in school laws will be glad to find this publication which aims to present modern and recent decisions on cases involving schools. Fourteen specialists have thoroughly covered their respective fields to give the reader a summary of cases, indicating modern trends in interpretation of statutes affecting schools by judicial opinions. It is just as important to know the judicial interpretations as to know the provisions of a statute, for written laws must of necessity be interpreted by the courts having jurisdiction. Therefore this publication should appeal particularly to all school administrators and boards of education.

H. K. GIBBONS

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN JOURNALISM. By Stewart Robertson. New York: Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1930. Pp. 332. \$2.50.

Mr. Robertson has not tarried to quibble over intricacies of style and obscurities of meaning, but has gone straight to the heart of the matter. He has given a simple definition of news, details of the lead, preliminary steps in newswriting, and the forms and types of news stories. Headlines and make-up, editorials, columns, paragraphs, and reviews are given excellent treatment.

All in all, it is an excellent summary of modern journalism adapted to scholastic needs.

CHRISTOBEL CHILDS

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

The May court and the *Schoolma'am* Mirror, both always kept secret in former years until May Day and the publication of the annual, were recently announced. Elizabeth Carson, of Lynchburg, will be queen, and Lois Bishop, of Norfolk, will be maid of honor. The other members of the court

are: Marietta Melson, Machipongo; Frances Neblett, Victoria; Betty Marie Coffey, Staunton; Kay Carpenter, Norfolk; Conway Gray, Petersburg; Evelyn Watkins, Norfolk; Dorothy Williams, Norfolk; Hilda Hisey, Edinburg; Dorothy Slusser, Brownsburg; Mildred Henderson, Williamsburg; Anne Davies, Ballston; Sybilla Crisman, Winchester.

The Mirror in the annual will present as best looking, Elizabeth Carson, Lynchburg; best athlete, Frances Neblett, Victoria; most literary, Christobel Childs, Orange; most dramatic, Prudence Spooner, Chester; most dependable, Katy Wray Brown, Roanoke; most versatile, Elizabeth Bush, Long Island, N. Y.; most musical, Elizabeth Preston, Glade Springs; most artistic, Dorothy Martin, Norfolk. The girls chosen for the Little Mirror are: most businesslike, Catherine Manke, Hampton; most friendly, Sally Face, Hampton; most dignified, Katy Wray Brown, Roanoke; happiest, Sally Face, Hampton; wittiest, Elizabeth Bush, Long Island, N. Y.; quietest, Emma Jane Shultz, Staunton; best dancer, Pam Parkins, Norfolk; most stylish, Dorothy Williams, Norfolk.

The captain of the basketball varsity for 1933-34 will be Frances Neblett, of Victoria, who was also captain this year.

Officers have recently been elected in several clubs for 1933-34. Frances Whitman, of Bluemont, is the new president of the Debating Club. Other officers are: Ruth Shular, East Stone Gap, vice-president; Virginia Cox, Woodlawn, secretary; Alice Kay, Waynesboro, treasurer and business manager.

Alpha Rho Delta also elected officers. They are Alice Kay, Waynesboro, president; Mary Spitzer, Harrisonburg, vice-president; Virginia Somers, Burkeville, secretary; Virginia Cox, Woodlawn, treasurer.

The new Chief Scribe of the Scribblers is Elizabeth Kerr, of Harrisonburg.

Art Club officers, recently installed, are