

The construction of the new library building and a new heating plant is being financed with the aid of P. W. A. grants. Excavation has already been completed by the contractors, the Nielson Construction Company, of Harrisonburg, for the heating plant, which will stand near the Chesapeake Western Railway just east of the Home Economics Practice House. The heating plant will cost about \$72,000, and will supplant the present unit south of the Senior Dining Hall.

Entertainments scheduled for the fall have been announced in part. The Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre, which appeared at the college last session in "Hansel and Gretel," returned on October 15 to present "Five Little Peppers"; on December 10 another of the Clare Tree Major companies will offer "Cinderella." These plays are being presented under the joint auspices of the college and the Parent-Teachers Association of Harrisonburg.

The Wagnerian Festival Singers, to appear in Wilson auditorium on November 14, will be one of the most expensive and elaborate entertainments ever presented at the college, it is said. An ensemble of five world-famous voices will sing favorite concert selections from the operas of Wagner, as well as parts from operas by other composers.

The English Placement Test given to Freshmen at the end of their first week on the campus showed for the 396 students examined a median score of 140 as compared with a national median of 129, according to Mr. Conrad Logan, head of the English department.

The following twenty-one girls make up the highest five per cent of the group: Margaret Beauford Warwick, Monterey; Anne Warren Anderson, Arlington; Susan Annette Bowles, Louisa; Pauline Richie Barfield, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Mrs. Vivian Berry Fauver, Staunton; Alice Mary Griffith, Gaithersburg, Md.; Evelyn Louise Jef-

erson, Federalsburg, Md.; Louise Elizabeth Parks, Bedford; Sue Ann Crockett, Oceana; Marjorie Hope Kryske, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Margaret Adelia Eaton, Suffolk; Julia Kilpatrick, Glen Allen; Margaret Schrader Shelton, Pearisburg; Jane Watts Sites, Covington; Patricia Rhoe Johns, Arlington; Nan Kathryn Walker, Norfolk; Virginia Milliah O'Sullivan, Ivy; Harriet Long, Harrisonburg; Mary Lee Utley, Norfolk; Ethel Lois Williams, Church Road; and Catherine Funkhouser, Harrisonburg.

Since the State Board of Education announced that no new teachers will be certified to teach after 1942 who have not had four years of college training for their work, the college has instituted Saturday classes for teachers in service interested in meeting these requirements. These Saturday classes will be conducted for fifteen weeks and will carry each three quarter-session hours credit. Classes now being offered are a course in Tennyson by Miss Elizabeth P. Cleveland, a class in First Aid by Miss Dorothy Savage, American Colonial History by Mr. John McIlwraith, and Public School Music by Mrs. Clifford T. Marshall.

## ALUMNAE NEWS

MISS YOWELL IS NAMED SUPERVISOR FOR  
N. Y. A.

Miss Nettie Tucker Yowell, of Boyce, has begun her duties as home-making supervisor of the National Youth Administration in Virginia, with headquarters in Richmond. She will supervise N. Y. A. home-making centers, N. Y. A. sewing rooms, and N. Y. A. school lunch rooms throughout the state.

Miss Yowell has been a teacher of vocational home economics at Berryville High School for the past three years and is a native of Clark County. She received her B. S. in home economics at Madison College, Harrisonburg, in the class of 1930.

## MISS DUNBAR WINS ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Emma Dunbar, of Dunbar, West Virginia, gifted young organist and graduate of Madison College in 1937, has been awarded a four-year scholarship at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

At the May meeting of the Augusta chapter of Madison College Alumnae Ethel Driver '37, of Mount Sidney, was elected vice-president and Mary Spitzer, '36, of Waynesboro, treasurer.

Eleanor McKnight, '37, is in charge of the dietary department of the Milford General Hospital, Milford, New Jersey. She recently finished her course at the Pennsylvania General Hospital in Philadelphia.

Elvira Rudasill, who last year was teaching in the Harrisonburg city schools, has accepted a position in the Bethesda, Maryland, public schools. Miss Rudasill graduated from Madison College in 1935.

Katie Wray Brown, '33, who was secretary to the dean of women for the past five years, has resigned to accept a position teaching in Danville, Virginia.

Virginia Blain, '38, president of the Student Government Association last session, succeeds Miss Brown as assistant to Mrs Cook.

Julia Duke, '32, after teaching several years in the State Teachers College, Silver City, New Mexico, has just accepted a position as acting head of the physical education department in the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston, Louisiana.

## ALUMNAE RETURN

Eleanor M. Bobbitt, '36, was a recent visitor on the campus. Miss Bobbitt majored in English here and is now teaching English in the Clifton Park Junior High School in Baltimore.

Leslie Purnell, '38, is teaching Physical Education this year in Staunton and Waynesboro. Miss Purnell returned to the campus the week-end of October 8, when

she refereed the Old-Girl—New-girl basketball game.

Rebekah Bean, '38, who is teaching the first grade in Buchanan, Virginia, recently spent the week-end on the campus.

Josephine Acton, '38, now teaching near Norfolk, and Helen Shular, '38, now teaching in Waynesboro, were guests on the campus the week-end of October 15.

## MARRIAGES

*Class of 1921:* Gertrude Smith, of Java, Pittsylvania County, to Mr. Hezzie Anderson, of Long Island; in the home of Rev. E. Y. Poole, Lynchburg, June 23. Mrs. Anderson has been a member of the Schoolfield High School faculty.

*Class of 1927:* Helen Bernice Yates, of Harrisonburg, to Mr. Archibald A. McFayden, Jr., on July 12, in Shanghai, China. Mrs. McFayden has been a missionary under the Baptist Board. Mr. McFayden is in the Consular service.

*Class of 1930:* Robena Newman, of Dayton, to Mr. Carl Clinger Pennington, of Edom; in the Methodist Church, Harrisonburg, on August 22. Mrs. Pennington has taught school in Rockingham County for several years. Mr. Pennington is employed by the Rockingham Milling Company.

*Class of 1930:* Naomi Pearl Scott, of Port Republic, to Mr. Henry Hilton Almond, of McGaheysville; in the home of the bride, in September.

## OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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