
This article stresses the poor organization and inadequacy of fire drills and states that ninety percent of our schools are firetraps. In America there is an average of five fires a day in schools. The hazards and dangers of fires should be studied in schools, and students should be prepared to meet the fire emergency that sooner or later comes to every school. "A decent fire drill twice a month costs nothing and is the best device yet invented for getting children out of a 'quick burner' in time."


By request, President Hutchins reviews the arguments and states his position with regard to the report of the President's Advisory Committee on Education made last February. He deals especially with the arguments against federal support of education in the states, over control of education in the states through a Washington bureau, and with the time-honored principle of separation of church and state. Dr. Hutchins overcomes to his own satisfaction all the arguments against the recommendation for federal subsidy to carry on education in the states. His main argument centers around the inability of the southeastern states to support an adequate program for education and the fact that all the people in these states are Uncle Sam's children.

COLLEGE IS NO PLACE TO GET AN EDUCATION, by Albert Jay Nock. American Mercury, February, 1939.

Since the students of a certain college have started to voice their dissatisfaction with their professors, the author debunks all colleges for having professors who are "not men of all around culture" or of "first-rate intelligence." Ninety percent of our secondary and college pupils are not capable of education in the right sense of the word. Students will not attend college for fun and amusement when those institutions are run to accommodate only those capable of education. The writer quotes George Bernard Shaw, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach," and agrees with Shaw that the colleges are too democratic and equalizing in effect—that education is no longer regarded as an end in itself, but as a mechanical job getter.


It is the belief of American women that parents should make real sacrifices to send their children to high school and even to college. A degree of homework is wise for both elementary and high school pupils. For high school children not planning to attend college, vocational training should be increased. Children should have instruction in music and painting. Discipline in today's schools is about right. In giving employment, American women feel that too much stress is laid on a college education. If servants were given decent hours, attractive uniforms, and called "Miss," more girls would enter domestic service.


A new day demands a new education. A new America demands a new progressive system of education. Change is the keyword to this age, and the human body must be able to adjust itself. The Three R's are no longer sufficient; we must think in broader terms to prepare our children to meet the coming conditions of life, to prepare our children for complete living.


"For all who wish to learn" is the motto of the Denver Opportunity School. This amazing free school takes students of any race, age, or color who may study whatever they want to learn. There are no rules, grades, admission requirements, diplomas, or graduations (except in the accredited high school), but a card from this school is as good a recommendation as one can get. Its creed is a noteworthy one: "Unlimited faith in the capacity of every human being, if given a fighting chance, to become a self-sustaining, self-respecting, happy member of society."

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Dr. Theodore H. Jack, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, was the speaker at Madison's convocation exercises on Monday, March 20, when the officers of Student Government were installed.

Marguerite Bell, Suffolk, succeeded Lafayette Carr, Galax, as president of the Student Government Association. Other officers for the coming session are Marion Killinger, vice-president; Marlin Pence, secretary-treasurer; Eleanor Shorts, recorder of points; and Marie Smith, editor-in-chief of the Handbook.
Marie Walker, Kilmarnock, becomes president of Y. W. C. A. following Elizabeth Rawls, Norfolk; her associates are Geraldine Douglass, vice-president; Marjorie Proffitt, secretary; and Margaret Young, treasurer.

Frances Taylor, Ashland, is the successor of Mike Lyne, Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, as editor of the Breeze; associated with her as business manager for the year just beginning is Brooks Overton, of Sanford, N. C.

Anna Gordon Barrett, of Lynnhaven, has been elected editor of the 1940 School-ma'am, succeeding Jane Logan, Harrisonburg, who is editing the 1939 volume; the business manager of the 1940 annual will be Betty Thomas, Bedford.

Officers of the Athletic Association also take over their responsibilities next fall. Jean VanLandingham, Petersburg, will succeed Billie Powell, Hopewell, as president. Jane Pridham has been elected vice-president; Marjorie Pitts, business manager; Lorraine Fisher, treasurer; and Ruth Jobe, varsity cheer leader.

For the purpose of determining the rating of this institution as a representative of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, Dr. Katherine Rogers Adams, of Washington, chairman of the National Committee on Membership and Maintaining Standards of the A.A.U.W., recently visited Madison.

Madison is one of the colleges recommended by the American Association of Teachers Colleges to be examined by the American Association of University Women in considering whether or not members of the A.A.T.C. will be admitted to the list of colleges and universities approved by the A.A.U.W. The findings of this committee will be presented at the national meeting of the A.A.U.W., which will be held in June at Denver, Colorado.

Featuring the reunion of the classes of 1914, 1919, 1924, 1929 and 1934, the annual Home-coming celebration of Madison College Alumnae was held March 17 and 18. The entertainment program for the visiting alumnae opened on Friday night when Stratford Dramatic Club presented Noel Coward's "I'll Leave It To You." Entr'acte music was provided by the college orchestra.

Open House was held in Alumnae Hall, where old students and faculty members met. The annual Alumnae luncheon was on Saturday in Bluestone Dining Hall and was followed by a business meeting at which Mary Brown Allgood, Richmond, president of the Alumnae Association, presided. The class reunions were held Saturday afternoon. The festivities were climaxd by the Alumnae Dance at 8:30 p. m.

Madison ended its basketball season March 2 when the varsity squad won a 27-13 victory from the Shepherdstown Teachers of West Virginia.

Prior to this the home team had defeated the Salisbury, Maryland, Teachers 50-10, and Radford State Teachers 29-15. They played one of their strongest competitors when they met and defeated Farmville by a score of 24-19. One defeat, the 19-16 loss suffered at the hands of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and one tie, 22-22 with Westhampton, conclude the other scores.

Bright and early the morning of February 17, the junior class appeared on campus dressed in golden money bag jackets and coin hats, announcing that they were the gold diggers of 1940. Their slogan: "Digging for a Golden Opportunity." Virginia Gordon Hall, class president, conducted the morning assembly which featured the talents of several members of the junior class.

The class officers besides Miss Hall are: Almeda Greyard, Norfolk, vice-president; Nellie Dunston, Norfolk, business manager;
Geraldine Lillard, Madison, treasurer; Corrinne Carson, Sterling, sergeant-at-arms, and Anna Miller, Jerome, secretary.

At luncheon the class received favors from the others classes; in the evening a banquet was followed by an entertaining program in Reed Gymnasium.

Transformed into a veritable ice palace, with music by Roy Hicks and his Winter Carnival orchestra, Reed Gym was the scene of the German Club Winter Dances on Saturday, February 18. Dressed in snowy white, the German members with their dates danced the figure in a wonderland at the card dance at 8:30 p. m.

Virginia Hull, Goshen, president, with her date, Charles Burks Griffin, Denton, N. C., led the figure, followed by Sammyle White, vice-president, Chattam, and her date, Bobby Pence of Harrisonburg.

Next appeared Tish Holler, New Jersey secretary, and her partner, Bud McNelly, of Rutgers University. Jean Norwood, Chase City, with her escort, James Cowen, from Washington, followed.

Margaret Clarke, Norfolk, business manager, and her date, Ed Church, Salisbury, N. C., preceded Ruth Hardesty, Shepherdstown, sergeant-at-arms, with her partner, Woodward Marsh, from Arlington.

The famous Roth String Quartet was heard Monday night, February 20, in Wilson Hall. Composed of four young Hungarian virtuosoi, all from the same school, all born in the same country, the quartet possessed extraordinary unity of mind, spirit, and temperament.

The performance included some of the world’s masterpieces of chamber music, by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Wolf, Tschaikowsky, and Debussy.

Feri Roth, first violin and founder of the group, Jeno Antal, second violin, Ferenc Molnar, viola, and Janos Scholz, cello, have enjoyed ten years of concert achievement.

The Madison College Orchestra was recently organized as a complete unit of college activity. The officers of the organization are: Geraldine Douglass, Grottoes, president; Ruth Spitzer, Harrisonburg, vice-president; Lillian Knight, Buffalo Ridge, secretary-treasurer; Louise McNair, Hollender, librarian; Margaret Eaton, Suffolk, publicity manager, and Clifford T. Marshall, conductor.

According to its newly drafted constitution, the purpose of the orchestra is “to perpetuate the musical activities of our college, to represent the highest ideals in college work and general activities, and to maintain high standards of interest and achievement in orchestral work.”

Started by Mr. Marshall with eight pieces in 1937, the orchestra now has 24 members, and plays for various college activities.

Margaret Young, Lynchburg, was presented in an organ recital in Wilson Auditorium on Saturday, March 4. She is the pupil of Professor Clifford T. Marshall, of the music faculty, and was assisted by the two-piano team of Geraldine Douglass and Marie Walker, who played “Waltzes, Opus 39” by Brahms.

Following the recital there was an informal reception given in Alumni Hall. Included in Young’s program were “Fugue in G-Dur” by Bach; “Andante Cantabile” by Tschaikowsky; “The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre” by Russell, written in three movements—Andante, Maestoso and Adagio; “Symphony Number 5” by Widor in five movements.

Dr. Edward N. Calisch, Rabbi of the Congregation Beth Ahabah, of Richmond, spoke on the “National Conference of Jews and Christians,” in chapel recently. “A wholesome religious life can be one of the biggest contributions to a democratic government,” he said, explaining that the purpose of the national conference is to “make America safe for religious differences.”
"Religious intolerance is one of the crudest, most destructive forces in human emotions. It has established in foreign countries war, disorder, and exile. Germany's false accusations against the Jews would charge them with undermining German ideals."

Of all the Nobel awards given up to the time of the World War, Rabbi Calisch pointed out, Germany led all other nations with 37 awards, of which 12 were received by Jews.

The question, "Resolved: that the United States should cease spending public funds (including credit) for the purpose of stimulating business," was examined by the Madison College Debating Team in two non-decision debates recently.

The first, with Hampden-Sydney, was held in Wilson Auditorium February 25; the second, with Bridgewater College, was at Bridgewater February 28. Geraldine Ailstock, Clifton Forge, and Aileen Brillhart, Troutville, upheld the affirmative side of the question against Hampden-Sydney, and on the same evening, Maria Bowman, Staunton, and Marjorie Pitts, Smootz, represented the negative side against Hampden-Sydney. Jane Lynn, Manassas, and Earle Hitt, Heywood, composed the affirmative team against Bridgewater.

Approximately one hundred and fifty honor roll students were guests February 16 at a tea given in Alumnae Hall by Kappa Delta Pi, honor society in education. In the receiving line were Jane Lynn, Elizabeth Alexander, Janet Miller, Dot Sears, Mildred Garnett, club officers, and Miss Katherine M. Anthony and Dr. W. J. Gifford, sponsors.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Miss Sue Ayres, '31, supervisor of the Prince William county schools, was chosen to serve as secretary of the Virginia Coun-

ELIZABETH GREENE PAGE, of Coke, Gloucester Co., president of the class of '16, writes: "I wish I could be back at 'Blue Stone Hill' for Home-coming, but I can not yet. Cecil, Jr., is a freshman at V. M. I. I am proud of him, as he made the Honor Roll for the first term. Betty Nelson, 10 years old, is also doing well at school in Gloucester. Give my best love to all the old girls who knew me."

MARRIAGE

CLASS OF 1935

Helen Irby, of Blackstone, to John M. Pilcher, of Petersburg, on February 11 in the Crenshaw Methodist Church, Blackstone.

Mrs. Pilcher taught in the public schools in Covington, Virginia, and in Capitol Heights, Maryland. Mr. Pilcher, after receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees from V.P.I., engaged in research work at Battile Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, where both are now.

The engagement of Marion Elizabeth Huffman, '38, of City Point, to Charles Edward Powell, of Petersburg, was announced recently. The marriage will take place in April.

Announcement has also been made of the approaching marriage of Helen Willis, '38, to Joseph Howerton, of Lynchburg, in June. This year Helen has taught in the Amherst elementary grades.

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