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SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS

The Frank McEntee Players of the Shakespearean Playhouse in New York gave performances in the open air theatre July 22 and 23. Their two Shakespearean programs were of a nature never before witnessed here, and consisted of scenes chosen from Shakespeare's better known plays. The Thursday evening entertainment consisted of scenes from *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Friday afternoon comedies were presented, including scenes from *Twelfth Night*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *As You Like It*.

The Irish plays had never before been seen here. John Millington Synge's *Riders to the Sea*, a stark tragedy, was given first, followed by Synge's somewhat amusing but also serious *In the Shadow of the Glen*. The program of Irish plays closed with Lady Gregory's clever little comedy, *The Rising of the Moon*.

Adele Klaer showed the most decided talent among the actors, and scored with her *Rosalind and Lady Macbeth*. She was equally good as the old woman in "Riders to the Sea."

Monday and Tuesday mornings prior to the arrival of the McEntee Players Miss Cleveland and Conrad T. Logan spoke at assembly on the Shakespearean comedies and on the Irish movement in literature, respectively, in order that students might be the more familiar with the plays.

One of the activities of the last week of the first summer term was the exhibition in Science Hall Wednesday night, July 28. Visitors found

**An Excellent Exhibit**

a most attractive display of handwork, posters, fancy articles and home decorations, as well as drawings and paper cuttings, etc., all representing the work done by students of Miss Anye Allison, of Richmond. Miss Allyson's exhibit was highly complimented by all who saw it. At the same time W. D. Smith's classes in nature study offered an exhibit of their work, including collections

of flowers and insects native to this region. The work of the manual training classes, under the direction of A. K. Hopkins, made another attractive feature of the summer session exhibit, and consisted of sixteen handsome cedar chests.

Speaking as a representative of the Department of Justice, Miss Florence Rohr, of Washington, presented in most striking fashion some of the problems that confront the people of American in their seeming efforts to combat the high cost of living. Miss Rohr addressed students of the first term of the summer session the morning of July 13. She urged the teachers of Virginia who made up their audience to accept as their motto "plain living and high thinking."

Miss Rohr stated that the population of the United States had increased 75 percent in the last 25 years, and that during that time the amount of money spent for millinery had increased 900 percent. The money spent on ready-made garments had increased during the same period 1,000 percent.

Mouth Hygiene Unit No. 1 of the United States Public Health Service, composed of Major H. B. Butler and Nurse Verna B. Thtrnhill, spent the week, July 12-17, in Harrisonburg giving demonstrations at a free dental clinic, and also talking at assembly period each day on various phases of the health problem in our public schools as it is affected by oral hygiene.

Miss Mary G. Shotwell, director of the educational division, war loan organization, of the Fifth Federal Reserve District, spoke at assembly July 21 on "Thrift." She is assisting in efforts now being made to have the teaching of thrift included in the regular course of study.

The faculty of the first summer term included twelve men and eighteen women, and the student body numbered 604., an increase of 68 students over the term of 1919.

**Facts and Figures**

For the second summer term, 1920, now nearing its end, there are fifteen members of the faculty, nine of them men. The enrollment for the second term is 142 as compared with 125 for the second term,

1919. These figures indicate President Duke's interest in the matter of average student load per teacher, and also show why the second term offers such a good opportunity for serious and profitable study. Classes are much smaller than in the first term.

Dr. Henry A. Converse, registrar, chairman of the appointments committee, has had no difficulty in placing practically all of the graduates of the Harrisonburg State Normal School in teaching positions for the coming winter. Graduates of 1920 have almost uniformly been offered salaries of not less than \$900 for the nine months' work, while graduates with the B. S. degree from this institution have in some cases accepted salaries paying in excess of \$1500.

Under the terms of the appropriation bill of the last General Assembly \$3,000 was allowed for supplies and equipment in physics, chemistry, and biology laboratories. These supplies are now being received and put in position for the coming winter term.

Recent improvements about the campus have included the renovation of the infirmary and the addition of the sunparlor. This new room is on the second floor, leading off Miss Myers' office, and overlooks the driveway.

All buildings are now receiving a coat of paint, and additional equipment recently purchased is being set up in the service building.

Forty-three members of Girls' Canning Clubs from Richmond and northern Virginia spent the week of August 7 to 14 in Spottswood Hall, and while here received a special course of instruction. The girls were the guests of the Normal School on Monday night following their arrival, being treated to an excellent moving picture entertainment; and on Friday afternoon they were the guests of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce at a picnic to Rawley Springs.

In charge of the party were Miss Martha

D. Dinwiddie, of Charlottesville, and Miss Mary Ferris, of Richmond, district agents in the home demonstration work in Virginia. Instruction was also given by four county home demonstration agents, Miss Anna Jones, of Charles City county; Miss Edith Minor, of New Kent county; Miss Dorothy Seward, of Orange county; and Miss Lillian Truman, of Alleghany county. Specialists from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute were Miss Grace Townley, home economics; Miss Hallie Hughes, State Girls' Club leader; and Miss Bess Hodsdon, poultry specialist. Miss Julia Robertson, home economics, and Mrs. Jas. C. Johnston, physical education, members of the Harrisonburg faculty, also gave instruction to the canning club girls.

Excavations are now about completed for the erection of the new central heating plant, construction of which was authorized at the last session of the General Assembly of Virginia. This building will be situated just in the rear of the present service building behind Harrison Hall. It will have a railway switch connection with the Chesapeake Western Railway, and coal will thus be brought from the mine straight to the boilers. The structure is costing about \$60,000.

For the first time examinations prepared, not by the State Department of Education, but by instructors who gave the courses, were offered teachers who applied for the first and second grade certificates July 29 and 30. More than 250 applicants for certificates took the examinations at the Harrisonburg High School building.

With few exceptions, teachers are earnest, conscientious, faithful. Not in any field does greater devotion or a finer spirit of self-sacrificing endeavor animate guardians of the public's most precious possessions. The value to society of the true teacher is beyond all price.—Jesse F. Millspaugh.