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Get the Big Christmas Number, Another Treat

KABLES DEFEAT A. M. A. AND WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

GREAT HOLIDAY CROWD OUT FOR FOOTBALL CLASSIC

S. M. A. Twice Crosses Blue and White
Goal, Winning 12-7

GAME REPLETE WITH SENSATIONS

Scoring Runs by Harsh and Hinz of S.
M. A. and Leech of A. M. A.;
Prather, Moses and Westgate
Shone on Defense

Staunton Daily Leader

Once again the Blue and White was vanquished by the Blue and Gold. With colors trailing in the dust, the cadet corps of Augusta

Military Academy, escorting their defeated gridiron warriors, retreated last night to Fort Defiance, their departure a depressing contrast to their triumphantly confident entry into the stronghold of Staunton Military Academy earlier in the day. With true sportsmanship, their successful rivals for the football championship of Virginia preparatory schools cheered their departing foes, who fought a good fight, but lost.

S. M. A. took the lead when Harsh got away for a 45 yard run and a touchdown near the opening of the great annual Thanksgiving struggle here with Rollers, but a

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S. M. A.'S IRON BOUND CLAIM TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Results Speak for Themselves,
Read the Records

WAYNESBORO WOULD 'QUESTION' OUR CLAIM—GOOD JOKE

They Have Not Claim to an Ar-
gument Even—This Article
May Pacify

(At the request of the Staunton Dailies, the *News* and *Leader*, Lieut. Cook has written this article, which was in a way intended as an answer

to a "question" of our claim from Waynesboro).

S. M. A.'s Record

S. M. A., 20. W. F., 9.
S. M. A., 6; W. & L., 20.
S. M. A., 16; Massanutten, 13.
S. M. A., 0; U. of Va. Freshmen,
23.

S. M. A., 25; Randolph-Macon, 0.
S. M. A., 12; F. M. S., 13.
S. M. A., 12; A. M. A., 7.

A. M. A.'s Record

A. M. A., 59; S. V. A., 0.
A. M. A., 28; W. & L. Fresh-
men, 0.
A. M. A., 14; F. M. S., 6.
A. M. A., 14; W. F., 0.
A. M. A., 27; Greenbrier, 0.
A. M. A., 50; V. S. D. B., 0.

A. M. A., 7; S. M. A., 12.
F. M. S.'s Record
 F. M. S., 6; R.-M., 21.
 F. M. S., 7; W. F., 54.
 F. M. S., 6; A. M. A., 13.
 F. M. S., 0; Episcopal High, 20.
 F. M. S., 13; S. M. A., 12.

Other Games

Episcopal High, 7; Randolph-Macon, 0.

Episcopal High, 12; Woodberry Forst, 7.

Woodberry Forest, 32; Lynchburg High, 0.

A close study of the above scores will reveal the fact that S. M. A. has been beaten but once by a team in its class, Fishburne's, and furthermore, that the schedule has included the best teams from the preparatory class, and two good teams, W. & L. Scrubs, and the Virginia Freshmen, out of its class. That A. M. A. has been beaten but once by a team in its class, S. M. A.'s and has played two teams out of the Association, W. and L. Freshmen and Greenbrier. That F. M. S. has been beaten four times by teams in its class, and has won one game only, and that by the narrow margin of one point, from S. M. A. As we look more searchingly,

we note that F. M. S. has played five games, while A. M. A. and S. M. A. have played seven.

What claim has F. M. S. to the championship of prep. schools? They have played five games only, and have won but one, by one point. S. M. A., the only team over which they were victorious, has atoned for this overwhelming (?) defeat by winning from three of the four teams, R.-M., W. F., and A. M. A., which have defeated F. M. S. Furthermore, S. M. A. has defeated R.-M. by a much larger score than Episcopal High, the fourth team to give F. M. S. a drubbing. Why didn't F. M. S. play Massanutten, a team that S. M. A. won from, and get another trouncing? We don't know, but they didn't. Let's inquire into Fishburne's victory over S. M. A. In the first place Fishburne made one touchdown, a test of a team's scoring ability, to S. M. A.'s two, then the last quarter of the game was played in almost total darkness, when it was impossible to distinguish a human being to say nothing about the football. The Fishburne lads played for time and darkness and procrastinated enough to get away with that contest, but

when it comes to claiming the championship, it takes more than one game, won by one small point.

An idea of the calibre of the Fishburne team can be had by reading some of the articles prior to the S. M. A. game when they were bemoaning the fact that everyone seemed to be walloping them this year. Now since they have one game to their credit, they are trying to "question" S. M. A.'s right to their claim, when S. M. A. has played a hard schedule, consistent football, and has backed their football team all season—and, by the way, the team did not need much backing, results spoke. The sportsmanlike thing for the Waynesboro people to do is to haul down their flag, and give in to the inevitable, for any fair-minded person can easily see that their claim is worthless. Wait for another year.

What claim has A. M. A. to the championship? Certainly more than the Fishburnes, but not a better one than S. M. A. If we exclude the two teams played out of the Association, W. and L. Freshmen and Greenbrier, five teams are left, S. V. A., F. M. S., W. F., V. S. D. B., and S. M. A. Among these five ap-

pear two, W. F. and F. M. S., one of which S. M. A. has defeated by one touchdown more than A. M. A., and the other, F. M. S., won from S. M. A., 13-12. The Kables made as many touchdowns against Fishburnes as did Rollers, and held them to one touchdown, the game was lost, as all fans know, by the failure on the part of S. M. A. to kick its goals after touchdowns, and won for Fishburne, by the kicking of one man—Snedegar.

Now, disregarding the S. M. A. game, there are two teams yet that Rollers have won from by large scores, S. V. A. and V. S. D. B. The writer has read the papers constantly and carefully in the hope of seeing some noteworthy accomplishment of S. V. A., but since the Roller game, he has not found record of their playing a game even. As for the V. S. D. B. team, the S. M. A. second team has twice defeated it. Two strong prep. teams, which Rollers have not played, are the R.-M. and Massanutten. Therefore, since they did not win from the S. M. A. aggregation on Thanksgiving, I can hardly see where they have a claim. Let it be said here that the Roller

team has laid no claim to the championship as yet, that the "question" is coming from the other direction—Waynesboro.

What claim has S. M. A. to the championship? Following are the extracts from HILL TOPICS, the S. M. A. weekly, which were printed before the Thanksgiving game, and show our standpoint exactly. We were willing to rest our claim with the Big Game. We won that, and no one who saw the battle would be so bold as to say that Fishburne could have won from S. M. A., or that the best team did not win.

"Much concern has been exhibited by the cadets and many questions have been asked about our chances for the championship.

"If we can beat Rollers we will have a better chance than any other team. Our team has played consistent football and has had a very hard schedule. We have been beaten but once by a team in our class—Fishburnes—and we have a stronger claim than it, for we have walloped two teams which have been victorious over it, and if we defeat Rollers we shall have a three way claim of superiority.

"Again, Fishburne is not to be con-

sidered, as their season closed with the S. M. A. game, and also, their margin of victory was not great enough to give them any special distinction. Rollers is the team we must battle with for honors. If it beats us we will have absolutely no chance for the championship. If we overcome it we shall have the strongest of claims.

"We have a good chance for highest honors; it all depends on the outcome of the Thanksgiving game."

In closing, I wish to say that the letter in the *News* from our Waynesboro friend attracted my attention for the simple reason that it was in print, and, of course, on being read by those who have not kept a strict account of the teams' records, would be likely to raise the same "question" in their minds. This article is printed here for their benefit, and is in no way intended to be the second of a series of articles on the "Disputed Championship."

We did our playing and certainly our record speaks for itself. If Waynesboro makes any noise, the football record certainly won't deafen anyone. And my advice to the correspondent is to get the facts when he writes about football.

J. C. COOK.

GREAT HOLIDAY CROWD OUT FOR FOOTBALL CLASSIC

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sensational run by Captain Leech, A. M. A.'s star quarterback, and his successful goal kick, put the Ft. Defiance eleven in the lead 7 to 7. Kables put over the winning score in the last period, Hinz being the third man to cross the Roller goal this year. The final tally was 12 to 7, Captain Prather having failed on both S. M. A.'s tries for goal.

A Great Game

It was a great game—the closest and most hotly contested seen between these two old rivals for several years, and Kables at one stroke wiped out her defeat at the hands of F. M. S. this year and that in '14 by Rollers. The victory of the Blue and Gold undeniably gives Staunton Military Academy the title of State preparatory school champion.

Everything conspired to make the game the biggest and most interesting football event of years. Both schools had turned out teams of championship strength; each eleven entered the fray with a do or die

spirit; with the result that there was not a lagging moment; Dame Nature was at her best, smiling skies, with just enough of a cold tinge to put life into the players, greeting the immense holiday crowd which surrounded the S. M. A. gridiron, and interest was sustained until the last moment of a contest which for a demonstration of good football has seldom been surpassed here. The crowd which saw A. M. A. humbled for the seventh time by S. M. A. in ten years is estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500.

Inspiring Sight

The sight as Referee Cub Bear, ex-star of V. P. I. in the days when the Techs were in the habit of trailing Virginia colors in the dust, sounded the opening whistle of the "classic of Valley athletic events" was such a one as only a championship football fray can furnish. On three sides of the gridiron was line after line of people—on foot, in buggies and automobile, in trees and on fences. On one side were lined up the cheering Kable cadets, responding unceasingly to the orders of their cheer leaders, with band music drowned in the noise of vocalism.

Across the field were the Ft. Defiance lads, with old Stonewall Brigade Band to aid them in cheering their team to the victory which seemed sure to be theirs, for had not the Blue and White piled up 192 points this season against the Blue and Gold's 79? Each team had its citizen following; pretty girls with waving banners were on every side, and many a feminine heart was a-flutter as the tide of battle turned this way and then that.

In a game replete with sensations, it was manifest from the beginning that the winner could not be picked until the last shrill of the time-keeper's whistle. S. M. A. won the toss, and Captain Prather chose to receive with his back to the south goal. In five minutes after Leech booted the leather for the opening kick-off, the hilltoppers had the ball in the very shadow of A. M. A.'s goal, and a touchdown seemed a certainty, but Rollers held and soon were out of danger. It was in the 2nd period when Harsh staged the first sensation, going straight through A. M. A.'s line for 45 yards and a touchdown. Prather failed to kick goal, and this gave Rollers

the lead when Leech, receiving the kick-off, set the crowd wild with a 58-yard run. Moran tackling him on the 25 yard line, but in vain, as soon the goal was crossed, Leech's goal-kick making the score 7 to 6. In the last period, S. M. A. went determinedly to work, Hinz finally getting away for a pretty end run and the winning touchdown.

Triumph for Team and Coach

The outcome of the game was a triumph not only for the Kable team, but for its coach, Lieut. Cook, a former Annapolis star, his assistants, Wallace and Kyle, and the captain of the eleven, Fullback Prather, whose cool head steadied the Blue and Gold team in the most trying moments, while his splendid defensive work broke up play after play. Prather, injured badly in previous games with college teams, let his team-mates, Harsh, Hinz and Bridges, carry off the honors of the victory, but a big share in the glory is his. While the backs were in the lime-light, the S. M. A. linemen bore the brunt of the fray when A. M. A. had the ball, and the entire team is due credit for its best game, and

the cleanest and hardest of the season.

A. M. A.'s bright particular star was Leech, captain and quarterback, though Brooks, a Staunton boy, shone with him in both offensive and defensive work, while Rawlings, also of this city, made substantial gains. There was no lack of good team-work in Roller's part, and at times it seemed that they were out-playing Kables, but the better team won in the end.

Game by Downs

Leech kicked off to Harsh, who was downed on his own 25 yd. line. Hinz made 9 1-2 yards, Harsh 8 around right end, Prather 1 through center, and Hinz 9 through tackle. S. M. A. is penalized 15 yards for holding, and Moran punts to Leech, who on the first down makes 6 yards from A. M. A.'s 30 yard line. Stratton fumbled, and Prather captured the ball on A. M. A.'s 35-yard line. Hinz 4 yards, Bridges 5 yards, Harsh 1 yard, Hinz no gain, Harsh 11 yards, Bridges no gain, Harsh 3 yards and then 2, these gains putting the ball on A. M. A.'s 10 yard line. Bridges attempted a forward pass to Westgate on S. M. A.'s 4th

down, but failed, and the ball went over. Leech sneaks through 4 yards, Rawlings hits the line for 3, Stratton for 5, and Rawlings is downed with no gain. S. M. A. is penalized for 5, and gains of 4, 7, and 1 yards by Leech, Rawlings and Leech again follow. Rawlings fumbles, but regains, then makes 4 yards, then 5, Leech creeping forward 1 as the 1st quarter ends, score 0 to 0.

2nd Quarter

A. M. A. has the ball on S. M. A.'s 39 yard line, and Leech reels off 10 yards around S. M. A.'s right end. Davis fumbles and Westgate gathers up the ball for S. M. A., on his own 35 yard line, Harsh Hinz and Bridges carry the ball for consistent gains, the latter getting through once for 15 yards, followed after a 3 yard down by Hinz with a 45 yard lightning run by Harsh for the first touchdown. Prather fails on goal kick. Score, S. M. A. 6; A. M. A. 0.

Prather kicks off to Leech, who shoots through the charging S. M. A. line as though out of a cannon, Moran stopping him on the S. M. A. 25 yard line after a 58 yard run. Stratton, Rawlings and Brooks made

11 yards, and the S. M. A. line holding. Leech attempts a forward pass, blocked by Prather. Stratton makes a free fumble, thereby gaining 1st down. With four more tries and but 10 yards to go, Leech finally gets over for the tying score. Score, A. M. A. 7; S. M. A. 6.

Hinz returns Leech's kick-off for 15 yards to his own 25 yard line, and Harsh, Hinz, Bridges and Prather had put the ball on the 50 yard line as the half ended.

2nd Half

Brooks received Prather's kick on his own 25 yard line and on the 1st down makes 35 yards around left end. A. M. A. is penalized 5 yards for an offside. Leech makes 9 yards, Rawlings 6, Stratton 4, and a forward pass by Brooks fails. Davis is thrown for a 4 yard loss, and Leech punts. S. M. A.'s ball, 20 yard line. Harsh 1 yard, Hinz 10 and 1, Harsh no gain, then 2 yards. Moran punts 30 yards, Leech receiving without gain. Rawlings 9 yards, Stratton 5, Leech 6, Brooks 1, Stratton 3, Brooks 1. A forward pass by Leech fails, Rawlings fails to gain, and Leech punts to Hinz, who advances 20 yards to S. M. A.'s 40

yard line. Harsh makes 2 yards, Hinz loses 5, and Harsh makes 1; Moran punts to A. M. A.'s 30 yard line. Brooks 4 yards, Leech loses 1 yard, Rawlings no gain. End of 3rd period.

4th Period.

A. M. A.'s ball on own 32 yd. line, 4th down. Leech punts, Harsh receiving on S. M. A.'s 40 yd. line without gain. Hinz 3 yards, Harsh no gain. A. M. A. is penalized 15 yards for holding. Harsh 5 yards Bridges 2, and then 10. Hinz 2 yards, then no gain, Harsh 5 yards, Bridges 2, and then 10. Hinz 2 yards, then no gain, Harsh making 7, followed by Hinz's off tackle drive for the winning touchdown. Moran punts out to Prather, who fails on goal kick. Score, S. M. A., 12; A. M. A., 7.

Davis receives kickoff on own 28 yard line. Brooks makes 3 yards. Stratton no gain, then 3 yards and Rawlings gets away for 20 yards, Leech makes 5, then 10 on a forward pass to Barger. A. M. A. penalty 5 yards. Brooks doubling it on a line plunge. Leech 8 yards, Stratton no gain, Rawlings 2 yards, and then is thrown for a yard loss by Prather.

Leech attempts a forward pass with no success, then makes one yard. Rollers' last chance has come, and the supreme effort is made, with Leech's forward pass to Balthis, which with 15 yards to go on the last down, nets but 5 yards. The ball goes over, and the game is won, Bridges, Harsh and Hinz carrying the ball to the middle of the field, Harsh making a 20 yard run as the game ends.

Line-ups:

A. M. A.		S. M. A.	
Robinson	.....R. E.	.....	Westgate
Barger	.....R. T.	.....	Moses
Robbins	.....R. G.	.....	Wright
Sanders	.....G.	.....	Emde
Hogshead, W.	...L. G.	...Kingsbury	
Hawkins	.....L. T.	.....Covington	
Davis, E.	.....L. E.	.....Moran	
Leech, (Capt.)	...Q. B.	.....Bridges	
Brooks	.....R. H.	.....Hinz	
Stratton	.....F. B.	....Prather	
Rawlings	.....L. H.	.....Harsh	

Substitutions—A. M. A: Balthis for Stratton, Rodrigues for Balthis, Stratton for Balthis, Balthis for Rodrigues, Antrim for Brooks. S. M. A. —No substitutions.

Officials—Mr. Bear, V. P. I., referee; Mr. Smith, W. & L., umpire; Dr. Vance, U. Va., time-keeper; Mr

Landes, U. Va., headlinesman. Time of play, 15 minute quarters.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Fishbarne "Taps"

In the race for the championship in the preparatory schools of the State of Virginia, we find a very complicated affair that will take a much more athletic inclined brain than ours to figure out. However, in this column we will endeavor to express our opinion, weed out as many of the eligible schools as possible and leave to the ones that remain the task of fighting it out for themselves.

We see a great deal of late in regard to the championship in the columns of our contemporary the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* in regard to the claim the John Marshall High School, of that city, has to claiming this title. Here we find our first rub, and ask the question, what, where, when and how, can they possibly claim the championship. The John Marshall High School has not played a single representative preparatory school that is eligible to the championship from our way of looking at the

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HILL TOPICS appears in the same form as it did Thanksgiving. In that issue, comparisons and summaries, etc., were printed, but we couldn't at the time be quite sure of the outcome of the game. Of course we had a very good idea, and so did Rollers, but now we *know*, we were *all there* when it happened. And yell! Say

wasn't it glorious? How does it feel to be champions?

Well, here's HILL TOPICS' idea. For every copy of Thanksgiving HILL TOPICS sent away from here, should go one of this issue to the same address, telling of HOW WE DID WIN and OUR CLAIM FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. This is the dope you have before you.

Naturally, every subscriber will be furnished a copy. All you cadets who bought extra copies of Thanksgiving Number be sure to get one of this *after Thanksgiving* issue, for you do not want to leave the outcome uncertain, but rather you want it *bound hard and tight* with the expectational part.

The price for extra copies will be ten cents to everyone. This because of the extra expense of the Big Issue, and as a fund for the Big Xmas Number. Mail all remittances to the editor, J. C. Cook. Postage will be prepaid.

Much of the present issue is copied from the *Staunton Daily Leader*, and thanks are expressed to the editors of that paper, who, at all times, show a deep interest in the Kable cadets.

This dope has been copied mainly for three reasons: first, because of quality; second, because everyone else was too excited to keep a strict account of the game; and third, because this material, coming from a neutral source, will have more weight with out-of-town subscribers, and also the exchanges, as they would naturally expect the S. M. A. cadets to see everything with S. M. A. eyes.

The mighty Prather! Dependable "Ole Hoss."

Coach Cook, having been asked his opinion on the All State Selection for Prep. Schools, has urged Prather, Hinz, Harsh, Moses, and Westgate, of S. M. A., and Leech, of A. M. A., as candidates. Surely these men ought to find a berth, and notice will be given if any or all are accepted.

We know of six more S. M. A. boys who were of All State calibre—for all we care. They are Emde, Kingsbury, Covington, Wright, Moran, and Bridges—the remainder of our team which beat Roller's.

Basketball next!

Banquets and Possum Hunts are now in order!

Bridges as quarterback in the Roller game showed that he had the brains as well as the pep and fight which have characterized his playing the entire season. Nary a blunder did he make. Good boy, Bridges.

Our next game is with—
 H'm— let's see— Well I'll swan!— Derved if we hain't beat everybody, or else otherwise disposed of 'em! Bein' champeens is shore some punkins!

Chaplin Shanghied in Staunton

Taken by force from the Art Theatre a few nights ago was seen going in the direction of the famous Military School. We hope he will be liberated in time to see his latest production to be shown at the Art Friday.

Able: "Why is a ladder like a prize fight?"

Simmons: "I don't know."

Able: "Because it is made up of rounds."

Hinz and Harsh Have Great Fun Chasing Cotton Tail!

Bre'r Rabbit Escapes from Thanksgiving Box Sent Moses from His Home in Texas; Westgate Falls on Molly

Hinz and Harsh are two ten second's men—did you see their asbestos shoes? They were warmed up before the game by chasing a Texas cotton tail, which jumped from Moses's Thanksgiving box from home, as Moses pulled out some turkey and sweets. Bre'r Rabbit possibly was drawn into the box by the lettuce and other dainties, cherished by Molly cotton tails, (especially the Texas ones who for the most part live on onions, which is about the only vegetable grown there). At any rate he was *in that box*, and he jumped out when it was opened and broke on a dead run down the hill. Harsh and Hinz galloped after him, stepped on him several times, until finally they chased him back toward the Barracks, where Westgate, who had been attracted by the noise, fell on the poor creature like he was a football. In

this way Westgate was put in good trim for recovering fumbles. When caught, the rabbit was quite out of breath, while Hinz and Harsh were fresh as daises—in good trim for the *real rabbit race*, which culminated in the capturing of the *Roller Turkey*.—How odd!

Moses took the rabbit to his room, went to his trunk and got a great big Texas onion, which he gave him to eat, and the cotton tail was last reported as, *recovering rapidly, and feeling quite at home*.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF HILL TOPICS

HILL TOPICS, the S. M. A. weekly, was issued in special form this week, the Thanksgiving number being in book form, prettily bound and profusely illustrated. It was devoted principally to the A. M. A.-S. M. A. football game, and it undoubtedly did much toward strengthening the spirit of the Blue and Gold team and of the cadet corps for the big contest. HILL TOPICS is under the direction of Head Coach Cook, and is a live school paper.

—*Stanton Daily Leader*.

SOCIAL ITEMS

THANKSGIVING HOP A TREAT TO CADETS AND GUESTS

Another delightful dance was added to the long list of such affairs given by the Social Club of Staunton Military Academy, when on Thursday night the Thanksgiving hop was enjoyed in the big mess hall of the academy. The hall was as usual effectively decorated, the color scheme being blue. Splendid music was furnished by the Beverley orchestra, and the dance was continued until 1:30 a. m.

Among the guests of the cadets were: Maj. and Mrs. F. M. Sizer. Maj. and Mrs. R. W. Wonson. Maj. and Mrs. L. L. Sutherland. Prof. and Mrs. Thos. Beardsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Bayles, Mrs. S. W. Pitcher, Mrs. C. K. Hoge, Mrs. Julia Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Timberlake, Mrs. R. A. Logan, Mrs. J. M. Spotts, Mrs. L. K. Mooers. Lt. and Mrs. McLean, Lt. and Mrs. Cook, Maj. and Mrs. Acker.

Misses Letitia Johnson, of Birmingham, Mary Preston Hanger, Helen Mooers, Charlotte Spotts, Catherine Holt, Page Hughes, Laura Wise, Evelyn Hoge, Ellen Howison, Helen Patterson, Elsie Morris, Carrie Sublett, Mary Braxton, Margaret Lynn Templeton, Fair Searson, Mary Sue Bowman.

Besides many of the cadets, and members of the faculty, there were from the city Mayor H. H. Wayt, R. E. R. Nelson, McCue Marshall, Philip Payne, Thomas Holt, Walton Opie, H. L. Opie, Ralph Crosby, Frank Clemmer, John Gallagher, Rodes Nelson, and F. W. Lykes, of Norfolk.

—*Stanton Daily Leader*.

Hager: "McNutt, I know where we can get a good chicken dinner for fifteen cents."

McNutt: "Where?"

Hager: "At the feed store."

Harsh: "Did you ever hear the story of a spark cell?"

Moran: "Nope."

Harsh: "Shocking."

—*The Rambler*.

CADETS CELEBRATE AT BIG BANQUET

Topping off their great victory on the gridiron, the cadets of Staunton Military Academy sat down to a great Thanksgiving feast in the school mess hall Thursday, immediately after the Roller game. Military restraint had been removed for the time and a more joyous or more enthusiastic scene than that at the banquet is seldom staged. The football heroes were there, of course, and it was their hour—cheer after cheer shook the hall, each member of the team coming in for the approbation of the cadets. Music furnished for the dinner was drowned by the tremendous and continued ovation accorded Coach Cook and his men.

But the footballists did not entirely monopolize the cheers of the cadets—Capt. Thos. Kivlighan, school commissary, and as such, host for the occasion, received as whole-hearted and enthusiastic commendation as the men who trailed A. M. A.'s colors in the dust. He had provided a banquet for the corps which could not have been surpassed.

Here is what the cadets ate for Thanksgiving dinner:

Oyster Cocktail Chicken Salad
Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
Old Virginia Ham
Asparagus On Toast — Celery
Mince Pie—Cake
Ice Cream
Crackers and Cheese—Café Noir
Fruit—Nuts—Candy
—*Staunton Daily Leader*

Ferrell in Charlottesville hired a cab for two hours. The cabby drove so fast that Ferrell was scared.

"Don't drive so recklessly," he said to the cabby. "I'm in no hurry."

"Aw, g'wan wid yez," replied the cabby. "Do you think I'm going to spend the whole day driving you around for two hours."

—*Exchange.*

Little Edna: "Why wouldn't it do to pray for our bread once a week or once a month? Why must we ask every day for our daily bread?"

Older Sister: "So as to have it fresh, goosey."

—*Exchange.*

LATEST NEWS FROM CITY OF WAYNESBORO

News Correspondent Gracefully Yields Championship Honors to S. M. A.

Staunton Daily News

In answer to Lt. Cook's Article on "S. M. A.'s Iron Bound Claim to Championship."

Our friend Cook after demonstrating by S. M. A.'s record on the football gridiron this season, that he is a most excellent coach, has by his article on "Disputed Championships" in to-day's *Daily News*, just as strongly demonstrated that his name is no misnomer and in "cooking a poor Scribe's (?) goose" he has displayed the same ability as he has shown as coach. There is nothing for us to do but to retire as gracefully as possible and, inasmuch as in our letter to which the exceptions are taken, we advanced solely our own ideas, somewhat foolishly we admit, and as we are solely responsible for it we feel at perfect liberty to state that these were in error to a degree and to give to S. M. A. the full credit for their

record set forth in detail in Mr. Cook's article.

We may have gotten our ideas on football crossed with our ideas on prize fighting in which, no matter how many men a fighter has licked when he finally "gets his" the victor is the "champion," or maybe force of habit of the championship coming to Fishburne's in past years played a part in our error. Be that as it may we have filed two suggestions made by Coach Cook for future reference, the first that we "wait until next year" and the second to "get facts before writing on football."

Whatever defeats F. M. S. received this season with a team of practically all first year men the fact remains that, to their loyal supporters in Waynesboro, they closed the season in a "blaze of glory" and according to our idea a victory is a victory whether won by one point or by twenty, so long as it is won by fair, clean play as was the F. M. S. win over S. M. A. this season.

(Editor's Note: The editor wants it fully understood that this "question" came from the Waynesboro correspondent of the *News* and not from F. M. S.)

FOUR PREP SCHOOLS CLAIM CHAMPIONSHIP

College Topics, U. of Va.

In common with most championships in this year of upsets and general defeats, the preparatory school championship of the state is claimed by several schools, only one of which however is unquestionably undefeated. That team is the Episcopal High School, and other claimants for honors are Staunton Military Academy, Augusta Military Academy, and Massanutten Academy, making in all four championship teams.

Episcopal probably has the best ground for claiming the empty title, as she lost to no Virginia team, but on the other hand, she played only three and those all had unusually weak teams this fall. In the early season she gained a close victory over Shenandoah Valley Academy, which was later defeated by other schools by enormous scores. Later she beat Fishburne worse than any other claimant defeated that team, but the Waynesboro men experienced a decided rejuvenation before they met A. M. A. and S. M. A.

Episcopal also defeated Woodber-

ry, but by a smaller score than either Augusta or Staunton beat the Orange school.

An unexpected defeat by Fishburne, more surprising to football followers than Yale's victory over Princeton, is the only thing that keeps Staunton from a clear title, though they also played a weird game with Massanutten, in which both teams are still claiming the victory. In the opinion of men who have seen both teams play, S. M. A. has a stronger team than Episcopal, and they are probably better than any of the rest despite their defeat at the hands of F. M. S. and the game with Massanutten.

The claims of the latter team and of Augusta for the title will hardly receive much consideration except from their own followers. Massanutten bases its claim on the Staunton game, in which they assert that the cadets scored after time was up. Augusta makes the plea that no championship can be decided on comparative scores, and they want the honor by virtue of their record of six games won to one lost (to S. M. A.) and a total of 202 points to their opponents' 18, which they claim is better than any other team can put forth.

Answer by S. M. A. is pending: it will be published in next issue of HILL TOPICS.

Nov. 27, 1915.

Lieut Cook,
S. M. A., Staunton, Va.

Dear Sir:

As there was a mistake in the published list of scores in the newspapers, I am sending the following certified list of scores of games since 1904:

1904-'05, A. M. A., 44; S. M. A., 0.

1905-'06—No game between first teams.

1906-'07—No game between first teams.

1907-'08—No game between first teams.

1908-'09—First game, A. M. A., 32; S. M. A., 0.

1908-'09—Second Game, A. M. A., 12; S. M. A., 0.

1909-'10—A. M. A., 7; S. M. A., 6.

1910-'11—A. M. A., 0; S. M. A., 23.

1911-'12—A. M. A., 6; S. M. A., 9.

1912-'13—A. M. A., 10; S. M. A., 21.

1913-'14—A. M. A., 7; S. M. A., 7.

1914-'15—A. M. A., 22; S. M. A., 0.

1915-'16—A. M. A., 7; S. M. A., 12.

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Quinn to Waltz: "What two letters would destroy everything if allowed to do so?"

Waltz: "I give up."

Quinn: "D. K." (decay.)

Hynson to Carter, W.: "It's a fine day for the race."

Carter: "What race?"

Hynson: "The human race."

Corbett: "What is the smallest bridge in the world?"

Mattox: "I think you have got me."

Corbett: "The bridge in your nose."

Hooker to Peters: "Were you ever held up in a train robbery?"

Peters: "No, but I've ridden in taxicabs."

Driskell: "Why are umbrellas like pancakes?"

Nirdlinger: "You got me."

Driskell: "Because they are seldom seen after lent."

McCarthy to Driskell: "So Violet is to be married next month."

Driskell: "Yes, it's a shame; she graduated from cooking school only a few weeks ago, and now she'll have to forget all they taught her and learn how to cook real food."

—o—
Got One on Johnsing

"Say, Johnsing," commented Rastus, looking up from his paper, "it says heah dat in Sumatra a man kin buy a wife foh foah dollahs."

"Foah dollahs!" gasped Johnsing. "Ef a niggah's got foah dollahs he don't need no wife."—*Dallas News*.

—o—
Lady to Tramp: "If you don't get out, I'll call my husband: he played on Roller's football team."

Tramp: "Lady, if you love your husband, you won't call him: I played with the Kables."

—o—
Bacon: "What is the only jam a boy don't like?"

Pine: "What is it?"

Bacon: "Door-jamb."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Continued from Page Five)

matter. In the race we find the following schools: Episcopal High School, Augusta Military Academy, Staunton Military Academy, Woodberry Forest School, John Marshall High, and Fishburne. At the first crack we can safely say that we can eliminate the John Marshall High.

Staunton defeated Rollers

Staunton defeated Woodberry

Rollers defeated Fishburne

Woodberry defeated Fishburne

BUT

Fishburne defeated Staunton

Rollers defeated Woodberry

Episcopal defeated Fishburne

Episcopal defeated Woodberry

BUT

Episcopal did not play Staunton or Rollers

So where do we stand?

John Marshall has been eliminated. Fishburne does not claim the plum. As Staunton and Rollers both defeated Woodberry, the forest school next drops out. Then we have only three left in the race. The Episcopal High School, Staunton Military Academy and Augusta Military Academy.

BUT

As Episcopal did not play either Staunton or Rollers, we see the Episcopal High drop out, leaving the two teams of S. M. A. and A. M. A., who in our estimation have the sole right of claiming anything.

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—o—
Long: "If you throw a man out of a window, what does he fall against?"

Hancock: "You sure have got me."

Long: "Against his will."

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