

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Cancelled March 28th, Miller School.
 5-3 April 1st, U. of Va. Freshmen.
 1-2 April 6th, Eastern College.
 3-4 April 7th, Harrisonburg H. S.
 8-2 April 13th, Randolph-Macon.
 16-3 *April 17th, Harrisonburg H. S.
 Cancelled April 20th, Western Maryland College.
 Cancelled April 21st, Chatham Training School.
 4-3 *April 28th, Fishburne.
 - April 28th, Business H. S., (Wash. D. C.)
 May 6th, Fishburne.

May Trip

*May 8th, Miller School.
 *May 9th, U. of Va. Freshmen.
 *May 10th, Woodberry Forest.
 *May 11th, Episcopal H. S.
 *May 12th, Eastern College.
 * Indicates games away from S. M. A. Dates pending with Woodberry Forest, Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, William and Mary Academy, (here) John Marshall H. S.; and a series of games with Rollers.

Kodak Work

Let
Dow
Do
It

H—Have you seen him
O—or did he pack up
G—Going when Dow comes around
E—Everytime Dow comes he goes

SIDELINE CHATTER

Baseball practice will begin immediately after the Intercompany Basketball Games.

The battery will begin work in the gym.

New baseball suits have been ordered. These will be issued *only* to those men who made the squad at S. M.A. last year.

All new men trying for the squad will report in a suit of their own or in any old clothes.

Each candidate will have to furnish his own shoes—the same as for football. Shoes will be issued by Coach Cook and the same will be charged to the Cadet's account. First get an order from the bookkeeper. *No shoes will be issued without an order.*

There are fifteen suits for those fifteen men who make the team.

Fourteen players will be carried on the trips.

Get rid of your beat and confinement. If you have to miss practice on that account, it will lessen your chances of making the team.

Study your lessons. The Academic Department will allow no one to make a trip unless he is well up in his work.

Emde has been appointed baseball manager; Armentrout, scorekeeper. The latter will report the games for HILL TOPICS.

Individual batting and pitchers' averages, extra base hits, stolen bases, etc., (and errors—we hope there won't be any), will be kept and published weekly in HILL TOPICS.

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INTER-COMPANY CONTESTANTS READ THIS

Win the "All-Inter-Company" Title Basketball, Track, Field, Baseball, Debating

There is talk of organizing a Debaters' Club and Literary Society at S. M. A. Certainly it would be a great institution for the school. When the plan is finally evolved, every man of the corps should boost. Once these clubs are established, they will take care of themselves.

It is rather late in the year to found a Society and put it on its own pins, but surely the idea has not come too late. A good beginning would be the holding of intercompany debates on assigned topics.

For instance, (1) Resolved, That the United States Navy should be enlarged; (2) That the United States should give up the Phillipines.

Intercompany Debate.

Let Companies A and C take the affirmative; B and D and (E) the negative. That is, let each of these companies put forth a man to take the affirmative or negative as designated.

The members of the Faculty are willing to help, as evidenced in preparing a candidate for the Richmond College contest. Let Major Acker and Lieutenant Chandler coach the negative; Lieutenant McKay and Lieutenant Cook the affirmative.

Hold two preliminary debates between A and B, C and D and (E). If it should happen that two affirmatives or two negatives win, a new question would have to be selected. Then the two winners could meet to decide the championship. If an affirmative and negative should win in the preliminaries, these two could meet, and the winner be awarded the championship.

Band and Quartet Help.

The band, and all members of the Double Quartet, who performed so splendidly at the New Theatre re-

cently, could help by rendering musical selections before the debates. Several of these boys have readily offered their services. Let it be said that the Band has been one of our stand-bys: always helping at football games, mass meetings, and recently at the New.

In this way, we would have a program, which would be similar to a Literary Society's. Then, with an election of a President and other officers and the learning of a few rules of order, a Society would be reasonably well established. And next year, and in all coming years, we could refer to 1916 as the year of its beginning.

Champion Team Meet Other Schools

If the plan as outlined, or any plan, is adopted, a correspondent will be chosen to arrange a contest with some nearby schools. Probably, a track and field meet could be held at the same time, and in Staunton. These events are usually grouped under one title such as a "Literary, Debating, and Athletic Association."

Debating to Count in Deciding "All Inter-Company Championship"

At the end of the year, creditable mention (in a form to be decided later) will be made of the Company having the highest score, obtained over rivals in inter-company events.

Points will be given as follows:

- (1) Basketball: First place 50 points; second, 30; third, 10.
- (2) Debating, 25 points to each winner of preliminary; 25 additional to winner of final contest.
- (3) Track and Field—See announcement elsewhere.
- (4) Baseball (at camp, announcement later).

First Cadet: "Do you like pop-corn-balls?"

Second Cadet: "I don't believe I ever attended one."

First Cadet: "Did you ever go canoeing?"

Second Cadet: "Yes. Did you ever go Cicerowing?"

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The year had gloomily begun
 For Willie Weeks, a poor man's
 Sun.

He was beset with bill and dun
 But he had a very little
 Mon.

"This cash," he said, "won't pay my dues,
 I've nothing here but ones and
 Tues."

A bright thought struck him and he said:
 "The rich Miss Goldrocks I will
 Wed."

But when he paid his court to her
 She lisped, and firmly said "No
 Thur."

"Alas!" said he, "then I must die!"
 His soul went where they say souls
 Fri."

They found his gloves and coat and hat.
 The coroner upon them
 Sat.

—Exchange.

EXCHANGES

We acknowledge with thanks the following exchanges: *The Argus*, Holderness School; *The Bayonet*, A. M. A.; *The Vedette*, Culver; *Taps*, F. M. S.; *The Little Tiger*, Sewanee M. A.; *The Richmond Collegian*, Richmond College; *The Bayonet*, Miami M. A.; *The Oracle*, Woodberry Forest; *The Asbury College New Era*, Wilmore, Ky.; *The Ramble*, N. Y. M. A.; *The Dalhi*, Dallas H. S.; *The Hot Springs Diamond*, Hot Springs, Ark.; *The New Ark*, Texarkana, Ark.; *The Texas Tiger*, Texarkana, Texas; *College Topics*, University of Virginia; *Ring Tum Phi*, W. and L. University.

The new night watchman at the college had noticed some one using the big telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Bagorra!" said he, "that fellow is sure a crack shot."

AN ACT PROVIDING INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MIDSHIPMEN AT U. S. N. A.

Great Opportunity for Any Boy to be Officer in Navy

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter there shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy three Midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one for Porto Rico, two for the District of Columbia, ten appointed each year at large, and fifteen appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy as now authorized by law.

Sec. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, (by President) Feb., 15, 1916.

Boys Get An Appointment.

Every cadet, who would like to travel and see some of the world, should begin to think of getting an appointment. Write your fathers to speak to your Representatives and Senators. The chances are greatly in favor of your success, as far as an appointment is concerned—that is, if you write at once. For there will be in all 564 new appointments, which brings the total of the midshipmen allowed at the Academy up to 1636.

You will not have time to prepare yourself for this year's examinations, which are held the 18th of April. You can bid for the one next year, though.

As everyone knows, the mental examinations are very rigid: exact and exhaustive knowledge is required on Algebra (through quadratics); Arithmetic; Plane Geometry; Grammar; U. S. History; Geography; and Spelling. A candidate is required to make a proficient mark in each subject: no high mark in one, or several subjects, will offset a deficiency in another. A boy who makes high marks in the mathematics will have the best chance of being "pulled" through. The turning point is 62 1-2 per cent.—all above pass; below fail.

One is not examined physically until he passes mentally. Physical features which will bar a candidate are: (1) a defect, such as a missing toe or finger, flat footed, one foot or arm longer than the other; (2) a marked disproportion of weight and height as compared to the age (tables are furnished, giving the height and weight for each age); (3) a weak heart, eyes, color-blindness, weak

hearing, insufficient chest expansion, any venereal disease.

Further Facts

1. Boys between the ages of 16 and 20 are admitted, other conditions satisfied.

2. Congressmen, Senators, etc., usually appoint three principals and as many first and second alternates. If you are appointed an alternate, you take your mental examinations, but if your principal passes, you do not. If you are a second alternate, both the principal and first alternate must be disposed of before you get a chance.

3. Sometimes, at the discretion of the appointer, competitive examinations are held to decide who will get the appointment from his State or District. This does not alter the procedure of entrance at Annapolis, for one must pass these examinations, no matter how he came with an appointment.

4. After once passing the mental examinations, as an alternate, it is not necessary to pass them again. Get an appointment the next year and you will be examined physically, only.

At the Academy.

1. The pay is \$50 per month.
 2. If deficient in any subject at semi-annual or annual examinations, you will be asked to resign.

3. Four classes: Plebe, Youngster, Second, and First.

4. New boys (Plebes) enter in June. At this time one class is graduated and commissioned Ensigns, and the other three classes are stationed on the several ships of Atlantic Fleet, or else sent on a foreign cruise on two or three of them.

5. From June 'till October first, Plebes have what is called "Plebe Summer"—no studies—drills in infantry, artillery, bayonet, sword, fencing, cane, setting-up, and gymnasium exercises: seamanship—knotting and splicing, sailing cutters and half-raters, steam launches, motor boats, swimming, semiphore, wig-wag, and lantern signalling; marine engineering—pattern making, foundry and forge: Athletics—Plebe baseball; tennis, track, etc.

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SOCIAL ITEMS

The social club gave a most enjoyable informal dance in the gymnasium Saturday night. The affair was enjoyed by quite a large number of the young people of the town. The music was furnished by the colored orchestra and dancing was from nine until half-past eleven.

Among those present were: Maj. and Mrs. Sizer; Mrs. W. G. Kable, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Spotts, Mrs. Moores, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Champ, and Mr. Thos. Hogshead.

Miss Helen Moores with Cadet Hager, Miss Margaret Enslow with Cadet Blizzard, Miss Page Hughes with Cadet Petters. Miss Champ, of M. B. S., with Cadet Frazier, Margaret Hawkes with Cadet Waltz, Miss Elsie Morris with Cadet Wright, Miss Cathrine Holt with Cadet Roos, Miss Mary P. Hanger with Cadet Bridges, Miss Laura Wise with Cadet Prather, Miss Helen Driskell with Cadet Foster.

Mrs. Logan has changed the regular dancing class from Friday to Thursday. Also, she has thrown the gymnasium open to those other than the regular class, who may come and participate in the fun and enjoy the music as given by the Colored Orchestra, for twenty-five cents.

The Academy Club will hold their second dance of the year to-night in the gymnasium. It is hoped this will be as great a success as the previous one, and the gym will be decorated for the occasion. Punch will be served.

Inter-Company Track and Field

The meet will be held the first or second week in April. A, B, C, and D and (E) will enter contestants. There will be 10 events, and 3 men will be allowed for each. The winner of first place in each event will get 5 points; second, 3; third, 1; each man of the relay team, 5.

The events will probably be the 100, 220, 440, and 880 yard dashes; shot put; pole vault; running broad jump; running high jump; 220 yard hurdle (2 1-2 feet); one mile relay. (These are subject to change).

Lt. Wallace has charge of the track work. Stevens, the day student, is arranging meets with other schools. This preliminary meet will bring out the men who can win for S. M. A., and from them will be chosen the Varsity.

A SCENE IN THE B. & G. OFFICE

If you don't believe there is a great deal of work in getting out an Annual, just drop in Bayard's room sometime, (pardon me, Bayard's office, I mean), you will see "Scoop" Hooker going over his ads and figuring up everything just O. K. Monk Frazier will be sitting there with Fred writing up dope that has happened this year. Bayard will be seen with his B. B. B. clenched in his mouth, tickling the keys of the Remington. Dash Ranshaw will be seen sitting on the dresser with his feet in the dresser drawers, on a clean (?) shirt, offering to help any way or telling why Kentucky has got it all over Ohio. E. Z. Peters will be seen sitting on a bed, thinking where he can find a 500 game. Pinkey Westgate, office boy, will be seen getting in everyone's way and arguing with Johnny Cardwell that he asked for the butt before anyone else in the room. And when things get agoing too strong, you may be able to see Lt. Lykes on the scene, breaking up the meeting and pulling the boys out from under the beds and telling them their room is the best place to be. These are just a few little incidents on the happy side of Annual work, but, believe me, fellows, there are two sides to everything and the biggest side of this annual work is hard. So get busy, help us out and turn in articles and pay your money to Hooker or Peters and do all you can to make this year's Annual the best of all. We will do more than our part, all we ask of you is to help us. So get busy, work, think and write about something.

FRED C. EMDE.

They Mean All Right.

Blizzard tore his hair in wild despair,

Then wrung his hands in pain,
Hager leaped up in the startled air,
And then came down again.

Nay, grieve not for their woeful lot,
And have for them no fears;
A maniac as yet they're not—
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Company A	Company B
Crandall R. F. Waters	Nirdlinger L. F. Lumus
Hager C. Ranshaw	Shams R. G. Wedum
Whittaker, J. L. G. Linbaugh	

Company Practice

The company E team clashed with the Band in a practice game in the gym on Saturday March 4th, the game ending in their defeat by a close score of 23-19. The Band outweighed the small company team—but despite this advantage had difficulty in keeping the lead gained at the start. Harriman and Barnes were the most prominent players in the E Company line-up—While Fulton showed up well for the Band.

The teams from A and B Companies met on Wednesday last in a practice game, Company "A" being again victorious by a score of 22-15. Each team presented a patched line-up and numerous fouls were called on both quints. Twelve of Company "A's" points were fouls. Cadets Gates and Doyle guarded for Company "A"; Whittaker, J., played center; Nirdlinger and Wright, S., forwards. For Company B, Wedum and Waters, forwards; Bradford, A., center; and Cox, H., and Linbaugh, guards.

SIDELINE CHATTER

(Continued From Page One)

Probably the Athletic Association will give a medal, or some work of recognition, to the one having the highest batting average; and the best pitcher.

Baseball will be played at the camp. Perhaps an intercompany series, such as is now being played in basketball can be arranged.

Listen for the "Call for Volunteers." Then everyone who ever saw a ball game, or who knows how to "catch" a freight train—get out.

Get the pep. All cadets, who do not come out for the team, think of ways you can help it. Everyone has a chance to make it, so if you are not successful, or don't go out, don't sit back and be a knocker.

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The second daughter made her home, after her marriage, at Three Rivers, Michigan, and remarkable as it may seem, gave birth to triplets.

This rather upset the father but, true to his promise, he made out a check for three thousand dollars. When his third daughter's young suitor came around to ask for his consent, the father willingly gave it, but said "You may have my daughter's hand but I want you to understand that under no circumstances must you make your home in the Thousand Islands." —Exchange.

Came the gravy on his plate,
For he failed to tip the waiter,
So the waiter tipped the plate.

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