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HILL TOPICS "SCHOOL SPIRIT CONTEST"

S. M. A. Cadet Who Writes Best Article to Have Picture in Thanksgiving Number

Hear this, all cadets—have you the "School Spirit"? Will you write about it for HILL TOPICS, so that those away from here can easily understand why we are going to beat Rollers on Thanksgiving? Here is a golden opportunity for all cadets with literary and spirited tendencies to give expression to both, in a way to reflect honor on S. M. A., as well as on the writer.

Lt. McKay has kindly agreed to act as judge in selecting the three best papers on a composition written by the cadets on "School Spirit at the S. M. A."

Each cadet is urged to write on this topic, not more than 500 words, and drop his article, neatly and legibly written, in the contribution box on Lt. Wallace's door.

The three best will be printed in the Thanksgiving number, with the names of the writers. And the cadet who writes the best story will have his picture printed above it.

Let's hear from all you boys. Show people away from here what

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No argument! S. M. A., 25; R. M. C., 0.

That old team, the one we like to root for, returned last Friday, and celebrated in a manner which pleased everyone present. The feature especially gratifying to us was the drubbing given Randolph-Macon Academy, of Front Royal. Enjoying the fracas like the true sports they are and scrapping for the ground gained, the S. M. A. boys clearly demonstrated their superiority over R.-M. Academy, one of the strongest prep. schools in the State.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that this was the best game of the season. The team worked as a unit, and appears to have hit its stride. The entire backfield, consisting of Prather, Hinz, Harsh, and Bridges, formed a veritable ground gaining machine. Prather and Bridges tore through the line time after time for substantial gains, while Harsh and Hinz—two ten seconds men—running behind splendid interference, threw lime from the ten yard lines in the opponents' faces more than once on nearly every gallop made around the ends.

Prather and Bridges hit the line-men consistently with a drive which spilled them backwards and sideways. Credit for line gains, however, belongs as well to Moses and Emde: it was evident that Moses did not have his shoes on backward this day, for frequently on the snap of the ball a R.-M. lineman would go spinning to the rear, with Moses piling on top of him. Kingsbury at tackle did his best playing of the season. He was put in to relieve Hynson, who was removed on account of a slight fracture in his shoulder. Next to the

backfield men, the work of the ends elicited the most favorable comment. Westgate played up to his form, and that says a whole lot, for he is one of the best, when he tries. He was in nearly every play and often threw the opposing backfield men for a loss on plays through the line as well as around his end. To him and Simmons belong at least half the credit for the gains made by Harsh and Hinz around their ends, for they boxed the tackle to the queen's taste.

Simmons made his first appearance at end, and the calibre of his work was of a grade almost to insure his being kept at that place. A little fellow, bubbling over with pep, smashing with a charge which spells nothing short of victory, he very naturally took his place as one cog in one great mechanism.

S. M. A. Opens with a Rush

S. M. A. received the kick off and thereupon made it plain that its football boys were out for no child's play: they advanced the ball to R.-M.'s 20-yard line without an interruption. From here Prather attempted a pass to Westgate, who failed to catch the leather, which went to the visitors as a touchback.

R.-M., likewise, plainly indicated that the Front Royal boys knew a thing or two about the grand old game. With the continuity of the downs unbroken, they crammed their way to S. M. A.'s five-yard line, only to fail to complete a pass, the ball being slapped to the ground in the end-zone by Prather, and going to the Cadets as a touchback. Soon after the first quarter ended without a score for either side.

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ONE GAME WE WANT TO WIN

Fishburne Next; For Two Years Victors Over S. M. A.

Next Friday the Fishburne Military School, which has defeated S. M. A. two consecutive years, comes to see what brand of football we are playing this year.

Judging from the showing made by S. M. A., so far, and resorting to comparison of scores, one can easily see that if Fishburne wins, both teams will have to show reversal of forms—one for the better, one for the worse.

We are proud of the work of our boys against R.-M. C., and feel sure that such playing will add the Fishburne scalp to our assortment already acquired.

There is one element to consider in the Fishburne game, which in the other contests of the season has not assumed such importance—Fishburne *wants* to beat us; had rather defeat us than any other. It is needless to say that we want to beat them, but one thing is certain, we are going to have a scarp on our hands—there will be no walkaway.

Once before our team, from some

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Every contest won over opponents, who themselves have a record for winning, places us more and more in an unassailable position from which to maintain our claim for the highest of prep. honors. How strong is our claim now? R.-M. has defeated Fishburne, 20-6; and was defeated by Episcopal High School, of Alexandria, by a single touchdown on a fumble, 7-0.

We outclassed R.-M., 25-0. That gives us a margin of 18 points over Episcopal High. If we can beat Fishburne by a large score, that will give us a stronger claim against Episcopal High, or any team it wins from, and a better comparison with any team which defeats the Alexandrians.

The Corps is to be complimented for the support rendered at the R.-M. game. The yelling was good—and look at the score. Last week, the cheering was bad—and look at the score.

Prather played the entire R.-M. game with a fractured nose. Incidentally, he made three touchdowns. I wonder how many he would have made, if his nose had not been broken.

Think of the pluck in a man who will play the scrappy game that Prather did, with such an injury. We are indeed proud of him, and admire him especially for his spunk.

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cause, began to think it was the candy kid, that it was invincible, and it was not until after a hair-breadth's escape from defeat in ten seconds of play, and one defeat at the hands of an inferior team, that S. M. A., returned to life with a firmer understanding that it must play the game for all its worth at all times, if it expects to win games.

Overconfidence is the greatest enemy of a football man. It is not improper to believe in your team, but when this belief is so strong that the team thinks it can afford to loaf most of the time, what is most necessary is for the procrastinators to receive a severe drubbing. And as far as the Virginia defeat is concerned, it served a very useful purpose, for it clearly showed us that we had a bunch of eleven men, all working unharmoniously, and impressed upon us the need of more practice, and more concerted attempts in the games.

The line-up will probably be the same as it was the last of the R.-M., game. With hearsay as a guide, this is the strongest team we have placed on the field, and that being the case, it will be held there until the end of the season.

The men have spent a severe week at the hands of the coaches, and everyone of them seems to be in excellent condition and confident of a hard fight—and victory. (We don't say *overconfident*).

From two games, we have a margin over Fishburne:

S. M. A. defeated W. F., 20-0
 W. F. defeated F. M. S., 54-7.
 This gives us a 67 point margin.
 S. M. A. defeated R. M. C., 25-0.
 R. M. C. defeated F. M. S., 20-6.
 This gives us a 39 point margin.
 The dope is in our favor, but boys we must play the game if we want to win.

"School Spirit" Contest

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kind of school spirit we have. And, by the way, it will be no small honor to have your picture in that Thanksgiving number, for that issue will be something swell.

SOCIAL ITEMS

On the evening of Saturday Nov. 13th the S. M. A. social club will hold their next informal dance in the Gym.

These dances are very popular with the younger dancing set in the city and it is hoped that this will not be an exception.

Plans are already under way for the Thanksgiving Hop, which is to be the next formal affair on the hill.

The cards which are of an unusually attractive design have been ordered and a formal card of invitation will be used.

Ranshaw: "Dr. Kable, page no. 24 is torn out of my book."

Dr. Kable: "Oh that's all right, look on page 12 twice."

Rollers Beat W. F. 14-0

At Charlottesville last Saturday, the A. M. A. football team walloped the Woodberry Forest boys—and Dechart, 14-0. Star playing was done by each, Davis, Brooks, and Robinson.

We beat W. F. 20-0, and consequently have a margin of one touchdown over A. M. A. Don't forget that we played W. F., early in the season, and that if we had to play them now, we would meet a team which is going a good deal faster gait than the one we played, and in all probability would not make more than two touchdowns against it.

DAILY THOUGHT

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

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Special Supper to Cadets

The Y. M. C. A., gave a special supper to the cadets on the Tuesday after Hallowe'en. The spread was a bounteous one, and an added feature was the music by the Staunton Colored Orchestra, which played and sang throughout the feast.

Lt. Chandler, the Y. M. C. A., Secretary, delivered a short talk in which he explained that it had been his original intention to hold a get-together meeting by camp fire on the athletic field—and incidentally have a clam bake, but that the rains had necessitated its postponement at that time, and thereafter, first one thing then another had interfered, until this night when suitable arrangements could be made.

The cadets and invited guests can vouch for the suitability of the arrangements. As usual, the supper was served in faultless style, the S. M. A. culinary department being equipped with all modern appliances and ably directed by Capt. Kiviligan, the Commissary.

Cadets and all had a most enjoyable time, and by the way, plenty of good things to eat. Thanks to you, Capt. Kiviligan and Lt. Chandler.

Following is the menu:

- Oyster Cocktail
- Fried Oysters Old Virginia Ham
- Asparagus On Toast
- Chicker Salad Celery
- Hot Rolls Coffee
- Ice Cream Cake

Fruit

PASS IT ON

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Pass it on

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears

Till in heaven the deed appears—

Pass it on.

Have you found the heavenly light?

Pass it on.

Souls are groping in the night

Daylight gone.

Hold thy lighted lamp on high

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He may live who else would die—

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Scott, 1913 Graduate Leaves for Manilla

As 2nd Lieutenant in Philippine Constabulary

Having won an appointment as a second lieutenant in the Philippine Constabulary, Scott, R., one of our most prominent graduates of the class of 1913, left last Thursday for San Francisco to take the Army transport Beauford for Manilla. Scott, whose home in Texas, has been one of our stars in major sports and has done much to develop the school spirit that now exists at S. M. A.

"Bob" having a longing to see his old school and friends, rode all the way from San Antonio, Texas, to Staunton on his motorcycle, and received a hearty welcome when he reached here.

We all wish him the most success possible in his new undertaking, and hope he will make a good showing for our school.

Episcopal High School Wins Over Fishburnes

20 to 0 is the Final Score in Favor of the Visitors—Game a Sharp One

"Waynesboro, Va., Nov. 6, 1915.—Episcopal High School, 20—Fishburne Military School, 0 about tells the story of the football game staged this morning at the early hour of nine o'clock on the F. M. S. gridiron, the Alexandria boys' attack being too much for the Fishburne defense and while the local offense threaten-

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ed the visitors' goal at various times it was unable to shove one of the warriors across for a touchdown and the final whistle brought the game to a close with a goose egg representing the total efforts of the local boys. The visitors scored a touchdown in the first quarter and followed it with two touchdowns from which goal was kicked in the final session."

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S. M. A. Comes to Life

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Second Quarter: Prather Scores

Shortly after the opening of the second quarter, Harsh ripped off 30 yards on an end run, but fumbled on being tackled, R.-M. A. capturing the spheroid. He made up for his bobble by recovering a fumble by Wosil, of R.-M. A. Then, it was a sweet story—Prather and Bridges through the line; Harsh and Hinz around the ends, until finally Prather butted into the line with force enough to send him through two teams. Needless to say he made a touchdown. No goal was kicked and soon the first half ended 6-0 for S. M. A.

Wosil of R. M. A. Makes Fifty Yard Run

Early in the third period S. M. A., was forced to punt for the only time of the fracas. R.-M. A., then made a triple backward pass, the ball finally going to Wosil, who made a sensational run of fifty yards, being stopped by Prather on S. M. A.'s 20-yard line.

The best attempts of R.-M. A., could not advance the ball enough to make first down, and after going over on downs to S. M. A., it was carried steadily up the field and over the goal by Prather for his second touchdown. Prather kicked goal, making the score 13-0.

Wosil received the kick-off, but Peters fumbled on the first down, Moses recovering the ball. S. M. A., on its first down, was penalized fifteen yards for holding, but Hinz on a thirty yard run regained the ground lost by that penalty, and enough more to make it first down again putting the ball on R.-M.'s 20-yard line. From here the team-workers carried it up to the goal line, and Touchdown Prather, with another of his mighty poundings, jammed it across into scoring territory. No goal was kicked. Score 19-0.

Hinz Makes Final Touchdown

On the kickoff, Wosil was tackled so hard by Bridge that he fumbled, Simmons, of S. M. A. recovering, and was so badly jarred that he was replaced by Cochran. Hinz finally made a 20-yard run for the last touchdown, making the score 25-0. Prather failed to kick goal.

Immediately after the kickoff, R.-M. A. being desperate began forward passing—making one successful. Prather, however, grabbed the next one, but time was called soon after and no further score could be made.

Individual mention of S. M. A. players has been made. For R.-M. A., Wosil was probably the best all

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Line-up:

R.-M. A.	S. M. A.
Cutler, E.	R. E. ... Westgate
Brown	R. T. Hynson
Fistoe	R. G. Moses
Brandt	C. Emde
Carter	L. G. Giles
Shaw	L. T. Wright
Mauser	L. E. Simmons
Cutler, W.	Q. B. Prather (C.)
Gloseclose	R. H. Harsh
Peters (Capt.)	F. B. Hinz
Wosil	L. H. Bridges

Substitutions—Kingsbury for Hynson; King for Carter; Cochran for Wosil.

Officials—Mr. Smith, F. M. S., referee; Mr. Wallace, S. M. A., umpire; Mr. Kyle, S. M. A., head linesman; Messrs. Wilson and Nicholson, timekeepers.

Lott Leaves S. M. A.

Goes into Business

John Henry Lott, one of the most popular cadets of S. M. A., left for his home in Waycross, Ga., this week. Lott was called there to take up a business career. He was a first lieutenant of company B, and was also advertising manager of HILL TOPICS and was one of the most loyal cadets in the Academy.

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