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S. M. A. LOSES TO FISHBURNE, 13-12;
FAILURE TO KICK GOAL PROVES COSTLY

Only One Chance for the Championship Left: Beat the Undeclared Roller Team on Thanksgiving

FISHBURNES WON;
TIMELY KICKING
SAVES THE GAME

(Staunton Daily Leader)

Again football history repeated itself, and the roaring cheering contingent from Fishburne's Military School in Waynesboro wound their way homeward yesterday afternoon having beaten out the Staunton Military Academy by the score of 13 to 12. All the "dopesters" in Staunton and Waynesboro were wrong except that true blue group around F. M. S., who never believe defeat is coming until it comes. The followers

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WAYNESBORO JOYOUS
OVER F. M. S. VICTORY

Whole Town Delirious With Joy
Over Their Well-Earned Triumph on the Gridiron

(Staunton Daily News)

From Waynesboro Correspondent
Waynesboro, Va., November 13.—

A stranger in our midst to-day may not understand the writing, not only on the wall, but on the sidewalks of the towns, in letters apparently of blood, "F. M. S., 13; S. M. A., 12," but he will not be here many minutes before the meaning of the apparently mystic writing will be revealed to him, because the F. M. S. well won victory Friday afternoon is the one topic of talk and discussion where two or three are gathered together to-day.

The big war is no doubt still going on.

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INDOOR SPORTS

Trying to Convince One Who Did Not See Game That S. M. A. Lost

"Do you mean to say that S. M. A. lost to Fishburne, 13-12?"

"Surely you have things twisted—no not even twisted, entirely wrong, for S. M. A., ought to win by more than one point from F. M. S."

"Yes, bo, they ought to have won by more than one point, but what I'm trying to get through your thick skull is a fact—they did not win at all, they lost, get that? L-o-s-t!"

"I understand you, and still I don't. You say that the strong, gingery S. M. A. football team was beaten by F. M. S.?"

"No, I didn't say the strong, gingery team. I said S. M. A., lost 13-12. As far as strength and ginger

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ROLLERS WIN ANOTHER;
DEFEAT GREENBRIER 27-0

Leach Displays Wonderful Dodging Ability

Last Saturday, the undefeated Roller football team added another victory to its long string, overwhelming the scrappy Greenbrier boys, 27-0.

The Roller eleven played a more clever game than usual, but could not seem to get started in the first half. They made only one fumble throughout the game, but retrieved for that by blocking a kick of their

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MISINFORMATION OF SCHOOL BOYS APPALLING

Recent Quiz of College Men Reveals Sad Condition—Boys Ought to Read More Books and Better Books

One of the adverse criticisms of the school boy is that he is ill informed on the important questions of the day. What a curious charge to bring against young fellows to whom the world will soon look for leadership! And yet, to a degree the charge is true. The amount of misinformation among our school boys to-day is appalling. This was brought out recently by a quiz on certain of the leading characters and events of the day in a college, the answers to which would have discredited a grammar school class. What is the cause and what the remedy? A large share of the knowledge we acquire comes from reading. It behooves us, then, to look well to what we read, to discriminate between "the worth while" and the frivolous. Not that we should overlook the light and humorous, for that has its legitimate place, but we should not let our sense of the ludicrous become over-developed. Judging from the almost religious zeal with which those periodicals are perused, one would think many school boys were preparing themselves for the editorship of *Life*, *Puck* or *Judge*. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on our becoming familiar with the serious magazines which discuss intelligently the leading topics of the day.

To limit one's reading to classroom assignments in texts, is to miss big opportunities in school. The school library should hold a large place in our lives, for there we may become acquainted with the world's greatest thinkers. And an acquaintance with these masters is worth while. "To be well read is to be well bred" contains a large amount of truth. How obviously true that taste in the matter of reading is so indicative of the man himself. Opportunities for cultivating this important field during your school life are abundant. "Buy up the Opportunity."

—N. Y. M. A. Ramble.

SAFETY FIRST

"Dearest," said Emde, "can't I get you a nice diamond ring for Christmas?"

"No darling," whispered the far-seeing young lady, "I will take the ring now. Let Christmas bring its happy surprises the same as usual."

Items of the Fishburne Game From "Taps"

FACTS vs. POSSIBILITIES

Thoroughly believing as we do that it is a bad policy to speak in "futures" and advocating the principle of believing only in "facts," *Taps* has refrained from answering any of the spicy articles of our contemporary from Staunton, HILL TOPICS, that have been reaching our office for the past three weeks; chronicling the "Overwhelming of Fishburne," "What Staunton Will Do on the Twelfth," and other such topics of journalistic conversation.

Now, however, the old adage that "every dog has his day" comes into prominence, and since we have not and are not now speaking in "futures," and the time is ripe to speak in "facts," may our worthy contemporary set up and take notice.

Taking three paragraphs of comment as given forth in the issue of HILL TOPICS for October 28th, we will discuss each briefly. Under the caption "Fishburne Overwhelmed" we find the following paragraphs as comment upon the Woodberry game and as prediction or phophecy for Staunton.

Paragraph One—"Look at that boys. There's some dope. We beat Woodberry Forest, 20-0. Woodberry beat Fishburne, 54-7."

The only thing we have to say to this brother is that "It's A Long, Long Way To Tippierrary" when you get down to winning a game by comparative scores in football. It won't work, it never has worked, and the game Friday was no exception to the established rule.

Paragraph Two—"Fishburne beat S. M. A.—. Yes, but that was in 1914."

Yea, verily, thou hast spoken fluent words of truth. Fishburne beat S. M. A. in 1914, also in 1913, and if we are not mistaken in 1915.

Paragraph Three—"What will S. M. A. do to Fishburne on the 12th of Nov., 1915?"

Through a mistake of the typist we suppose several question marks were accidently left out of the above question. The entire paragraph is now completely changed. It is not "What will S. M. A. do to Fishburne n the 12th of Nov., 1915?" but **WHAT DID FISHBURN DO TO S. M. A. ON THE AFORESAID DATE?**

Now we have had our say; we have answered as was expected; we are satisfied and hope our contemporary may be. So like all good sto-

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ries may we end this ditty with those oft repeated words, "And they lived happily ever after."

—Fishburne Taps.

A DARK SUBJECT

Alias—The Football Game Monday By "Bill" Winder

Twenty-two dark and shiny sons of Ham, in an open field, all after one football, is apt to be some game. Monday afternoon we had "some game," when the colored population of Waynesboro met and defeated the same element from the neighboring hamlet of Staunton, on the formers' gridiron in Basic, score, 13-0.

Signals for the first play—"Nine thousand, two hundred and seventy six. Tennessee across Georgia and South Dakota back. Jump.

"On this Waynesboro made most of her 13 points.

"One million and nothing. January around the end of Turkey, and Russia through the Straits of Gibraltar. Hike!" This play failed during most of the game for Staunton.

But all in all it was some game.

—Fishburne Taps.

THE WAY TO ROOT

As we have said before "rooting" is the backbone of all athletic teams, but there is a well defined way in which to go about it.

Although the football season has closed, basket-ball is next close behind which comes baseball, so a word to wise men is enough. On in the words of "Mrs. Katzenjammer," "enough is enough but too much is a plenty" so we will make this article brief and to the point.

IN ROOTING LEAVE OUT EVERY PERSONAL REMARK ABOUT OUR OPPONENTS THAT STARTS INTO YOUR HEAD.

—Fishburne Taps.

FOOTBALL FIGURES

Those birds who try to figure out the relative strength of teams by comparative scores are due to finish their caroling in the booby hatch because the task is an almost impossible one.

Here is an illustration:

The University of Washington beat the Oregon Aggies 29 to 0, the Oregon Aggies beat the Michigan Aggies 20 to 0 and Michigan Aggies whaled Michigan 24 to 0.

Now those who have tried to find out what Washington would do to Michigan if they met have discovered, by using the comparative scores, that Washington would beat Michigan 19,920 to 0.

This is Exhibit No. 2:

The University of Tennessee beat Cumberland 101 to 0, and Vanderbilt walloped Tennessee 35 to 0. Figgers being figgers, the conclusion is—if comparative scores count—that Vanderbilt ought to beat Cumberland 3,535 to 0.

Exhibit No. 3:

S. M. A. beat W. F., 20-0; W. F. defeated Fishburne 54-7. According to that dope, S. M. A. should have beaten Fishburne

Oh! figure it out for yourself. "Hev Keeper, here's some more patients."

"LEST WE FORGET"

In ye year one thousand, nine hundred and thirteen

F. M. S. 25
S. M. A. 14

In ye year, one thousand, nine hundred and fourteen

F. M. S. 25
S. M. A. 7

In ye year one thousand, nine hundred and fifteen

F. M. S. 13
S. M. A. 12

—Fishburne Taps.

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JOKES

She: "How do you like my new dress?"

He: "It's ripping."

She: "Heavens. Call a taxi."

Brient, going into a hardware store: "Give me a dime's worth of gunpowder."

Store keeper: "What for?"

Brient: "A nickel."

Jordan said his father has a cow that gives milk eight years old.

Wanted: Some more Chevrons—Canova.

Wanted: To go on duty as Officer of the Day.—Driskell.

Wanted: A lieutenantancy—?????

Jordan: "What is the difference between a tight shoe and an oak tree?"

Brient: "An oak tree makes acorns and a tight shoe makes corns ache."

Erf: "Why is a horse half way through a gate like a penny?"

Smith, V., "Because there's heads on one side and tails on the other."

Ewing: "Everything nowadays is done by machinery."

Porter: "Vell, I dunno; talking is still done by hand."

Bridges: "Why does Missouri stand at the head in raising mules?"

Hinz: "Because that's the only safe place to stand."

If Mississippi kicked Louisiana, where would Maryland?

If Missouri would Maryland, would Delaware her New Jersey?

Shelton: "Say Max, how do you tell the age of a fowl?"

Fore: "I can always tell by the teeth."

Shelton: "By the teeth? But a fowl has no teeth."

Fore: "No, but I have"

Lt. Chandler: (To cadet with feet hanging from the window, and chewing gum) "Mr. Buckley, will you please take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."

Officer Hager: "Say, you gotta cut that or accompany me."

Musician Blizzard: "Mitt pleasure, ossifer, und vot are you going to sing?"

Cadet: (Walking into guard room) "Have you a match, Mr. O. D.?"

O. D.: "No, what do you want with a match?"

Cadet: "My cigarette has gone out."

O. D.: "Well, it seems to have the advantage of you; it knows what to do."

Gee! We waited one year, and were beaten by one point.

"There are five reasons why I can't get married?"

"What are they?"

"A wife and four children."

Chinaman: "You telle me where railroad depot?"

Citizen: "What's the matter, John, lost?"

Chinaman: "No. Me here. Depot lost."

Traveler (at C. & O. Station): "Isn't this train pretty late?"

Station-Master: "Yes, she is a bit behind, mister, but we're expecting her every hour now."

Hager: "Say, Jack, are you skilled in the art of navigation?"

Blizzard: "Why yes, I've taken many a schooner over the bar."

Maj. Stevens: "Jackson, give me a sentence, using the word 'notwithstanding.'"

Jackson: "I wear out the seat of my pants, but notwithstanding."

Mike Rowan: "Why did the Titanic Sink?"

Smith, V.: "Because John Jacob Astor."

Lomo, A: "What does Jack Johnson, Charlie Chaplin, and Billy Sunday make?"

Long: "A chocolate, nut, Sundae."

Maj. Wonson: "Did Columbus know that he had discovered America?"

Reifsnieder: "Tee Hee, not until after he was dead."

Culver Loses Black Horse Troop

The animals of the famous black horse troop of Culver Military Academy were destroyed by fire last Sunday night. Nearly eighty of the fine horses were lost when by crossed wires the stable caught fire. The losses amounted to about twenty-five thousand dollars. The property was covered by insurance and the troop will be replaced before Christmas.

HOW TO TELL BAD NEWS

A little boy came in crying bitterly and upon being asked what the trouble was said: "Oh, mamma I broke one of the tiles in the hearth." "O well" she said, "that is nothing to cry about, but how did you do it?"

Then as his sobs quieted down he said, "I pounded it with papa's watch."

An Irishman walked into a hotel and noticed two men fighting at the far end of the room. Leaning over the bar, he earnestly inquired of the bartender:

"Is that a private fight, or can any one get into it?"

—Excavating Engineer.

Harvard wants to get Mathewson as a baseball coach. Five years ago he coached their pitchers, and had great success.

Driskill: "It's simply fine to wake up in the morning and hear the leaves whispering outside your window."

Johnson, F. W.: "It's all right to hear the leaves whisper, but I never could stand hearing the grass mown!"

—Tit-Bits.

Carr: "I celebrate my 24th birthday to-morrow."

She: "Indeed! And isn't it singular? So do I!"

Carr: "Oh, but I celebrate mine for the first time."

When Stevens, J., was a small child he fell out of a window. A kind-hearted lady came hurrying up with the anxious question, "Dear, dear! How did you fall?"

Young Stevens looked up at the questioner and replied, in a voice choked with sobs, "Vertically, ma'am."

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: A sweetheart, return to Johnson, F. W.

Lost: Corporals' Chevons, return to Roos and Dye.

Lost: Esby-Smith, return to Reifsnieder.

Lost: Apple in mess-hall, return to Hager.

Lost: Woodberry Forest; Masanutton; and Randolph-Macon.

Found: A book of S. M. A. Regulations, anybody can have same by describing—Low, B.

Found: Map of Fisherville—Smith, C.

HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Two Steps: Definite Plan; Let Nothing Interfere

Some men are born successes, some have success thrust upon them, some achieve success. This is written for those who wish to achieve success during this year. We call to the attention of those men two requisites which are necessary for any success worth while.

The first step is a definite plan. So many men in school, as in life, drift into this thing or that thing without weighing the advantages with the disadvantages or considering the possible rewards. These are the misfits and failures. The men who win out have looked over the field and are working according to a definite, concrete program. There are so many opportunities for development along different lines that no man can hope to accept all these opportunities. Therefore pick out a few activities. Pick those in which you are most vitally interested, in which you have the best chances for success and from which you will reap the greatest rewards.

Then, let nothing interfere with the carrying out of your plans. A thousand times you will be tempted to turn aside, but you cannot afford to get side tracked. It is your duty to bend every effort and to exert every muscle to carry out your decisions to the last detail.

These two principles, applied to the daily routine of school life, spell success.

—N. Y. M. A. Ramble.

"The idea of putting a monument over your pet crawfish," exclaimed Wright, L., "I bet you wouldn't do as much for me."

"Indeed," replied Moore, B., "I'd be glad to."

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Our Chance for the Championship

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 considered, 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. Roller's 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.

John Marshall High School, of Richmond seems to be the only other likely contender for the honors. It has already won the inter-city championship of Richmond. Coach Cook has written for a game with the High School boys agreeing to play in Staunton, Richmond, or Charlottesville, and if they won't play S. M. A.

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

Don't say a word against the spirit at S. M. A.

Those boys have it. Never did they quit yelling during the Fishburne setto, nor give up hope of victory.

Confidence, that's what it was, and encouragement. Keep at it, you cadets, the team can't help but win. But come out during the week and root on practice days.

The Thanksgiving number of HILL TOPICS is going to be something swell—several cuts, and thirty-two pages of live football dope. Pictures of both teams, of individual players, of the Corps yelling at a game; a comparison of the team—in every respect—and oodles of other matter for the real football fans, will appear for your approval.

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in advance how many you want, so that it will know how many copies to have printed.

Don't forget! Roller's defeated Fishburne's 13-6.

Colonel Porter captained an S. M. A. team in 1895, which defeated Roller's 44-0. Let's see, that was twenty years ago, and the Colonel is still proud of his dual honor—and justly so.

Will Prather in 1935 come back to the corps at a mass meeting and tell the cadets that he was captain of an S. M. A. team which simply outclassed the Roller boys in 1915?

In last week's HILL TOPICS, it was said that if Fishburne won from S. M. A., both teams would have to show reversals of form—well, they did.

Waynesboro must be pretty well decorated by now with F. M. S.-S. M. A. football results.

Fort Defiance has not many side-walks to smear with "blood-red" paint, so let's not cause them too much worry in trying to find suitable backgrounds for their artistic tastes.

Let's win—then they can paint the score on our walls.

Mr. H. C. Barnes, a prominent Roanoke druggist, recently subscribed for HILL TOPICS. Mr Barnes has two sons at S. M. A., and by subscribing for their school paper not only

shows his interest in the welfare of his sons, but also a desire to acquaint himself with all the activities of the school he has chosen for them.

The Staff is glad to place his name on the mailing list and will endeavor to keep him posted on the events of S. M. A.

Are you superstitious? Do you believe in signs?

Don't you think it best not to play a game between now and Thanksgiving?

Our team is due to win its next game. It has won and lost in alternate weeks: it beat W. F. the first game; lost to W. & L. Scrubs the second; defeated Massanutten the third; lost to Virginia Freshmen the fourth; outclassed R.-M. the fifth; and, oh, how it hurts, gave way to F. M. S. the sixth.

We had figured on a game with Greenbrier for next Friday, but in all probability it will be called off—out of mere superstition.

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WAYNESBORO JOYOUS

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ing on, President Wilson's marriage to Mrs. Galt will take place soon, the Daily News will award the "Snowder of Gold" to the lucky youngster who gets the biggest vote, but to-day these topics are nil so far as local interest is concerned. Everybody is happy here and in the inspired language of Dick Maupin, "We've got the world by the tail with a down-hill pull."

The loyal band of Fishburne supporters who stuck with the boys through thick and thin, got their reward yesterday. It cannot be denied that those who followed the boys to Staunton did so with some fears of the result. We expected a good, hard-fought battle during the first half of the game, but after that we feared that the Staunton veterans would outclass our youngsters, who had no experience on the grid-iron until this season, but after our boys had held the hard-fighting Staunton line for downs right in the shadow of the goal, our confidence increased by leaps and bounds.

Personally we were a bit surprised at the victory even in the face of a statement made to us by the very highest authority that a surprise was due on the dope, and in the face of a most pronounced "hunch" that F. M. S. would win, we got cold feet and would not accept the prevailing odds at the start of the contest, losing a golden opportunity to make an honest dollar.

Both S. M. A. and F. M. S. not only played a good game, but a brilliant one. Every boy on the F. M. S. line-up deserves more detailed mention than we have space for. Of course, "Dad" Snedegar and Si O'Brien were the stars. Dad's good right leg and brilliant booting of two field goals made the Fishburne lads the victors. Some one told us that Snedegar's bare foot is far from a pretty sight to look upon, but to-day his five toes are more valuable in the estimation of Waynesboroites than Bethlehem steel in its palmiest days. Those fans who did not go to Staunton missed the best contest seen in a long while. The game abounded in tense and exciting moments. With only a one point lead, with the automobile lights casting streams of light on the field so dark that friend could not be distinguished from "foe," that last ten-minute quarter seemed an eternity. Some of us of advanced age are feeling the result of the strain to-day.

While to the F. M. S. cadet corps the A. M. A. game ranks with the S. M. A. game in importance, it is very clear that to the people of

the town the chief interest centers in the Staunton game and the victory yesterday wipes from the slate every defeat the F. M. S. boys have suffered this season.

We know it must be gratifying to Major Hudgins, the faculty, coaches and cadets of F. M. S. that, though the showing of the eleven has not been so good this season for reasons before stated, they have received the same loyal and unanimous support of the town people as in seasons when they were winning every game. The interest of the school and the town are wedded and the ceremony is performed "for better or for worse." Every fan who saw the game takes off his hat to the S. M. A. aggregation. They played a good clean game from start to finish, which would have won nine out of ten contests.

NOTICE TO THE CORPS

The Assistant Commandant wishes in an unofficial way to call the attention of the corps to the untidy condition of barracks, due to refuse matter; *i. e.*, papers, apple cores, etc., being thrown on galleries and quadrangle. The janitors clean up twice daily, but it is impossible for them to keep the place clean unless the cadets will remember to throw all refuse matter in the cans provided.

HE GOT EVEN

An intoxicated man boarded a train. When the conductor, who weighed nearly three hundred pounds, called for his ticket he was too drowsy to hunt for it. The stout conductor became impatient, and after attending to the rest of the passengers' tickets, returned to the intoxicated man, and, with much authority, demanded:

"Now you'll have to do one of three things: show your ticket, pay your fare, or get off."

By this time the man was able to find his ticket and was more disposed to talk, so, as the stout conductor was leaving him, he called after him:

"Sav, see here, you'll have to do one of three things, too."

"What are those?" asked the amused conductor.

"Walk more, eat less, or bust," was the reply, which started a laugh all around.

—N. Y. M. A. Ramble.

Lt. Wallace: "Westgate, what are the effects of heat and cold?"

Westgate: Well, heat expands and cold contracts."

Lt. Wallace: "Yes, now give me an example."

"Westgate: "In the summer when it's hot the days are long, and in winter when it is cold the days are short."

ROLLERS WIN ANOTHER

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opponents and falling on the ball which had spun across the goal, for one of their four touchdowns.

There was no score until the last of the first half. Greenbrier proved stronger than seemed possible for their comparative size. Eventually, however, clever maneuvering and generalship by Leach won a touchdown for A. M. A.

After the strong Augusta constituents hit their stride, they proved their right to their reputation of having a wonderful scoring machine—and an unconquered team.

Two touchdowns were the result of successful forward passes. One of these was noteworthy because it came on the fourth down, after A. M. A. had spent three futile efforts in attempting to jam the ball through the line for two yards into scoring territory.

Leach, Likely Candidate For All Virginia Q. B. of Prep. Schools.

It was then that Leach displayed his judgment, which gives him the right to be called a quarterback in the true sense of the word. He called the team back and framed up a short pass barely over the line. The attempt was successful and A. M. A. won a touchdown. Leach's headwork, coupled with his other assets; speed, ability in dodging, and kicking ability, should, if he plays up to his form against S. M. A., entitle him to the honor of Q. B. on the All Virginia Team of Prep. Schools.

It is hoped that Leach, Rawlings, Robertson and Hawkins, of A. M. A., will all play up to their form on Thanksgiving, but that we also play up to ours. We want to beat Rollers at their best. The contest will no doubt be the fiercest game held on the S. M. A. field this season. That's saying a whole lot, for we've seen some hot ones. We are going to play the one game of our lives that Thanksgiving day.

Not overconfident! But confident, and willing to scrap to the last ditch—until the last horn blows!

Woodberry Forest Beats Lynchburg

Orange, Va., November 13.—Woodberry Forest defeated Lynchburg High School here to-day, 32 to 0. Lynchburg was crippled and overstrained and could do little with the Woodberry defense, failing to make a single first down. Long runs by the Woodberry backfield ran up the score. Jones, in particular, playing a brilliant game.

—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

WHEN WILL

Sutcliffe get a hair-cut?
We get a holiday?
We be allowed to go down by M. B. S.?
Armentrout graduate?
Laws get to reveille?
Everybody get senior privileges?
The Art give us a free show?
Beat be cancelled?
Reveille be one hour later?
Christmas vacation start?
Hill learn to blow a bugle?
The tennis courts be fixed?
Low, B., get enough coupons?
McCallister go crazy?
The "Ho-or Committee" have its next meeting?

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INDOOR SPORTS

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are concerned, I didn't see any S. M. A., team with these qualities."

"I can't realize it, they played such a good game last week, and simply outclassed R.-M. C., a team that had beaten Fishburne. I was so sure that S. M. A., would overwhelm the Waynesboro boys."

"That's just the point—so was S. M. A. sure. That one thing helps a whole lot in explaining the defeat. Here are enough causes for ten defeats:

Causes of Defeat.

"Overconfidence, three fumbles, blocked kick, failure to 'cover' a forward pass, little teamwork, less than little headwork, and not much fight."

Nov., 12th, Has Come and Gone.

"Nov. 12th, the day we have been eagerly waiting for, since Fishburne walloped us last year, has come and gone—and, with its passing has faded S. M. A.'s chance of wiping out the sting of last year's trouncing.

"Snedegar and O'Brien proved conclusively that they had not lost their stinger, and took this ideal opportunity of ramming it deeper. It was already in to the quick, but that seemed unrequiting, for the pep and fight shown by this pair spoke volumes about their inner thoughts—they wanted to win, fought to win, and football victories hinge on those essentials.

O'Brien Plays Great Defensive Game.

Snedegar Scores 13 Points.

"O'Brien, at full back, gave a demonstration of his wonderful ability at backing the line. He was in nearly every play through his line, and often threw an S. M. A., man for a loss, or only a slight gain, on attempted end runs. The times, when S. M. A., did gain on end runs were few, and happened only when O'Brien had been blocked out of the play.

"Snedegar made all of Fishburne's counters and proved to be chief scorer of the game. He ran thirty yards for their lone touchdown, kicked the goal after touchdown, and booted true for two goals from the field—13 points.

Hinz Makes Fifty-Yard Run: Prather Strong on Defense.

"For S. M. A., Hinz played the most sensational game. His nimble dodging, swiftness, and general determined attitude when carrying the ball kept the wee fire of hope smoldering in the hearts of S. M. A. enthusiasts throughout the battle, and fanned the embers into a glowing, blood-red heat, as he made his excitable, sensational run for 50 yards, in the last quarter—the feature of the game.

"Prather, his fractured nose hidden behind an ugly nose-guard, compares very favorably with O'Brien in backing up the line. Few were the times when he could be successfully hedged out of a maneuver—as usual, a veritable brick wall on defense.

Prather Not So Keen at Q. B. As Usual.

"Prather's work as quarterback lacked the keenness of judgment that usually characterizes it. Once, near the middle of the field, the ball went over on downs, when it would have been wiser to have punted into safe territory.

"In the last quarter, when with three downs and about four yards to go for the goal line, he called a play through the line, which went for a touchdown, but necessitated the try-at-goal being made from a difficult angle, or else a punt-out. The punt-out, made by Emde, did not land anywhere near an S. M. A., man. It would have been better generalship to call an end run, if for no reason than to get the ball nearer the goal posts. Then two downs would remain in which to make a touchdown, after which we would have had a much better chance of scoring the point we needed so badly.

Prather's Duties Too Many.

"It is easy for the bystander to pick out flaws in the headwork of the quarterback. Therefore, let it be said in defense of Prather, that it seems too many duties are being imposed upon his broad shoulders.

"He is expected to gain every time he hits the line, whether the linemen open up or not; to back up every play, never failing in a tackle; to kick the goals after touchdowns; and to call the proper signals, leading to nothing but victory.

Prather Had Off-Day: Fine Chance for Other Ten to Prove Value.

"So far he has done this: last Friday he had an off-day. That was a fine chance for some one of the remaining ten of the S. M. A. team to show their mettle. Hinz made good; Harsh did fairly well; Westgate, with one or two exceptions, played creditably. But what about Crandall's dropping that forward pass right in his hands? Moses saved a touchdown once, when he grabbed Arbogast, who had recovered Crandall's fumble and was apparently free for a touchdown. What, of any notice, did Kingsbury, Wright and Covington do? No more than could any ordinary beebes of their weights. They did nothing to mark them as football players. Where'd the Fishburne man get through to block Crandall's punt? Where were our linemen when Snedegar tried three times for

a field goal? Not one of them bothered him in the least—he had all the time he wanted, and made two out of three—good work—for Snedegar. *What Constitutes a Victory Over F. M. S.?*

"Some say the game was lost because Prather failed to kick goal. That's true enough, one point, mathematically, would have tied, and two points, won.

"Of any one making such a remark, inquire, brother, if, with only one point to the good, he would have felt like S. M. A., had won. We have defeated R.-M. C. and Woodberry Forest, two teams which have outclassed Fishburne and we should have defeated Waynesboro by at least three touchdowns. We should have done it, we could, but never lose sight of the fact that, in order to win any game, a team—every member thereof—must play the game.

Players Won't Work Consistently.

"Some famous football players, of local renown, seem to think that the one insurance S. M. A., has against losing is for their names to be entered on the lineup. It is hoped that this idea has not been nurtured so long as to prevent the men's riding themselves of it before Thanksgiving. No man is valuable to our team except for the work he does in the game under way. We are not interested in the least in what he did last game. Every remembrance of any last week feature-work makes us expect more of him.

"This sort of palaver may seem to be a digression, but it probably explains our defeat more than anything else—overconfidence—with no particularly, personal, shining assets to warrant confidence even.

S. M. A. Has One More Chance.

S. M. A. has one more game, and one more chance to wipe out a smarting carry-over from last season—likewise, S. M. A., has an excellent opportunity to submit an additional carry-over, with a deeper burn to next year's team—just the same as the Fishburne game.

Augusta Military Academy is the school, which we simply must win from on Thanksgiving. If the game is won, the season is a success; if it is lost, a complete, degrading failure.

You cadets of the corps, you football men, we can win the game. We can yet win the Championship!

Will the corps back up the team?

Will the team prove worthy of the support?

Corps Must Support Team Throughout Week.

All you cadets, you loyal rooters come out to see the practices—see who

works throughout the week. Every last member of our scrappy corps and the cheer leaders should come out the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and root for the team.

Watch the play and players, pick out those men who are doing good work and encourage them on their return to the barracks.

You should get out and practice some figures and capers to cut on Thanksgiving between the halves. Every caper you cut makes just the more certain that we will cut that A. M. A. turkey on Thanksgiving.

We have the one chance left to make up for any loss so far, to make the 1915 season a success, the Championship banner wave from the S. M. A. flagpost, and most of all the one and only opportunity to wipe out an old score.

Get busy now!

Talk football, think of nothing but hard work and of success in all things pertaining to football—especially of defeating Rollers.

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Owing to the fact that HILL TOPICS is yet young we have not received many exchanges from other school publications and therefore we are not in the position to offer many comments.

As we are striving to have a large number of exchanges from other schools we have quite a large exchange list and in due time hope to receive many exchanges from other schools.

The Exchange Editor has received the following:

Brenau Journal, Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.—You have a good paper and your editorials are also good, especially the one on "Votes for Women," but as there are a great many "Suff's" and also many "Anti's" in our town we have to remain "Neutral." Nevertheless we wish you lots of success with your paper.

The Sanrga, Waycross High School, Waycross, Ga.—For a paper issued every two months, yours is much too small. Why not issue it once a month and keep it the same size? It could easily be done. Your issues being so far apart will cause the students to lose interest.

The following exchanges have also been received:

The Sewanee Purple, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

The Richmond Collegian, Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

The Ramble, New York M. A., Ossining-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Taps, Fishburne Military School, Wavnesboro, Va.

The Yellow Jacket, Radolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

The Dalhi Journal, Dallas High School, Dallas, Tex.

The M. M. A. Eagle, Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Mo.

The Kemper News, Kemper Military Institute, Kemper, Mo.

The Bayonet, Miami Military Institute, Germantown, O.

Colloae Topic, U. of Va., Charlottesville.

Asbury College New Era, Wilmore, Ky.

ASK

Car why he is a CRUM?
McMullen why he thinks he is a football player?

Canova why he is a disease?
Johnson, F. W., why he wants to appear so "HARD?"

Nirdlinger why he thinks he's not a JEW?

Rowan what's the matter with his right eye?

ALUMNI

Mayor Wayt and Colonel Porter Talk at Mass Meeting

The night before the Fishburne game Mayor Wayt and Colonel Porter, two old S. M. A. men, favored the enthusiastic S. M. A. corps of cadets with short but interesting talks.

We are glad indeed to belong to a school which has harbored in its walls such able men. Mayor Wayt, as his title indicates, is the first citizen of Staunton, an honor twice given him by popular vote of his constituents; the Mayor holds the title of Colonel by virtue of his service on Governor Montague's Staff. Colonel Porter is at present on Governor Stewart's Staff.

The Mayor who spoke first, complimented the cadets on their cheering at the games, and especially for the yell given the opponents—in victory or defeat. He praised the football boys for the creditable showing, and expressed a sincere wish for their success against Fishburnes and Rollers. As the Chief Executive of the city, he thanked the cadets for their orderly behavior at all times on the streets.

The Mayor's talk was characterized by the vim and choice of words quite familiar to an earnest football fan. This was exactly what the boys wanted, and naturally they were extremely pleased.

Following the Mayor, Colonel Porter held the interested attention of the Corps while he told them of his experiences as a cadet in the class of 1895. It was then that he was Captain of the football team which defeated the Roller aggregation, 44-0.

Speaking with an array of words expressing appreciation, admiration, and hope, the Colonel delivered as vigorous a talk as it has been our pleasure to hear this year.

Troy, N. Y.—The swimming tests for the freshmen of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute were finished to-day by Physical Director Batchelor for the purpose of ascertaining the men, who were the fittest in this respect. It has been decided by the Athletic Council that a varsity team in this sport will be organized next year to represent the Institute and the tests served a good purpose, in that they gave the coach an opportunity to see "who was who" among the freshmen. Among the first ten in the test of the whole

freshmen class, which numbers some two hundred twenty-five men, was Elbert F. Hawley, of Staatsburgh, who was a former student at the Staunton Military Academy. Grading the test on a basis of 4, his record was 3.74. Preliminary swimming meets between the classes will be held in another month and a team will be organized in the spring. Meets will probably be scheduled with Cornell, Union, Syracuse, Williams and Colgate. —*Rensselaer Times*

SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. S. D. Timberlake, Jr., is "at home" from four to six every Monday afternoon to some of her cadet and young lady friends. These pleasant little affairs are looked forward to with great pleasure by the fortunate ones each week, as Mrs. Timberlake has somewhere discovered the recipe for making a lonesome boy, many miles from home, enjoy himself.

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—*Staunton Daily Leader.*

Mr. Dow wants to make moving pictures of the S. M. A.-A. M. A. Thanksgiving game. What do you think? Would you like to play in the movies?

SOMETHING AILED IT

A colored man complained to the storekeeper that a ham which he had purchased there was not good.

"The ham is all right, Zeph," insisted the storekeeper.

"No, it ain't, Boss," insisted the negro. "Dat ham's shore bad!"

"How can that be," continued the storekeeper, "when it was cured only last week?"

The colored man scratched his head reflectively, and finally suggested:

"Well, sah, then it must have had a relapse."

N. Y. M. A. Ramble.

Laws to MacCarthy: "You need a self-starter to get you up in the morning."

MacCarthy; (sotto voce) "Not when I have a crank like you to get me going."

Major Wonson: (in M and M class) "Byers, why are the Middle Ages known as the Dark Ages?"

Byers: "Because there were so many knights, I suppose."

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How is my lanky boy, is he getting any stronger and how is he acting along the line of drills?

Here is to you—very kindly yours,
Louis Erf.

The above letter was received recently by Captain Kivlighan, also the apples, as all the cadets and the faculty, too, are glad to testify. The editor of HILL TOPICS is of the opinion that Ohio can't be far behind Virginia or any other State, if these are the kind of apples and Cadet Erf a specimen of the boys they grow there. Thanks to you, Mr. Erf, your gift is certainly appreciated, and we are glad to report that your son is getting along splendidly.

A Pennsylvania farmer was the owner of a good Alderney cow. A stranger having admired the animal, asked the farmer: "What will you take for your cow?"

The farmer scratched his head for a moment, and then said: "Look a-here, be you the tax assessor or has she been killed by the railroad?"

—*The Argonaut.*

Hudson: "Why don't you speak to your swell friend?"

Fmde: "Wait until she pays her car-fare."

FISHBURNES WON

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of the sport picked S. M. A. to win easily and truly it did look as if a "jinx" did suddenly slip into the scales of fortune and defeat the local academy.

The story of the game is brief. Fortune wavered in the balance at times and the S. M. A. veterans were stronger in the closing quarter than in the beginning. The game opened when S. M. A. kicked off to

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O'Brien who brought it back a short distance before he went down. F. M. S. kicked back into their opponents' territory and the latter failing to gain on three plays, attempted to punt to safe territory, with Crandall kicking. The punt was blocked, and the ball recovered by F. M. S. on S. M. A.'s 40-yard line. From here Snedegar for the visitors drew first blood when he was swept across the line for the initial score just at the close of the first quarter. F. M. S. stock went up soaring to come down again when Prather for S. M. A. following some quick and hard line plunges scored, but as the goal was missed the F. M. S. was still ahead 7 to 6.

"In the second half S. M. A. essayed the forward pass but the ball went to Crandall at an angle and Arbogast, of F. M. S., caught it for a forty-yard run. Prather did not "cover" the pass he made, and Arbogast ran unobstructed until Moses, from the line, had time to catch up with him. Snedegar who was destined to play the star role in his team's victory booted the ball through the bars for a field goal. Score 10 to 6. Neither side won an advantage after that in the third quarter.

In the fourth the kicking of Fishburne's won another field goal and the odd point which this gave to the final total was the winning margin. This point was needed, for S. M. A. coming down to straight football began to show the form which was ex-

pected of them. Prather ran for twenty yards followed by Hinz's fifty yard run which was the feature of the game. Bridges went through for S. M. A.'s second touchdown bringing the score up to 13 to 12. Again the fatal weakness of S. M. A. and with chance to tie, missed the goal.

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Abrogast	R. H. Hinz
Bryant	L. H. Bridges
O'Brien	F. B. Prather

Referee, John Gallagher; Time-keeper, Moran, of S. M. A. and Barret of F. M. S. Umpire Mr. Wallace. Head linesman James Rosenberger. Coaches F. M. S. Capt. Crayton, Mace and Barrett. S. M. A. Took.

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