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## W. & L. SCRUBS 20, S. M. A. 6

On Monday, October 18th, the spunky football boys of the S. M. A., encouraged by the lusty yells of the spirited cadets, fought a desperate game with the Washington and Lee Scrub Team, but were forced to be contented with the short end of the score—the game going 20-6 in favor of W. and L.

The game was fiercely fought from the beginning to the end, and, at no time was the result a certainty, or the enthusiasm of the corps lacking.

S. M. A. was obviously outweighed: its opponents were older men, of wider football experience, and, being a scrub team, were naturally accustomed to scrimmaging against the Varsity at Lexington. Also, owing to the seniority, they were better able to think under the stress of the everlasting excitement accompanying the game. In spite of these evident handicaps, however, our team did itself proud, and the writer is firmly convinced that no cadet has a word of criticism to offer. In fact, the contrary is the case: everyone has become imbued with that elusive essence, termed

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## THE WOODBERRY FOREST GAME

On Saturday, October the 9th, S. M. A., displayed fairly good form for a first game by defeating the Woodberry Forest aggregation to the tune of twenty to nothing. The weather was ideal for a fast, snappy game, and the fans as usual were not disappointed.

The game started with Prather kicking to Deckart of W. F., who returned the oval 30 yards. W. F., thereupon ran the ball to our 10-yard line before we could come from behind the misty clouds of amazement. The old pep got to working, and W. F., after butting into our stone-wall line, endeavored to sneak a forward pass over the goal, which, no sooner attempted than Prather, ever alert, snatched the wobbling spheroid from the ozone, and ambled energetically for a 36 yard gain. In the center of the field, S. M. A., was held for downs and the ball went over.

Deckhart then punted, apparently to safe territory, but Moran caught the ball and ran 45 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Prather kicked goal, and soon after the first half ended. Score, 7-0 in favor of S. M. A.

In the third quarter S. M. A. started off in a rush and ran the ball to W. F. 5 yard line and Prather made the second touchdown with a line sneak over center. The punt-out was poor and Prather failed to kick goal. Score 13-0.

The fourth quarter was similar to the third, until the last three minutes to play when Harsh, S. M. A. left end, intercepted a forward pass and raced through a broken field for the third touchdown of the game. Prather kicked goal. Score 20-0.

Hinz, S. M. A.'s right-half, probably gained the most ground, while Prather and Bridges did the best defensive work of the game. At all times, Prather displayed his last

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## INSULAR BUREAU WANTS APPLICATIONS

### From S. M. A. Graduates for Philippine Constabulary

Below is a copy of a telegram received by Col. Greene from the Insular Bureau:

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Insular Bureau.

Here is another illustration of the estimation of this school and its worthy people higher up. What greater recommendation can be given to a school than one such as is enclosed in this telegram? This is a splendid opportunity for a boy, who has the honor of being a graduate of this wonderful institution. It is published for the benefit of the corps and we hope that each cadet will strive to prepare himself for his turn, as an alumnus, at such an opening as this. Scott, R., a graduate, has been among the first to make application. Scott has a place in the memory of the corps which he won by the high class football he played during his four ears stay as a cadet.

### SCHEDULE FOR 1915

\*Oct. 9 Woodberry Forest.  
\*Oct. 18 Wash. and Lee Scrubs.  
Oct. 22 Massanutten Academy.  
Oct. 29 University of Virginia Freshmen.  
Nov. 5 Randolph-Macon Academy.  
Nov. 12 Fishburne Military School.  
Nov. 19 Roanoke High School.  
Nov. 25 Augusta Military Academy.  
\*Played: W. F., 0; S. M. A., 20.  
W. and L., 20; S. M. A., 6.

## CADET BAND WANTS SCHOOL SONGS

Lieut. Cook will be glad to receive verses for songs from any cadets or faculty members. These words must be written to the tune of a popular song—the more popular the better—which name, of course, should be given. The cadet band has kindly agreed to get the music to which they will be sung (that is, for the ones that are adopted) and practice them for playing at ball games.

The band, under the proficient leadership of Professor Beardsworth, is progressing rapidly, and will be out with the corps at drills in early November. Professor Beardsworth has thirty-six members, the largest band in quite a while, and he is anxious to make good use of its talent in co-operating with the cheer leaders at the mass meetings for the purpose of obtaining better and more concentrated cheering and singing at the school contests.

Get busy boys. Show your poetic instinct, and compose a few patriotic verses in time to be sung for the Fishburne game, on November 12th. Drop any composition in the contribution box on Lt. Wallace's door.

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STAUNTON, VA., OCT. 23, 1915.

## FOREWORD

The HILL TOPICS, which makes its first appearance at the S. M. A., is to be a paper containing wide-awake events of a progressive school, and will be written largely by the cadets—a valuable instrument in any school. The reasons for its publication are many, however the influencing factors in this instance are:

First: To arouse and make for a school spirit worthy of the Academy and its activities. A great step tending for this desirable condition, consists in devoting particular space to the several departments, as indicated by the officers of the Staff. In the routine of drills and recitations, and especially in walking "extra duty," one is liable to lose sight of the fact that a good deal of pleasantness is going on at the time, or is in store for some early date.

Again, the athletic teams, and all other organizations, striving to make school life attractive for the other cadets, and, in addition, uphold the good school reputation in their respective fields, such worthy chaps deserve creditable mention for their efforts, and additional praise for their achievements. It is hoped that nothing commendable will escape the notice of the Staff.

Second: To cause a keener realization in the cadets of the unity of the School. This to be done by giving each cadet the opportunity of inserting any article of interest in

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Third: To present a medium through which the patrons, people of Staunton and elsewhere, may become better acquainted with our live corps of cadets, their organizations, entertainments, and every deed illustrative of the abounding enthusiasm and industry.

## APPRECIATION

The Staff takes this, its first opportunity, to express its appreciation of the support, in the way of advertisements, accorded the HILL TOPICS by the business men of Staunton. The cadets are urged to patronize the merchants' stores, whose names appear in our advertising columns.

Further, to the Corps of Cadets for their loyalty, in the beginning, to the advocates of HILL TOPICS, the Staff is greatly indebted.

The S. M. A. Regulations for 1915 have been issued by the Post Adjutant. The attractive red covers have such magnetism that any cadet, breaking a rule, can easily be detected.

## The Woodberry Forest Game

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year's form, and Westgate played a good defensive game and was fast on getting down on forward passes.

Deckart was easily the best man that Woodberry had, as he gained most of their ground and was fast. Jones, O., was doing good work when he was removed on account of an injured knee.

The line-up was:

S. M. A. Woodberry Forest.  
 Westgate ..... R. E. .... Hillyer  
 Hynson ..... R. T. .... Compton  
 Covington .... R. G. .... Remiss  
 Emde ..... C. .... Hendran  
 Fore ..... L. G. .... Scott  
 Scott, R. .... L. T. .... Parsons  
 Harsh ..... L. T. .... Mercer  
 Moran ..... Q. B. .... Deckart  
 Prather, Capt. .F. B. .... Carrol  
 Hinz ..... R. H. .. Jones, O.  
 Bridges ..... L. H. .. Jones, M.

Touchdowns: Moran, 1; Prather, 1; Harsh, 1.

Substitutes: For Woodberry—Williams for Jones, O., Woods for Parsons. For S. M. A.—Stevens for Covington, Weber for Fore, Fore for Stevens.

Officials: Referee, Mr. Crayton. Umpire M. Lane.

Length of quarters—12 Minutes.

Father.: (Alighting from a train at Staunton.) "Son, send me to the best hotel in town."

Cadet: "I hate to."

Father: "Why?"

Cadet: "Because after you see it, you'll think I'm a liar."

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**Y.M.C.A. Department**

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The interest taken in the Y. M. C. A., and especially in the Sunday night meetings, is a source of much gratification to the Secretary and to the Faculty. The outlook is bright for the accomplishing of great things during the months that are before us. Realizing that the building of character is the biggest thing in life, and believing that character is caught, not taught, we are endeavoring so to permeate the atmosphere with high ideals that no cadet can escape their influence.

The interest manifested in Bible Study is also very pleasing to those interested in the Y. M. C. A. work. One hundred and sixty men, forming fifteen groups led by members of the faculty, meet on Sunday mornings at nine o'clock for the study of the Bible. Some one has said, "Tell me the books you read and I will tell you what you are." Measured according to this standard, there are a large number of real men in the S. M. A. Corps of Cadets. But we have just begun. Our aim is to enlist every man in the institution in Bible Study. What are you going to do about it? We are offering two courses. One in the study of the "Old Testament," and one in the study of "The Life of Christ." Put your shoulder to the wheel. Enlist in one of these classes and let us help you to win.

**COMING**

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, Ph. D. Lepsic, member of the American Physiological Society; Chairman of the Section of Pathology and Physiology, American Medical Association, '04-'05; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine, President 1905-6; Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science, will address the Corps of Cadets on Wednesday, October 27th. Dr. Hall comes under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and will be here for only one day. We are very fortunate indeed to be able to secure Dr. Hall at this time. He has a message of life and truth that every boy should hear.

Maj. Stevens: (carving a duck) "This dog-gasted duck reminds me of being alone in a strange city."

Bromley, W.: "Whadaya mean, Major?"

Maj. Stevens: "I can't find the joints."

**SOCIAL ITEMS****SOCIAL CLUB**

The following is an announcement of officers of the S. M. A. Social Club for this year:

President . . . . . Capt. B. C. Low  
Vice-President . . Private A. Castello  
Secretary . . . . . Capt. G. A. Hager  
Treasurer . . . . . Lt. M. Frazier  
Faculty Advisor . . . Lt. G. Lykes

On Friday Evening, the 29th of October, at 9 p. m., the first formal dance of the season will be given in the Mess Hall. The occasion will be the Hallowe'en Hops. The hall will be elaborately decorated in gay colors of the fall season. A full orchestra will render music, and owing to the elaborate preparations being made by the Social Club members, this promises to be one of the leading social functions of the school year.

**INFORMAL DANCE**

On Saturday evening, October 9th, the Social Club gave its second informal dance of the year. Music was rendered from 9 to 11:30 p. m. by the Beverley Orchestra. The Chaperones were: Maj. and Mrs. R. W. Wonson, Maj. and Mrs. F. M. Sizer, Maj. and Mrs. S. S. Sutherland. Those who enjoyed the dancing were: Lt. and Mrs. McLean, Lt. and Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter Sublett. Among the cadets were Miss Margaret Enslow with Capt. Hager, Miss Elenor Curry with Capt. Low, Miss Page Hughes with Lt. Frazier, Miss Ida May Diggs with Scott, R., Miss Cathryn Holt with Lt. Neidlinger, Miss Mary Preston Hanger with Lt. Major Simmors, Miss Elsie Morris with First Sgt. Estes, Miss Gertrude Carter with Corp. Moran, Miss Margaret Templeton with Corp. McKelvey, Miss Mary Stuart Robertson with Corp. Sanderson, Miss Braxton with First Sgt. James, Miss Margaret Hawkes with Sgt. Waltz, Miss Rachel Rodgers with Corp. Wingate, Miss Charlotte Spotts with Cadet Bridges, Miss Curill with Cadet First Sgt. Armentrout, Miss Virginia Holt with Cadet Reifsnider, Miss Virginia Eddy with Cadet Rowan, J., Miss Laura Wise with Cadet Mosley, Miss Mary Sue Bowman with Cadet Church, Miss Fair Searson with Cadet Hintz, Miss Dorothy Zirkle with Cadet Croft, Miss Helen Moores with Cadet Gates, Miss Carrie Sublett with Cadet England,

Miss Evelyn Hoge with Cadet Roos, and Miss Edith Bayles with Cadet Phelps. Stags present: Faculty, Capt. Pitcher, Lt. Lykes, Lt. Wallace, Lt. Shope and Lt. Groover; Cadets, Eagles, Jenkins, Cardwell, Billingsley, Laws, and Bellinger.

Mrs. O. S. Marden and family arrived Thursday and will spend the winter at the Loeb House in order to be near their son O. S.,

Jr., who has been entered as a cadet at the S. M. A.

Col. T. G. Russell returned Thursday from his home at Anderson, S. C., where he had been at the bedside of his father. We are glad to report that his father is improving rapidly.

LOST—Low's question to Eleanor Curry.

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"school spirit," and is shouting with swelled lungs for the team.

As usual, Prather was the shining light of the cadets. In the first quarter, W. & L. fumbled on their own 25 yard line, the spheroid, recovered by Moran, was carried on a series of plunges by Hinz and Bridges to the goal, where it was taken over by Prather for the first touchdown of the game, Moran failed to make a good kick-out and, as a consequence, no trial at goal was allowed. W. and L. made three touchdowns: two, by Ramey, the result of pretty forward passes by Cromwell, the quarter back, and the third, by McCorkle, who, taking advantage of the weakened condition of the line, and the beef in his own, literally pushed the cadets backward over their own goal. With such advantages, however, W. and L. was able to score only at the end of a fierce struggle—the cadets standing and fighting for every inch of ground lost.

Westgate and Harsh did good defensive work on the ends, and Westgate received a forward pass from Moran, which netted a 30-yard gain. Harsh is a new man, who has wonderful speed. His playing was something of a disappointment, but with more experience, he will, we are sure, develop into a wonderful player.

Hynson and Kingsbury fought a hard game as tackles, but Hynson, being outweighed about thirty or forty pounds, worked at a great disadvantage. Kingsbury is one of the heaviest men on the squad, but is comparatively inexperienced, and with more practice, will help the S. M. A.

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The backfield men, with the exception of Prather, fell a way short of expectations, both offensively and defensively. A more open game of end runs and forward passes would have been better suited, but it was not until the last quarter that Moran woke up to the possibilities of this style. In this period, several substantial gains were made on forward passes to Prather and Westgate. The end runs were not dependable, because of the ignoble failure of the backs in their unsuccessful attempts to run interference for the man carrying the ball—in other words, they did not "get their men." Any bad headwork can be excused, because of the excitement of the contest and the frequent interruptions.

As a whole the fracas can easily be thought of as a victory for S. M. A. At any rate, the members of the team learned quite a bit, which will be valuable in defeating the rivals to come. From it, also, one characteristic of the corps was brought to light—its true sportsmanship. At a mass meeting following the game, the corps gave a lusty yell for W. and L.—a whole-souled cheer from a bunch of good sports. Certainly such a spirit can reflect nothing but honor and glory on the grand old S. M. A., and the boys giving this yell are thanked for their gentlemanly attitude and conduct.

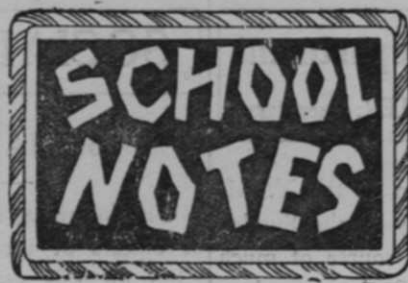
The line-ups:

Ramey ..... R. E. ... Westgate  
Shore ..... R. T. ... Hynson  
Karlson ..... R. G. ... Kingsbury  
Gardner ..... C. .... Emde  
Moore ..... L. G. .... Fore  
Schrobel ..... L. T. .... Wright  
Wordsworth ... L. E. .... Harsh  
Cromwell ..... Q. B. .... Moran  
McCorkle ..... F. B. .... Prather  
Paxton ..... R. H. .... Hinz  
Pain ..... L. H. .... Bridges

Substitutions: W. & L.—Lotts Wordsworth, McHenry for Carlson, Carlson for McCorkle, McCorkle for Carlson. S. M. A.—Covington for Fore, McMullen for Harsh.

Officials: Mr. Clayton of F. M. S., referee; Mr. McCorkle, of F. M. S., umpire; Mr. Porter, of U. of Va., head-linesman; Mr. Rosenberger, Mr. Marshall, time-keepers. Time of play, 15 minute quarters.

Ask Ledbetter what he thinks of "social life" in North Anderson, and if the mail deliveries there are regular.



## WELCOME

*Greeting to all cadets and friends of S. M. A.*

Your school days are the brightest and cheeriest of your life. If the leaves have fallen from the trees, that only lets more sunshine through. If the skies are by accident overcast and a cold wind should sweep through the leafless branches, don't get discouraged, but remember what a privilege it is to be a part of this great enterprise and what this institution may mean to you, the commonwealth and the nation.

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