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Football Prospects Are Bright

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

October 9th—Washington and Lee Scrubs—Staunton.

October 16th—Tech High School, Washington, D. C.—Staunton.

October 23d—U. S. Naval Academy "Plebes"—Annapolis.

October 30th—University of Pennsylvania Freshmen—Philadelphia.

November 6th—University of Virginia Freshmen—Staunton.

November 13th—U. S. Marines—Quantico.

November 20th—Virginia Military Institute Scrubs—Staunton.

Thanksgiving—Fishburne Military School—Staunton.

Football practice started September 24th, one day after school opened, again under the efficient coaching of Captain Tarr and his assistant, Captain Manning, who, with the assistance of Lieutenant Paul and Lieutenant Hanson, are rapidly rounding the squad into mid-season form. Captain Patch, a graduate of West Point, and Lieutenant Duffett, two new members of the faculty, are also helping with the coaching.

There are more men out for the team this year than ever before, almost a hundred uniforms having been issued. The prospects for a successful season are very bright. Among the letter men who will again battle for the Blue and Gold are Captain "Shorty" McMahan, the diminutive quarterback of last year, who made the team his first year. "Shorty" is the only veteran backfield man on the team this year, and will probably do most of the toe work for the squad. He also tosses a wicked forward pass, and will be remembered for his excellent brokenfield running. These qualities are seldom combined into

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The Shriners Are Coming

On the 15th day of October, things will assume a different aspect on "The Hill" and vicinity, for, on that day, between seven and eight hundred Shriners will assemble for what promises to be the greatest ceremonial ever staged in the State of Virginia.

The Shriners' reputation for fun and frivolity will be maintained. The Imperial Potentate, Garland Hood, as well as several past potentates, will be present. The delegation from Richmond will be accompanied by their own band, under the direction of Joseph M. Brereton, a former resident of Staunton.

There will be a street parade, in which the entire corps of S. M. A. will march.

About one hundred candidates are scheduled to make the journey over the hot sands, among them being our own prexy, Col. T. H. Russell. The initiation ceremony will be staged in the gymnasium of the academy.

Capt. Kivlighan will have charge of meals for the visiting delegates, and they will be served in the S. M. A. mess hall.

WAR DEPARTMENT COMPLIMENTS S. M. A.

One of the most sincere compliments that could be paid S. M. A.'s method of selecting her honor company, was the government's taking the form used here as a model for the military schools all over the country.

This form, printed in the military column of this issue, was devised by Col. John Conklin, U. S. A., and has been used for the past year by this institution. When it became necessary to adopt a uniform method for selecting honor companies in the various military schools, it remained for Staunton Military Academy to furnish an example to be followed.

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Branch P. O. Authorized at S.M.A.

Staunton is to have a new post-office station, authorized particularly for handling the enormous volume of business at the Staunton Military Academy, where the station will be located. It is expected to be in operation by December 1st.

S. M. A. petitioned the postoffice department some weeks ago for the establishment of a separate station, and authorization has just been given. The branch office will handle not only the academy's mail, but will be operated for the convenience of that entire section of the city. It will be a full-fledged postoffice, receiving and dispatching mail, handling money orders, registered matter, parcel post, and all other business now done through main offices.

At the suggestion of Capt. Thomas Kivlighan the branch office has been designated "Kable Station," in honor of the late president of the school.

Details of the branch office have not been worked out yet. It will be under the supervision of the Staunton postmaster, and will open for business with several clerks, the chief of whom will be an experienced man from the main office. Exactly where the office will be housed has not been determined.

S. M. A.'s mail business has increased from year to year in proportion to the increase in the cadet corps, and the school has had to maintain its own postoffice, with limited facilities and none of the accommodations of an authorized branch office. Since the school has grown to an enrollment of 650 cadets, the volume of mail has been enormous. It is expected that the establishment of the branch station will lift a tremendous load from the main office, and the entire city will therefore have improved service.

Frank Morris, '18, who was one of our honored faculty last year, has recently been elected president of the Freshman Class at Washington and Lee.

Faculty Increased Officers Named

Temporary appointments of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers have been made at Staunton Military Academy, and are given on another page of this issue. There will be four companies this year, against six last, the corps being organized to conform to regulations for an infantry battalion.

S. M. A.'s military department has been entirely reorganized, and that department now handles the interior discipline of the school. Eight men are employed in this department, which is in charge of Col. John Conklin, assisted by Capt. A. M. Patch, detailed from the office of the adjutant general, last August. Capt. Patch served overseas as a lieutenant-colonel. Sergeants W. B. Shooter, F. Greenwald, and J. Taylor, of the regular army, help in the drilling of the cadets.

Regular study hall is now held in the morning, as well as at night, and eight men have been added to the faculty, increasing the number to forty-one. The new men are: Lt. J. B. Benson, Southern University; Lt. F. D. Knapp, West Virginia University; Lt. Marshall A. Brice, Clemson College; Lt. W. A. Hamilton, Washington and Lee; Lt. S. N. Houshour, University of Virginia; Lt. W. A. Duffett, Bates College; Lt. E. E. Herzig, Hampden-Sidney; Lt. Salomon de la Salva, late editor for the *Pan-American Union*, and Lt. C. A. Hill, Norwich University.

A brief introduction to the new faculty members follows:

Lt. J. B. Benson, A. B.; Graduate Southern University; Member of A. T. O. Fraternity; three years Commandant in Junior Department of Gulf Coast Military Academy, instructor in English.

Lt. Marshall Brice: graduate of Clemson College, student at Columbia University; taught three years in Elberton and Newman, Ga., High Schools; instructor in English and Mathematics.

Lt. F. D. Knapp; graduate of University of West Virginia, grad-

uate work at Columbia University; Commandant Donaldson Military School, Assistant Commandant at Morgan Park Military Academy, was first lieutenant in U. S. Army, holds commission as Captain in Illinois National Guard.

Lt. Salomon de la Selva, instructor in Spanish; Editor *Pan-American Union*.

*Lt. W. A. Duffett; graduate of Bates College; served in navy during war; instructor in Mathematics and English.

Lt. E. E. Herzig, graduate of Hamden-Sidney; instructor in English, Physical Geography, and History.

Lt. C. D. Hill, B. S.; graduate of Norwich University; First Lieutenant in Philippine Constabulary, 1915 to 1918; Lieutenant in A. E. F. in Siberia; is Assistant Commandant, tactical officer, and instructor in Spanish.

Lt. S. N. Hoshour, B. A., graduate of Washington and Lee; is a native of Staunton, taught in Lawrenceville School, which is a preparatory school to Princeton, also at Blair's Academy, Blairstown, N. J. Was American Vice-Consul at Barranquilla, Colombia.

Lt. Thos. G. Hamilton, B. A., graduate of Washington and Lee. Is a Sigma Phi Epsilon; six months in A. E. F., two years in service; instructor in French.

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MILITARY

September 23, 1920, started the most military school year in the history of S. M. A. Every man in school has a copy of the new Provisional 1919 Infantry Drill Regulations, and Col. Conklin, with the valued assistance of the five tactical officers, Capt. Patch, Lt. Hill, Lt. Shooter, Sgt. Taylor, and Sgt. Greenwald, will make this the best year S. M. A. has ever had.

Every day's drill shows a marked improvement over the preceeding day; the "Rats" are rounding into shape, and will very soon be able to perform the duties of a soldier. Rifles will be issued in the near future, and then several months' hard, steady grind will begin.

If each one works as hard in the coming weeks as he has in the past one, by June 2, 1921, Staunton Military Academy will have won back the honor rating, and even surpassed her former high military standing.

September 2, 1920.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1:

Paragraph 1. The following appointments of probationary officers and non-commissioned officers are made to be effective until further notice.

STAFF

To be Cadet Lieut.-Adj.—Griffin.
Lieut. Asst. Adj.—Gallagher.
Lieut. Ordnance—Morrow.
Lieut. Quartermaster—Sutton, F. J.
Lieut. Asst. Quartermaster—Fell.
Lieut. Hosp.—Willis, R. S.
Sgt. Major—Shoup.
Sgt. Q. M.—Van Petten.
Sgt. Color—Pine.
Sgt. Color—Poore, E. K.
Sgt. Ordnance—Walters, R.
Sgt. Hosp.—Clemens.

Corp. Ordnance—Moore, J. D.
Chief Bugler—Travis.

COMPANY A

To be Cadet Lieut.—Rosenberg, J., C. C. Sherrell, Kerwick, Allyn, Mohler, B. C.

To be Cadet Sgts.—Smith, W. Y.; Willis, H. H.; Knapp, Stalnaker, Creswell, Johnson, J. A.; Mayberry, W. A.; McMahon, Barnes, F. H.

To be Cadet Corporals—Dickson, Barber, D. M.; Snyder, S. C.; Taylor, M. J.; Treffery, Lounsberry, Bradley, F. W.; Hughes, R. E.; Cummins, Dilworth, J. C.; Downs, Robertson, R. K.; Slade, Brendell, Snyder, E. A.

COMPANY B

To be Cadet, Lieuts.—Benedict, C. C.; McLaughlin, Creech, Reed, H. L.; Blackmore, J.

To be Cadet Sgts.—Wasbers, Moore, P. N.; Weber, Spiva, Felger, Ashley, Maue, B.; Mackey, Zahm, Calkins.

To be Cadet Corporals—Bartlett, Trainor, Brisbine, Salt, Meadows, Dunson, Comstock, Walters, W. P.; Findley, Davidson, Brown, C. C.; McPhail, Parmerton, Connelly, V.; Marshall, W. D.

COMPANY C

To be Cadet Lieuts.—Meggs, C. C.; Shenck, Cobb, J.; Turnbull, Barbour, J. E.

To be Cadet Sgts.—Thompson, K.; Dixon, Wright, W. J.; Brown, A.; Edmondson, Townsend, Wallace, Bailey, Tidwell, Heberling.

To be Cadet Corporals—Capper, Milbanks, McLeod, Tripp, Hall, E. M.; Belber, Broder, Munoz, Miner, E. H.; Hanson, O.; Moses, McDonald, J. B.; Ticknor, Mayberry, E. A.

COMPANY D

To be Cadet Lieuts.—Zemp, C. C.; Bartley, E. W.; Higer, Wilson, H.; Malone.

To be Cadet Sgts.—Stearns, Goodbread, Amos, Miles, W. B.;

Deal, Wagner, Ewing, Smalley, Pagett.

To be Cadet Corporals—David, Eaton, Hamilton, Barchus, Johnson, G. F.; Rice, Hann, Mazursky, Brewer, Greene, R. H.; Stanton, Gross, Frierson, Newbaker.

JUNIOR COMPANY

To be Lieuts.—Armstrong C. H., C. C.

To be Cadet Sgts.—Riggs, R. C.; Hess, Lambert, C.; Lingenfelter.

It must be remembered that these appointments are probationary, and there is still in the corps many vacancies that are to be filled in the final appointments.

The following excerpt is from a bulletin sent to all professors of M. S. and T. in the Eastern Department:

"The following General Order of the Staunton Military Academy is published for your information:

January 9, 1920.

GENERAL ORDER No. 22:

The present regulations for determining the HONOR COMPANY each year are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. The HONOR COMPANY will be determined twice each year, the first time the latter part of December, and the second at the close of school. The second award will be made a part of the commencement exercises.

The company winning the HONOR in the first part of the year will be issued a pennant which will remain in their possession until it is awarded the second time at commencement, the company winning at the close of school will, besides keeping the pennant the first part of the following year, be issued the regular HONOR COMPANY insignia.

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terminated from the beginning to the close of school.

2. Instead of the reward being based on Infantry Drill alone, the following features will govern:

First Award:

(a) Best Drilled Company (Close and Extended Order).

(b) Company having the highest average grade in the theoretical

work pertaining to Military Science and Tactics.

(c) Company with the smallest percentage of demerits charged to the individual members of the company and the smallest percentage of men excused by the surgeon on account of sickness.

(d) Company best qualified in calisthenics.

Second Award:

Same as the above with the addition of—

(e) Highest average in gallery practice.

3. The weight assigned each feature will be as follows:

1st Award	2nd Award
(a) 35	(a) 30
(b) 25	(b) 20
(c) 25	(c) 20
(d) 15	(d) 10
—	(e) 20
100	—
	100

4. (a) and (d) will be decided by three experienced judges selected from the faculty.

(b) will be taken from the daily

recitation grades and the grades received from all quizzes and examinations on Military Science.

(c) will be obtained from the daily record of demerits as recorded in the office of the commandant and the hospital records.

(e) will be obtained from the official gallery practice data on file in the office of the Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

5. The standing of the companies in order, in features (a), (d), and (e) will be announced and published to the battalion each month. And the company standing at the top each month will be excused from drill and allowed leave two afternoons during that month. The grading in for 5 will begin November 1, 1920.

By order of COL. CONKLIN.

Dear Paw:

I got her alright and i think i will like it fine but still hit aint like the farm. There weren't nobody at the depo to meet me sos I come on up and tells em im here. A funny looking guy called ted gave me a room in the east baraks and pa its just our barn loft only it aint quite as pretty. My roommates are both fools so it makes me fele just a bit at home. They tooken us new fellers to get our classes fixed and paw all of mine are under a funny looking guy named tar. Paw he shore is funny cause hes just as broad as long. Hes kinda pert too. They call us new fellers rats and it makes me kinda sore fer I know i dont look like the rats around the barn. We have something they call drill every day and it is the gol durndest thing i ever heard of if we aint marching were halting so i dont see any use in marching. They say if i werent sway back and flat footed id be military for they say ive got a military aspect. We had a great dinner today had roals, some kinda meat, coffee, and butter. i don't find much time to eat for these fellers are always wanting you to pass this and pour that. i told one feller to do his own pour in and passin for i didnt have time. he looked mad and when i told

him i was from virginia he shut up. We carried our dirty clothes to a house munday and as i didnt have any i jest carried my socks dont know if ill get it back or not but ill risk it that guy named ted let us go to the moving pictures yesterday and that man thats got my 2 bits didnt give it to me so i stayed in my cell and wrote to mandy. i told her i shore was sorry i couldnt go with her to the pie supper at the church sunday. they dont have pie suppers and box suppers here so paw im jest ex-jestin. well paw the durn horn is tooten so ive got to see what they want. write your son soon and give my love to the hired girl and mama.

yer sun,
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HONOR SCHOOL

The old adage, "You'll never miss the water 'till the well runs dry," seems to hold good in our case—at least, in the case of the Honor School rating. For several years we considered ourselves as having that rating cinched, and we even carried that thought over to last year, but we stretched it a little too far. This editorial is not for the purpose of establishing alibi's for our failure to land it this year. There may be some alibis, but we simply didn't get the rating, and that's final. We didn't get it, and it was largely because of our poor showing put up last year that we failed.

If ever the corps of cadets of the Staunton Military Academy is to be benefited by an "ill wind," the 1920-1921 session surely will—will be benefited to such an extent that any outsider can easily give 20 to 1 odds that old S. M. A. will "bring home the bacon" next year.

What did the battalion have to work for last year? Nothing—absolutely nothing—so they didn't. We had reached the peak of our ambition—an ambition that has caused many sleepless nights and gray hairs throughout other military schools—that of being one of the ten government honor schools. We had been one of that class for many years, and it seemed that we thought that we had an indisputable right to that place. Even on the first day of government inspection last year, that thought was above all.

Now, what has the battalion to

HOW'S THIS?

Out of this corps of over six hundred cadets, TWO articles were contributed voluntarily for this issue of THE KABLEGRAM. From the whole student body only ten men have shown any desire up to now to become an editor on THE KABLEGRAM staff.

We are still hoping and looking for editors, correspondents, and cartoonists, and also for contributions of any kind from the battalion.

We are indebted to the following men for aid in editing this issue: Meggs, Foreman, Kerwick, Barber, Shoup, Pine, Zemp, Van Petten, Benedict, and Malone.

work for this year? Everything, is the answer. The Honor School Grade. That work will mean a better S. M. A.; it will mean discipline and interest. We know that will obtain, for there are many loyal old boys whose hearts nearly break when they think that we've been caught sleeping.

As one ex-cadet told us during the summer, we had too many pretty officers last year—officers that blew all the old gent's money for tailor-made uniforms—officers and non-commissioned officers, who were forever in the supply room signing up for chevrons. When anything was expected of them, the old game of "passing the buck" turned up, and these pretty boys retired to their rooms and sought aid and comfort in a Fatima, as a preventative for a nervous breakdown. We had captains last year that up until the last day didn't know some of the men in their company. S. M. A. wasn't on their minds. We doubt if there was anything on their minds except to look pretty.

No officer could truly and honestly, down deep in his heart, expect interest and discipline from the men of his company with such models to copy. We lost the Honor Grade last year, and we lost it largely because of lack of interest and discipline.

You men here—all of us, in fact—have opened a wound in the heart of every graduate and ex-cadet of S. M. A. If you're of the right type you have an undertaking on

your hands to heal that wound and have it completely healed by next June. You can't do it by beginning to work the middle of May. YOU'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO WORK NOW AND KEEP AT IT UNTIL THE FINAL DRILL.

Don't work for Thursday, Saturday night, and Monday. There is nothing in Staunton that should interest you more than your duties on the hill. There is everything up here to interest you and keep you busy.

Keep before you always the fact that the Honor Rating which has been held by S. M. A. so long, has just merely taken a vacation, for one year, and that it will be back next June to stay for good.

TO THE "RATS"

Welcome to S. M. A.! We are glad to have you with us. The incoming element is the essential part of any educational institution. It is the life blood of the Academy. The school will be what you decide to make it, for the "Rat" of today is the "Old Boy" of tomorrow.

You come here for a definite purpose, and are expected to fulfill that purpose. To fall short of achieving your aim is to fail, and failures have no place in this order of things. Most of you are away from home for the first time, and to you it might seem hard, at first. However, no one ever gains the top rung of the ladder of success, who does not take the first step. The day of the educated man is here; the untrained man is being crowded out. The cornerstone of your future must be laid today. To gain an education, it is necessary to branch out. You cannot win a race by standing still, just so it is very often essential that you leave home to attend school.

Every school activity is open to you, and needs you. All the world loves a booster—don't be a knocker. You will get out of school life just what you put into it. The years you spend in school should rightly be the happiest of your life.

Again we say, Welcome to S. M. A.

AN APPEAL TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

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In every walk of life there is the parasite, the person who wants to get something for nothing. We find him in this school. He is the cadet who wears the uniform of a loyal S. M. A. student, but who does not put his weight behind the school when it needs him. It is he who does not subscribe to the school paper, but borrows the paper from a loyal, but thoughtless, subscriber.

Do not lend it to him! His interest in the paper is as great as your own. Force him to subscribe, if he would have the paper. His subscription will enable us to give you a better publication. We are trying to put out a volume of THE KABLEGRAM this year that will do credit to the institution. We anticipate a greater number of illustrations, cuts, and cartoons, which are very expensive. In order to do this, we must have funds. Massanutten, a school with only about one-sixth the enrollment of S. M. A., puts out a weekly paper replete with cartoons and cuts that lend life and "pep" to it, whereas, we are forced, by desultory support from our corps, to publish an inferior sheet, and that only twice a month. Will your school pride allow such as this? You have, in a measure, done your share, now we ask you to help us compel others, who have not seen fit to give us their subscription, to either subscribe or do without THE KABLEGRAM.

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S. M. A. HASH

A Little Bit of Everything
IN FACULTY MEETING

Lt. Bear (seriously): "There's a certain fellow on the Hill this year who's liable to make a racket any time?"

Lt. Duggan: "Who's that?"

Lt. Bear: "Tenniswood."

"Fat" Bartley's trousers are not too small, he's just in them too far. This matter will be remedied soon, as he intends going out for basket ball.



Now that Willie Soden has started talking in his sleep again, his room-mates will have a lecture on the beauties of Harrisonburg every night. Willie is very bashful, and should not be questioned on this matter.



THE WAY YOU FEEL WHEN YOU ARE BAWLED OUT BY THE TOPPER

There has always been in the opening issue of each KABLEGRAM a familiar saying, "We wonder when Bill Morrow will grow up." We don't like to run a good thing into the ground, but maybe Bill found the far famed Fountain of Youth that Ponce de Leon was in

quest of when he discovered Florida.

What became of the sugar bowls that were on the table the first day, when all of our folks were around here?

There has been a divided opinion as to which is the right way to fold blankets this year.

The corps is asking if \$26.00 is too much for the faculty to pay for a regulation rain-coat. Of all the antiques and rustic ideas in styles you ever saw, some of the old duck backs that were brought out in the recent rain storm would take the prize. Umbrellas must also be cheap.

(This is an argument for increased pay for teachers).

The old boys who are now in the infirmary miss the midnight ride of the brave lieutenant who patrolled the lower floor with his "eighteen-notch" six gun. Still we have heard that Willis is not bad on the trigger.



A RECOLLECTION

What has become of the days when:—Uniforms cost only a hundred dollars? A cigarette meant only five hours' beat? It cost nothing to use the phone? Announcements were made in regard to room 3-4-1? We used to get eggs and oranges for breakfast every Sunday morning? The assistant adjutant used to run a toy shop in the commandant's office? Reveille

sold for two bits? "Shinie" Bright wore his own clothes? They are gone, but not forgotten.

Two members of the staff have a bet on with Bill Morrow that he can't put a billiard ball in his mouth.



Wagner: "Say, Bill, do you know what kind of monkeys grow on vines?"

Morrow: "No, what kind?"

Wagner: "Gr-apes" (Wagner says "grapes" that way).

There seems to be someone every summer that puts his uniform to some peculiar use. We have the latest dope this edition of one of our dashing young lieutenants using his uniform this summer to gather nickels on one of the electric lines of New York. There is one good thing about this, and that is that it advertises the school in a very up to date fashion.

"Fats" Hoffman believes in assisting foreign missionary work. He dropped a Chinese penny in the collection plate at church Sunday.



A RAT ON HIS FIRST TOWN LEAVE

A scurvy Rat in the South Barracks was heard to remark that he wished cold weather had not come so soon, as he wanted to take another bath before spring.

In our humble opinion the king of all boobs is the guy who goes to a two-bit show in a small town and tries to be the chief comedian from his place in the audience.

PUZZLED

I am a puzzled Rat,
I don't know what to do;
This is my first in S. M. A.
And everything's quite new.

When I first saw the barracks
They seemed so large and drear,
I just could not imagine
How I'd live in them all year.

'Long came a great, big Old Boy,
His head was held quite high;
"Don't worry, little Rat, my boy,
You'll know us by and by."

But still I am bewildered,
That's why I'm feeling blue,
I just have entered S. M. A.,
O, dear, what shall I do?
—SWEET PATOOTIE.

WHAT THEN?

When the workmen own the work-shops,
And the railroad men the rails;
And the grocery clerks the groceries,
And the mail clerks own the mails;
When the preachers own the pulpits,
And the pressmen own the shops,
And the drillers own the oil wells,
And the jails are owned by cops;
When the conductors own the street cars,
And each driver owns his bus,
Will you tell us common people—
What in the hell becomes of us.

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Jack Norton, '17, and Ballou, '18, are juniors at Dartmouth.

"Doug" Curry and "Doc" Gordon, both of '19, are sophomores at Dartmouth.

"Pop" Brophy, ex-'20, who played football, basketball, and baseball for S. M. A. during his career here, is playing ball this year for Martinsburg, W. Va., in the Blue Grass League.

Percy Jenkins, '20, who was one of the best all-round athletes who ever came to S. M. A., has entered Harvard this fall.

Pete Wertz, ex-'20, is working in New York City. Pete was a life saver at Asbury Park all summer.

Varnakale Jones, ex-'20, is working in Tulsa, Okla., his home.

Schnooberger, '16, is playing guard on West Virginia Wesleyan team this year.

Neeson C. Woods, '20, assistant lieutenant and adjutant of '19-'20, spent a few days with us last week while making a tour of the surrounding country. He is attending Broadus College this year, and later expects to enter Carnegie Tech.

Earl Maue, '20, is now attending Washington and Lee. We had the pleasure of having him with us for a few days last week. Earl held the office of lieutenant and adjutant last year, and carried out his duties in an excellent manner.

S. Donaldson Short, ex-'19, is residing in Detroit, Mich. He married Miss Loretta Dame, September 23, 1919. He is manager in a very prosperous concern.

Goumond, ex-'20, one of our very popular musicians last year, is now playing with an orchestra in Detroit.

Perry C. Regan, wife, and son, P. C., Jr., were guests of Col. and Mrs. T. H. Russell shortly before school opened. Mr. Regan is now a major in the United States army, stationed at Camp Dix, New Jer-

sey. He was a graduate of the class of '08.

Lummus, '17, who was cadet major during the session of '17, visited us for a while at the re-opening of the school year. He is now working for a prominent bank in Miami, Fla.

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MAJOR STEVENS RESIGNS

Major L. L. Stevens, who for fifteen years has been an instructor at S. M. A., and who was at the head of the Department of English, did not return to S. M. A. this year. He resigned his position here, and is now superintendent of a school in Camden, N. C.

Major Stevens' familiar face will be greatly missed on the Hill. THE KABLEGRAM wishes for him much success in his new work.

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THE SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is open now, and has already become quite a popular place. It is one of the best pools in the State of Virginia, and is modern in every respect. It is well equipped with springboards, chutes, and diving apparatus. Cadets are allowed to go in bathing every day, except Sunday from 3:30 p. m. until retreat, and the pool is under the supervision of one of the faculty during this time.

There is a possibility of a swimming team being organized this year to represent S. M. A. in the swimming meets held each year at various schools.

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TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts are getting in shape, and within ten days six of them will be finished. It is said that when they are complete they will be the finest courts in the State of Virginia. W. B. Johnson, local contractor, is doing the work on the courts.

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The S. M. A. barber shop in South Barracks is now open for business under the management of Mr. A. W. Dove. Mr. Dove has been a barber for nineteen years, four of which he was foreman in Pfifferling's shop, this city. The S. M. A. shop has two chairs, is completely furnished with all modern equipment, and is thoroughly sanitary in every respect. At present, Mr. Dove is doing all the work, but he expects to have another man shortly for his other chair. This shop is not connected with any other shop in town, but is entirely under the management of Mr. Dove. All orders issued to cadets for barber work are good only at this shop, but of course it is not compulsory upon the students to have their work done on the Hill. There is also a bootblack on hand who can shine anything from hobnails to puttees.

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FIRST DANCE OF SEASON

The first dance, and the informal opening of the social season at S. M. A., took place Saturday night in the new gymnasium. It was quite a success from every standpoint, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. The prospects for a brilliant social season are very pleasing.

Music was furnished by the school orchestra, which, considering the short time they have had to practice together, did remarkably well. We may expect to have a second "Ted Lewis Jazz Band" in our midst before many weeks are past.

The young ladies present, accepted by the cadets and chaperons as most desirable dancers, added greatly to the success of the affair.

With Col. Russell and Major Sizer as heads of the dancing committee, and Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Timberlake as chaperons, we can expect nothing other than perfectly satisfactory dances throughout the year.

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CAPTAIN PATCH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Captain A. M. Patch, who has been assigned to us this year by the War Department, was in Washington last week to take the examination for a Major's commission in the United States Army. Captain Patch is a graduate of West Point, and has been an army man ever since his graduation. We feel sure that he is well qualified for this rank, and sincerely hope his examination was successful.

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Football Prospects

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one man, and serve to make him a valuable player.

"Cement" Bentz, the big center and captain of last year, is showing up better than ever before. He was easily all state prep school center last year, and whoever takes this title from him this year will have to play mighty good football. Coach Tarr has been working Bentz at tackle.

"Canuck" Townsend, the husky guard from the North Woods, is back in harness, and is in excellent condition. This is Townsend's third year on the S. M. A. squad, and his experience, as well as his born football instinct, will help the team's chances a great deal. At filling his hole, he is in a class by himself.

"Hal" Malone, the hard-hitting tackle of last year, is another linesman to return. With Malone in his old position, the line will be greatly strengthened.

Beane, who was Townsend's running mate at guard last year, is expected back in a few days. Some of the old cadets, aside from those mentioned above, who are making a good showing, are: Newbaker, Spring, Walters, Barber, Paget, and Stearns for the line; Woodruff, Lowery, Connelly, V., Bartlett, Ritter, Marshall, W. D., and Bangham for the backfield; Zemp, Walters, W. P., Belber, Creech, McConnell, and Mayberry for the end positions.

There is much good material among the recruits this year, and it is hard, just now, to tell who looks the best, but these men are showing good form: Starling, Faunce, Bauer, and Neid, for the line, and Loppacker, Burke, Heulings, and McDonald for the backfield. There are numerous others who will prob-

ably show up better with a little further developing.

The schedule this year is one of the hardest S. M. A. has ever gone up against. The first game is to be played here Saturday, October 9th, with Washington and Lee Scrubs. October 16th, Tech High, of Washington, last year's city champions, at Staunton. October 23rd, U. S. Naval Academy "Plebes," October 30th, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, November 6th, University of Virginia Freshmen, at Staunton, November 13th U. S. Marines, at Quantico, Virginia, November 20th, V. M. I. Scrubs, at Staunton, and the Turkey Day game with Fishburne, at Staunton. As yet, no game has been scheduled with Augusta Military Academy, but there is a possibility of arranging a game with them. It is sincerely hoped that we may get a game with A. M. A., for a game with them is always the "football classic" of the valley.

The gridiron is in excellent condition, this fall. It has been sodded, and is a great improvement over the hard clay field of last season.

The school spirit that makes S. M. A. what it is will play a large part in the successful season predicted. No team can win without the support of the student body. The daily scrimmage is worth going to see, and every cadet is urged to go out and watch the team practice.

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