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HOW THE LAUNDRY WORKS DESCRIBED

Mr. Bright Shows Kablegram Representative How Corps' Laundry Work Is Done In Our Own Plant

Most of the cadets do not fully realize the value of the school laundry to them. For the past seventeen years Mr. G. E. Bright has been the superintendent of the school laundry and not once in that time has he failed to have the "Bags" ready for the corps on Saturday morning. The plant is valued at approximately \$25,000.00. It is equipped with the best machinery made by the American and Troy machinery companies, consisting of a flat-work ironer, dry tumbler, dry rooms and washers, shirt press machines, and several body pressing machines. The actual cost of running the laundry for one week is \$600. This includes the expense of everything—the napkins, table cloths and all laundry from the mess hall. It may seem strange, but each week 4,500 napkins and 300 table cloths are washed, during the time when the corps wears white ducks to parade approximately 600 ducks are washed each week. In doing this amount of washing one barrel of soap and one barrel of washing powder is consumed.

Twelve people work in the laundry and a few of these employees have been working in the laundry as long as Mr. Bright. Mr. Bright is a native of Oregon. (Continued On Page Six)

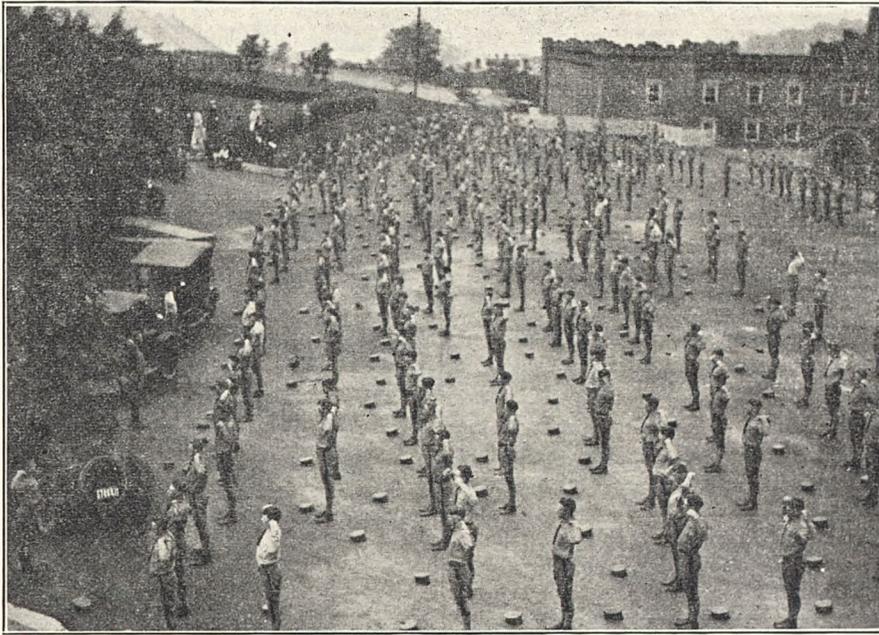
MEETING IS HELD FOR SENIOR CLASS

The entire Senior Class was addressed Saturday night, April 14th, by Mr. T. M. Lewis, of the University of Virginia. Mr. Lewis is a member of the "University Club" and his mission was to present to the Seniors a brief picture of college life and to outline the opportunities offered at his Alma Mater.

Mr. Lewis began by outlining the various courses which are offered at the University of Virginia. First he discussed the Department of Law, which has perhaps the most complete course offered. "In this branch," said Mr. Lewis, "we have a group of excellent professors and have turned out some of the most eminent lawyers of this country today."

In order he proceeded to touch upon the courses of study offered in the schools of Medicine, Engineering, Architecture and Commerce.

One of the foremost advantages in at- (Continued on Page Two)



SCENE OF THE BATTALION AT SETTING UP EXERCISES YESTERDAY MORNING FOR THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS AS CAUGHT BY THE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER. DETAILED STORY OF THE INSPECTION IN NEXT ISSUE.

KABLE BOYS MEET DEFEAT IN FIVE OF FIRST EIGHT GAMES

Trips Made to Bridgewater, Greenbrier and Fishburne; Games Played on Kable Field with Massanutten M. S., Bridgewater, University of Virginia Fresh, V. P. I., and S. C. I.—Six-day Trip in View

After defeat by the Bridgewater baseball team S. M. A.'s athletes partook of some kind of tonic and came back Tuesday, April 10, imbued with new life, beating the University of Virginia Freshmen by a fast finish just before the final count with a score of four to three.

In the first stretch Williams found Beard for a hit and then proceeded to pass the secret around among his teammates. The result was that in the second Orman hit, was helped around by two errors, and came home on a passed ball. All seemed rosy for Staunton with three men on the sacks, one run stowed away and only one down, but the Freshies pulled the bad boy act and broke up the picnic by a double play on Sponseller's bid for a single.

The Staunton bunch scored again in the third as the result of a free ticket to Williams, followed by the explosion of the Virginian's infield as Williams ran around the paths and scored when Doane dropped the throw-in.

The visitors then tied the score they had unravelled in the previous inning and made two earned runs on two hits and a sacrifice gaining the lead in the sixth on a base on balls and an error. Their hope was smothered suddenly in S. M. A.'s half of the lucky seventh when Nied, Sponseller and Hill unloosed their fury and made three hits in rapid succession.

The collegiates were poor Boy Scouts and unprepared for this onslaught allowed a stolen base and committed one error, all of which helped the Kableites. After Sponseller had hit Nied across, Hill came up and slashed one into the right field underbrush where it could not be found. He made the entire circuit on this one but was only credited with a single owing to the ground rules. None was out but the game was called as it had been previously agreed that seven innings should be the limit.

Nied pitched winning ball as is shown by his ten strike-outs in seven innings, five in succession in the second and third. The team supported him in fine shape and the entire game was well played throughout.

The visitors made only two infield hits, one a scratch, and in addition used up three hurlers during the struggle.

S. M. A. Plays Greenbrier

In a double header with Greenbrier played at Greenbrier, S. M. A. lost the first game 8 to 2 and won the second 4 to 3. The Greenbrier team walloped Smith, C. E., for five runs in the first inning, which was a lead that S. M. A. was unable to overcome. S. M. A. had men on bases several times, but was un-

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CINDER PATH MEN ONCE VICTORIOUS

Defeated by University of Virginia Freshmen and Victorious over Staunton High School Is Record of Track Team

After spending the entire morning and part of the afternoon running over Virginia corn fields and pastures with the rest of the battalion in a military field problem, the S. M. A. track team returned much the worse for wear and scored 103 points to their opponents' 5 in a practice meet with Staunton High School a week ago Thursday. This was a good test of the team's endurance and ability and the fact that they were able to run up such a total after the fatigue they had already been through promises to offer our future rivals a hard combination to beat this year.

Because of the morning's hike no records were broken although several men who had not done so before showed up well. Hall repeated his victories by winning the 100 and the 220, as did Wein in the mile. Jones, G. V. P., in the pole vault, Woodruff in the broad jump, and Baker in the discus. Pollock succeeded in beating out Nichols in the half-mile and Woodruff turned the tables on Eisenberg in the 440. Dietsch won the low hurdles, Case the shot put, and Sparrenberger the high jump while Kessens won the javelin throw with a large margin and the long heave of 142 feet 9 inches. The 220 was quite fast, the winning time being 22.2.

KABLEGRAM DANCE IS WELL ATTENDED

The Kablegram Carnival Dance which was so widely advertised was held in the gymnasium on Friday night, April 21st. The affair was a huge success socially, and there were about two hundred people present making the gym have an air of hilarity about it, which is seldom seen at an informal dance. The music was furnished by the Original Society Seven and began promptly at nine o'clock. From then until the end of the sixth dance the floor was busy with dancing couples. During the intermission the patronesses and patrons honored those present by giving an old-fashioned Virginia Reel. This was enjoyed by all, and to some was quite a novel sight.

At the other end of the hall Colonel "Ted" raffled off two of the best looking (Continued on page 2)

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dances during the evening. To add to the excitement he granted a twelve o'clock leave the following night to the winner of this raffle. The Colonel was in his element here and it might be said that he missed his calling when he did not select that of an auctioneer.

Later in the evening Cadet Grier gave a Frisco dance which more than proved his ability as a specialty dancer. The tenth dance was a novelty dance which ended up as an elimination dance. The couples were narrowed down until there were about three left on the floor. The winner was selected by the bystanders in the following manner: A spotlight was played on the dancing couples and the audience indicated its desire by clapping for its favorite Miss Morris and Cadet Traynor won the prize and then gave a very pleasing exhibition dance.

The gymnasium was very nicely decorated for this affair. An immense drop-light decorated with crepe paper was suspended in the center of the hall. Various other lights throughout the gym were colored with different kinds of crepe paper and proper manipulation of these gave the place a very pleasing effect at all times.

The patrons and patronesses were:

Colonel and Mrs. T. H. Russell; Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. T. G. Russell; Major and Mrs. A. M. Patch; Major and Mrs. S. S. Pitcher; Captain and Mrs. R. A. Brigham; Captain and Mrs. Thomas Beardsworth; Lieutenant and Mrs. R. E. Moody; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morris, Mrs. Timberlake, and General and Mrs. Lyttell.

Informal Dance

On Friday night, April 13th, Mrs. Vandever, who was visiting her son, gave a dance for her daughter, Miss Ethelwyn Vandever and her son Cadet Rudolf Vandever. The entertainment was held at the "Shenandoah." Music was furnished by the Original Society Seven. The guests arrived at about eight-thirty o'clock and spent a most enjoyable evening in dancing. Some novel ways of choosing partners for several of the dances were introduced. Refreshments were served about ten-thirty.

Those present were:

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Meeting Is Held

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tending a university," said Mr. Lewis, "is the fact that one becomes associated with men in all walks of life and is thereby enabled to broaden his intellect. The University of Virginia has perhaps a larger out-of-state representation than any university of equal size."

Continuing, the speaker discussed the various literary societies, fraternities and other student organizations which are located at the U. of V. "These," said Mr. Lewis, "together with *College Topics*, our student publication, offer unlimited opportunities for developing the talent of those interested in literary pursuits."

Mr. Lewis next turned to athletics and showed just what an asset they are in fostering manliness and sportsmanship among the student body of any school. In this connection he stated that "Greasy" Neale, National League baseball star of recent years, had been employed as head coach of athletics and that under his leadership, the University was assured of winning teams during the coming year.

The University of Virginia's greatest claim to fame, however, is the honor system which has been successfully operated since its founding in 1802. Under this system, the student is placed entirely on his honor and is given a chance to develop that greatest trait of human character--will power.

In closing, Mr. Lewis generously offered to send *College Topics* to any senior who desired it. Quite a number took advantage of his proposition.

The mother and father of Cadet Fisher watched the progress of their son for a few days some time ago.

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Personals

Williams, D., of Massachusetts was fortunate in having the company of his mother for a few days not long ago.

The parents of Cadet Schenk spent some time in Staunton paying a short visit to their son.

Cadet Smith, M., was visited by his parents, of Buffalo, New York, a short while ago.

The father of Cadet Miner stopped in this city for a time in order to visit his son.

Cadet Vandever was visited by his mother and sister who spent several weeks in Staunton during which time they made many friends and acquaintances.

Cadet Eckhart enjoyed the company of his mother for a short time during the past few days.

Mrs. Merrit, of New York, paid her son, Cadet Merrit, a visit a little over a week ago.

The parents of Cadet Fuller stopped in Staunton for some little time to visit their son.

The mother and sister of Cadet Steinharter payed two visits to the Academy during the past month. They came once, then went North for a short while and returned to see more of the life at S. M. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Warwick visited a few days with their son.

Mr. Smith paid a flying visit to his son, Cadet Smith, K. J., about ten days ago.

The mother of Cadet E. L. Robinson spent some time in Staunton in order to note the progress of her son.

Mrs. Behrend made a brief visit in this city a few days ago to visit her son, Cadet Behrend.

The parents of G. B. Ward made a short stay in Staunton not long ago.

Cadet Murdick was visited by his parents who stayed for a few days in this city.

LIEUTENANT BRICE ENGAGED

It was with surprise that THE KABLEGRAM learned of the engagement of Lieutenant Brice some days ago. The young lady is Miss Margaret Gibbs Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris of this city. Lieutenant Brice has been an instructor in the English Department here for some years, and is well liked by all the cadets.

The wedding is scheduled to take place early in June.

"Red" McIver is pining away down at the largest sugar mill in the world in Cuba. The reason for his pining away is his inability to return to S. M. A., which he craves to do mightily.

Sam Grossman writes of three Peraza

brothers who graduated from this institution about 1911 and 1912, and are still busy cussing out Colonel Russell as if they meant it.

Andy Weinman of the past year is now at the Johns Hopkins University.

Note for Non-Coms

According to Paragraph 29, I. D. R., the following regulation governing the position of a non-commissioned officer in command of a platoon is quoted. "In all formations and movements, a non-commissioned officer commanding a platoon carries his piece as the men do, if he is so armed, and takes the same post as an officer in like situation. When a platoon is formed in line for ceremonies a non-commissioned officer in command takes post on the right of the right guide after the platoon has been aligned."

This means that if a non-com is in charge of a platoon at parade he commands the platoon from the same position as an officer until it has reached the field and has been given "Right dress." After giving "Front," he remains at the right of the right guide until the platoon moves off to pass in review, at which time he takes the same post as an officer in the same situation. At retreat on the asphalt he takes his post on the right as soon as "fall in" has sounded and the reports have been taken, and remains there until the platoon moves off to march into the Mess Hall.

At Saturday morning inspection his post is also on the right of the right guide during all time when he is not busy inspecting the platoon.

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A Little Bit of Everything

Lt. Louthan: "Tripp, who is Asquith?"

Tripp: "He was a minister."

Lt. Louthan: "Baptist or Methodist?"

Tripp: "Methodist."

McConaughy: "And an airship was built that flew across the Atlantic from Ireland to England in three and one-half days."

We wish to correct the impression generally prevalent, that "non-com" is a credited abbreviation of "non compimentsis."

Foot note from Stuart Hall:

I wish I was a mariner so I could marry you,

I wish I was an octopus, my arms would be for you;

But oh, I wish I was a lilac—so I could lie like you.

Visitor: "What's the retreat gun for?"

Christmas Rat: "To wake the battalion up from parade rest."

Major Wonson (in Economics class): "Ten years ago I used to pay twenty-five cents for a hair cut and ten cents for a shave, but now I don't know what they cost."

Sutherland and Glavin are thinking of writing a book entitled "Tales of the Barracks Patrol."

The latest in song hits, "Helen of Troy, my Arrow Shirt Girl."

Lt. Blackburn: "Reichbaum, what did you write your theme on?"
Reichbaum: "Legal pad."

Jim Kinney, (our baseball chaser): "When I fust saw Mister Webb and Mister Phelan in dem minstrels I thought sho' dey wuz my boys, Jim and Bob. I declare dey talked more like a nigger dan a nigger talks like hisself."

After Lt. Benson had finished telling about the burial of the unknown soldier. Schorb: "Who was the unknown soldier?"

Riddle—Why is Mike Duly like puffed rice?

Answer—Because he is eight times normal size.

Smith, K. J.: "Sure my ancestors came over in the Mayflower."

Hitner: "I know, but the immigration laws were not strict then"

"That beats me," sighed the rat as he gazed at the broom.

"Here's health," said the waiter as he brought the bran.

Kaminsky: "Do you use Woodberry's (Burgess') soap?"

Dennis: "No, I'm not rooming with him any more."

Major Patch (at field problem): "Where is the message center?"

Ward, R. A.: "It's Mann, Sir."

Major Patch: "Well tell it to come here."

McDonnel, H. O., is one of the few men who have died and then come to life again. The other day on the field problem Major Patch told him he was killed and a few minutes later changed his mind and told him he had come to life once more.

It is rumored that DeBord was seen trying to tell time from the sun dial in the yard of the Wilson birthplace, with a match the other night. It can't be done Walt.

Hartman was stuck for Breaking Barracks lately. He put his fist through the wall in the Math Building.

Quoting the old rhyme "Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November," and we might add so have several well known persons around the hill.

The "Review of Reviews"—getting the laundry ready for Monday morning.

It is reported that the California Raisin Growers Association has applied for admission to the American Iron Manufacturers' Union.

The third and fourth period classes under Major Sutherland can testify to the fact that organic chemistry is not conducive to a big appetite.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

- North Barracks burning down?
- The Headmaster without a cigar?
- Johnston without grease on his hair?
- DeBord getting serious?
- M. B. S. at an S. M. A. formal?
- Captain Kelly in a hurry?
- Harterger teaching Sunday school?
- Mike Duly out for the track?
- "Percy" Calhoun losing his temper?

Lt. Louthan: "Who was George III?"

Ward, G. B.: "He was the man that was brought up by his mother."

Lt. Louthan: "Your initials are A. S., aren't they Henochstein?"

Henochstein: "Yes, Sir."

Lt. Louthan: "That's just two-thirds of the truth."

Alison, J.: Explain your movements so that the most ignorant person could understand them."

Glavin: "Oh, I didn't know you were listening."

Spring: "What makes Kessens drink his soup so fast?"

Therkildson: "He's afraid some of it will evaporate before he gets through."

Donnegan: "Take this watch, Lieutenant, and see how long it takes me to run the mile."

Lt. Chapman: "You don't need a watch, you need a calendar."

Nied: "Where is your band instrument?"

Johnson, C. M.: "I couldn't find anything but my shoe horn."

Dowler: "I want to exchange this campaign hat for a new one."

Chunn: "Why? What's the matter with it?"

Dowler: "There's no hole in it for the hat shield."

Capt. Harriman (after reading "Sesame and Lilies" to class): "What was the king's treasure?"

Sullivan, W. B.: "His women."

"Abie, mein son, for vy you go der shstairs up two at a time?"

"To save mein shoes, fadder."

"Vell, be careful you don't shplit your pantz."

—Awgwan.

Old lady: "I see that tips are forbidden here."

Attendant: "Lor', mum, so was apples in the Garden of Eden."

—Goblin.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE MESS HALL

Sir, my general orders are as follows:

1. To take charge of all gravy and Apuds in sight.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for any sausage or ham that comes within my smelling.
3. To report all approaches of Academy officers to my friends.
4. To repeat all calls for seconds.
5. To quit this table only when I'm satisfied that there is nothing left.
6. To receive but not pass on to the man next to me all beans, meat or soup overlooked.

7. To talk to no-one who eats onions.

8. In case of fire from other tables to fire back.

9. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of grub.

10. In any case not covered by the eyes of a superior to eat naturally.

11. To salute courteously all faculty who report me for my conduct at mess.

12. To be especially watchful when Major Sizer is in charge of the mess hall lest the battalion be forced to march out and go hungry.

Great News

Here is some grand and glorious news for the readers of THE KABLEGRAM. After months of patient research one of the workers of science has discovered that any cadet who spends as much as seven days out of the school year in the hospital does not attend school at all for the entire session. The process by which he arrived at his conclusion is given as follows:

First of all there are only two hundred forty-five days in the school year. This may be verified in a moment by any reader who may doubt the statement. Each cadet sleeps on an average of nine hours a day during this time; total, ninety-two days. There are thirty-five Sundays during the session and three holidays. Ten days of the year are spent at camp. Everyone has two and one-half hours of recreation daily which will total twenty-six more days during the year. Three hours a day are spent eating, making thirty days when this time is totalled for the year. Leave time amounts to eight hours every Saturday and three hours on Friday night, which amounts to sixteen days during the session. Two hours and forty minutes of C. Q. every night amounts to approximately twenty-six days more. When these are totalled it comes to two hundred thirty-eight days during the session.

Sleep, nine hours out of	
twenty-four	92 days
Thirty-five Sundays in session	35 days
Three holidays	3 days
Ten days at Camp	10 days
Two and a half hours daily, recreation	26 days
Three hours daily for meals	30 days
Leave, eight hours Saturday, three hours, Friday	16 days
Two and one-half hours C. Q. every night	26 days
Total	238 days
Seven days in the hospital—	
if possible—	7 days
Grand Total	245 days

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Kable Boys Meet Defeat

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able to score. In the last half of the first inning Strong of Greenbrier pulled down Sponseller's long fly which looked like a home run at the beginning. This left the two men on bases stranded and S. M. A. could not get a run over. During the rest of the game Greenbrier got three more runs and S. M. A. got two runs across the plate. Smith, C. E., was relieved by Duane and the game ended 8 to 2 in favor of Greenbrier.

Nied pitched the second game and allowed but few hits. In the third inning S. M. A. had two runs and Greenbrier a goose egg. Two consecutive plays at the home plate netted Greenbrier two runs, tying the score. In the remainder of the game Konigsberg hit two doubles, putting two runs across and the game for S. M. A. The final score of the second game was 4 to 2 in favor of S. M. A.

S. M. A. 4—V. P. I. 9

On Saturday afternoon, April 22nd, our baseball team suffered defeat at the hands of the V. P. I Junior Varsity, largely because of errors and failure on the part of the team to support the pitcher when he most needed it. The final score was 9 to 5 in favor of the opposing team.

Both teams started with a rush; the visitors making two runs on a base on balls and a misjudged fly which allowed the batter to get home. In this inning Duane should have had no runs scored against him if the team had backed his pitching constantly.

S. M. A. showed their spirit in their half of the opening spasm. Sponseller's hit set the ball rolling, followed by Grandy's free ticket as a result of his obstructing a pitched ball. "Tarzan" McConnell got on also and the stage was set with three on and none down. Up stepped Konigsberg and showed his Irish descent by hitting Bond's fast one over the right fielder's topknot. All runners tore madly around the paths and crossed the platter one after the other with the exception of Konigsberg whose hit became a boomerang and returned on the throw-in in time to catch him at home. It was a juicy triple which netted us three counters.

Konigsberg again did the Babe Ruth exhibit in the fourth on a hit which made the right fielder carry his lunch. When he returned to view Konigsberg was waiting for his next turn at bat and listening as Lieut. Louthan told him he could sleep through study hall that night. Joe Felber reached the initial sack in the fourth when the second baseman juggled his offering, was shoved around by two free passes and brought across the register on

McConnell's sacrifice making S. M. A. total five runs, their entire yield during the game.

V. P. I. came back strong in the second, the first man up hitting a smoky triple to center and was brought in on a scratch single to left. Duane fanned the catcher but the first baseman saw how desirable was a three bagger so he made one himself to right field shoving Ebert across, and scoring himself on Pumphrey's neat sacrifice bunt.

Until the seventh all went well and the score was 5 to 5 before Duane went to the showers on a hit, a walk, and a sacrifice which yielded two checkers for the enemy. Nied allowed a hit before he settled down and also gave another earned run in the ninth but the damage had already been done.

Bullock, Bond and Henley were outstanding for the visitors. S. M. A. committed five errors and made four hits. V. P. I. made two errors and eight hits, seven off Duane in six and two-thirds innings and one off Nied in two and one-third innings. Duane set one man down on strikes while Nied struck out three.

Score by innings:

S. M. A. 301 100 000—5
V. P. I. 230 000 301—9

How The Laundry Works

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gon and has had thirty-six years of experience at this kind of work during which time he has worked in the best plants from coast to coast, and has most assuredly made a success of his work here at S. M. A.

The laundry business is classed as the seventh most important enterprise of business and is an exceedingly progressive one. At the present time it is being taught at some colleges as a professional course for young men. Each state has

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organized a laundry association which holds a convention at which ways and means are discussed to make the laundry more efficient in its service to the general public. A national laundry journal is published by Dowst Brothers in Chicago. In this magazine may be found all matters of interest to laundrymen. Our laundry here is a subscriber to this magazine and it is also a member of the state organization.

On Monday morninf at reveille the corps delivers its laundry to the plant. The first thing which happens to it after delivery is that each separate piece of clothing is stamped with an individual number belonging to the owner of the clothing and to no one else. All clothing is also required by the school regulations to have the owner's name marked on it plainly. This number serves as an additional check upon the name. The entire wash is thrown into the washers and thoroughly cleansed, after which it is ironed. The washing and ironing done, the laundry is re-counted to verify and check the original count that is made when the clothing is stamped. The clean laundry is next distributed, piece by piece, into the tiers of boxes for the bags which hold the clothes. Later it is put into the owner's bags and is then ready for them to call for it on Saturday morning.

Previous to the time that the present laundry plant was built the washing of the corps was done down town, and on several occasions it was not delivered on time, which left the corps in a bad position; but with this modern plant being run so steadily and systematically there is no danger of a recurrence of such a happening.

First Field Problem of Year

On Thursday, April 19th, school was called off for the day and the battalion formed on the asphalt at 9 a. m. for a field problem. It was marched out into the country for about a mile and a half and was there halted in order that due preparation might be made for the maneuver. Major Patch called the cadet Major and the cadet Captains together

and explained the situation to them. This done they were told to issue their orders to their respective organizations and the problem was soon under way.

The enemy, represented by the Junior company and the Band, was supposedly firmly entrenched behind two hills which were about half a mile to the front of this battalion. The object of the problem was the successful assault of these hills and the routing of the enemy. A and B companies were the assaulting companies each having one of the hills as its objective. C and Machine Gun companies furnished the assault companies with support and reinforcements. During the fight several of the cadet officers were supposedly killed, including the cadet Major and a cadet Captain. One of the assaulting platoons was entirely wiped out and the support from C company had to come forward and take an active part in the attack.

There were several minor errors in the problem, mostly all of which were due to the inexperience of the various unit commanders from corporals up. There is little doubt that by the next problem these errors will have vanished and a great improvement will have been seen. On the whole however the general discipline and conduct of the corps was very good and did credit to the training of the past year.

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Junior School News and Notes

By RAFFERTY and BRIGHT

The Junior baseball team has had a turn in its circumstances. It met the team from the Staunton Grammar school and defeated it by a score of 12 to 2 not long ago. It is hoped that this start in the right direction will be continued and that this team will be more successful in its future games.

JUNIOR COMPANY APPOINTMENTS

The entire company was highly surprised at retreat the other night when

some new military appointments were read to take place at once. Yates was appointed a Lieutenant, and "Society" Jack Traynor received the First Sergeancy made vacant by Yates' promotion. "Red" Johnson was made Q. M. Sergeant in place of Traynor. Yates now has command of the second platoon and the members of it claim to see an improvement in its bearing and carriage already. Mark Russell received a corporality at the same time that the remainder of the appointments were published.

Day to Day on the Hill

Sunday, April 8th—Church services in town. Y. M. C. A. Conference ends at 4 p. m., several delegates speak at supper. Dress Parade followed by formal dress guard mounting at 4:30 p. m. Usual non-com leave is granted. Y. M. C. A. meeting after supper in library. Meeting of Co. "B" after supper.

Monday, April 9th—Laundry is taken down at reveille. "A" and "C" have extended order drill. "A" Co. straggling in at 5:00 p. m. "B" Co. has close order drill. Late guard mount due to "A" Co.'s wandering. Tennis team is organized, meeting of candidates after supper in small study hall.

Tuesday, April 10th—Full period of S. U. E. at reveille. Short drill period during which the Corps is instructed in taking cover and scout movements. Special formation for the game with U. of V. Fresh, following guard mounting. Our big team wins a "tight" game, 4-3. Usual evening Study Hall, and C. Q.

Wednesday, April 11th—Varsity tennis practice starts after drill. "B" Co. has minor tactics problem out in the country, other companies work on the hill. Band out for Guard Mounting and Retreat. Varsity athletic practices. Meeting of "B" Co. after supper in small study hall.

Thursday, April 12th—"C" Co. has minor tactics out in the valley. "B" Co. has extended order drill; "A" has close order. M. G. Co. assists "B" in a sham attack Inter-Company track meet is held after drill, "C" winning by a long shot.

Sunday, April 15th—A perfect day of rest. No dress coats to church and no dress parade in the afternoon due to inclement weather.

Monday, April 16th—The battalion engaged in tent pitching drill in the afternoon, after the unusual strenuous exercise of turning in laundry in the morning.

Tuesday, April 17th—Nothing spectacular, although we all worked hard at various kinds of drill.

Wednesday, April 18th—HO! HUM! Just another day of school. Rumors of a day in the field which materialized on—

Thursday, April 19th—No school. Time occupied with a tactical problem from 9 'till 2 o'clock. Leave after dinner until retreat. Track meet in the afternoon with the Staunton High school, score 103-5 our advantage.

Friday, April 20th—The tennis sharks played off part of the first round of their tournament. Battalion academic standing published so that all might read and weep. Beat cancelled for the evening partially made up for this. KABLEGRAM Carnival Dance at 9 o'clock.

Saturday, April 21st—Review and inspection in the morning. Finals of the tennis first round in the afternoon, also a baseball game with the V. P. I. Junior Varsity.

In the Past

"Hill Topics," April 12, 1917.

The authorities began their attempt to trace some of the old history of the school, which had been destroyed by fire when the buildings burned. A short sketch of the institution was published, together with a roster of all the "old boys" whose names were gleaned from various sources. This is one of the most interesting of the old issues and well repays the reading of an interested party.

S. M. A. won baseball games from the Harrisonburg H. S. and the Jefferson H. S. of Charlottesville. William and Mary managed to win one of the few games that they ever took from us.

KABLEGRAM, April, 1918.

A small student convention of the Y. M. C. A. was held here during the three

days, April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; recalling memories of a more recent one. By the way, we found the above listed under the "Social News."

These were the days of numerous club dances at the Virginia Hotel. Their roster is a long one. The Easter formal for that year was held in the mess hall, while the informals were relegated to the gymnasium. When you realize that the gymnasium was then what now serves as a trunk room the reason becomes apparent.

The baseball team whitewashed Richmond College to the tune of 10 to 0. William and Mary scarcely fared better, and the Harrisonburg H. S. also bit the dust. Some days, those!

KABLEGRAM, April 10, 1920.

The usual conditions prevailed at the Easter formal, the attendance reading 75 couples and 135 "stags."

One bright spot was the presence of a large number of Stuart Hall girls. And they say the past wasn't glorious!

Miller School and Bridgewater College tasted defeat at our hands on the well-known diamond.

April

Today the world would laugh; its pulsing heart,

Aflutter in the laughter and the fear,
Is warm this moment in the southern breeze,

Is cold again beneath the wintry wings
Of snow chilled northern skies.

There is a haze,
Lifted and swept along through field and wood;

And now the tear drops of a wailing sky
Dash down and skurry hurriedly away.
Hiding from laughing, playing rays that
Seek to find them out.

For now the fickle sky
Is letting gorgeous laughter play once more

Upon her tear stained face.
And spring is come,
Aflutter in her daring and her fear.

—MARSHALL M. BRICE.

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Question

What do you think of the honor system we now have?

1. Carman, Sgt.-Major, Hdq. Co.—We really have no honor system in this school now, but the one suggested by Major Patch would be an excellent idea.

2. Glavin, Lieutenant, Co. C—The S. M. A. honor system is not what it should be. There appears to be a lack of co-

operation between those at the head of our system and those who constitute the student body.

3. Miner, Sgt., Hdq. Co.—At the present there is no honor system in this school but one would be very profitable to the corps.

4. Oram, Pvt. Co. A—So far as I can see there is little or no honor system in this school.

5. Hopson, Sgt., Hdq. Co.—There has never been an honor system since I have been here, but that is not saying that there should not be one.

With Other Schools

Wentworth Military Academy have chosen their battalion sponsor. Incidentally this was done by a vote of the cadets and not by personal selection on the part of the Cadet Major. The nominee is then honored by a military review the day of her election instead of putting it off until commencement.

An original stunt was pulled at Kemper on Easter morning when one of the officers hid two Easter eggs in the barracks and announced that the finders would be excused from all further special duties. Officers' rooms were excluded from the search. 'Nuff said.

The Mississippi Heights Review is certainly packed full with more poems than any other paper that has come to notice. The following poem by Kipling is republished from their columns, but certainly applies at this school:

It ain't the guns or armament,
Nor funds that they can pay;
But the close cooperation
That makes them win the day.

It ain't the individual,
Nor the army as a whole,
But the everlastin' team-work
Of every bloomin' soul.

The "Old Boy" number of the *Maverick*, New Mexico Military Institute, is a unique idea well carried out with photographs, cartoons, and jokes to bring to the memory of the present cadets those boys who filled their places in days gone by.

The Sewanee Purple let the Freshmen put out a number all by themselves. The result was a bright red sheet without a single capital letter in all of the news is contained. Wonder what would happen if the recruits here tried their hand on our own paper. Well they won't get the chance, Safety First!!!!

Mrs. Kamin paid a visit to the school visiting her son, Cadet Kamin.

The mother of Cadet Dinan visited him for a short while in Staunton last week.

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"Y" Lecture

Sunday night, April 15, 1923, Professor G. L. H. Johnson who is superintendent of schools in Staunton, addressed a few members of the corps in the small study hall. Mr. Johnson said: "One can face life very easily for it is quite like a football game. If the quarterback stands with the ball and lets his opponent hit him he will be driven back, but if he runs with all his speed; when they meet he will at east equalize the power. It is the same way in business. One has to put all he's got into a thing to expect something out of it."

The keynote of success to any life's work is that one must love his work. He must love it or he won't be happy. He shouldn't be what his father wants him to be if he is not interested in the especial line of work, but should aim to have for his life's work what he is most interested in, for if he doesn't it will be too late, if in later years he decides to be the thing that he was born to be.

There were more present at this meeting than any other non-compulsory meeting this year.

What It Does

The Y. M. C. A. is one of the most representative organizations of the academy and it always takes a prominent part in the school's activities. This organization stands for the clean, fine, and the strong in student life; it seeks to support every movement for the good of the corps, and to be of all service in practical ways. The membership is approximately 200. A decided increase over the preceding year but small compared to the size of the corps. Every cadet at the academy should support the "Y" membership. The association offers—(1) A share in carrying on the program of religious work in the academy and elsewhere. (2) Profitable religious meetings and vocational information and guidance. (3) Lectures which are both educational and entertaining. (4) A handbook of useful information of the academy. (5) A card of membership which admits to full privileges at any association building in the world. (6) A free ticket to all the academy motion picture shows.

Last year the Y. M. C. A. put out a handbook of information every cadet should have, and distributed 700 copies among the corps. Other activities under the auspices of the "Y" are, the hospital service, a supply of stationery is kept there for use by cadets, magazines are collected or purchased and distributed to those in the infirmary. In some cases flowers are sent. Games are provided for those who can use them, etc. The "Y" tent in camp must not be forgotten. Writing material may be obtained there; also mail, telegraph, and banking service. At different times during the year parties are given for the younger cadets who do not attend the formal social functions. These parties are always first-class affairs. Automobile parties have been formed to visit places of interest, such as Virginia Hot Springs, Natural Bridge, or the Grottoes of the Shenandoah, etc.

Bible classes are held once a week, the Alpha Bible Club for older cadets and the Blue and Gold class for juniors. One wonderful feature of this association is

the addresses that are planned for and given by visiting speakers to the corps of cadets. Religious, vocational and educational talks are given to us in a firm way by invited speakers.

The cadet Y. M. C. A. is greatly indebted to Captain Thomas, our Post Chaplain. He does more than give advice he actually gets in the organization and helps it along in every possible way. We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Scherer for the wonderful work he has done in helping this Christian organization.

Inter-Company Track Meet

The annual track meet between companies which occurred over the week-end of April 13th and 15th, was a decided success if one can judge from the enthusiasm it aroused throughout the entire corps. Rivalry between the companies is now extremely intense because of the continuous striving for Honor Company and since athletics have an important bearing on the final rating, each man came out last week to do his best for his company. As a result there was much wholesome competition which was supported by wholly partisan spectators which helps to make any athletic event a success. The weather was ideal and except for a few of the contestants being slightly injured and not being able to compete, all having anything to do with the meet came away highly pleased.

Company C carried off the laurels from the hard fought field of battle with Machine Gun Company and Company B close behind. Company A and the Staff and Band combination consisting of Case and Hall, principally, fought their hardest but were finally outclassed.

Of the individual stars J. Wheeler of the Machine Gun with 13 points, Eisenberg of B with 12, Hall of the Band with 10, and Woodruff of M. G., Sparrenberger of A, and Shepard of C, each with 9 points all ranked high. Eisenberg placed in four events while Wheeler and Hall took first in two events each.

The new men deserving mention in the opinion of Lieutenant Chapman, the coach, are Eisenberg, Shepard, Alison A., and Weaver, each showing up well in his own event and practically certain of a berth on the varsity sleeper when it pulls out of Staunton for the Penn Relays later in the spring.

In the running events Companies C and B were outstanding and the Band also made a good showing. Wein deserves credit for his capture of the mile as do Eisenberg and Nichols in the 440 and the half. Hall won the dashes and would probably have scored high in the 440 had he been allowed to enter. Company B was unfortunate because Cary, a man who should have made his mark in the shorter running events, was out of it with a sprained ankle.

Machine Gun took the field events with Wheeler, J., and Woodruff starring. Woodruff's broad jumping recently has been of a high order and Wheeler shows class in the hurdles. Alison and Woods tied for first place in the high jump stopping at five feet six inches. The surprise of the meet came when Baker, after no previous practice or training whatsoever, threw the discus 103 feet, the State record being 110.

The score by companies follows:

	A	B	C	M.G.	Band and Staff
100-yd dash	0	3	0	3	5
220-yd hash	1	0	2	3	5
440-yd dash	0	9	2	0	0
Half-mile	2	4	5	0	0
One mile	0	3	8	0	0
High jump	3	7	0	7	0
Broad jump	1	3	2	5	0
Pole vault	0	1	7	3	0
Low hurdles	0	1	5	5	0
High hurdles	0	1	2	8	0
Javelin	0	2	9	0	0
Shot put	7	0	0	1	3
Discus	5	0	3	3	0
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