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THEATRICALS TO BE STARTED SOON

New Ideas Introduced by
Capt. Beardsworth
And Author

On April twenty-fifth, the Friday after Easter, the annual S. M. A. show will be produced. This year it will not be a minstrel show as in former years, but will be advertised as the "S. M. A. Frolics." There will be several vaudeville numbers with a musical sketch as the feature.

The feature number will have about eight female parts, four of which will be speaking parts; and about six or eight male speaking parts. The chorus will be composed of both "girls" and men. There will be a number of specialties incorporated in the musical comedy.

The excellent jazz orchestra, of which the school can well afford to be proud, will take a prominent part in the show having an act all of their own.

A male quartet is already at work and will put on an act as well as assisting in other numbers.

The main scene will be laid in a cabaret, and although it will be getting away from the usual black-face comedy, it promises to be a big success.

Captain Brice and Lieutenant Benson will assist Captain Beardsworth, who
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RIFLE TEAM WINS CASTLE HEIGHTS M. MATCH

In a recent match the Staunton Military Academy rifle-team defeated the Castle Heights Military Academy by the score of 1747 to 1471. This is the second year that S. M. A. has beaten Castle Heights and each time by a large score. The rifle team will shoot against them also next year. In the match Frederick took first place with a combined average of 92.5 per cent.

The rifle team is now shooting for the Third Corps Area Championship and has finished the first two stages standing and kneeling. The final scores will be published when the match is completed, as there are two more stages to fire, sitting and prone. The team has won two legs on the cup so far and if the team wins this year the cup will be the property of the school for good. If the rifle team wins the Third Corps Area Championship they will have a bid for the Championship of the United States. The following men were placed in the match against Castle Heights Military Academy:

Frederick 185

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BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS WITH THIRD STAUNTON A. A. GAME

S. M. A. Passers Defeat A. A.
In Final Game

The basket-ball team of the Staunton Military Academy closed its season with a victory over the Staunton Athletic Association after a fast, well-played game that ended with a 27-24 score in the favor of the Blue and Gold.

This contest marked the rubber game of the series between the two teams. Their first visit here they succeeded in registering a victory over us by a 19-18 score. S. M. A., however, gained revenge, when in the next game they won a close struggle, the score being 26-24. This happened on the last day of January.

Although this game was a post-series
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WRESTLING TEAM LOSES TO W. & L. MAT-MEN

Prior to the W. & L. basketball game the 'varsity wrestling team of the same institution triumphed over the S. M. A. mat-men by a 16-5 score.

The bouts were eight minutes long, and in case a fall was registered in this time, five points would go to the winner and if the bout went the full length of the time, a decision would be awarded and the winner would receive three points.

Williams, of S. M. A., and Burton, of W. & L. were the ones to open the card, in the 125 pound class. Burton
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Greenbrier Defeated In
Return Game

S. M. A. confided themselves into winning form when on Tuesday, February nineteenth they won their third consecutive game, defeating the powerful Greenbrier combination on our own floor.

"Big Six" Carpenter, of S. M. A., was largely responsible for this victory while Walker's critical shots all made in the last half played an important part in the 23-19 score.

Hutton easily would be called the star for the visitors. He opened the game with a beautiful shot and was the man who kept their count in circulation.

The home team however gave them a
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SWIMMERS BEAT F. M. S. IN POOL CONTEST

On February the twentieth the S. M. A. Swimming team added the Fishburne squad to their list of victories when they defeated them by the score of 38-32.

This makes their second straight victory, having previously beaten Randolph-Macon Academy and this meet in itself enables them to call their season success, due to the fact it was Fishburne.

This is our first minor sport victory over them and a very good start as tennis, boxing and perhaps meets of other nature may be arranged.

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WASHINGTON DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Whole Battalion
Enjoys Unusual
Holiday

Several of the schools in this section, for one reason or another neglected to honor the birthday of the first president, but in accordance with the policy and traditions of this school, the twenty-second of February was observed as a complete military and academic holiday.

At retreat on the evening of the twenty-first, an order was published suspending all duties except fatigue and retreat for the following day, and granting general leave from after breakfast until retreat, and from retreat until ten-thirty p. m. of that day. The order appeared to be immensely popular with the body of the corps.

On the twenty-second, after an eight o'clock reveille and a nine o'clock breakfast, unheard of luxuries, the corps went on leave to celebrate the day in numerous ways. Several spent the day in recuperating from the informal dance of the evening before and in resting for the Formal hop to be held that evening.

Retreat was held at five-thirty, after which the corps was marched into the mess-hall. The hall was specially decorated and Captain Kivlighan provided one of the finest banquets ever spread
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TOSSERS DROP ANOTHER TO FISHBURNE SCHOOL

Despite the fighting spirit shown by the Blue and Gold, the Fishburne Military Academy succeeded in registering a 38-24 defeat over them.

This game F. M. S. was in a class above our men. Their first victory and the recent defeat enables them to call themselves the superior team. Their team work was unsurpassed, their shooting wonderful and as a whole Staunton, matter how hard they tried could not out-play them. But the men who represented S. M. A. were by no means idle. They kept right up with the Waynesboro Cadets and kept them going up till the fourth quarter, when with a score some points ahead of them they were entirely out-played.

Edds, the man who did so well in the football game was the first to score and S. M. A. working harder than they have this season was rewarded by a field goal from Lochrie. The spirit from the opening was very good. Both the corps and the team were talking it up and the galleries held the corps encouraging their fellow cadets.

Again Edds scored, both from the fif-

Basketball Results—Season 1923-24

Staunton Military Academy.... 22	Bridgewater College 25
Staunton Military Academy.... 22	S. C. I. 32
Staunton Military Academy.... 18	S. A. A. 19
Staunton Military Academy.... 22	U. of Va. Fresh. 32
*Staunton Military Academy... 26	S. A. A. 24
Staunton Military Academy.... 10	V. M. I. Fresh 25
Staunton Military Academy.... 20	Fork Union M. A. 42
Staunton Military Academy.... 18	Bridgewater College 47
Staunton Military Academy.... 29	Woodbury Forest 38
Staunton Military Academy.... 10	F. M. S. 63
*Staunton Military Academy... 23	V. M. I. Fresh 19
*Staunton Military Academy... 25	R.-M. A. 20
*Staunton Military Academy... 23	G. M. A. 19
Staunton Military Academy.... 24	F. M. S. 38
Staunton Military Academy.... 22	W. & L. Fresh. 36
*Staunton Military Academy... 18	G. M. A. 13
*Staunton Military Academy... 31	Episcopal High School 30
*Staunton Military Academy... 27	S. A. A. 24

teen foot mark and the right hand corner and Smith's two-pointer, with Eberts shot brought the half to a close with a 9-2 score.

But Staunton, after the two minute rest, was not to go scoreless. Fighting all the way through, every man working his best a corps encouraging them, and playing against a better organized team were the paramount features in this quarter. Still they out-scored their rivals to a one points extent.

Smith, the Maroon and Gold captain, opened the period by a shot which was closely followed by a foul, also made by him. Running with the pill cost "Six" Carpenter two points to his credit and Harris followed with a beautiful shot that brought the Staunton rooters to their feet.

Spotts scored twice in succession and this accounted for their last two field goals in the fifteen point score they possessed. Before the half closed, however, Carpenter tallied twice and this brought us only five points behind them to start the second half.

The second half proved F. M. S. to be the better team. From the beginning to the last part of it they entirely outplayed us.

It was ushered in by Edds, Sonsire was the first to score for the Blue and Gold by means of a foul. After a relay of scores in which Fishburne got the best of it Carpenter again closed the period by a long shot.

He opened up the fourth quarter by scoring and this was followed by a regular relay of points made by the F. M. S. cadets.

Here ended the contest that the basketball team of 1923-24 had so nobly tried to win. Yet in their defeat they had shown some real basketball and a defeat in the manner this one was incurred does not by any means disgrace them but in a larger sense does them honor.

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S. M. A.		F. M. S.
Harris	r f	Eberts
Lochrie (Capt.)	l f	Smith (Capt.)
Carpenter	c	Spotts
Sonsire	r g	Eades
Walker	l g	Luke

Substitutes: For S. M. A.: Veile for Lochrie, Lochrie for Carpenter.

Field goals: Harris 1, Lochrie 2, Carpenter 6, Eberts 2, Smith 3, Spotts 6, Eades 5, Luke 1. Fouls: Lochrie 2 out of 4, Carpenter 2 out of 2, Sonsire 1 out of 3, Ebert 2 out of 5, Smith 2 out of 3, Spotts 1 out of 2, Eades 2 out of 2.

Time of game: 40 minutes. Four ten minute quarters.

Score at end of game: F. M. S. 38, S. M. A. 24. At end of first quarter F. M. S. 15, S. M. A. 10.

Referee: Caldwell, V.

Wrestling Team Loses

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won by a seven minute advantage.

In a peppy, short affair W. & L. added five points to their score when Wigglesworth downed Barton. The match was full of action to the end and although they got it Barton's splendid showing was credit to us.

R. W. Keene, captain of Staunton, accounted for S. M. A.'s five points when he downed Roach of W. & L. in three lively minutes of action. It started with neither man able to get hold of the other, but when they did, a struggle took place that might prove either man the winner. Keene, however, got the best of him by wonderful mat generalship.

Milbank defeated Ward, G. B., in the semi-final match of the evening. The latter tried in vain to stow off a down but by strength rather than science.

In the heavy-weight class (the final contest of the night) S. M. A.'s representative, Woods, lost to Davinson, of W. & L. by decision. This was like the first match, being lost by going the full eight minutes before the winner was decided.

Although this is the first meet and the first defeat it should not be taken in a way that it will affect the future progress of the team. When it is considered that we met with the W. & L. Varsity instead the freshmen it is not so bad. It must be admitted that they had a better team, on the whole than we did, and if we can get five points off a college team we should be able to easily do much more with the remainder of the schools.

Theatricals to be Started

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will be in charge of the show. They will train the dramatic parts. All the other preparations will be arranged and supervised by Captain Beardsworth.

Any cadet who is able to account for a specialty act should see Captain Beardsworth as soon as possible. An announcement will be made when practice is scheduled to begin and any cadet who desires to try for any part should report at that time. A large number of characters will be required, and it is considered desirable that two or three fellows try out and train for each part. Active training will start in a few days.

The show will be held at the New Theater as usual and the admission will vary from a dollar and ten cents for the orchestra seats to thirty cents for the topmost gallery. The proceeds of these productions have always gone for some cause which has directly resulted in benefit to the corps of cadets. Last year the proceeds went to the Y. M. C. A. and resulted in the purchase of a new moving picture projector to replace the antiquated one in use at the time.

The year preceding the proceeds were turned over to the librarian, which resulted in the adding of several new and valuable books to the excellent collection already catalogued.

This year it is planned to apply the profit from the production to the purchase of a monster "Sousaphone" for the cadet band. The "Sousaphone" is a spectacular symphony instrument which will add greatly to the appearance and quality of the band's musical production.

Provided this year's theatricals are an unqualified success it is planned to reproduce the whole effect in Harrison-

burg, if the necessary arrangements can be made. This is an old dream which has never come true but it does furnish an incentive to the fellows who work hard for the success of the production, and they have been many in past years.

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SPORTING NEWS

Greenbrier Defeated

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run for their money, and fouls by Alexander and Carpenter put them on even terms.

Hutton again got away with two more field goals before S. M. A. was on her feet and Carpenter's shot plus his two field goals formed the outcome of a 7-7 quarter. He followed this by scoring another foul in the next quarter.

Horn, Hutton and Parkinson all scored in the latter part of the half. Although this gave them a six point lead, three of these were taken off by Lochrie, whose field goal and foul were the last points scored in the half.

The second half saw S. M. A. literally walk over the Green and White, the "Big Team" scoring eleven points to our opponents four.

Going at this rate it was no time until the three point lead was overcome, Harris being the only one to tally for Staunton besides Walker, who turned out to be the cause of the victory.

He scored eight points on field goals and one foul, it being the only one made in the half. Hutton was well guarded by Walker, who was by this time used to his playing and the result was that Horn was the only man who scored the visitors with two ringers to his credit.

The team showed a remarkable improvement in this game. G. M. A. has beaten some of the teams which have beaten us. All this goes to show that had Staunton been organized better or this bring their second year. It is the kind of a team that we may expect next year as every man that played in this game, with two exceptions, are first year men, and only a few are seniors.

Line-up:

S. M. A.		G. M. A.
Harris	r f	Hutton
Alexander	l. f.	Parkinson
Carpenter	c	Horn
Sonsire	r g	Maggard
Walker	l g	Walker

Summary:

Substitutes: For Staunton: Shore for Harris, Veile for Alexander, Baker for Veile, Lochrie for Carpenter, Martz for Sonsire, Sonsire for Martz.

For Greenbrier: Muncy for Hutton, Morrison for Walker.

Field goals: Harris 1, Carpenter 3, Lochrie 1, Walker 4, Hutton 3, Parkinson 2, Horn 3. Fouls: Alexander 1 out of 2, Carpenter 3 out of 4, Lochrie 1 out of 1, Sonsire 0 out of 0, Walker 1 out of 5, Hutton 1 out of 1, Parkinson 1 out of 2, Horn 1 out of 2.

Score at end of first half G. M. A. 15, S. M. A. 12. At the end of game S. M. A. 23, G. M. A. 19.

Time of quarters: 10 minutes each. Referee: Calwell, V. M. I. Time-keeper, Shepherd, Citadel.

From the Charleston, W. Va., *Gazette* Lewisburg, Feb. 26—The Greenbrier Military school cadets dropped a fast basketball game here tonight to Staunton Military school by the close margin of 18 to 15. Greenbrier and Staunton are old rivals of the court but the game this evening was one of the best in the long series played between the two schools.

The cadets were in the lead until shortly after the third quarter, when the visiting team put on a burst of speed and gained a small margin which was never given up.

Parkinson, for the cadets, put up one of the best games of his floor career and was one of the shining lights of the contest. He bagged three goals from the field in addition to playing a spectacular floor game. He was ably assisted by Horn at center, and Smith at guard.

For Staunton the game was marked by the smoothness of team play. Although Harris stood out slightly above his mates there was little to pick between the five men who played through the contest. Carpenter, Lockrie and Walker all added four points to the visiting team's score and put up a pretty exhibition of pass work. Sonsire, at guard, played an excellent defensive battle.

The lineup and summary.

Greenbrier	pos.	Staunton
Hutton	lf	Lockrie
Parkinson	rf	Harris
Horn	c	Carpenter
Smith	rg	Walker
Walker	lg	Sonsire

Substitutes: Maggard for Hutton, Muncy for Horn, Hutton for Smith.

Field Goals: Parkinson 3, Horn 1, Muncy 1, Lockrie 2, Harris 2, Carpenter 2, Walker 2.

Foul Goals: Hutton 2, Smith 1, Lockrie 1, Sonsire 1.

SPORTING NEWS

In the V. M. I., R. M. A., G. M. A., and Fishburne basketball games we have kept a summary of the exact number of field goals we have scored and the number scored against us, likewise the fouls and the total points. Up to the

F. M. S. games it was very good, S. M. A. scoring 27 field goals to our opponents 22. We scored fifteen fouls to reads: S. M. A. 71, opponents 58.

The F. M. S. combat throws a different light on the subject. They scored 17 field goals while we were ten behind with only eight to show for it. Likewise in fouls they beat us by one, the count being 7 to 8. This makes the total S. M. A. 94, opponents 96. This makes us only two points behind in three games won yet only one lost. Not so bad, considering the first part of the season.

S. M. A.

The latest victim of the rifle team is The Castle Heights Military Academy, whom they beat by the score of 1,747 to 1,471. Frederick lead the points with a 187 score. The team certainly is doing fine work and this makes their fourth victory. Capt. Taylor is largely responsible for the team, in view of his splendid coaching.

S. M. A.

The swimming team is following the "gunmen's" footsteps by winning in the manner they are. Their latest victory was over Fishburne and that in itself enables them to call the season successful, but they are not satisfied in that alone, but are issuing challenges to schools and colleges throughout this part of the country. Quite a few have been signed up and many more are pending. If they do as well as they have in their past meets there will be no kick coming from any one. Go to it men!

S. M. A.—R. M. A.

In a fast well-played game the Staunton basketball quintet defeated the lighter Randolph-Macon five on February 18th.

The final score of 25-20 indicates the closeness of which the contest was played, something doing every minute, and a game where one team leads and then the other might prove itself the superior but the locals managed to keep a few points ahead of their opponents throughout the game and try as they would, the Yellow and Blue could not put the goods across.

"Mike" Sonsire was apparently out for another big night when he dribbled the length of the floor for a field goal after Koone, of R. M. A., had succeeded in scoring. The fine work of "Kewpie" lasted the whole game and not only the first minute.

Harris also did good work and with Walker and Carpenter in winning the result was a hard earned victory.

Throughout the first half scoring was frequent. Sonsire, Harris, Carpenter, and Walker was the order in which the Staunton men tallied and the R. M. A. outfit keep up with their pace and Alexander's field goal closed the half with Staunton leading 11-0.

This was the first game played where S. M. A. did not use any substitutes, Capt. Summers previously having used them, but this change of tactics proved to be one of the winning assets.

The third quarter proved to be a stubborn game of defensive playing in which Staunton came out on top. Two fouls put R. M. A. on even terms but after "Johnnie" Walker had made foul points via the field goal route. Hewitt added two points for the visitors by dropping one through the cords. Carpenter was the last to score in the quarter.

Rucher's two-pointer made directly after the fourth quarter whistle blew was one of the spectacular shots of the game. This brought R. M. A. only one point behind us but with the aid of two fouls and Walker's timely goal thrown in, once again the Blue and Gold men were safe.

Koone of R. M. A. made four points near the finish, and with only two minutes to play "Reliable Johnnie" and Alexander were there in the pinch and their field goals gave the game to S. M. A.

Lineup:

S. M. A.		R. M. A.
Harris	r f	Koone
Alexander	l f	Taylor
Carpenter	c	Hewlett
Sonsire	r g	Rucher
Walker	l g	Booth

Summary:

Field goals: Alexander 1, Carpenter 2, Sonsire 1, Walker, Koone 3, Taylor 1, Hewlett 1, Rucher 2. Harris 1 out of 4, Alexander 2 out of 5, Carpenter 1 out of 2, Walker 0 out of 1, Hewlett 4 out of 4, Rucher 2 out of 2.

Time of quarters 10 minutes each.

Score at end of first half: S. M. A. 11, R. M. A. 9; at the end of game, S. M. A. 25, R. M. A. 20.

Referee: Harris, V. M. I. Time-keeper: Shepherd, Citadel.

THE W. & L. GAME

S. M. A. dropped a slowly played game when the Washington and Lee University Freshmen beat them on the S. M. A. basketball court.

Harris was one of the outstanding features of the night. From the first toss-up to the final whistle he was on (Continued on page 8)

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MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1924

Woodrow Wilson

One of the first memories of the writer in his connection with this Academy is a sermon preached by one of the ministers of the town, containing some eloquent phrases praising Woodrow Wilson. It didn't make much impression at the time—the boy was from a family of Republican bitter-enders and thoroughly saturated with their combat principles. Since that time, living in an atmosphere at all times reminiscent of, and friendly towards, this man among men, he has become interested in the life phases of him who has passed from this existence. There are so many things to be said: we have been listening to them since that day a few brief weeks past, when the news of the martyr's death reached the town of his birth. Of his life we can say nothing more; of his actions we are not on a plane to criticize; but we would like to do as the friends of Thoreau did—"add one more stone" to the great rock-pile of solid lip-service which has erected a lasting monument to the memory of our war-president, who strove so long and belligerently to maintain peace.

Derogatory tongues are hushed, not only from the common respect we pay to the dead, but from a sudden and overpowering realization of the magnitude of the service he rendered to us all. It takes the death of a man to make the bulk of his compatriots realize his worth. The death of a genius is a blow to the hope of civilization, yet genius is recurrent and, Phoenix-like,

will rise from the ashes of this man a new and more noble conception of the duty of man to his fellows. Genius lives on, and the appreciation of genius requires a detached mind. Our task is the development of the ability to appreciate Woodrow Wilson as an idealist on a plane with Thomas More and Granville Stanley Hall; yet still to think of him as the statesman and politician who proposed a practical application for his own theories and the best of others.

For thousands of years, men have realized that they themselves are the principal obstacles to the attainment of a Utopian ideal. The intellect of man races far ahead of that portion of his mind which controls the emotional actions. Life is full of paradoxes—yet here was a man who labored consistently for the attainment of one altruistic and all-embracing purpose—the elevation of international intercourse to a fraternal basis.

That in itself entitles him to a place on Mount Olympus—Parnassus he has attained. Surely the "world-soul" of Sir William Watson's beautiful poem, found its personification in this life.

A Letter from Gen. R. E. Lee

"You must study," he wrote, "to be frank with the world; frankness is the child of honesty and courage. Say just what you mean to do on every occasion, to take it for granted you mean to do right. If a friend asks a favor, you should grant it, if it be reasonable; if not tell him plainly why you cannot: you will wrong him and wrong yourself by equivocation of any kind. Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep one; the man who requires you to do so, is dearly purchased at a sacrifice. Deal kindly, but firmly, with all your classmates; you will find it the policy which wears best. Above all, do not appear to others what you are not. If you have any fault to find with any one, tell him, not others, of what you complain; there is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. We should live, act, and say, nothing to the injury of any one. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honor.

"In regard to duty, let me in conclusion of this hasty letter, inform you that, nearly a hundred years ago, there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness—still known as "the dark day"—a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished, as if by an eclipse. The Legislature of Connecticut was in session, and, as its members saw the unexpected and unaccountable darkness coming on, they shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the last day—the day of judgment—had come. Some one, in the consternation of the hour, moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport, of Stamford, and said that if the last day had come, he desired to be found at his

place doing his duty, and, therefore, moved that candles be brought in, so that the House could proceed with its duty. There was quietness in that man's mind, the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things, like the old Puritan. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less. Never let me and your mother wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part."

From "The Life of General Robert E. Lee" Part I—Chapter 9—Lee in 1861—Pages 37 and 38.

The above was sent to the editor by the father of one of the cadets as being particular applicable for such a publication as THE KABLEGRAM.

Old Stuff

The number of cadets who go around this school using excuses which they firmly believe to be both new and original, and which are in reality neither, is absolutely sickening. A representative of this paper was in the Headmaster's office not long ago when this subject was brought up and commented upon. It would seem, according to the story told there, that at least ten to twenty five cadets a day come into that office with some excuse for doing something which is not quite according to routine.

Ninety per cent of these excuses are as old as the school itself, and the member of the staff to whom they make the application, and present the excuse, has heard them so many times before that he knows the finish of them almost before they are well started. There are several which are absolutely by far the prime favorites of the gathering, but this one is the winner by a long way.

"Sir, I want permission to drop"

"What reason have you for wishing to drop it?"

"Well, sir, it is very hard for me, and takes up too much of my time. Now if I were to be allowed to drop it I would have the time that I take studying it to place on my other subjects. In this way I could get very good marks in a few subjects, instead of scraping by or flunking in several."

A man might just as well try to get permission to drop all of his subjects as to attempt to drop one using this "line" for an excuse. The Headmaster and his assistant have heard this excuse abused so many times that they are prejudiced against it from the start.

There are a good many other excuses in action around the school which have no more effect than this one for the plain and simple reason that those in authority used them themselves when they were in school and know only too well that they are just plain "bunk."

If any man in the battalion has a legitimate excuse for doing something let him use it. Otherwise don't beat around the bush, but go up and state just exactly what you want to do and why, instead of trying to bluff your way through.

Fragoletta

The dreamers have left us.
They have builded us a home;
They have made us to see
The songs of the sea
In purple and gray of the evening.

But lo! the picture is ended
And we are dust of the earth.
Once more a dreamer arises
And the sunset is a promise.
But promises are man's own.

Man is the child of the ages.
The ages fade with their substance.
The promise remains with us still
But we are men, and man
Is blinded by his own light.

Just You

One thought within my heart abides
'Mid ebb and flow of restless tides,
It is the wish for you.
My feet may wander far a-field,
My soul, be-set, may need a shield—
Then comes the thought of you.

The years may fall in alien places,
No friend among a thousand faces,
For me—secure—apart.
How e'er the winds may blow my ship
Or faiths, from age-old anchors, slip,
You live—within my heart.

A row of cedars, still, against the sky,
Old memories of a song—gone by,
In a moment, swift and fleet,
As surely as when homeward swings
The swallow on un-erring wings,
My love is at your feet.

Time is long—relentless as the grave,
Life strewn with wrecks on every wave.

Can happiness come true?
To still my longings—hold me safe
When Hope seems but a mocking wraith—
My love for you—just you.

* * * * *

You say that loving me—you're not
And that my rhymes are not so hot!
Well, say you don't and that they ain't,
Might be, sweet Friend, a little paint
Would soften the unhappy trace
That Time has left upon your face.
And while my head is rather bare—
Innocent, in spots, of hair—
There still is light in the old glim
At sight of silk-clad ankle, trim.
So here's a health to you, my Dear,
This bunk's been penned for many a year.

—OLD TIMER.

It is, however, a useful rule that
when one has nothing to say, one
should be careful to say it.

—LORD CHARNWOOD.

S. M. A. HASH

A Little Bit of Everything

We nominate for the original "Four Horsemen": Paul Revere, Phil Sheridan, Buffalo Bill, and Larry Semon.

Tippling is the habit of paying for the privilege of obtaining that for which you are going to pay.—*Houghton Line.*

We would know better whether some woman could keep a secret if some woman would only try.—*Houghton Line.*

Some women are so modest they will not wear calicoe because they hate to see themselves in print.—*Houghton Line.*

They must have forgotten Basic when they made up the list of "mining towns" for the atlas. If you don't think the town contains any gold diggers strike up a correspondence with Fairfax or better still, ask McGinnis—he knows.

Young Arenschield, the athletic reporter, wants to know who will write him up when he himself becomes the star athlete of the school. Under the circumstances we would assign the hash editor to the task.

Someone: "Is this the Baptist squad?"

Somebody else: "No. Do we look as though we needed a bath."

Strange to relate, poets are not always versatile.

BITS OF THE LINE

Heard at most any Formal but particularly at the Washington Dance:

—"Oh-h-h I never thought I'd dance with a real captain."

—"Why do they call him "Birdie," its such a funny name."

—"See if the punch is fixed yet."

—"Look again. While there is life there's hope."

—"I hate waltzes, don't you."

—"I just adore the way you walk."

—"Are you really a corporal?"

—"Oh your rings are just like those at West Point."

—"Pardon me, is this your dance?"

"Hellyes! Did you think it was Gilda Gray's?"

—"Blue Grass Blues."

—"By the way, the horses are inquiring for you."

—"He isn't good looking, even if he does have an intellectual forehead, and

I don't care if he was a captain the year before last."

—"Goo' Night—had a wonderful time." "G——, ummmm."

The following bit of interesting verse was gleaned from *The Faxette*, a comparatively recent publication at Fairfax Hall. We publish it for the information and guidance of all concerned and thank the "neighbor ladies" for the implied compliment:

It is a charming Fairfax maid
And she stoppeth by a tree,
By my brown suede shoes and green silk tie
I swear, what does she see?

Her eyes are wide, her mouth agape;
Her hands fly to her hair,
She can hardly stand, her cheeks turn pale
I swear, what sees she there?

At last I look and follow her gaze
Out to the road and get,
A view that makes my eyes ope too.
AN S. M. A. CADET.

We are indebted to *Life* for the statement that "you can count on Fannie Brice."

ALUMNI

Roy Booth, '22, was one of the shining lights at the New England Alumni dinner. He is a freshman at Harvard this year having taken extra tu at Phillips Academy.

Alexander Brown, '22, is now at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after a session at Dartmouth. Brownie was captain of Co. C in his cadet days.

Steinmetz, '22, is doing his drilling at the Indiana Dental College.

W. W. Waltz, '22, is working in some capacity for the Pennsylvania System.

The following old boys joined the gang on the hill to enjoy the Washington hop: Shoup, '21; Archibald, '22; Crockett, '23; Holsinger, '23; Henley, '23; Porter, '23; and Bronson.

Charlie Nelson was on the hill last week looking up some of his many friends. He is now at V. P. I. and hopes to graduate with the class of 1927. Tice, '23, who was one of us for the first part of the year has left to answer roll call at the U. S. M. A.

Day to Day on the Hill

Monday, Feb. 18—Laundry formation at reveille. The regular six periods were held during the day. All companies drilled during the drill period. Co. A drilled in musketry, Co. B, close order and Co. C extended order. Study Hall began at 4:00 p. m. and lasted until 5:30 p. m., so as the corps could see the game with Randolph-Macon Academy. S. M. A. won the game with a score of 25 to 20. Moving pictures were shown after the game.

Tuesday, Feb. 19—Reveille was held under the galleries on account of the weather. All other formations were held under the galleries also. School as usual. Drill was recalled and Call To Quarters was blown. The basketball game between Greenbrier and S. M. A. resulted in the defeat of Greenbrier by a score of 23 to 19. Study Hall at night.

Wednesday, Feb. 20—Reveille was by subdivisions, as well as all other formations except retreat which was held by companies under the galleries. Drill was recalled. Basketball team practiced at 4:00 p. m. S. M. A. defeated F. M. S. in a swimming meet by a score of 37 to 32. Study Hall at night.

Thursday, Feb. 21—Reveille was by subdivisions. School as usual. There was no drill because of the ice and snow. Straights were worn to retreat. The basketball game with Fishburne Military School began at 8:00 p. m. S. M. A. was defeated by a score of 44 to 22. Leave was granted until Taps. The informal dance began at 10:00 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 22—Reveille at 8:00 p. m. Police inspection before breakfast. Leave from after breakfast until retreat because of Washington's birthday. The cadet corps enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by Capt. Kivlighan. Col. T. H. Russell gave a short talk in the mess hall after dinner. Credit was given for beat that would have been served at night. Leave for the entire corps till Taps. Many cadets attended the formal dance in the evening.

Monday, Feb. 25—Dirty laundry was deposited in the laundry at reveille. Overcoats were worn to mess. Six school periods attended as usual. Study Hall was held in the afternoon at 4:00 p. m. and lasted until 5:30 p. m. A special formation was attended at seven o'clock and the battalion was marched down to the gym. The wrestling match with W. & L. resulted in the defeat of S. M. A. with a score of 18 to 5. S. M. A. was also defeated in the basket-

ball game with W. & L., which began after the wrestling match. The score of the game was 38 to 22 in W. & L.'s favor.

Tuesday, Feb. 26—Double time at reveille. School lasted until 2:30 p. m. All the rooms were ordered to be cleaned after drill. Call to quarters was blown. Major Wonson met all the cadets taking first year subjects in the small study hall after school. Company A met in the gym after supper.

Wednesday, Feb. 27—Overcoats were worn to reveille and thus prevented the battalion from doing S. U. E. There was not any drill. Several cadets were given leave after school to see the picture, "Scaramouche." The rifle team practiced after school, however, and then studied until retreat, they then were given leave at night.

Thursday, Feb. 28—The regular week day schedule was observed throughout the day. Overcoats with white belting were worn to drill. When the battalion was assembled Major Patch spoke to the corps about the coming of the government inspector. The correct method of wearing white belting over overcoats was shown for the benefit of the Guard mount after drill.

Friday, Feb. 29—Police inspection was followed by school. Mess at 12:15 p. m. The Battalion was drilled on the upper asphalt by Capt. Kingman. Review in the manual of arms, facings, stack-making, and the position of the soldier at attention was taken up. Leave was given at night. The basketball team won their game with Episcopal High School at Alexandria by a score of 31 to 30.

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Washington Day

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on an S. M. A. table. The jazz orchestra was in fine form and was vigorously applauded. At the conclusion of the meal, Colonel Russell gave a stirring address on the example of George Washington as a Virginian and the Father of His People. The Colonel proposed a toast in water to the memory of the "Immortal George." Several guests were seated at Colonel Russell's table, among them patrons of the academy who happened to be present at retreat.

After the banquet the corps was free again until taps. Special shows were given in the town theaters, where many of the cadets enjoyed themselves. The supreme effort of the day from a social point of view, was the Washington Hop given in the evening. The decoration committee of the Cotillion Club spent most of their holiday in preparing the gymnasium for the dance. The decorations were unusually fine and very much appreciated by those present at the dance. About nine-thirty the gymnasium began to fill up with couples in festive attire and mood, and the excellent orchestra began the dissemination of some of the best music we have been privileged to hear. The organization called itself Wiedemeyer's Gang and hailed from Covington Kentucky. They have piled up quite a reputation in this section of the country.

The dance lasted until ten minutes after two, another tradition broken, and was voted the most enjoyable of the year, without a dissenting voice as far as we have been able to learn.

A feature of the evening was the scramble to "place" in the two flashlight pictures which were taken during the progress of the dance. The whole day was a very satisfying and complete holiday. Not the least among the surprises of the day was the cancellation of minimum beat by the Commandants office.

Informal Dance

An informal dance was held on the evening of February twenty-first as a prelude to the formal hop on the following evening. The music was furnished by the school orchestra, which performed in its very best style.

The large crowd present took the opportunity offered to become more or less acquainted before the more important business of the next evening.

There were many young ladies present from out of town and several visitors from the dancing set in Staunton.

The dance was preceded by a basket-

ball game with the Fishburne Military School. The whole corps was present for the game, after which it was marched out to allow for the progress of the dance.

Junior School Notes

On Saturday, March first, the junior school basketball team journeyed to Charlottesville to play a return game with the Rangers of that city. The Rangers took the lead early in the game and consistently maintained it. At the beginning of the last quarter the score stood in their favor by six points. The Staunton midgets rallied and managed to convert the final score into a 32-31 victory.

Prior, Russell, and Engleman starred for Staunton; and Carter and Rhodes for the Charlottesville team.

After the game, the juniors were entertained at a banquet, at which time the Rangers received their letters. Speeches were made by Coach Thomas of Virginia and several members of the Virginia varsity football team.

The old boys on the junior team were glad to meet Major Acker, their former commandant, who is taking a law course at the university.

The Wing has been divided into two subdivisions instead of the one it formerly contained. A weekly competition between them will be held, and the division incurring the fewest sticks for the week will obtain ten-thirty leave on Friday evening.

The two platoons of the Junior Company have begun an efficiency contest similar to that conducted in the regular battalion.

The standing of the platoons will be posted periodically and some award made to the platoon which comes out on top. The junior bulletin board should furnish interesting reading to those who are interested in the efficiency question.

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Personals

Cadet Keefer spent the last week end with his parents in Baltimore.

Jack Gunther went home last week to witness the marriage of his sister to one of our old grads.

Mrs. Rockett visited Cadet Rockett over the holidays.

Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Carhart, and Miss Hichens have been recent visitors on the hill to see their respective relatives.

Miss McFeatters and Mrs. Ellsworth also have made Staunton a stopping place for a few days.

Hartmann was called home last week but will probably be seen on the hill again soon.

Naylor spent the holidays at Mercersburg with his brother.

Powell went to Roanoke to join his father and visit his sister who is attending Virginia College there.

Saturday, March 1—Laundry formation at reveille. Overcoats were not worn to inspection. Beat began after inspection was over. Leave in the afternoon and right after call to quarters was recalled Study Hall at night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witherspoon Dodge announce the marriage of their daughter Susannah Witherspoon

to

Mr. Davisson Armstrong Benson, Jr. on Monday the fourth of February Nineteen hundred and twenty-four Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Benson graduated with the last senior class in June of 1923. He was a member of the *Blue and Gold* staff for that year and very active in the social affairs of the corps. THE KABLEGRAM is most happy to extend felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Benson and wish them all success.

Swimmers Defeat F. M. S.

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"Bud" Palmer has been one of the best in his line the season. His work in the two-twenty has pointed him out one of the real stars of the team, his time being two minutes, fifty-eight seconds, which is exceptionally good for any school boy.

Mayo did not show up so well in this recent contest. His line is plunging, but Dava beat him in this meet. However his 58 feet made in the R. M. A. affair is a record worthy of any man in his class. A bad head-ache was the reason of the distance his two plunges in this affair.

"Jack" Gunther was the one who really clinched the meet. In the 100 dash, the last event, his showing was really remarkable.

Beer also has done good work this season in the back stroke and the breast-stroke have been an important factor in the season's victories. He missed on the back-stroke in the F. M. S. contest but took a second in the breast stroke.

Harvey and Sonsire have been doing the diving duties. The former has been slightly out doing the latter, but both their records have shown hard earnest work and this is the chief thing S. M. A. has been striving for.

The season is not over however. There is one more meet to be held, but according to reports the future opponents are not up to us in records, so our team is expected to pull through.

One man we can not forget is Lt. Wilson, who has been working with the team every day and has been one of the real causes of the way the team has turned out. But swimming is not the only sport he excels in. This season will see him out coaching the raquet wielders of S. M. A., in other words the tennis team. The best of luck to him and it is fully expected that his tennis outfit will do the same as his swimming aggregation.

S. M. A. Passers Defeat

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one it was considered one of the most important by every man of the squad. It was the determination to prove they were the better team that really made them win. In the first game they lost perhaps because of over-confidence, but nevertheless they were out-played.

"Tom" Lochrie came through in this game. As captain of the team this year the Company "A" man has been playing hard luck basket-ball all winter. He has tried his best in every game that he has been in. In times when the team was not in form and losing, he again and again fought his hardest. There is not a man in the corps that was not glad to see Lochrie sail five baskets through the nets, and this was proven by the hearty support they gave him.

Next to him came Carpenter and Walker each with three field goals. Here are two other men that have been playing high type ball, and both have figured prominently in the season's victories.

Although Sonsire and Harris did not have so many field goals to brag of, they had the satisfaction of a good day. It was their team work that was partly the cause of the victory.

As to the visitors, Brown showed up very well, scoring three goals. Kivlighan was closely watched by Walker, and therefore did not have so many crosses beside his name in the score book.

The game itself was a thrilling contest that might prove either side to be the winner. Three of Lochrie's field goals were made in the first half and likewise two of Carpenter's three. This gave the home boys the advantage from the beginning of the game on. At the end of the first half the score was 15-9 in favor of S. M. A.

In the second half the men from town slightly out-played the cadets, but their rally came too late.

LINE-UP

S. M. A.	S. A. A.
Lochrie R. F.	Reverbio
Harris L. E.	Kivlighan
Carpenter C.	Brown
Walker R. G.	Stephen
Sonsire L. G.	Woodbury

SUMMARY

Substitutes—Hallane for Stephens.
Field Goals—Lochrie 5, Harris 1, Carpenter 3, Waller 3, Sonsire 1, Reverbio 2, Killingham 3, Brown 3, Stephen 2, Woodbury 2.

Fouls—Walker, 1 out of 2; Sonsire 0 out of 1; Reverbio, 0 out of 1; Kivlighan, 0 out of 3; Brown, 1 out of 3; Stephens, 0 out of 2.

Time of Game—Forty minutes, four ten-minute quarters.

Referee—Harrison, V. M. I.

Timekeeper—Shepherd—Citadel.

Score at End of First Half—S. M. A., 15; S. A. A., 9; at end of game, S. M. A., 27; S. A. A., 24.

Chief of Corps Area Inspects Cadet Corps

Major-General Charles Muir, commanding general of the Third Corps Area, and his chief of staff, Colonel Frank Couchen, inspected the Staunton Cadet Corps on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The inspection was for a two-fold purpose: it was a preliminary inspection from the Corps Area Headquarters to determine what schools in the Corps Area were eligible for government inspection for the selection of "Honor Schools," which will take place near the

end of the school year, and it was also a personal tour of inspection on the part of the general, who expects to retire from the service in July to enable him to get into personal touch and understanding with the R. O. T. C. units under his command.

The inspectors arrived on the "Hill" at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Although it had been raining and the ground was very muddy and slippery, the corps was immediately marched down to a dress parade on Echols Field. This was followed by individual company drill, Co. "A" giving a close-order drill on the upper asphalt, Co. "B" bayonet drill, Co. "C" extended order on Echols Field, with one platoon giving an exhibition of the manual of arms, and the M. G. Co. machine gun drill.

The inspectors then went over the schedules, programs, etc., of our routine work.

Following this came an inspection of the cadet hospital, kitchen, serving-room, mess-hall, bakery, and commissary. The general noticed every minute detail, even putting his head into the refrigerator to smell the food.

At night, the interior guard was inspected, the sentinels receiving some of the "worst questions they ever hoped to have to puzzle out and answer."

Thursday morning brought barracks and quarters inspection. Nothing missed his eye. He even stood on chairs and rubbed his hand over the tops of the closets to try and find dust. If there was any in the room, he found it! He noted the large number of broken chairs in both the North and South Barracks.

Following the barracks inspection, the inspectors went over the complete academic organization, noting the individual records and academic standings. The general was particularly interested and pleased with the co-ordination between the academic and military departments.

The inspection ended with the general going down to the "gym" and witnessing the shooting of the rifle team in the Third Corps Area match.

On Thursday afternoon and Friday, the general inspected A. M. A. and Fishburne Military School.

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the go and his three field goals made at the opening of the game counted for the ten to nothing advantage we succeeded in getting on them.

Still at the end of the first quarter we were on top with a twelve to two score. It was not long until the W. & L. men had overcome this handicap, partly by the aid of five points made in the opening of the second period.

A great many of the spectators did not see how they got five points all at one throw so here is the explanation: It started off by a W. & L. player dribbling down the floor and just after shooting he was pushed by a Staunton man. The goal as it was counted and also one of the two fouls made. That accounts for three points. While the majority of the spectators were still wondering what it was all about Herndon again scored and this made up the five points which all were made in less than one minute of play.

This quarter with the exception of the first part was very unexciting and played in a very sluggish manner and this explains the 16-11 score the half showed with W. & L. leading.

Dorsy and Herndon's ten field goals made in the second half were the cause of the defeat, Lochrie being the only S. M. A. man to score more than one field goal.

Line-up:
S. M. A. W. & L. F.
Lochrie r f Herndon
Harris l f McCandlese
Carpenter c Van Horn
Sonsire r g Davinson
Walker l g Ginsberg

Summary:
Field goals: Lochrie 4, Harris 4, Sonsire 1, Herndon 11, McCandlese 2, Baker 1, Dorsey 6.

Fouls: Harris 2 out of 2, Carpenter 1 out of 1, Sonsire 1 out of 1, Ginsberg 1 out of 1.

Substitutes: For Staunton: Shore for Lochrie, Baker for Shore, Lachrie for Carpenter, Martz for Sonsire. For W. & L.: Baker for McCandlese, Davinson for Van Horn, Dorsy for Davinson, Simmund for Ginsberg.

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Time of game: 40 minutes. Four ten minute quarters.

Score at end of game: Washington and Lee Freshmen 36, Staunton Military Academy 22. At end of first half: W. & L. Fresh 16, S. M. A. 11.

Referee: Moseley, Y. M. C. A.
Timekeeper: Shepherd, Citadel.

S. M. A.

A team that we have not heard so much about recently is the Jr. 'varsity basketball team that has been practicing daily in the gym. Their tutor is Lt. Switzer, who also coached the football squad, which proved so successful.

The team's scores have been nothing to brag about but the spirit shown by the men has been a thing that is one of the outstanding features of the season. There have been about fifteen men out and, although some of them did not get in a single game, they have stuck to the job and will undoubtedly be seen in the line-ups next year.

The various men who have been seen in the regular line-ups are: Shorthill, Phelan, Reeves, Koppe, Taylor, E. M., Hunn, Corson, and Shepherd, Capt.

S. M. A.

The Rifle Team shot its last match when they fired C. H. M. A. and all that is to be done now is to fire the Third Corps Area Match and The William Randolph Hurst Trophy and N. R. A. Cup.

S. M. A.

On February the eighth our boxing team will match up with the Fishburne men. This is a hard match and the announcement as to the line-up has not been made public. Staunton should not have to worry though for that team has been practising every day and with a man like Lt. Taylor to coach them, a victory may be assured. Another point is that when a team is taken out from the daily practice, as long as they have been training, the result will most likely be that they will fight much better than they have in the monotonous daily grind. The fact that every man has gotten up at first call every morning to run around the track for the purpose of keeping fit alone demonstrates their spirit. In a nut-shell every man on the team is just "rarin' to go" and they will get the chance of their life in their coming struggle.

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