

## Varsity Football Letters Are Awarded to 24 Cadets

Mr. Gilpin Willson, Sr., is Host to Squad at Banquet and Theatre

Twenty-four members of the 1936 Staunton Military Academy varsity football team were awarded their block "S" letters at a delicious banquet generously tendered in their honor on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, 1936, in a private dining room of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel by President Gilpin Willson, Sr., of the S. M. A. board of trustees.

Those gridsters receiving the highly coveted insignia were: Captain Raymond H. Spuhler, of Johnstown, Pa.; backs: Theodore F. Laux, of Collingswood, N. J.; Woodrow McNair, of Union Springs Ala.; Arthur W. Schupska, of Geneva, Ohio; Claude B. Shaw, of Holcomb, Miss.; Robert H. Jones, of Scranton, Pa.; Elmer Brackman, of Lavalette, N. J.; Harvey P. Johnson, of Bridgeton, N. J.; Paul E. Traut, of Erie, Pa.; ends: Albert C. Matuza, of Sharadoah, Pa.; Paul Pavluchik, of Natrons Pa.; John B. Greene, of Paterson, N. J.; tackles: David J. Griffith, of Coaldale, Pa.; Claude H. Purkitt, of Willocks Cal.; James Toner, of Wilmington, Del.; guards: Donald F. Wilson, of Newark, Del.; Alvin Jones, of Spring City, Pa.; John A. Messer, of Galax Va.; Bernard Fisher, of Bridgeton, N. J.; Joseph Lamas, of New York City; Walter M. MacPherson, of Bridgeton, N. J.; centers: Vernon J. Foltz, of Greensburg, Pa.; M. Vincent Meenehan, of Washington, D. C.; and Manager Robert E. Lees, of Johnstown, Pa.

In attendance also were the following members of the football squad, who had participated as substitutes for the regular varsity players in many of the season's gridiron contests: Brafford, Borda, Dunn, Gilbert, H.; Grace, Hickman, Hill, J., Munro, Rupp, Roth, and Seifart.

The faculty guests were: Col. Emory J. Middour, superintendent; Head Coach Capt. Thomas D. Howie; Line Coach Major W. C. Louisell, and Trainer Capt. H. S. Dev.

The customary election of a football captain and manager for next year's eleven was postponed until a later date.

After warmly applauded speeches by Mr. Willson and Col. Middour, the entire group were also Mr. Willson's guests at an enjoyable theatre party at the beautiful and recently dedicated Dixie Theatre.

## Cadet Group Prepares To Present Short Plays

A group of cadets are practising three times a week on a short skit which they hope soon to present to the corps. Captain Gildersleeve, who has charge of the rehearsals and is coaching the actors, was unwilling yet to call this group a dramatic club. "Our idea is first to justify our being called a dramatic club," said the captain. The members of the cast which is rehearsing are: Howard, Olsen, Budd, Campbell, and Montgomery.

### S. M. A. 1937 SWIMMING SCHEDULE

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- March 13—The Tome School—There.

## Trustee Dies



Judge W. A. Pratt

## Judge William A. Pratt Dies After Short Illness

Was a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy

Judge William Abbott Pratt, sixty-five, for many years one of Staunton's most successful businessmen, president of and attorney for the National Valley Bank, and prominently identified in the legal and civic circles of the city, died last week, following a brief illness.

Mr. Pratt was a son of the late Capt. G. Julian Pratt and Mrs. Pratt of Walnut Grove, near Waynesboro, and received his early education at Fishburne Military School. After completing his studies there he attended the University of Virginia, and was graduated from the law school of that institution.

Soon after his graduation, Mr. Pratt came to Staunton and formed a partnership with the late H. H. Kerr. He was general receiver of both the circuit court of Augusta (Continued on Page Two)

## Swimming Team Meets W. & L. Freshmen Tomorrow Afternoon

The Staunton Swimming Team meets the formidable Washington and Lee Freshmen natators on Saturday afternoon in the S. M. A. natatorium. The Staunton mermen with a well-trained and well-balanced club are confident that they can sink the generals' frosh in this first contest on their difficult 1937 schedule, which gives promise of the establishing of several new pool records. The tentative Staunton lineup for this exciting meet is:

- 50 yards free style—Shaper, Messer.
- 100 yards free style—Fick, Gilbert, H.
- 220 yards free style—Fick, McAdoo.
- 50 yards back stroke—Gilbert, J., Foster, W.
- 50 yards breast stroke—Hampshire.
- 200 yards relay team—Gilbert, J., Messer, Gilbert, H., Schaper.
- 150 yards medley relay team—Gilbert, J., Hampshire, Schaper.
- Spring-board diving—Martin, W., Krug.

## CADET CHILDRESS IS CHOSEN MEMBER OF HONOR COMMITTEE

Cadet Clyde C. Childress, of Venezuela has been chosen a member of the Honor Committee.

Cadet Childress is a member of the senior class and is in his fifth year at the Academy. He holds the rank of cadet captain, personnel adjutant, and is a member of the Cotillion Club. He was a member of the Honor Committee last year.

## School Continues Part In Cooperative Study of School Standards

The Staunton Military Academy is now in the midst of another phase of the co-operative study of secondary school standards. This phase of the study consists of thirteen questionnaire booklets of from four to eight pages each, covering all the activities of a good secondary school. The data in answer to these questions are to be furnished by the Superintendent, Headmaster and faculty.

The first part of this co-operative study was made at Staunton early in October of this school year. At this time certain specified groups of cadets were given academic and psychological standardized tests by a representative of the six regional associations of colleges and secondary schools of the United States.

This is a nation-wide study sponsored by the six regional associations in an effort to discover the qualities that go to make up a good preparatory school. Two hundred schools are being studied in the United States, Staunton being the only preparatory military school in the State of Virginia that has been asked to participate. At present secondary schools are accredited chiefly on the basis of organization and physical equipment. This study hopes to make it possible for academic excellence to play a greater part in accreditation.

Those in charge of this co-operative study have the following to say concerning its aim. "For the schools participating in this tryout program there are two purposes—evaluation and stimulation. Unless the co-operating schools find the application (Continued on Page Two)

## Fick Makes All-American Swimming Team For 1936

Is Only Champion Selected For Three Events

Peter Fick, Olympic star natator and leading point scorer of last year's Staunton swimming team, with a victory in every race entered, received the highest national honors in this sport on Dec. 15, 1936, when he was chosen on the All-American Swimming Team for three events, namely, the 100 yards free style, the 400 yards relay team, and the 300 yards medley relay team. This team is selected at the end of every year by Johnny Weismuller, former Olympic champion, and Coach Clyde Swendson of the National Swimming Committee, who added these commendatory remarks to their presentation of the highly prized certificate to Fick: "Congratulations on your fine record. By unanimous choice you were named the outstanding American 100-yard free style swimmer of 1936." The beautiful certificate with an artistically engraved red-white-and-blue American coat of arms shield read as follows: "This certifies that Peter Fick was selected a member of the All-American Swimming Team for the year 1936 in the following three events: 100 yards free style, 400 yards relay team, and the 300 yards medley relay team."

## Captain Brown Attends Meeting of Scientists

During the Christmas holidays Capt. Warren W. Brown attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 28th to Jan. 1st. At this meeting there were excellent exhibits and also excellent papers presented in all fields of science. Dr. W. M. Stanley, who won the annual society prize of \$1,000.00 for his work on the protein virus, presented the outstanding paper of the meeting. This paper dealt with the borderline proteins between biology and chemistry

## Headmaster Sets Time For Mid-Year Exams

January 27-28-29 Are The Dates Named For Tests

Major Wonson has announced the dates of the coming second quarter examinations as being slightly irregular this time in order to fit into a crowded schedule at the beginning of the second term. Instead of the regular days of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the exams will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 27, 28, and 29. To make up for the day lost classes will be held on the preceding Saturday, January 23. With these exceptions everything will be as in the first quarter examinations—science and history on Wednesday, English and other languages on Thursday, and mathematics on Friday. These tests will complete the work for the first semester, and the last half of the school year will begin the following Monday.

## Philadelphia Alumni Dance is Gala Affair

According to those who attended, the annual dance held by the S. M. A. Alumni Association of Philadelphia and vicinity December 29, 1936, was quite a gala affair. The dance took place at the Arcadia, the International Restaurant, in Philadelphia. Cadets Warwick, Wilson, and Neal, and Captains Lehman and Schill were the representatives from Staunton's 1936-37 corps. Those in charge of the dance were Herbert Egmore, '32, and Gordon B. Bretschneider, '31, president of the Philadelphia alumni of Staunton.

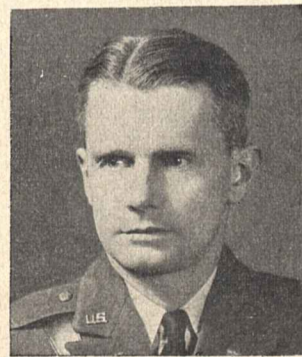
## Capt. Wenger Weds Miss Hoffman During Holidays

The wedding of Miss Sara Elizabeth Hoffman and Capt. Rene Lawrence Wenger was solemnized on Sunday, Dec. 27, in Somerset, Pa. The ceremony was performed at four in the afternoon, at the Trinity Lutheran Church of that city.

The bride is the talented daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry C. Hoffman, of Somerset. She is a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wenger, formerly of Harrisonburg, and now of Dallas, Texas, has been an instructor in French and Spanish at the Staunton Military Academy since 1927.

Captain Wenger is a graduate of the University of Virginia and has done advanced study at the same uni-



Capt. R. L. Wenger

versity leading to the M. S. degree which will be awarded to him in the near future. At the University of Virginia he was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity and was on the wrestling squad. He also studied during several summers in France at the Sorbonne and the University of Dijon.

During the World War, Capt. Wenger was a member of the S. A. T. C. at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and is now a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Military Intelligence Reserves. At Staunton he has been soccer coach and director of the cadet dramatic club and is now a member of the dramatic club of the city of Staunton.

## Second Formal Dance To Be Held On Friday Night, January 29th

Earl Mellen's Orchestra Will Probably Furnish Music For The Hop

The mid-year dance, the second formal dance of the year, will be held on Friday, January 29th. Like the formal dances held at Thanksgiving time, Easter Monday, and at Commencement, this mid-year dance following the second quarter examinations, should be one of the happiest and most beautiful social events of the winter term. The Cotillion Club will put forth its best efforts over the week-end of the 23d and on the afternoon of the 29th to make the gymnasium an attractive place for this happy occasion. It is hoped that the cadet corps will give the Cotillion Club its full support and interest and help the Club to make the coming dance one of the best of the year.

It is probable that Earl Mellen and his orchestra will play for the dance. This eleven-piece band comes highly recommended from The Willows, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has played for dances at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech, and Duquesne, as well as at the Hotel Schenley and the Chatterbox room of the Hotel William Penn. It is a broadcasting club that has been heard over KDKA, WJAS, and WRVA.

## Eleven New Boys Enter For Second Semester

Eleven new boys were added to the enrollment at the opening of the term after the Christmas furlough. From five to ten additional cadets will be added to the roster at the actual middle of the year, February 1st.

The eleven new boys come from six different states. Their names and addresses are as follows:

William I. Williams, Jr., Evanston, Ill.; Edwin S. Kanowitz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert D. King, Garden City, N. Y.; Raymond L. Morrison, Jr., Buffalo, N. Y.; H. MacLean Wittmaak, Erie, Pa.; W. Kirk Sullivan, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Howard S. Sterling, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lawrence M. White, Quantico, Va.; Nelson Puett, Jr., Fentress, Texas; Otto Hoover, Jr., Wilkes-Barre Pa.; H. Edwin Pollock, Asheville, N. C.

The Kablegram in behalf of the school is glad to extend a very hearty welcome to all new boys. Staunton Military Academy wants the new boys to feel that they are in the midst of friends and that it is the school's wish that all boys will be happy in the life of the school and successful in their scholastic work and school activities.

## Staunton Boxing Team Goes Into Action Tomorrow Night

The Staunton Boxing Team makes its 1937 debut this Saturday night in the Main gymnasium with the strong University of Maryland Freshmen as its opponents. Under the leadership of Co-captains Biehle and Greene, J., and with several promising new members included in its makeup, the blue and gold glove aggregation shows every indication of (Continued on Page Three)

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- March 5—South Atlantic Prep School Tournament—Here.

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### Next Two Weeks Are Very Important

As is stated elsewhere in this paper, the Second Quarter examinations will be given on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 27th, 28th, and 29th.

These scheduled dates for the second quarter examinations make the coming two weeks very valuable. Many teachers will be reviewing the work of the second quarter and will be emphasizing a number of things that will be asked in the examinations two weeks later. Many students will have the opportunity during these two weeks to see difficult problems clarified and to fix many things definitely and clearly in their minds. Wise cadets will use every study period wisely and give the best of their attention, interest, and effort to their teachers during this valuable season of the year. The vacation was doubtless a happy one for everyone, but even the memory of that vacation will become a happier one if the next two weeks are used wisely and a high percentage of all examinations taken in the coming period will be passed successfully.

### What Shall I Do When I Am Homesick?

Homesickness is a very honorable feeling. It reveals to many boys for the first time the respect and love they have for their fathers and mothers and also their homes. Homesickness causes us to realize, perhaps for the first time, how much we appreciate our home and parents, and helps us to see how little we have appreciated our homes and parents when we accepted both as merely a matter of course. Homesickness, therefore, is a very honorable feeling and one for which no boy need be ashamed. There are, however, two ways in which we can react to homesickness:

First—We can make ourselves believe that we are different from all other people in this respect, forgetting that people have had this same reaction ever since the sun came up and the first man wandered away from home. We can begin to pity ourselves, withdraw from our friends, think only of our personal happiness and satisfaction, forget about the plans and sacrifices our parents have made to give us the opportunity enjoyed by only a few boys. We can become unmindful of the happiness of our fathers and mothers and write disappointing and gloomy letters home. We can be so mistaken that we think of life as a series of vacations and regret that all school work is so different from the Christmas vacation. We can do all of these things and make all about us miserable, our parents unhappy, and while doing these things, prepare ourselves for failure during the coming examinations.

Second—Those of us who are homesick can follow a much wiser and happier plan. We can realize that we are not the only boys who have ever been homesick after a very

### EXCHANGES

From New Mexico Military Academy's paper the following is taken: "Each year a contest is held to choose the most beautiful girl represented in the school. The winner is determined by a group of Grafters who romp from room to room picking out the most beautiful pictures on the desks of the cadets. All movie stars, tiger women, magazine photos and the like are eliminated from the contest, while pictures of mothers, sisters, secretaries, and girl friends are all eligible."

After all, that is not a bad novelty to break up the monotonous year of study.

Organization of the infantry motorized unit of Culver Military Academy was completed in the latter part of October when eight cadets returned to Culver from Detroit, where they had gone to get six new Dodge trucks.

From the St. John's Cadet Review we get the following poem called "A Latin Tragedy":

Boyibus kissibus sweet girlorum,  
Girlibus likebus, wantum someorum.  
Pateribus hearibus sweet kissorum,  
Kickibus boyibus outa the doorum.

MILITARY TERMS from The Morgan Park Academy News.

RIFLE—Ingenious combination of holes and crevices, surrounded by steel and wood and used daily in mass cadet exercises on the drill field.

GUIDON—Light wooden pole with a rag on top which is carried by a muscle man of one of the companies.

RAMROD—Metallic instrument, usually curved beyond recognition, and about as common as a shave on Wax.

PATCH—Mass of twisted fibers which swabs the hole in a common infantry weapon.

SABER—An elongated knife carried primarily by those who do not wish to carry a rifle.

BOOTS—Goloshes worn the year around by the officers.

The KABLEGRAM at the present time receives papers from about fifty schools and colleges throughout the country. Among its exchanges are: The Culver "Vedette," the Massanutten "Oyez," the Fishburne "C.-Q.," the New Mexico "Pup Tent," the "Cadet Review" of St. John's, and the "Legionnaire" of Valley Forge.

happy Christmas vacation. We can be aware that we have a job to do and that real success and happiness are the result of work faithfully done to the best of our own personal ability. We can think of others rather than ourselves and make a real effort to do the things that will make our parents happy rather than miserable. We can justify the expense of an education and the opportunity our parents are giving us by doing the job at hand according to our best ability. We can try to help others less fortunate than we and in doing so forget about ourselves and become less selfish. We can make ourselves busy in the work of the day and thus forget the miseries and discomforts which cloud the vision of a selfish person. We can remember that we grow strong as we face difficult problems and that we can become comparatively weak as we travel in the easy direction. We can show our parents and all our friends that we are no longer children but that we are growing up and becoming men and that no longer happiness depends upon the emphasis of "I" and "Me" and all that "I" and "Me" have meant to us in childhood. We can follow this second course and turn homesickness into love for father and mother, ambition to do a good job, and success for the future when that job is well done.

Many boys give a perfect illustration of their characters and reveal something of their promise for the future in the way they react to this honorable feeling so well known to all of us at this season of the year.

Which course will you choose?

### Literary Society Holds Election of Officers

At a meeting of the Woodrow Wilson Literary Society held last Tuesday evening, the semi-annual election of officers was held. Cadet Richard W. Bradstreet was re-elected to serve as president for the second semester. Cadet Bradstreet, who hails from Point Pleasant, New York, is a senior at Staunton and is now in his third year here, as well as his third year in the society.

Cadet Alexander H. Campbell, of San Antonio, Texas, who served during the first semester as treasurer, was promoted to the office of secretary. Donald F. Meads, of Ridge-wood, New Jersey, was elected treasurer to succeed Campbell; and J. C. Baker, of Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, will serve again as sergeant-at-arms.

These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting of the society, at which Cadet Schumacher, who was elected to membership Tuesday evening, will also be installed.

### Faculty Vacations

Now that everybody is back from the Christmas vacation we find that, although many of the faculty passed their time in Staunton, many went to their homes to enjoy the holidays.

Among those who were away are Captain Charles A. Gildersleeve. Captain Gildersleeve spent most of his time in Cold Springs Harbor, L. I., but also visited his grandfather in Endicott, N. Y., for a week. Capt. David J. Noonan went to his home in Dorchester, Mass., where he passed a very well earned furlough. Capt. H. B. Schill and David Lehman were in Philadelphia, and Capt. R. E. Biscoe spent the holidays in Fredericksburg, Va. Capt. Fred I. Godschalk visited his home in Easton, Pa. Capt. W. B. McCall went to Marion, S. C. A pleasant journey was had by Capt. Maurice M. Collins, who traveled all the way to Cuba for Christmas. Major and Mrs. F. B. Duggan passed the vacation in Worcester, Mass., which is a short distance from Glendale, where Mrs. Helen Learned returned to. Capt. R. O. Dodge chose to travel around rather than to stay in any one place, and he covered the state of Massachusetts, only stopping for a few days in Lowell, his home. Capt. Cox spent the period in Boston, Mass.

### School Continues Part

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of the tentative principles and criteria valuable for both of the purposes much of the anticipated value may be lost."

The present phase of the study concerns chiefly the school's philosophy of education, its purposes and objectives and its pupil population. Information in great detail is sought concerning the educational program, the school staff, the school plant and the school administration. Under the head of the educational program data are sought concerning the curriculum and courses of study, the pupil activity program, the library service, the guidance service, the instruction and the outcomes. Similar pertinent information is sought about the staff, plant, and administration.

Later in the school year a committee representing the six regional associations will visit and make an inspection of the school. Still later in the year additional tests will be given the corps and other phases of the study will be made.

### In Appreciation

To the Cadet Corps:

Lt. and Mrs. Slattery wish to express their sincerest appreciation to the Cadet Officers for their kindness and good thought during the recent illness of their daughter and feel that this was a keynote to the speedy recovery of their child. Again, many thanks. We are  
(Signed)

Lt. and Mrs. R. T. Slattery.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

(Written and Edited by Cadets of the Junior School)

Walker, Giles, Parker, and Evans went to Florida during Christmas holidays. Giles came back with a heavy tan.

It was certainly a brave act for the boys who had canaries to take them home and bring them back again. Shortly after this, one of the travelers died after laying an egg.

Since the boys have come back, we have been having gymnasium at four-thirty in the afternoon. We have had a lot of fun.

All the boys are busily engaged in making airplanes, due to the fact that Mrs. Learned gave every boy an airplane kit for a Christmas present.

Brimer and Taylor are going into the theatrical business. Their first

play is going to be put on Saturday afternoon. The players are lead soldiers. The fee for admission will be five cents, including refreshments.

Milton Eckerd took the longest trip of anyone during the Christmas furlough. He went to Arizona. Boy, does he look good in his cowboy suit and on his pony.

There are many good sleds which are not being used in the Junior School. If this weather keeps up, we will have no use for them whatsoever. We hope it snows soon.

Tom Hadley has not returned yet because he became sick during the vacation. We hope that he recovers quickly, because we miss him.

### South Barracks Room Is Fixed Like Kable Hall

As the result of the fire in South Barracks before Christmas, parts of that building are being redecorated and made modern. In the room where the fire occurred quite a bit of work is being done. The walls have been relieved of wall paper and are being painted. Presses of the Kable Hall type have been put in. Besides this there is a new floor, a new ceiling, and a center light such as those in Kable Hall. Wall plugs are also being put in to eliminate the necessity of draping the room with wires.

Eventually all the rooms in South will be fixed as that is.

### Judge Wm. A. Pratt

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county and the corporation court of the city of Staunton.

Mr. Pratt was the first judge of the Augusta county juvenile and domestic relations court when that court was established some years ago.

In 1901, Mr. Pratt was elected to the board of directors of the National Valley bank. He was made attorney for the bank in 1905, and was elected to a vice-presidency in 1909. In 1924 he was named to the presidency of the institution, and occupied that post until his death.

Mr. Pratt was a member and vestryman at the Trinity Episcopal church. He was also a former treasurer of the church.

Mr. Pratt was also a member of the board of trustees of Staunton Military academy, serving that institution since 1934.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Trout Pratt; one son, William A. Pratt Jr., of New York; three daughters, Mrs. Catherine Pratt Barnett, of New York; Mrs. Margaret Pratt Palmer, of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Olivia Pratt, of Hollins college.

### Staunton Five Down Virginia Freshmen

The S. M. A. basket snappers saw their second victory of the season in an out of town game with the University of Virginia frosh last Wednesday. The game was quite fast, and the final score stood at 49-39 in favor of the Staunton quintet. The line-up was:

Pavluchik, lf; McNair, rf; Matuza, c; Laux, lg; Spuhler, rg.

### PERSONALS

Col. A. M. Patch, who for the past four years was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at S. M. A., was a visitor on the Hill a few hours last week. Colonel Patch accompanied his son, Cadet Mack Patch, from their home in Fort Benning, Ga., where Colonel Patch is a member of the Infantry Board of the U. S. Army.

Cadet Cartagena was unable to return to school after the Christmas holidays, because of a sickness which he contracted while he was home.

### Cadet Group Organizes Camera Club as Hobby

The organizing of a photographic club greeted the new year at S. M. A. Charter members are Schuyler Bissell, Nat Hill, Alex Campbell, Lynn Barry, and Al Glasow. The purpose of the club is to have a good time by indulging in the favorite hobby of the members—namely, photography. Quite an elaborate set-up has been assembled and one of the janitors' rooms of Kable Hall has been secured for the developing of negatives. The boys also plan to take a series of pictures of cadet life that will be good enough to put in the Shrapnel.

### Cadet Spuhler Appointed To Captain 1937 Quintet

Cadet Raymond H. Spuhler, of Johnstown, Pa., was appointed captain of the 1937 basketball team by Coach Dey on Monday. By his selection as leader of the S. M. A. quintet Spuhler has the distinction of being the captain of two major varsity teams in the school year, as he was also the leader of the blue and gold football eleven. Due to a football injury to his leg the new captain forced to sit on the side lines during last year's basketball season. His skilful performance at guard during the first practice game on Dec. 17, 1936, stamps him as one of the most talented and brilliant cagers that has represented Staunton in recent years.

### Rifle Team Schedule Is Not Yet Complete

The following rifle team schedule is only a portion of the challenges answered. The schedule has not been completed as yet.

Jan. 23—New Mexico M. I.  
Jan. 30—Kemper Military School.  
Feb. 20—V. P. I.  
March 6—Univ. of Maryland  
March 13—Oklahoma M. A.  
March 13—LaSalle M. A.

The following are members of last year's team who are firing again this year: Bradstreet, Armstrong, Aurand, Davis, M. J., Bramberry, Shaw, Russell and Downs. The new marksmen who are trying out for the team are: Bowman, Kitchens, Johnson, W., Perry, Fallon, LaMond, Coleman, J., Lewis N., Dawkins, and Blackwod.

### THE VETERAN

"Well, young man, ever been up before?"

"Only as a passenger, sir, but I have watched a lot of—"

"Humph, seems that I get all the novices to teach. But, believe me, I teach 'em. When they've finished my course of instruction, they're not flying through roofs and killing passengers."

"Now first I'll show you how to handle the stick. Back like this, see. Slow and easy. Always remember, never try to take her up too fast. One accident and, believe me, you'll never want to get off good old Mother Earth again. That's why I feel kind of proud of my record. For twelve years now I've been training young fellows like yourself, and not one of my pupils ever cracked up an elevator yet."—Judge.

**Local Prep Schools Among State's Leaders in Sports**

The following is a record of prep school sporting events as compiled by a Richmond sports writer for the year beginning in January, 1936, and ending January, 1937. Staunton Military Academy placed first in Boxing and Track, and was runner-up in the national R.O.T.C. rifle matches.

**Wrestling**—Augusta Military Academy was the undisputed leader.

**Swimming**—Massanutten Military Academy finished first in the South Atlantic event at Baltimore, and the national interscholastic meet at Philadelphia. "There was no questioning of the school's claim to the state title," states the Richmond paper.

**Boxing**—Staunton Military Academy, with twenty points, was the leader in the ninth annual South Atlantic interscholastic tournament held at Fort Defiance. A. M. A., the host, was second.

**Track**—Staunton Military Academy set the pace in the state prep tournament.

**Shooting**—Fishburne Military School had the best group of riflemen. They were first in the national R.O.T.C. matches, third corps area, and in the intercollegiate gallery match, junior group, at Baltimore. In the latter event, Staunton Military Academy was second, and Augusta Military Academy, third.

**Baseball**—Hargrave Military Academy and Fork Union Academy were considered the best in state prep circles.

**Football**—Fork Union gained the state military academy title.

**Basketball**—Fork Union and Massanutten Military Academy were tied for the Old Dominion prep championship. Fork Union was undefeated for the season, capturing eleven games.

**Boxing Team**

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having a successful season and of winning again the South Atlantic Prep School boxing championship. The tentative line-up for this Saturday evening's contest against the University of Maryland Freshman is: 119-pound class—Capt. Biehle, Mezzanotte.

- 129-pound class—Null, Bissell.
- 139-pound class—Beal, Patch.
- 149-pound class—Andersen.
- 159-pound class—Funke, Hall.
- 169-pound class—Conver.
- 179-pound class—Capt. J. Greene, Fisher, B.
- Unlimited class—Brackman, Foltz.

**S. M. A. 1937 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

- Jan. 20—Fishburne Military School—Here.
- Jan. 22—Fork Union Military Academy—There.
- Jan. 23—Woodberry Forest School—There.
- Feb. 5—Brown Prep of Philadelphia—Here.
- Feb. 6—Augusta Military Academy—Here.
- Feb. 9—Massanutten Military Academy—There.
- Feb. 11—Episcopal High School—There.
- Feb. 12—Valley Forge Military Academy—There.
- Feb. 13—Brown Prep of Philadelphia—There.
- Feb. 17—Fork Union Military Academy—Here.
- Feb. 19—Fishburne Military School—There.
- Feb. 20—Woodberry Forest School—Here.
- Feb. 22—Augusta Military Academy—There.
- Feb. 25—Massanutten Military Academy—Here.
- March 5—W. and L. Prep School Tournament—There.

**Two S. M. A. Pool Records Are Broken at Water Carnival**

During the entertaining water carnival held in the academy swimming pool on the last evening before the Christmas furlough two S.M.A. swimming pool records were broken, the first by Peter Fick in the 50-yard free style race, and the second by the 150-yard medley relay team composed of the following three swimmers: 50-yard free style, Fick; 50-yard back stroke, Gilbert, J.; and 50-yard breast stroke, Schaper. In the 50-yard free style race Peter Fick's new record was 24.2 seconds, whereas the former mark held by Cameron of the W. and L. freshmen being 25.1 seconds. In the 150 medley relay race a new record of 1 minute, 27.2 seconds was set by Fick, Gilbert, J., and Schaper, the former record held by the 1930 University of Virginia Freshmen medley relay team being 1 minute, 28.1 seconds.

In the 200 yards relay race between two teams composed of Fick, Gilbert, J., Schaper, and Gilbert, H., on one side, and McAdoo, Miller, Messer, and Foster, W., as their opponents, an attempt was made to lower the existing mark of 1 minute and 40 seconds, but the first team completed the course two-tenths of a second behind the record.

In the junior varsity 50-yard free style race Tullidge was the winner, defeating Fisher, A., Olsen, and Winston, G., who finished in that order.

In the Junior School balloon race Taylor, J., was the victor, setting the pace for Giles, Bremer, Schroder, L., and Cole.

Excellent diving exhibitions were given by Martin, W., Krug, Grisham, and Orr, followed by commendable performances by two Junior School divers, Gary and Taylor, J. Clown diving by Gilbert, J., was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded by the corps.

A water polo game played by two teams chosen from the entire swimming squad furnished the final amusing feature on the program of the most successful water carnival held in the Staunton pool.

**Varsity Basketball Team Plays Two Practice Games This Week**

The Staunton Varsity Basketball Team will play two practice games this week, meeting the University of Virginia Freshmen on Wednesday afternoon at Charlottesville, and then playing its second match against the W. and L. Freshmen on Saturday evening at Lexington.

The S. M. A. cagers will meet strong competition in these two college freshmen teams, and will line up as follows:

Pavluchik, lf; McNair, rf; Matusa, c; Laux, lg; Capt. Spuhler, rg.

The following substitutes will also see action in these two practice games:

Schupska, Johnson, H., Duff, Kaulback, forwards; Newbury, Toner, centers; MacPherson, Pennypacker, Ruth, Rupp, guards.

**Basketball Team Wins First Practice Game**

Working smoothly as a unified team and caging the ball with uncanny accuracy for the beginning of the season the S.M.A. varsity basketball team defeated the strong Staunton Y.M.C.A. quintet by the count of 45 to 31 in their first practice game in the main gymnasium on final night of the fall term.

Laux, with 13 points to his credit, was the leading scorer for S. M. A. with McNair and Schupska tied for second honors with 9 points apiece. Matusa did excellent work at center, and the guarding and passing of Capt. Spuhler was one of the main features of the exciting contest. The clever team work of the whole S.M.A. quintet was a tribute to the able coaching of Capt. Dey, himself a former star and Dartmouth basketball captain.

For the visitors the work of DePriest and Woodrum was outstanding, the former netting a total of 12 points and the latter garnering 11. Lotz at center for the Y.M.C.A. scored their remaining 8 markers.

The line-up and summary:

S. M. A.	G.	F.	T.
McNair, lf	4	1	9
Schupska, rf	3	3	9
Matusa, c	3	1	7
Laux, lg	6	1	13
Capt. Spuhler, rg	3	1	7
	19	7	45

Y. M. C. A.	G.	F.	T.
Woodrum, lf	5	1	11
DePriest, rf	5	2	12
Lotz, c	4	0	8
Morrison, lg	0	0	0
Wolfe, rg	0	0	0
	14	3	31

Substitutions—S. M. A.: MacPherson, Duff, Ruth, Kaulback, Toner, Newbury, and Pennypacker, Y. M. C. A.: Gardner and Hassett.

Referee—Doran, Univ. of Ohio.

**South Atlantic Basketball Tournament To Be Held At W. & L. March 11 to 13**

The South Atlantic interscholastic basketball tournament, for twelve years an outstanding prep and high school event, will be held at Washington and Lee on March 11, 12, 13.

The tournament had been held annually in Doremus gymnasium since 1924 with the exception of last year when the meet was cancelled due to the staging of the national collegiate wrestling tourney at Washington and Lee.

Athletic officials for the event have decided that sixteen of the outstanding quintets in the South Atlantic area would be invited to participate.

John Marshall High School of Richmond won the 1935 tournament in which crack teams from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were entered.

Staunton Military Academy, three times champions, boasts the outstanding prep record.

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**"The Lonely Trail" with John Wayne**  
 This is a story of the Civil War. John Wayne plays the part of a northern captain. He falls for a southern belle and they have many adventures. This is not the usual type of western. It is very well done and well worth seeing.

**"Jungle Princess" with Dorothy Lamour**

A lot of swell animals to keep your interest alive in the story. It stars Miss Dorothy Lamour, who plays the part of a young native girl, and saves the life of a big-game hunter. This is Miss Lamour's first picture. Heretofore she has been in radio, and she has a very beautiful voice.

**"Mad Holiday" with Edmund Lowe and Elissa Landi**

A story of a Hollywood mystery writer who takes a vacation and runs into the things he has been writing about. It is amusing to see the way he solves it.

**"Craig's Wife" with John Boles and Rosalind Russell**

This picture is not a new one, but is one which won the Pulitzer Prize Play. It is the story of how a man is ruined by his nagging wife.

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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

My dear Dragupan Ice Cube:  
By O. O. Snakeinthegrass

Well "Pete the Fickle" did make it—ahem. Just a beginner.

I understand that "Bob" Schaper's folks almost spent a whole day with him. "Love is the greatest thing."

Well, boys, the Mexican athletes are certainly busy right now. You ought to hear Foster, L. According to his story, he can't take.

"Horsecollar" Tappen journeyed to the hills of Kentucky to settle a mountain feud—yeah man. I wonder how Bess is—

They tell me that Andersen was the life of the party. Borda and Munroe are no dead-heads.

The cadet corps must have had a good rest, because none of them looked tired on the train—much.

I understand Brafford hooked up the horse and buggy and took "Liza" to see a city—I'll bet they just raised heck. Huh, Bobby?

The boys from Erie had some great times coming back—Randecker was a poor carpenter and "Dick" Rubner gets mail from one more than before Christmas now. Yowza.

John Alfonso Messer believes in the slogan, "Time to retire," by Fisk.

My, my, but we had a lot of officers going home with sabers. Colonel Rehm had one to open fan mail. I wonder if Lees was on duty at home again this year as he was last year—Poor guy—Phooey!!!

Well, I know that all of you want to study and drill, so I'll close and not detain you—Oh, Boy!!!

**Did You Know?**

That in 1920 there were as many cadets living in South Barracks as there are attending the school today.

That dances used to be held in what is now the trunk room of South Barracks.

That all the little gals at Mary Baldwin College are a twitter—Ed Smith, the big red headed Adonis from gangster town, is single again.

That in 1917-'18-'19 the Headmaster's office was in the room now occupied by the barber shop.

That besides our illustrious swimmer we have another World's Champion in our midst, none other than that rootin', tootin', bull shootin', two-fisted he man of South Barracks, Bull Collingwood who has sworn to defend his title in the manner which he won it—that is, by taking on bare-handed and bare-toothed any and all comers in a battle of—cream puff eating.

"She's done nothing but play with matches since she met that fireman from Engine Company 4!"  
—Saturday Evening Post.

The weatherman says it isn't going to be a cold winter; but then the weatherman doesn't know our janitor.—Saturday Evening Post.

**BUT WAIT TILL YOU'RE ONE!**  
St. Petersburg, Fla.—According to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a mother-in-law is: "(1) mother of one's husband or wife; (2) a step-mother; (3) old and bitter ale mixed." Personally, I would prefer the last definition.

My revised definition of a mother-in-law would be something as follows:

A mother-in-law is a fly in the soup—break in the movie film—stuck typewriter key—bone in the hamburger—button in the collection

**OUR LIMERICK COLYUM**

There's a chemistry prof named Sutherland

Who, when he is called from his fatherland,

Will be addressed by St. Peter: "Take this Bunsen Heater As a sample of heat in the other-land."

There is a math teacher named Pence;

Whatever he teaches makes sense. He likes all that stuff, But for us, we've enough.

Of course it's because we're so dense.

There's a physics instructor called James

Who teaches his pupils such names As the "Kinetic Theory."

It makes us all weary, But experiments prove all his claims.

There was a young fellow from Frisco

Who, curious enough, was named Biscoe.

But, nay, do not scoff. He's no relative of

Our eminent Captain Bob Biscoe.

How doth the busy little bee Dispose of all his honey?

The little bee doth cell it all.

I think that's rather funny.

"There is something I want you to get for me tomorrow, and I've forgotten what it is, but I have associated it with your singing, and I am sure I can recall it if you'll sing just one or two."

"It isn't a canary bird you want, is it?" ventured the husband, hopefully and impatiently.

"No, I'm sure it isn't that; now please sing," pleaded the wife.

"Is it a pound of butter you want me to bring?"

"No, it couldn't be that," answered the wife, thoughtfully; "if you will just sing a bit I'm sure I'll remember."

Whereupon the husband cleared his throat for action and did his best to comply.

"That's enough," said his wife, before he had finished the first line. "Thank you, dear. I remember now. I want you to stop at the hardware store and get me a file."—Kablegram.

plate—broken nail—frizzy permanent—flat note—broken record—necessary evil—bottle of sour milk— And so on far into the night.  
—Mrs. J. R. S. in Liberty.

Hubbard (carrying hatchet and lugging choice Christmas tree): "Some farmer asked me my name and address—I guess he's going to come and see me sometime."

**PRACTICAL MAIDEN'S PRAYER**  
I need no husband round my house, Merchant, chief, or cutler; I want no one to marry me, But, oh, I want a butler!  
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