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Next
Week

The Kablegram

Happy
Vacation
To All

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S. M. A. To Have Summer Session June 30 to August 11

Winners in Kablegram Beauty Contest Will Be Published April 21

Following spring furlough, the KABLEGRAM will sponsor its beauty contest of 1949-1950. The queen's picture with her court of four will be published in the April 21 issue.

All cadets except members of the KABLEGRAM staff may enter photographs, the deadline for which is April 11. Any one cadet may submit only one picture of a girl; however, he may enter more than one girl. A flattering picture, five by five or larger if possible, should be chosen, and only pictures of girls you personally know. Portraits only of her face should be turned in.

Nothing is to be written on the front of the picture. Clip a piece of paper onto it with her approximate weight, height, name, and address with your name and room number included. Submit pictures to room 702 or any editor of the KABLEGRAM. All photographs will be returned to the owners unmarked at the completion of the contest.

Judges will consist of the editors of the Kablegram. The field will be limited down three times to a maximum of fifteen pictures before the semi-finals commence on April 13. The finals will, of course, be five photos with one chosen as queen and the other four to consist of the court. Cadets are urged to get their pictures in as soon as possible.

Schedule For Next Friday

One week from today, March 24, the corps of cadets will start their ten day spring furlough.

Friday morning from 8:15 to 10:30 is the English examinations which will complete the third quarter examinations. Commencing at 10:30 will be the usual procedures of signing out of rooms and barracks. For those cadets desiring to eat on the "Hill," there will be served an optional mess at 11:30.

There will be a special bus leaving from the asphalt for Richmond at 12:00 o'clock, and four special buses leaving for Washington at the same time. The usual "Special" train for Washington at 12:30 has been discontinued because of the coal strike; therefore, special bus facilities will be available for those cadets going to Richmond and Washington. The westbound C&O train will leave from Staunton at the scheduled time. The pre-named transportation facilities are the earliest leaving.

Trunk rooms will be opened at the cadet's convenience Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of next week immediately after examinations. There will be a compulsory laundry formation at 4:45 Thursday afternoon. It is requested by the Commandant that all cadets keep their rooms in a neat order with regards to luggage and packing.

All cadets are reminded that the spring furlough will end at retreat, 6:10, on Tuesday, April 4. No lates of returning cadets will be authorized except under unusual circumstances. Cadets who find it necessary to be late should obtain prior approval.

State Military Prep School Champions



Moore, Wagner, Gentry, Weisinger, Conomikes, Taylor, Akehurst, Colson, Peter, Brown, Gauss, Woolsey, O'Rourke, Smith, Rhea, Stark, Capt. (Kneeling). Not in picture, Rigney.

Swimming Team Ends Season By Taking First In Virginia State Meet

Staunton's tankmen took first in the Virginia State Meet on Saturday, March 4, with a total of 52 points. Richmond Y.M.C.A. took a close second with 48 points, while Randolph-Macon Academy was third with 41 points. The fourth position was copied by Massanutten M. A. with 19 points, and Petersburg Y.M.C.A. was fifth with three points.

Jack Edwards of S.M.A. completely outclassed all competition in the diving and made a fine showing in the relay. Don Pribor was outstanding in the 150 yard individual medley and took a second in the breaststroke, being beaten by only two-tenths of a second. In the 150 yard freestyle Dick Bartlett placed second, losing by only a half of a stroke to McGrath of Massanutten who won the Southern Interscholastic 50-yard freestyle while Sandstrom took a fourth for S.M.A. Jerry Ankenbrandt also pulled up from behind to take second in 100 yard freestyle, while George Snyder took second over Ewart of R.M.A. who had previously beaten him. Both of these men will be returning next year. Don Miller took third in the 100 yard breaststroke, and Bill Dalzell, only a freshman, took fifth in the diving. The S.M.A. 200 yard relay consisting of Ankenbrandt, Johnson, Edwards, and Bartlett continued its good work by taking first.

The tankmen had a fine season considering some of the tough competition they were up against and are to be commended for their good work.

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Examination Schedule For Third Quarter

Wednesday, March 22
8:15-10:30—Science
10:45-1:00—Latin
2:15-4:30—History

Thursday, March 23
8:15-10:30—Trigonometry and Algebra
10:45-1:00—Plane and Solid Geometry
2:15-4:30—Modern Languages

Friday, March 24
8:15-10:30—English

Note: The Business Courses will be fitted into the three day program where they will cause the fewest conflicts.

To the Members Of the Cadet Corps:

It is my hope that each of you will enjoy a splendid vacation, abounding in the happiness of renewing home ties and friendships.

The spring vacation is a breather, a valuable period of relaxation. Soon we will be confronted with two months of intense activity—Government Inspection, the academic fourth quarter, and commencement. No matter what your record has been, each should exert every effort to make this fourth quarter the most successful one, to improve in every activity. Let us work together to attain a record of which we may be proud, individually and collectively, as members of the Staunton Military Academy.

WILTON B. PERSONS,
Major General, U. S. Army, Ret.
Superintendent.

Companies "D" and "G" Lead In Red Cross Drive

The annual Red Cross Drive is in full swing at the Academy and through Wednesday lunch Company "D" ("Sharpshooter" Luke) and Company "G" ("Shorty" Elizalde) were leading with 100 per cent membership. Company F ("Duck" Buttner) lacked only one or two of being 100 per cent with Company "A" (Curly Cummings) and Company "E" ("Pres" Sorrells) following closely. Band and Staff Company "B" and "C" still hope to catch the leaders.

The March Drive of the National Red Cross provides funds to carry on the extensive and humanitarian work in this country and abroad—flood, fire, and tornado victims, life-saving, blood plasma, disabled veterans, Junior Red Cross gift boxes for overseas youngsters, Red Cross Gray Ladies. The dollar yearly membership provides these things and services.

Colonel Webb is chairman of the drive at the Academy as well as the local schools.

Basketball Team Wins State Title Again

When the basketball season started this year, Coach Jim Ruscick found himself with thirteen greenhorns, and Pat Stark. He molded the thirteen greenhorns and Pat Stark into a fast charging and smooth working organization that retained the coveted state crown which was won by Staunton basketball teams for four consecutive seasons, and seven out of the last eight years.

After the final game with Greenbrier, the S.M.A. team had a very impressive record of 15 wins, 5 defeats, and the state championship.

The number one man on the team this year was Pat Stark. Pat, beyond a shadow of a doubt, will take his place with the basketball immortals of S.M.A. His scoring ability, defensive playing, ball handling, and assortment of all types of shots, will be long remembered by those who have seen him in action.

Ray Rigney, our ace pivot man, was also a big asset in the retention of the state crown. His absence from the team due to illness, was greatly missed, as he was a huge factor in our backboard control.

Bruce Rhea and his set shots from the corners of the court, did much to increase the score of the team. He was also valuable in helping to crack the zone defenses thrown against our varsity in order to stop Stark.

The steady and dependable "Chet" Weisinger did a good job under the boards and was a stellar back court man. "Chet" played his best game against F.U.M.A., when a tricky zone defense was employed to stop Stark. He dumped in four successive one handers.

The steady and aggressive Tom Woolsey was an important asset in the team's great showing. Although Tommy reported late to the team, he quickly developed into one of our best defensive men.

"Willie" Brown is just a sophomore, but he has been showing rapid improvement and is expected to be a big cog in the defense of the title next year.

Little "Ray" Moore, another late comer to the team, proved his worth with his aggressiveness and fine competitive spirit.

By the end of the year, Johnny Conomikes, had come up to first string caliber.

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Academic, Athletic, And Recreational Program Will Be Combined

Colonels Webb and Haynes Are Directors

A summer session from June 30 to August 11, combining academics, athletics, and recreation, will operate at the Academy using all of the necessary facilities. It is endorsed and recommended by the officials of the school and will be conducted and directed by Col. Webb and Col. Haynes and assisted by Capt. Lander and Capt. Dodge, the latter two being in full charge of the tennis courts and swimming pool throughout the summer and during the summer session. Coaching will occupy much of Capt. Lander's and Capt. Dodge's time by the students in the summer session and those in Staunton interested in the sports.

Remedial reading, fundamentals of English and Mathematics will be stressed in the two hour class period in the morning. Diagnostic work in remedial reading will be done at the University of Virginia Remedial Reading Clinic under the direction of Dr. Ullin Leavel, recognized as one of the leading men in the country in this field of work. He will also supervise the corrective work in remedial reading done at the Academy during the Summer Session. Remedial reading classes will correct basic difficulties in school work of all levels.

Those needing to make up failures will receive and review for validating examinations recognized by the Academy for all summer work. "Refresher" courses in academics will also be offered. A full athletic program of tennis, softball, golf, baseball, badminton, basketball, touch football, track, swimming, and participation in tournaments and leagues will occupy the rest of the morning and some of the afternoons.

A feature of the Summer Session will be trips to the educational and recreational areas generally going in the afternoon, taking picnic supper and returning in the early evening. Hikes to Elliott's Knob, swimming at Sherando Lake, Douthat Park, Seawright Springs, seeing Natural Bridge, W&L, V.M.I., University of Virginia, Monticello, Lee Chapel, picnicking along the Skyline Drive, visiting Grand Caverns, Luray Caverns and Natural Chimneys will provide an enjoyable and instructive part of the summer program. Colonial Williamsburg and the great pageant, "The Common Glory" will be included if the schedule permits.

A catalogue giving more details is expected to be available to all cadets interested before the Spring Furlough.

D.A.R. To Hold Convention In Memorial Hall Gym

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Virginia will arrive in Staunton March 21 and have their three day annual convention. On the second day of the convention they will convene their meeting in the Memorial Hall gym here on the "Hill." The school will furnish for the convention a color guard and a bugler.

Cadets are reminded that during the time of the convention, Memorial Hall will be off limits.

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Military Leaders and Inspection

Inspections, formal or informal, are presented and conducted to portray the perfected details of military training. A large military unit of men may be inspected as a unit for precision in execution of drill, for military science subjects, and for personal appearance.

First let it be mentioned that a military unit will only function as well as its leaders are able to teach and control their subordinates. Leadership, discipline, personal appearance and military bearing are the essentials necessary for one to obtain in order to become a successful military leader. Thus these distinct traits must be maintained by the superiors and induced properly into their subordinates.

When an inspection takes place the execution of a military unit will portray the outcome of instruction, training, and the military traits of a leader, as well as his subordinates. Pride for one's self and for his unit should make him strive for perfection in military bearing, and obtain good conduct, discipline, and personal appearance for a favorable and commendable credit to himself and his unit.

Kid Killers at the Wheel

(Cadets take note and remember these facts when you are driving during your vacation.—EDITOR.)

Just how bad are the records of youthful drivers? Out of 32,500 traffic deaths in the United States in 1947, the last year for which there are figures, nearly 25 per cent of the victims were in the teenic age range, although that doesn't show the mature drivers and pedestrians killed by the under-25 group. The pay-off is that scores of insurance companies have a fixed, appreciably higher premium if a driver under 25 is to operate the car. In fact, more than a year ago 40 states raised the premiums insurance companies were allowed to charge if anyone under 25 acted as driver. This was not mere whim, but a question of cold, deadly statistics.

A car in the hands of a teen ager is, roughly, twice as dangerous as a car driven by a mature adult. The Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee reports that the 16-20 age group is involved in five times as many accidents as the 45-50 group; and that 16-year-old drivers are involved in accidents nine times more often than the 45-50 group, although both groups hold a proportionately small percentage of driving licenses. In brief, driving ability is directly related to maturity and judgment.—By RALPH WALLACE in *Collier's*.

Senior Class Reminder

The senior class is reminded that during this coming spring vacation they should find out from their parents how many senior invitations are needed for commencement (a) by cadets; (b) by parents. The invitations will be the same as those of last year and will sell for 15¢ per invitation. The office of the treasurer would like to have the correct

Lieut. Oliver Z. Hoge Joins Faculty

Recently, upon the retirement of Colonel G. Bingham Taylor, head of the Modern Language Department, Lieutenant Oliver Z. Hoge from Staunton, Virginia, joined the S.M.A. faculty.

Lieutenant Hoge was born and raised in Staunton, Virginia, and was graduated from the Staunton public school in 1937. In September of 1937 Lieutenant Hoge began a four-year stay at the Staunton Military Academy as a cadet and graduated in 1941 with the rank of Cadet First Sergeant of the Staunton detachment. During his four years at Staunton Lieutenant Hoge was an active member of the swimming team and took four years of German under Colonel Taylor.

During the war Lieutenant Hoge served three years with the Officers Strategic Service; two years of his time was spent overseas, and eight months in Germany with the rank of buck sergeant. After Lieutenant Hoge's service in the army he spent four years at the University of Virginia, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in economics. He took minor equivalents in languages at the University and has twenty-one semester hours in German. Lieutenant Hoge is also teaching liberal English at the Academy.

Alumni Notes

Alumni Visits

Drew Johnston X-32—with his wife, en route Florida, March 10.

Ralph Sebrell '45 with wife—honeymoon, March 13.

Art Weir '40—wife and daughter, en route Florida, March 13.

John "Speedy" McCabe, 43—wife on honeymoon, Feb. 7.

Max Turner '27, March 13.

Other Notes

Ned Newbaker '49, awarded numerals in wrestling at W. and L.

Alex DeVolpi '49, awarded numerals in swimming at W. and L.

Jack Craigie '47, breaking all records in 400 yards, swimming at West Point.

Stan Scott '46, continues to excel in boxing at West Point.

Jerry Allen '49, outstanding sprinter, Colgate's freshman swimming.

iBill Edwards '49, continuing his fine diving at U. Va. freshman.

Jack Gilbert '49, showed, lost none of his keen marksmanship when his U. of Md. Frosh defeated S.M.A. recently.

Rettig Griswold '48, has completed basic training at Fort Knox and qualified for O.C.S. at San Antonio.

Also at Fort Knox are: Bob French '48, Jimmy Step x-48, and Ted Felber x-48.

Recent splendid article "Saturday Evening Post" on Dr. Wm. M. Mann, '05, Director, National Zoological Park, Washington, D. C. Article mentioned his undergraduate days at Staunton Military Academy.

Recently Mr. Hendershaw from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, visited the Academy and renewed old acquaintances. Mr. Hendershaw is the father of Dan Hendershaw, a former cadet who is now married and residing in Pittsburgh.

Two newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. John McCabe, class of '43, stopped at Staunton on February 7. John is from Wilmington, Delaware, and was on his honeymoon in Virginia.

On March 11, Mr. Nathan Hollinshead, captain of Company "A" in 1931, visited his alma mater on his way to California. He is working with the Rudd-Melikan Company, Inc., and is president of the Regional Sales Office in California. Bill Guthrie, class of '31, is also with the company, which manufactures the coffee machines found in lobbies all over the United States.

Among the alumni at the Military Ball were Alexander DeVolpi, Dave Cameron, Craig Wilton, Nick Carter, Bill Edwards, Ned Newbaker, and Donald Earwood.

amount of invitations needed by seniors in the early part of April so that the invitations will be ready early in May. These invitations must be paid for by the cadet in cash.

English Department Teaches More Students Than There Are In The Corps

At the Staunton Military Academy there are six instructors in the English Department. They teach more students than there are in the Academy, because every cadet enrolled takes a course in English, and some take more than one English course. Fourth year English is taught by Colonel Brice, Lieutenant Kalnas, and Colonel Webb, and third year English by Lieutenant Rusick and Lieutenant Taylor. Lieutenant Kalnas and Lieutenant Taylor teach courses in second year English; Colonel Webb has charge of the Freshman English classes; and Lieutenant Hoge has a class in Liberal English.

The English Department has a movie projector and a record playing machine, which are used in the daily class work throughout the year. Pictures are obtained on a rental basis, but the department, has its own record albums, such as, *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, and *The Merchant of Venice*, and several shorter albums on modern and classical poetry.

All of the courses in English are designed for college preparation, except the Liberal English, and the broad purpose of the Department is to teach the cadets to read, think, speak, and write. The core of the English course is based on the theme, which is handed in every Friday. Cadets in third and fourth year English hand in formal themes during the year, these themes corresponding to term papers which are required in college.

Literature is also taught along with this composition work. Records of our graduates in college English throughout the years have been exceptionally good, and it has been largely due to the excellent English Department here at Staunton.

College Board Exams Given Last Week

College Board Examinations were given last Saturday in the Robert E. Lee High School.

The Scholastic Aptitude Tests were in the morning, and seven achievement tests were given in the afternoon of which three were the maximum by any one individual. The following cadets took the examinations:

Bangel, K.; Bastian, R.; Bradford, R.; Buttner, W.; Cummings, D.; DeHan, W.; DiTraglia, R.; Dunham, R.; Elizalde, F.; DiGregorio, R.; Glover, W.; Goldman, M.; Johnson, D.; Kagemann, D.; Kassover, P.; Kennedy, T.; Klein, G.; Learned, P.; Levering, C.; Liberman, R.; Menendez, G.

Mulrooney, P.; Neuberger, D.; O'Rourke, H.; Otto, H.; Pribor, D.; Richards, E.; Resnick, M.; Rosati, J.; Sandstrom, R.; Shawn, R.; Steele, R.; Steinman, P.; Talpalar, J.; and Unger, H.

Library News

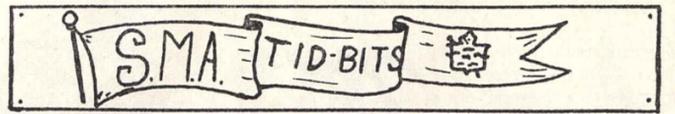
Major Francis H. Greene has placed a book on the Captain Wuest Memorial Shelf in the library in memory of the late Captain Wuest. The publication is *The British Way*, by Sir Evelyn Wrench, which was taken from the National Geographic Magazine. Major Greene had the article especially bound in book form.

Miss Showalter, the librarian, was sick from February 24 until March 9. All are happy she is well again and able to return to the library. When asked how it felt to be back, Miss Showalter replied, "I'm glad to be back. It's the first time I've been sick in twenty years."

All library books must be returned by or on March 20.

Stamp Club

At the last meeting of the Stamp Club on March 6, plans were discussed and information was secured in preparation for motion pictures to be presented to the Stamp Club members for next year. The Stamp Club members have written to the National Foundation of Stamp Clubs, hoping to join this organization. It is interesting to note that each member is constantly buying or trading stamps in order to enlarge his own collection. The members plan to have a very good "school collection" for the members next year.



By Len Harmon

"Lover" Glover the nation's heart throb seems to have found his latest love at Fairfax Hall. Will he remain true to Lee? We hope so.

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Col. Brice did a revolutionary thing this past week. For the first time in history he let a class out early.

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Joe Cekuta was a little sore about leaving his buddies in North to go to the "Airdrome." Happy landings, Joe.

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"Big Joe" Abel and his large heart throb were the hit of the Military Ball. What a lover that Joe is!!!

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"Pete" Peter is congratulated on dropping his sword during the figure, but more credit goes to Jack Crawford who showed up with a lovely girl named Pat (I couldn't get her address.) He dropped his too, but caught it on the first bounce.

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Guess what sergeant in the band brought a date from home and was too embarrassed to tell many people that she stayed at the general's house?

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The amateur hour at the dance during intermission was a strict waste of time. Didn't you know Major Bowles has been dead for years?

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It seems as if the first sergeant and the officers of the band are, let us say, being overly hard and overly disliked by their "subjects."

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Flags are a continual inspiration and people love to use them as decorations, but let's see if we can't

Notes From the Office Of the Headmaster

1. Immediately after the spring vacation, seniors who are not passing all subjects to date should report to the Headmaster's Office for a personal interview.

2. The Headmaster will see all cadets early in May concerning the subjects that they are to study next session, 1950-51. Cadets should discuss this matter with parents during the spring vacation.

3. The best preparation for success in college includes four years of English, four years of mathematics, two years of history, two years of a foreign language, chemistry or physics (both if engineering) and enough electives from these same five fields to total 16 units.

4. The majority of the approximately 1800 colleges and universities in the U. S. require only 15 units of credit for entrance, not including military science, but each cadet should aim to graduate with 16 units in addition to M.S. to be prepared fully. Minimum requirements for graduation at Staunton are 15 academic units plus one (two years) in military.

5. Immediately after the spring vacation, each cadet should secure from his teachers his three marks, (1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters) to date in each subject and should discuss with his teachers the advisability, if eligible, of taking re-examinations in case he is not passing all subjects.

6. Re-examinations on the work of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd quarters should be taken as soon as possible after the spring vacation so that the remainder of the session can be devoted entirely to the work of the 4th quarter. None should be delayed beyond the first week in May.

7. The next College Entrance Examination Board examinations will be held here in the City of Staunton on May 20. The application for these examinations must be sent to the Board at P. O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey, prior to April 29. These May examinations are held too late in the session to be of much value to Seniors, but they are excellent practice for Juniors. The complete set of (Continued on Page Four)

think of some other thing for the final ball for a change, eh!!!

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The reporter of this column made a grievous error in the last issue. A certain young lady at M.B.C. was not going out with a U.Va. freshman.

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Hugleheim, and Robins seem to be having a little trouble in North. Wol's up boys!?!?!?

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Many cadets would like to join Lt. Tansey in his M.C. class so they could go swimming during drill time. How about it, Lieutenant?

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A few tears were shed for the boys who bought flowers for the girls at Fairfax Hall and later found out they were quarantined.

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Everyone, especially the German students, hope Col. Bing gets well soon and returns to his "knaben."

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"Are you homesick?" Col. Strook asked a cadet recently. "No," was the brilliant reply, "I'm here sick."

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Definitions

Golf: A walk spoiled.
 Minor operation: One performed on somebody else.
 Throw rug: A small rug that usually throws anyone that steps on it.
 Television: Padio with eyestrain.
 Poise: The art of raising the eyebrows instead of the roof.
 Raisin: A worried grape.
 —Exchange.

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A young lady at M.B.C. recently returned a cadet's letters marked "Fourth Class Male."

Those Around Us

Bill Colvard

A strong supporter of the old south is William Colvard, a North Carolinian from West Jefferson. In the five years in which Bill has been at S.M.A. he has risen in popularity, as shown by his being elected secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class. He is also a lieutenant in "A" Company and a member of the Howie Rifles. He is active in intramural sports and is a great supporter of his team and company. He has had honor conduct through all his five years at the Academy and was recently awarded a merit ribbon for this.

Bill expects to enter the University of North Carolina next September. After graduating from U.N.C. he plans to attend motor school in Detroit.

Basketball Team Wins

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He steadily, and really proved himself by playing a great game against Greenbrier.

Others who showed were Johnny Gentry, Walt "Groza" Taylor, "Eddie" Gauss, Big "Phil" Peter, and Harry O'Rourke. Whenever our reserves were playing they were giving all they had, and did exceptionally well in the second engagement with Fork Union, whom we defeated twice.

The highlight of the season was a 60-point barrage by Pat Stark against Hargrave. This broke all previous Southern Scholastic records, and brought much credit to his coach, the team, and our school.

Our team, lost five games throughout the season. They lost three in a row, mainly because of the absence of Ray Rigney, and dropped a heartbreaker to Greenbrier at Greenbrier's troublesome court.

Coach Rusick contends that our Blue and Gold played its best game against Longwood Prep, only to lose in the last 25 seconds because of three consecutive half court set-shots.

Baseball, Track and Spring Football Practices Under Way

Baseball

Captain Dodge, new head coach of S.M.A.'s baseball squad, has been holding practice for nearly two weeks. The future achievements of the team look very bright, mainly because of the stronger pitching staff which will be available. Chuck Beard, a Waynesboro boy with plenty of talent, will be the front line hurler. Strong hurling is essential in our league, and that addition to the team should make much difference. The only lettermen back from last year's team are Tom Woolsey and Fred Hopewell. Outstanding newcomers are Chet Weisinger, an outfielder who hits that long ball, Pat Stark, catcher and outstanding batter, Harry O'Rourke, shortstop, Carl Mazza, outfielder, and Ray Rigney first base. The schedule is similar to last year's, and the first five games are at home. There are many candidates for outfield positions, and Coach Dodge is short on infielders. The services of Bob Ghear and Howard Bernstein would certainly aid this year's squad, but nevertheless, the baseball situation looks very optimistic.

Track Team

The turnout for this year's track team has been very disappointing. Only about thirty-five candidates are present, as compared to approximately sixty of last year. The team will be built around three holdovers from last year—Dick Hazelwood, distance runner, Pat Mulrooney, sprinter, and Jack Edwards, pole vaulter. Other lettermen back are Tom Ix and Gene Breeding. The team seems to be lacking in field events. The loss of Al Rutsky, Bob Fletcher, Bob Simpson, Herk Wolfe, Dave Dana, and Ed Leach will greatly hamper the potency of the squad. New men who show exceptional promise are: Len Bonini, who participate in the 220 field vents, Pat Stark, sprinter and high jump, Jack Wagoner, quarter mile, and John Sandstrom, hurdler. Coach Ruscick did not have to much material last year, and concluded the season with a favorable record. This year th esituation is similar, and there is every indication that we can anticipate a successful track season.

Spring Football

Coaches "Chubby" Simmons and "Eddy" Bryant have been supervising spring football practice for the third consecutive week. Their main purpose is to teach the boys the fundamentals of ball playing before fall, so that they can get a line on their material. The coaches need this information so that they will be able to adopt an appropriate system to the boys for the coming football season. This year's team had plenty of ability, but was sadly lacking in depth. Next year's team should be much improved because of the promising depth. Approximately forty cadets have turned out. The old hands who are participating in practice are Len Bonini, Carl Mazza, John Llewellyn, "Monk" Monserrate, Al Munsch, Al Daniels, and Bob Wagner. The pony backfield consisting of Sandy Spero, Norm Silling, Chuck Stone, and Bill Richardson is also busy at practice. A newcomer who shows exceptional ability is Bill Sophia, a speedster from Culpeper, Virginia. Other newcomers are Brue Motta, Bob Woodings, John Ketcham, George Snyder, Chuck Ambrose, and Bob McClain.

Swimmers Take First

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The summary:
50-yard freestyle: First, McGrath (MMA); second, Bartlett (SMA); third, Cissel (RMA); fourth, Sandstrom (SMA). Time, 25.7.
100-yard breaststroke: First, Hull (Richmond Y); second, Pribor (SMA); third, Miller (SMA); fourth, Ozment (RMA); fifth, Agee (Petersburg Y). Time, 1:10.8.
200 yard freestyle: First, James (RMA); second, Snyder (SMA); third, Ewart (RMA); fourth, Giddings (RMA); fifth, West (Richmond Y).

"Salute the Team"

For this issue of the Kablegram, we have nominated for athletes of the week, Bruce Rhea and Ray Rigney.

Bruce Rhea is one of the shortest men on the team. He stands 5' 6", and hails from Staunton. Bruce has constantly proved that the short man is not doomed in basketball.

On the defense Bruce has excelled himself. During the season, he stole the ball from the opposition many, many times.

He is also an excellent passer and is credited with many assists.

Offensively, Bruce was the team's number one set-shot artist. If our varsity found it difficult to set up a play, they could always pass the ball over to Bruce in the corner, and it was usually a sure two points.

Bruce makes us reminiscent of the days of Frankie Allen.

Upon graduating from Staunton, Bruce hopes to attend the University of Richmond.

Ray Rigney, our other choice, needs no introduction. Ray is 6' 7" and hails from Rochester, N. Y.

It is surprising to know that Ray really learned to play basketball this year. Under the very able coaching of Jim Ruscick, and Ray's will to learn, he developed into one of our key players.

It is believed that our varsity could have changed two setbacks earlier in the year to victories if Ray had not been sick.

His prowess as an ace backboard man is known to all.

He was also a very excellent pivot man, and made his shots count when the chips were down.

Ray is second in assists on the team, and is very rough to stop under those backboards.

Next year Ray plans to attend Notre Dame, and with more experience and knowledge he could turn into a fine college ball player.

Time, 2:18.4.

100 yard backstroke: First, Hallat (RMA); second, Sheppardson (Richmond Y); third, Magill (Richmond Y); fourth, Coleman (Richmond Y); fifth, Trenis (RMA). Time, 1:12.5.

100 yard freestyle: First, McGrath (MMA); second, Ankenbrandt (SMA); third, Knapp (Richmond Y); fourth, Hillis (RMA); fifth, Derry (RMA). Time, 59.5.

150-yard individual medley: First, Pribor (SMA); second, Giddings (RMA); third, Cissel (RMA); fourth, Coleman (Richmond Y); fifth, Francis (Petersburg Y).

Diving: First, Edwards (SMA); second, Gordon (MMA); third, Aliotti (MMA); fourth, Huey (Richmond Y); fifth, Dalzell (SMA).

150-yard medley relay: First, Richmond Y; second, Randolph Macon; third, Staunton. Time, 1:30.1.

200-yard freestyle relay: First, Staunton (Ankenbrandt, Johnson, Edwards, Bartlett); second, Richmond Y; third, Randolph-Macon.

Sandy had been rescued from a watery grave by the local boatman and now stood dripping on the bank of the river.

Said Sandy: "I would gie ye a shillin' but I've only got a two shillin' piece on me!"

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S.M.A. Riflemen End Season With a Win

Staunton's rifle team completed its shoulder-to-shoulder season Friday night by deafating the Harrisonburg Rifle Club, 1375 to 1360.

The match was fired on the S.M.A. range, and was a fitting conclusion to a successful season. Our marksmen started the year with a 1370 to 1211 win over Massanutten, and went on to beat Fishburne, 1335 to 1301; A.M.A., 1355 to 1289; Greenbrier, 1892 to 1802; Massanutten again, 1334 to 1252, and Fork Union, 1380 to 1170.

The only defeat suffered by S.M.A. in state competition was in the State All-Military match, when an inspired Randolph-Macon team took first with 1384, S.M.A. was second with 1356, Fishburne, 1316, A.M.A., fourth with 1288, and Fork Union, fifth with 1133.

Al Luke was high man for the season with a very fine 277 average. Second place in the scoring column was closely contested by Hill, Crawford and Caffee.

Here are the individual scores with the match against Harrisonburg Rifle Club.

STAUNTON			
Aponte	99	94	86
Luke	98	89	99
Hill	99	90	86
Ronnie	98	97	78
Sillin	97	90	85
HARRISONBURG RIFLE CLUB			
Jopson	98	94	90
Shull	100	91	87
Heatwole	99	95	79
Burkholder	98	84	82
Dickson	100	87	76

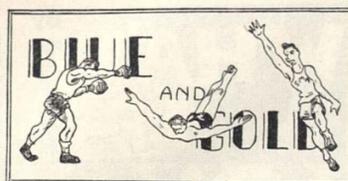
Rifle Team Runners-Up In State Match

S.M.A.'s rifle team placed second in the Virginia State Military Match held at the Fishburne Military School. The team fired 1356 which was a good score, but not enough to top Randolph Macon Military Academy's 1384. Top honors went to Summers of Randolph Macon with a 284. Second place honors went to S.M.A. team captain Allan Luke with a 283. It was a hard match to lose, but R.M.A. proved to be too much for our boys.

S.M.A. scores:

Luke	96	95	92
Caffee	99	93	79
Crawford	97	88	83
Aponte	97	88	82
Sillin	97	89	81

Total 1356
Team Scores—Randolph Macon, 1389; Staunton, 1356; Fishburne, 1316; Augusta, 1288; Fork Union, 1133; Hargrave, forfeit; Massanutten, forfeit.
The S.M.A. team received bronze medals for second place.



By Johnny Conomikes

Congratulations to our varsity basketball, swimming, and rifle teams for their showing in our winter sports. The varsity basketball team bounced back to nine straight victories in league play, after dropping their opener to Hargrave M. A. The swimming team went all out at U.Va. to cop the State Championship by a small margin of four points from the Richmond Y.M.C.A. Our rifle team placed second in the state behind Randolph-Macon Academy.

Much credit is due Coach Ruscick for the exceptionally fine job he did in coaching this year's basketball team. The team improved steadily throughout the year thanks to the able guidance of Coach Ruscick.

Spring football is again underway. Coaches Simmons and Bryant are on the lookout for new talent. Hreere's hoping they find some good ball players, as the lack of good reserves cost us a lot of ball games last year.

It would be very difficult to predict the coming season for the baseball team, but all indications point to a successful season.

The outlook on varsity tennis is not a very favorable one. The team has lost most of their starters last year. However, if enough good racket wielders are discovered by Coach Lander, the team will have a fine chance in repeating the state championship.

Pat Stark broke all existing records by scoring a total of 557 points this year for an average of 27.85 per game. Pat's sixty points in one contest also set another record previously held by "Herk" Wolfe of Staunton last year.

The spring sports program will not get under way until after you return from Spring Furlough. There are 17 baseball games scheduled as compared to six track meets including the state meet in Charlottesville. The exact schedule to the tennis team is not yet known.

With Lt. Ruscick coaching track, anything can happen. The turnout for track this year is very small, but Coach Ruscick will get the most out of his runners.

According to superstition a pig tattooed on the left arm will keep a sailor from drowning.

S.M.A. Places Second In Marine Corp Match

S.M.A. riflemen placed second in the junior division of the Eighth Marine Corp match held at the University of Maryland Rifle Range. First place honors went to Xavier High School of New York City with an eye popping 1402.

Team Captain Allan Luke placed fifth in the individual scoring with a 276. Top honors in the junior class went to Roy Waters of Blair High School with a 285.

S.M.A. scores:

	Pr.	Kn.	St.	Ttl.
Luke	99	93	84	276
Crawford	98	92	75	265
Hill	98	94	72	264
Caffee	96	97	70	263
Early	96	83	79	258

Totals 1326
Team scores: 1. Xavier High School, 1402; 2. S.M.A. 1326; 3. Blair High School, 1297; 4. George Washington H. S., 1250; 5. Charlotte Hall M. A., 1233; 6. Blair High School, No. 2, 1170; 7. Charlotte Hall M. A. No. 2, 1095.

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—Winter Haven Herald.

A little boy is like a canoe—they both behave better if paddled from the rear.

—Winter Haven Herald.

Life would be more simple if people weren't.

—Exchange.

Two out of every three oranges are squeezed. Peaches do even better.

—Winter Haven Herald.

Most of the credit for packing the theatre with male patrons went to this poster: "50 Beautiful Girls—45 Gorgeous Costumes!"

Nothing makes a woman madder than seeing men out stag—and enjoying it.

A lot of fellows have girls, but the iceman has his pick.

—Winter Haven Herald.

Stealing a kiss may be petty larceny, but sometimes it's grand.

—Winter Haven Herald.

"The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go another."

"Who won?"

"He did. He tossed me for it."

—Exchange.

Origin of Army Titles

A captain commands a company, and his title is derived from the Latin word for head, "capue." His second in command was his lieutenant. The man who held (tenant) the company in place (lieu) of the superior officer. Next came the sergeant, one who served (servior). Several companies together form a column commanded by a colonel (column). The spelling still exists although the pronunciation was changed long ago. The titles of the other two officers were taken from the company titles as roots, and the second in command became a lieutenant colonel, and the third in command became a sergeant major, or big sergeant. The word sergeant was dropped several hundred years ago, and this officer became a major.

The whole army, many columns, was commanded by a colonel general. Gradually the colonel was dropped, and he became a general. His second in command was a lieutenant general, and again company sequence was used, and the third officer was a major general. The fourth general officer was given the name of the unit larger than a regiment, the brigade, brigadier.

Company comes from bread (pain) and together (con). They eat bread together. The regiment is the unit under the regime of an officer. Brigade is a troop of many together. Corps means body (of men). Division was originally a part of an army, now of an army corps. Platoon means all or group (of men). A squad is a square (of men), and a battalion is really a body of troops in battle formation.—U. S. Army Almanac.

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CAPT STUDENEY LOST HIS WAND

Staunton Drops Heartbreaker To Greenbrier, 71-67

Our basketball team closed out their season by dropping a heartbreaker to Greenbrier by a score of 71-67 on Greenbrier's troublesome court.

Pat Stark paced the Staunton attack with 33 points and Ray Rigney followed second with 14. Little Bruce Rhea, set shot artist, and Johnny Conomikes tallied for eight points apiece, and "Chet" Weisinger countered for four.

S.M.A. led at the end of the first quarter 20-19 on the accurate shooting of Pat Stark. Greenbrier rallied for six points in the final seconds of the first half to take the lead 40-38.

The second half was a point for point contest with Greenbrier getting the nod at the final whistle. A pressing defense by Greenbrier was very troublesome for our boys, and was the main reason for our defeat.

S.M.A. Defeats U. of Va. Frosh in Thrilling Contest

After clinching the State Basketball crown the previous day, the Staunton basketball quintet rolled on to defeat the University of Virginia Freshmen by a score of 53-52 on the losers' court.

Pat Stark, sensational forward from Syracuse, N. Y., again took the scoring laurels with 26 big points. S.M.A. took an early advantage in the game, and had a seven point margin moving in the final period. Halfway through the period Ray Rigney fouled out and U. Va. started to close the gap. With one minute remaining, sub center Johnny Conomikes dumped in a one hander to take the lead 52-50. Seconds later Stark was fouled out on a double foul. Pat made his foul to give Staunton a three-point advantage. U. Va. stormed back for another score, but time ran out and Staunton walked off the court with a one-point victory.

Headmaster's Notes

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examinations costs \$12 per student, payable to the C.E.E.B.

8. Seniors should consult their parents during the vacation concerning the exact way their names are to appear on their diplomas and inform the Headmaster immediately after their return.

9. The Headmaster wishes for every cadet a pleasant vacation.

Today's long skirts are tough on fellows who can't remember faces.—Exchange.

Colorful Figure Featured S.M.A.'s Military Ball

With a distinct military note featured, S.M.A.'s annual Military Ball was held Friday evening, March 3, in the North Barracks gymnasium, with music by the Vagabonds highlighted by a colorful figure of twenty-eight officers and their dates.

Led by Cadet Lieutenant Roy Nunn, president of the Cotillion Club, with Miss Joy Keyes, and assisted by Cadet First Captain Richard Bland with Miss Pat Stewart. The figure began at ten o'clock. Always a pretty spectacle at a dance is the figure, and at Friday evenings' ball the figure was opened with couples in two lines at the north end of the gymnasium led by Cadet Captain Charles Levering with Miss Beverly Buckingham and Cadet Captain Phillips Peter with Miss Jane Woodruff.

Others who participated in the figure, in addition to the ones already mentioned, were Cadet Captains Richard Bartlett with Miss Gordon Unger; David Cummings with Miss Laura Hays; Robert Sorrells with Miss Nori Peers; Murry Buttner with Miss Betty Gander; and Howard Schultz with Miss Virginia Sykes.

Cadet Lieutenants Alder Rivisto and Misses Ann Taylor; John Conomikes and Becky Richardson; Robert Bastian and Pat Chire; William Glover and Eleanor Lee Yeakley.

Johnson Crawford and Ann Burwell Gardner; Richard Actis Grande and Sally Polhemus; William Colvard and oPly Roberts; Alphonse Weber and La Martha Velve; Maurice Resnick and Nellie McCants; Vincent Renna and Jo Jack Pond; George Klein and Joan Hirshman; George Weil and Barbara Sanford; Ray Polozzi and Betty Ann Rankin; James Hamilton and Millie Sheridan; Richard Dunham and Jane Higbee; Richard Dembowski and Jane McCainsney; Phillip Learned and Mickey Hudson; and James Steele and Betty Houston.

Cadet Sergeants John Edwards with Misses Anne Willis; James Benton with Betty Jean Dahl; and Alfred Smith with Patricia Summers.

The much-maligned late Imperial Austrian Army did what no other army in history has ever done. It reserved its highest award, the Maria Theresa Order, for successful disobedience. If an officer through disobeying an order achieved a success decisive for a battle or for the whole war, he received this order and was made a peer.—World Review London.

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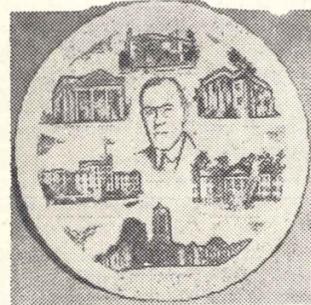
Junior School News

Intramural basketball is ended in the Junior School, and Cadet Ellis's team took first in the competitive by defeating Cadet Walker's team last Friday night. During the season Cadet Ellis's team lost only one game. Among the members of the victorious team were Cadets Ellis, W., captain; Brown, E.; George, R.; Maury, T.; Nichter, M.; and Toth, J. The defeats handed to Cadet Walker's fighting six last Friday night forced them into a second place tie for the season with Cadet Jeffery's team, both teams having two losses for the season.

At the present time the spring sports program is being discussed in the Junior School, and five teams are being organized into a softball league. Colonel Haynes will continue as athletic director of the Junior School, but Lt. Hoge, instructor in modern languages on the "Hill," will perform the duties of manager of the league and will give the teams the proper coaching.

Plans are being made for the next year's Junior School Athletic Program and it is hoped to have a Junior School football team which will have organized competition with neighboring schools. Basketball, baseball, and other athletic teams are also being planned, and these teams are going to be a permanent part of the school's athletic program. The members of these Junior School teams will go to the Junior Varsity teams on the hill and finally to the Varsity teams.

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Maryland Frosh Win On Staunton Range

On a three-way match on Staunton's range, S.M.A. placed second behind a powerful University of Maryland Freshman team. Fork Union placed last.

The S.M.A. team set a new range record for Staunton teams in firing 1380. Former record was 1372 fired by last year's team against Harrisonburg Rifle Club by Gilbert, Luke, Freeland, Bowman, and Hollingsworth.

Maryland Freshmen paced by last year's S.M.A. team captain, Jack Gilbert, fired a 1405. Gilbert took high individual honors with 287 followed by S.M.A. team captain Allan Luke with a 284.

By coming within 25 points of outshooting the highly favored Marylanders, S.M.A. gained a moral victory. This team is considered one of the finest in the country.

To whom it may concern, There is plenty of hot air floating around S. M. A. Where is the heat?

Bartlett: "What is a Civil War veteran called when he rides a streetcar?"
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