

fusion concerning the activity program in its philosophy and use in the schools. He emphasizes and explains the real meaning of organic school life. The "learning experience," he says, "is an emerging, organic affair in which the inner drive of the learner moulds the structure of the situation to his own ends."

The aim of education is the development of individual personality through a process of whole-hearted adjustment in a program of good living. "The activity program is but a means of living out the acts of life, those real and vital things which men and children do in realizing themselves. Children cry out for concreteness of goals to attain, and those goals are best found in a definite personality." Teachers, then, should first of all be a real person and shake off the idea that they can teach in the abstract. They must lead children to see the world around them and to the feet of the great men in the world. They should be aware that the force now changing the world is that of single individuals working alone and creatively. In order to advance the best in civilization, we must not discourage or maltreat individual creation.

At the same time the author pleads for stability and yet flexibility in the school program and organization. His suggested outline is a somewhat better one than that found in most progressive schools. He prophesies disaster to the school system and to teachers who disregard the responsibility for orderly behavior and for "systematic and sequential learning". He presents an interesting study of the attainments of children in progressive and non-progressive schools. In nearly every instance the study shows superiority in the learning of children in good progressive schools.

Teachers who are following the Virginia Elementary Course of Study should read this book to get a clearer idea of what real activities are and to help clear up any confusion concerning the organic nature of learning.

V. B.

TENNIS FOR TEACHERS. By Helen Irene Driver. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders Co. 1936. Pp. 191. \$2.50.

It is only after years of experience in playing and teaching tennis that an instructor can collect the common probable mistakes of her students and so with fore-hand knowledge incorporate them in her teaching. These mistakes plus their causes and effects are set forth with such simplicity and such clearness that this book should be of great value as a short-cut to excellent teaching for new instructors and as a splendid reference for experienced teachers. Besides this unusual contribution, there is included the method, organization, and analysis of every teaching aspect of the game. As such it is not only of utmost value to a tennis instructor, but a necessity.

HELEN MARBUT

UNIT ACTIVITY READING SERIES. By Nila Barton Smith. New York: Silver, Burdett, & Co.

This series of readers consists of a primer, *Tom's Trip*; primer, *At Home and Away*; first reader, *In City and Country*; second reader, *Round About You*; third reader, *Near and Far*, together with a Teacher's Guide for the first year. These books are timely, since the material in them ties up so well with the activity program based on social studies. Besides containing worthwhile, meaningful reading matter, the readers are attractively illustrated and give many opportunities for review and practice in reading.

M. L. S.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Frances Wells, Suffolk, retiring president of the Student Government Association, was chosen by the student body to reign as queen of the annual May Day festival to be held on May 2. Elizabeth Gilley will be maid of honor.

The queen's court was announced as follows: Gene Averett, Lynchburg; Melva Burnette, Leesburg; Margaret Hottle, Massassas; Sylvia Kamsky, Richmond; Ann

Kellam, Wierwood; Annie Glenn Darden, Holland; Martha Way, Kenova, W. Va.; Bertha Jenkins, Waynesboro; Marjorie Fulton, Gate City; Katherine Beale, Holland; Virginia Blaine, Clifton Forge; and Mary B. Cox, Independence.

In accordance with the one-year-old custom of electing class officers in the spring, Betty Martin, Catawba, and Ila Arrington, Pembroke, were recently elected presidents of the senior and junior classes, respectively. Maxine Cardwell, Clarendon, will lead the sophomore class.

Frances Wells was chosen H. T. C. princess to the annual Apple Blossom Festival to be held at Winchester, Virginia. The Glee Club will also participate in the program of the festival, serving as the queen's chorus.

With a 33-29 victory over Savage School of Physical Education and a 31-24 triumph over New College of Columbia University, the Schoolma'am sextet closed its intercollegiate basketball season in New York City the last of March.

The results of the northern trip make a total of five intercollegiate contests won by the H. T. C. basketballers. One game was lost by seven points to Farmville State Teachers College, making the first defeat of the varsity team in three years. Another game against an independent team of Augusta County was won by a large score.

Margaret Byer, Hagerstown, was chosen captain of the State Teachers College basketball team for the coming year. At the assembly exercises where the announcement of Miss Byer's selection was made, Ann Kellam, Wierwood, retiring captain, presented the new leader with the rabbit's foot, the captain's talisman of good luck.

Letters and numerals were also awarded members of the varsity and class teams. Dr. Samuel P. Duke presented the letters of service to Margaret Byer, Catherine Brennan, New York City; Florence Stearns,

Bayonne, New Jersey; Billie Powell, Hopewell; Ruth Pullen, Portland, Maine; and Virginia Duncan, Chilhowie. Anne Kellam and Helen Irby, Blackstone, received stars, signifying that they had previously won school letters.

Making its first trip of the year, the Harrisonburg Glee Club, under the able direction of Miss Edna T. Shaeffer, gave three musical programs in Richmond the first of last month. The club broadcast over WRVA Saturday afternoon, gave a concert on the roof garden of the John Marshall Hotel in the evening, and sang at the Centenary Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

Following successful try-outs, Elizabeth Schumacher, Washington, D. C., and Josephine Moncure, Alexandria, have recently been accepted as members of the Glee Club.

Electing Ellen Eastham, Harrisonburg, as president, Kappa Delta Pi recently chose its officers for next year. Evelyn Hughes, Harrisonburg, was elected vice-president; Vergilia Pollard, Scottsville, recording secretary; Martha Way, Kenova, W. Va., treasurer; Daisy May Gifford, Harrisonburg, corresponding secretary; and Lois Sloop, Harrisonburg, historian.

ALUMNAE NOTES

ALUMNÆ HOME-COMING

Saturday morning at the annual Alumnae business meeting—well, although stragglingly, attended—Mary Brown Allgood, '30, of Richmond, was elected president for the next two years, succeeding Shirley Miller, '32, of Edinburg, Rachel Weems, '17, was re-elected secretary.

Interesting reports were given from different chapters. Betty Bush told how the Augusta County Chapter had already raised \$35 toward its scholarship fund; Evelyn Wilson Gunter, newly elected president of the Richmond Chapter, told of their plans