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### NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Five new members joined the college faculty at the opening of the twenty-eighth session.

Professor Paul Houchell, of Florence, Alabama, is professor of secondary education and assistant director of the training school. Prof. Houchell has for some years been head of the Education department and director of the training school at the State Teachers College at Florence, Alabama. He is an A.B. of Georgetown College in Kentucky, and has received the A.M. and Ph.D. from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Mona Lucille Lyon, of Peru, Neb., is an instructor in commercial subjects and handwriting. Miss Lyon has recently served as registrar at the Peru State Teachers College, from which she received the B.A. degree. She holds a master's degree from Peabody.

Miss Evelyn Watkins, of McHenry, Miss., is supervising teacher in the first grade of the training school.

Miss Jane Gordon Eliason, of Statesville, N. C., is supervising teacher in the third grade of the training school. Miss Eliason taught last session in the Boone Demonstration School at Boone, N. C.

Miss Georgia Shrum, of Harrisonburg (M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University), is assistant dietitian. Miss Shrum has taught home economics at Broadway, Va.,

and was formerly dietitian at Bridgewater College.

J. Edgar Anderson, dean of music at Shenandoah College, Dayton, has joined the music faculty of the college as instructor in violin, to fill the position held for the past several years by Fred B. Spiker, of Woodstock.

Mr. Anderson is a graduate in violin and theory from Muskingum College. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the Cincinnati Conservatory.

Forty-seven students received degrees and diplomas at the commencement exercises held August 27, concluding the summer session of the College, at which time Forbes H. Norris, assistant superintendent of Richmond City Schools, addressed the graduates.

Of the twenty-seven bachelor degrees conferred, two were B.A., five were B.S. in home economics, three B.S. in high school teaching, and seventeen B.S. in elementary teaching and supervision. Professional diplomas were granted to twenty students who completed the two year course and to one who finished the pre-nursing course.

Miss Anne Spotswood Bond of Petersburg, and Miss Elizabeth Brown Myers, of Harrisonburg, were the first students to receive the B.A. degree from this college, awarded by the authority of the State Board of Education.

The commencement vesper sermon was delivered August 23 by Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

With a peak enrolment of 819 students registered for classes, the twenty-eighth regular session of the college opened September 21. Of the total number, 687 are resident students, while 132 are enrolled as non-resident students. Six hundred and eighty-four of the students are from the State of Virginia. A total of 123 students

represent fifteen states other than Virginia and the District of Columbia, while three students hail from Cuba, Juerto Rico, and the Canal Zone.

Declaring that the primary function of college is to promote thinking and that curbing freedom of thinking is as senseless as putting out an eye to aid vision, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Professor of History at the University of Richmond, spoke at the quarterly convocation exercises in Wilson Hall Wednesday, September 30.

"The state was late in recognizing that the promotion of thinking is one of its obligations and responsibilities as much as are the other branches of government, but education is fast taking its place as a co-operative branch of government.

"I would say that our state of Virginia spends between 35 and 40 millions of dollars annually to train its leaders. The enormity of this sum for a state that isn't wealthy indicates the new esteem in which education is held by our government and our people," Dr. Mitchell said.

Class elections held at the opening of the quarter completed the organization begun with the selection of class presidents last spring. The class officers now stand: *Seniors*—Betty Martin, president; Adelaide White, vice-president; Margaret Turner, secretary; Eleanor Holtzman, treasurer; Mary Porter, business manager; Edith Hogan (New York), sergeant-at-arms; Helen Shuttles and Craddock Hamersly, student council members. *Juniors*—Ila Arrington, president; Virginia Turnes, vice-president; Dot Peyton, secretary; Virginia Blain, treasurer; Helen Hardy, business manager; Isabel Russell, sergeant-at-arms; Alma Curtis, Margaret Smiley, and Margaret Glover, student council members. *Sophomores*—Maxwell Cardwell, president; Emma Rand, vice-president; Virginia Rader, secretary; Jane Gum, treasurer; Elizabeth

Treadwell, business manager; Dorothy Anderson, sergeant-at-arms; Alice Doss, Josephine Sanford, and Virginia Smith, student council members.

Freshman elections will be held in November.

The annual faculty reception in honor of new students was given Friday evening, October 2, at Hillcrest. In the receiving line were the administrative officers, heads of various departments and new faculty members for this year, the Student Government president, and the Y. W. C. A. president.

Fourteen new members have been added to the Bluestone Cotillion Club this quarter. They are Virginia Blain, Nancy White, Frances Wilkins, Nancy Smith, Margaret Turner, Sophia Stinchfield, Hilda Finney, Ettie Henry, Evelyn Terrell, Agnes Arnold, Katherine Warner, Mildred Bundy, Adelaide White, and Louise Bishop.

Student body sports leaders elected recently were: Frances Holler, New Jersey, tennis; Helen McMillan, Harrisonburg, hockey; Billie Powell, Hopewell, basketball; Virginia Uhlin, Cuba, golf; Rose Feldman, New Jersey, baseball; and Margaret Holder, Winston-Salem, N. C., swimming.

Athletic Council members elected at the same time were Arlene Sierks, New York, Senior representative, and Leslie Purnell, Maryland, Junior representative.

The annual Old Girl-New Girl Game was battled to a tie score of 19-19 Saturday night, October 3, in the Reed Gymnasium. Clean playing and stiff fighting characterized both teams.

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