



Keydets Hope To Storm Richmond Oct. 14

ROTC Staff Adds Four New Officers

By J. W. CLAWSON

Arrival of two ground force and two air force officers for duty with the four ROTC branch units at VMI was announced September 10 by Col. Oliver B. Bucher, Commandant of Cadets. They are Major Stuart L. Weinerth, armored cavalry; Major James C. Schaaf, field artillery; and Captain William H. Nelson and First Lieutenant Hollis Le R. Muller, Air Force.

Two Are VMI Graduates

Major Weinerth, a member of the class of 1932, has completed a year of graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to his duties as instructor in armored cavalry, he will serve as supply officer for the ROTC units and as tactical officer for E company. He replaces Major Crosby P. Miller, who at present is attending the advanced course of the Armored Cavalry School at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Major Schaaf, a graduate of the class of 1933, has been assigned assistant training officer and instructor in all branch immaterial subjects in the ROTC as well as in field artillery. He has been attached to Band company as Tactical Officer. Major Schaaf replaces Captain Frank P. Breitenbach, who is attending the Field Artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Two New Air Force Officers

Captain Nelson, new instructor in (Continued On Page 2)

Movie Series Is Announced

The following list of movies has been released by the VMI Post Exchange as the fall program for the weekly Post Movie to be shown Saturday night.

Sept. 30 Call of the Wild.
Oct. 1 Turnabout.
8 Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
15 Son of Fury.
22 Topper Takes a Trip.
29 Guadalcanal Diary.
Nov. 5 I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now.
12 Mystery of Marie Roget.
19 Foreign Correspondent.

These movies are presented each week for the entertainment of the Corps. There is no admission charge of any form. All Cadets are cordially invited.

In view of the small attendance at the post movies last year, the Post Exchange, sponsoring this weekly feature, has asked that all men on the Post on Saturday night make a special effort to attend. The number of people attending this first series of shows will determine whether or not they can be continued as a regular attraction at the Institute. Rats, since they are not allowed to go uptown Saturday nights, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Larger OGA Favors Strong Class System

A MESSAGE FROM THE OGA:

Recently, privates of the general committee first class met to form this year's edition of the Officer of the Guard Association. As it was in the past, the purpose of this group is to enforce the General Committee rules. In prewar days this organization was very effective in maintaining the class system and in keeping up the appearance of the Corps in public. During the war these two departments suffered greatly, because of the small size of the corps, and the fact that the classes under the accelerated program did not remain long enough to absorb the system fully. In addition, the return of so many veterans with first class privileges caused the corps to be divided practically into two groups, rats and first classmen. For these and other reasons the general committee rules have been neglected.

At this time the return to a normal status has been almost completed. Four distinct class levels exist in barracks, of approximately equal size. There are comparatively few men with general committee class privileges in advance of their academic position, and these have, for the most part, been at the institute for the normal period of time. In addition, over one hundred and fifty first class privates are now in school, almost all of whom are members of the OGA. These conditions all add up to reemphasize corps traditions.

At recent meetings of both the second and third classes, the officers of the OGA spoke to explain their organization's purposes and ask for cooperation in accomplishing them. All of us realize we can do a better job working together than we can by threatening each other with the G.C. penalties and other punishments. The OGA is not trying to put the bulk of the lower classes in confinement, nor to browbeat them into compliance. It is trying to take the lead in restoring the VMI corps to its traditional sharpness. We hope that members of all classes will cooperate by defending their own privileges, respecting those of others, and upholding the reputation of the Corps in public.

R. A. White, Pres.
W. T. Kilby, Vice Pres.
F. A. Costello, Sec.-Treas.

Commanders Expect To See Good Season

BY MACK BLACKWELL

Co-leaders of the VMI Commanders, Ash Harrison and Tommy Kirk, have announced that the band is now open for dance dates effective this date. The leaders are using the same adjectives to describe their music that they have always preferred—slow, steady, danceable. Playing for more than thirty dances, proms, and ring figures last year, the Commanders enjoyed an excellent season.

Tryouts for vacancies have already begun, although most of last year's members will be back in their old chairs. At present, the brass section is lacking two trombones and the sax section is lacking two saxes. When the band books out, it will include fourteen instruments and a vocalist. At the time of this printing, the personnel includes: Trumpets, Johnny Cole (W&L), Mack Blackwell, Bob Wick; Trombone, Ash Harrison (co-leader); Saxes, Gene Hawthorne, Tommy Kirk (co-leader), Dave Kelley (a rat) Ernie Reinhold; Drums, Bill Romaine; Bass, Pete Palmer (W&L); Piano, Gardner Edwards; Manager, Eddie Oast. At present, the vocalist hasn't been named.

Pieces O' Eight

In addition to the arrangements featured by the big band, special numbers will be played by the Pieces O' Eight, a combo consisting of Kirk, Hawthorne, Kelley, Harrison, Blackwell, and the rhythm section. This group will feature music especially arranged for eight men with emphasis on the abilities of the individual musicians. Featured spot will go to Tommy Kirk in the combo work and the big band. The most promising member of the band is undoubtedly Franklin's pride, Gardner Edwards. Gardner, the 88-man joined the band last year and has been one of its prides since then. His ability as a jazz pianist is obvious to all who have heard him play. Ash Harrison's trombone technique has been hailed by all who have heard him.

New Barracks Appreciated By The Corps

The subject of the new barracks has been on the minds of us all for quite some time. We of the corps have watched it grow from a mere pile of nothing to a structure with a beauty all its own. From the outside it is difficult for one to distinguish the old barracks from the new. However, the new barracks rooms are a bit nicer due to their newness.

Those Little Things

One feature of the new barracks that the cadets seem to appreciate very much is the electric plug in each room to enhance shaving facilities. It is not uncommon in old barracks to see a cadet sitting on the floor under the table shaving vigorously with his electric razor. This, of course, is because there are only two electric outlets in the old barracks rooms, both of which are located on the floor under the table. The steam heating in the new barracks differs from that of the old in the respect that the new heaters can be regulated individually by the occupants of each room. In the old barracks one must trust solely to the judgment of whoever operates the master controls.

The Superintendent's office and the academic headquarters have been moved to the first stoop of new barracks. The new waiting room may also be found there, although, as yet, it has not been fully completed on the inside. The basement houses the new tailor shop, Q.M.D., a greatly enlarged barbershop, and the treasurer's office.

On the third stoop of the west side of new barracks there are ten rooms and a lounge inhabited by some members of the instructional staff. The lounge room has not yet been furnished, but the room is spacious and will offer greater means of relaxation for those officers who use it.

The greater part of the cadets who room in new barracks like it very much. Some believe that it is more quiet than old barracks, and some like it simply because it is new. The most outstanding factor that the cadets seem to like is the individual shower rooms on each stoop.

Eager Corps Awaits Details From Alumni

Avery Excels At Fort Bragg Summer Camp

Of the ROTC Summer Camps attended by the present First Class, the greatest success seems to have been attained at the Field Artillery Camp, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. As at the other camps, the program was strenuous, but nevertheless an experience which results have proven particularly to be enjoyed. For the V.M.I. men at Bragg singularly reflected the excellence of their previous training in more than one way.

Letters Cite VMI's Excellence

The overall superiority of Battery "F," composed of men from V.M.I. and Alabama Polytechnic Institute is indicated in the following letter from Col. Thomas B. Whitted, Jr., Deputy Camp Commander, in which Battery "F" is officially designated as the Best Drill Battery in the camp.

Subject:
Best Drill Battery, ROTC Summer Camp, Fort Bragg, N. C.
To:
Professor Military Science and Tactics
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, Virginia

1. At the ROTC Summer Camp completed 30 July 1949, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Battery "F" was selected as the best drilled battery. This selection was based on performance at scheduled drill periods and at ceremonies and parades. It included the performance of cadet officers and the battery as a whole.

2. Battery "F" was composed of Cadets from Virginia Military Institute and from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, about equally divided.

On the weekend of October 14-16, the VMI Corps hopes to journey to Richmond to take part in the festivities connected with the 1st annual Tobacco Bowl festival to be held all during the week. The time for leaving the Institute has not been set, but it is hoped that the Corps can be on its way by the middle of Friday afternoon, October 14. The return trip is also equally indefinite, as it is known only that the arrival in Lexington should be sometime Sunday afternoon.

Game Highlights Festival

High point of the celebration will be the football game between the University of Richmond and VMI at the much-enlarged and improved city stadium on Saturday afternoon. At the half time Frank Sinatra will crown Miss Dorothy Kirsten, a radio star and Metropolitan Opera soprano as queen of the 1st annual Tobacco Bowl Festival. Miss Kirsten is considered to be one of the leading sopranos of the opera company. The court of this queen of tobacco will be composed of princesses, each from a marketing town in the tobacco belt.

Pageant to Open Festival

Opening the round of events will be a pageant dramatizing the growth of the tobacco industry. The following evening, the queen is to be presented before the public during a musical revue at WRVA Theatre. Saturday morning, there will be a band concert in the Capitol Square. Following this, the public will witness a parade, composed of 12 bands, more than 40 floats, and from 15 to 20 marching units. Tops among these units will be the 850 man VMI Cadet Corps. The Richmond Alumni Association has not yet notified the Corps as to the exact time the parade will take place, nor of the route to be followed.

Dance Saturday Night

The celebration will end that night with a festival ball tentatively scheduled for Tantilla Gardens, and a Tobacco Square Dance Jam-boree, to be held at the Atlantic Rural Exposition Grounds.

Proceeds to Charity

All proceeds from the festival, which is jointly sponsored by the Richmond Optimist Club, the American Legion, and the Richmond Police-Fire Boys Club will be used to combat juvenile delinquency. The celebration this fall is to be the first of an annual affair, which is to replace the old National Tobacco Festival, formerly held in South Boston.



Top Row: Major Weinerth, Major Schaaf
Bottom Row: Captain Nelson, Lieutenant Muller
—Photos by Kovarik.

Local Baptist Pastor Gives Information To Cadets

The Rev. Ben Lynes, pastor of the Baptist church announces that the services of that church are being held in the high school temporarily while the church undergoes a remodeling program.

Mr. Lynes further stated that the work will be completed in the next week or two and that an announcement to that effect will be made to the Baptist cadets.

Demand Great

The Commanders are especially in demand at formal dances and figures due to their smooth style and full sound. They use five saxes backed by six brass.

The appearance of the Commanders is also another deciding factor in their popularity at college proms. They always dress formally, setting a striking pattern with their white mess jackets and grey pants. It hasn't been decided whether or not the band will have a "front man."

For bookings: contact Manager Eddie Oast or one of the co-leaders.

Man is said to have started by knowing nothing about everything, and winds up knowing less and less about more and more until he knows practically everything about nothing.

VMI Enrolls 800 Cadets For Fall Term

Cadet Corps of more than 800 is now attending the 111th session of the Virginia Military Institute, it was recently announced by General Marshall.

The old cadets reported for duty on September the eighth, and the new cadets on September the thirtieth. Two hundred and fifty men entered the fourth class.

Many of the cadets this fall are being quartered in the new barracks which adjoin the old barracks and courtyard, and which will provide for the eventual expansion of the Corps to 100 cadets.

The barracks, practically complete, provides nine additional classrooms, in addition to the increased classroom space provided when the headquarters offices were moved from Nichols Engineering Building to the new structure. Already occupied on the first floor of the new building are the modern offices of the Superintendent, of Brigadier General Anderson, ad Lieut. Col. F. H. Barksdale, and their staffs.

Upper floors of one wing of the barracks house tactical officers and members of the board of visitors when the board is in session here.

The large concourse under the east wing of the barracks and part of the concrete courtyard provides much needed and larger locations for many VMI facilities and activities. The enlarged post-exchange, barber shop, post office, Lieut. Col. F. H. Barksdale, and Treasurer's office, military store, (Continued On Page 4)

Perry Receives Wedge Award Scholarship

BY LEON COHEN

Last August I.S. "Smoe" Perry received a letter informing him that he had been chosen to benefit from a \$1000 scholarship presented him by Gen. George C. Marshall. General Marshall was named by the Georgia-Pacific Plywood and Lumber Company the recipient of their annual "Wedge Award" for the year 1948. In addition to receiving the trophy of this award, he was given the privilege of selecting the beneficiary of a \$1000 scholarship at any college or university. In choosing his alma mater as the school, Gen. Marshall named "Smoe," a member of the Class of 1951 from Bristol, Va.

Award Presented Annually

The "Wedge Award," which is a wooden wedge set in a beautifully finished wooden block, is presented by the Georgia-Pacific Plywood Lumber Company to the outstanding American in National or international affairs each year. Previous recipients of this award include J. Roberts Oppenheimer and Sen. Robert A. Taft.

"Smoe," who is a pre-medical student and a star member of the varsity wrestling team, was recommended for the scholarship by Col. Carroll, head of the pre-medical department, and also by Coach Sam Barnes of the wrestling team. "Smoe" has previously received recognition for the same qualities that won him this scholarship. He received the Jarman Award at the end of his rat year, during which he demonstrated exceptional scholastic, athletic, and military ability. Last year "Smoe" proved invincible in the Southern Conference wrestling tournament held at W&L, when he won the championship in the 128-pound class and went to the national meet.

G W Game Free For Corps In Uniform

J. F. Stoler, II

The George Washington vs. VMI football game to be held in Lynchburg, Virginia on October 1 is this year to be considered as a "home" game, all cadets in uniform will be admitted free of charge. This will enable all cadets not under confinement, and having no penalty tours to perform to attend. Those wishing to witness the game will be permitted to leave school immediately following D. R. C. on Saturday, and to return by or before two o'clock Sunday morning, thus providing ample travel time. At this time reservations are being made for busses to take, and return cadets so desiring to Lynchburg. Under special permits other members of the corps will be allowed to go by taxi or private car if so approved by the superintendent's office. The University of Virginia game will follow the same schedule on the 22 October unless changed between now and then by the institute.

Men are reminded that only First Classmen will have the privilege of wearing civilian clothes in Lynchburg, and they only if they are on week-end. Any Cadet not in uniform will be required to pay admission.

Here's Oil In Your Eye

The story circulating through barracks concerning Jack "Bate" Ackerman and his car with the one-wheel drive, tops the list of wild adventures (including those of "Sraight-Scoop" Dashiell) encountered during the summer by various and sundry members of the corps. As the story goes—Bate was driving along one of the many boulevards in Bueny in his car (?) when one of the local gendarmes appeared in his mobile and expressed his rather sincere opinion that our friend's car was not worthy of the highways and byways of that quaint town. To further prove his point, the man in blue proposed a practical brake examination and had our hero follow him closely as he set out in his car. After accelerating to a fantastic speed —(30)—the cop slammed on his brakes and Bate, in true Buster Keaton fashion smashed into the (Continued On Page 2)

Rats Lacking General Knowledge Of Current Events, Poll Shows

BY T. L. MARR

Within the last week a survey was taken in Rat Barracks to determine the average new cadet's knowledge of current national affairs, and American Historical landmarks. Beyond routine statistical data, a block of nine questions was given to each new cadet for answering. The questions involving current affairs and personages were chosen from the period preceding the matriculation of the Rat Class on September 8, 1949, because the newbies have not access, much less time, to newspapers. The general questions concern well known American historical facts, while one question was devoted to VMI.

Preliminary Data Taken

In conducting the poll, a cross-section of forty-one rats was chosen at random on the west and

east side of the fourth stoop and quizzed. Before asking the prepared list of questions some preliminary statistical data were taken. This included: age, whether or not the rats read a news periodical regularly before coming to VMI, whether they were raised in a rural or urban community, and what course they were majoring in at VMI.

The survey, statistical data, and percentage of correct answers ran as follows:

Of the forty-one rats taking part in the survey, the following data were taken and averaged:

Those raised in urban community—73.2 per cent.
Those raised in rural community—26.8 per cent.
Average age—18 years 5 months.
Number of veterans—1 (2.5 per cent).

Those who had read a news periodical regularly before matriculation—95.1 per cent.
Tenative major subject.
Civil Engineering—16.
Premed—8.
Electrical Engineering—7.
Chemistry—4.
Liberal Arts—4.
Physics—2.

QUESTIONS:

Q. Who was the latest criminal character in the Dick Tracy strip, who specialized in drowning his victims?
A. "Sketch" Parea.
Correct answers—24.4 per cent.

Q. Who is the Secretary of State of the U.S.?
A. Dean Acheson.
Correct answers—43.9 per cent.

Q. Who is Shirley May France?
A. American girl who lately tried (Continued On Page 2)

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Welcome To The New Rat Class

To the members of the new rat class we say welcome. We are glad to have you, even though we may not give you that impression. And to you who have weathered the initial shock of your introduction to the Institute we say congratulations. We want to add, however, that you have just begun; from now until June we, the members of the upper classes, are going to put you through your every pace. In all probability next June will find only about three of you left for every five who started two weeks ago today. We are sure, however, that those of you who are determined to stay will never regret in the least having gone through this, your rat year at VMI.

You are going to be subjected to very strict discipline, and many of you, we are sure, have never really known strict discipline before. Therein lies the reason for giving it to you, for from enforced discipline comes self discipline, a most valuable asset to every person, regardless of walk of life. You will be forced to stand at an exaggerated position of attention, and you will be marched almost every place you go. You will find, however, that when your rat year is over you will naturally stand up straight, with head up and shoulders back. In short, after nine months in the rat line, looking military will become second nature to you.

We want you to be sure to notice, however, one aspect of the treatment you receive. That aspect is the fact that no member of the class will be immune to the trials and ordeals of the rat line. The rat line at VMI is universal, impartial, and impersonal. And we firmly believe that the Institute is the school it is, greatly because of the fact that these things are true.

All in all, we, the upper classes, want to make of you a third class of which the Institute, the alumni, you, and we ourselves will be proud. Especially do we want you to feel when this year is out, that yours is the best class to have ever gone through the rat line. Without such an internal belief no class is of top quality. We are going to see to it that yours will be one of those classes.

The Rat System

Since the matriculation of the first post war class in September, 1946, the VMI Corps of Cadets has found itself continually embroiled in arguments over how the rat system should be run. Every member of the Corps has his own idea as to just how the rats should be disciplined. This editorial will not attempt to dictate a policy on the rat system, but rather will simply state some of the basic factors which have been lost sight of by many members of the Corps.

First of all, the actual discipline of the rats is supposed to be basically the job of the third class. A well selected group of class officers has as its main job the moulding of the class into a unit in order to enforce rat rules as prescribed by the General Committee as do each of the upper classes. It is here that some of the trouble begins.

Many third classmen try to assume privileges of higher classes either while attempting to enforce the rat system or not. This is one of the main points then, that no under classman should try to usurp privileges of the class or classes above him. Every cadet who completes four years at VMI receives first class privileges at the beginning of his fourth year. The importance of these privileges is based wholly on whether they are for the first class and the class only. In other words if second and third classmen are allowed to take

We Like V.M.I. Because

BY BRAX GREEN - JACK PARROTT

It is feared that due to a recent set of circumstances, members of the corps will soon be a mangy, dirty, and flea-bitten lot. This fate has been apparent since the first coveralls returned from the laundry. These mechanics dreams, although carrying a label proclaiming themselves "Sanforized," and costing a king's ransom, seem to have contracted a bit. They also look like pajamas. Since nobody wants to throw his money away, squeeze himself to death, or look too much like an idiot, we predict that there will be few sets of coveralls sent down to the dimming factory, thereby making the owners quite raunchy.

Speaking of new uniforms, we can't help but say that the new ski jackets are the best looking things to hit barracks since they installed modern plumbing. Us cadets is going to look sa-weet! The new railroad caps are also quite snappy looking, but a buck seventy-five is quite an expenditure for such an item.

Recreational facilities at the Institute were improved much last week by the sudden appearance of a toboggan slide and a combination swimmin' hole, fishing pond and ice skating rink. This sporting bonanza was created when the super highway behind barracks relaxed and plunged into the Nile. Object lesson: Things just don't stay up without support. Ask your cutie.

It is with great regret that we learn that mail boxes must now be kept locked, necessitating the memorization of the combination. The fact that our box has been subject to pilfering all these years never occurred to us till now, but it at least explains why there were no letters from all our sweet young friends. Somebody stole 'em!

We will now introduce a word of advice. That new installation in the main sinks is for washing your hands!

A parting question: What does "Distinguished" mean?

'Red' Wild Dies In Automobile Accident

BY RONALD MADONIA
Leonard "Red" Wild, former disc jockey and radio announcer for station WREL was killed in an automobile accident last Wednesday evening. "Red" was returning from Buena Vista with a fellow Washington and Lee student when bright lights from a passing car forced them into a ditch. Wild was killed instantly, while his friend was taken to the Lexington Hospital, where he is now recovering. "Red" hailed from Indianapolis, Ind., and was attending his senior year at W&L University. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity House, became president of the honorary dramatic fraternity Alpha Psi Omega, and was assistant editor of the "Southern Collegian" literary magazine.

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privileges of classes above them now would there be any importance attached to being a first classman? If each man in the old cadet classes buckles down and enforces General Committee rules, then the class system will mean something.

There must be something said also about first classmen interfering with discipline of the rats. The job of the first class is to supervise the running of the rat line, not to interfere when a third is carrying out his share of the job. If the third class is going to do a good job with the rat system then they should be allowed to move within the scope of their privileges without being dominated by the upper classes. Good class officers will be able to handle any "incident" that may occur within a class. Simply because one man steps out of line does not mean that abuse should be heaped on the class as a whole.

As has been said once and over again, the class and rat systems are the backbone of VMI. It is these institutions that give VMI the "name" that it possesses. Let us all, by using judgement and co-operation, continue to uphold the rules and traditions which in the long run will be a benefit both to ourselves and VMI.

TIMELY TOPICS

BY F. W. SCHAUMBURG

For the benefit of you new rats this week "Timely Topics" is devoted to a brief orientation about VMI. I am writing as you "freshmen" are coming into the barracks for the first time as members of the Corps of Cadets. By the time this article is published there will be some of you who will have decided that VMI is not the place in which to spend four years of your college career. Those of you who are still here will no doubt admit that your experiences thus far have been unusual. The coming months are guaranteed to unfold many more unusual adventures.

The rat year is a year in which an individual's patience is tested to the utmost. If a man does not have any patience, the rat-line will bring this defect out if nothing else will. The attributes of patience and self-control are mandatory if one is to successfully complete his rat year.

In the coming months there will be many of you "freshmen" who will consider leaving (as some already have done) thereby crossing off everything that has been experienced here as a bad dream. It's very true that the restrictions and discomforts are many, but the benefits of a VMI education that you will receive by the time you are graduated in 1953 will more than compensate for those temporary hardships.

There are probably not many men in the rat class who are certain of what they will do when they get out of college. Considering the conditions that exist in the world today, one realizes that it is certainly a good idea to have a reserve commission in his pocket when college graduation rolls around. It goes without saying that a reserve commission from VMI is more valuable than a similar commission from a civilian college.

When a man is graduated from VMI he has put, in four years of life, rough in relation to the life led by the average civilian student. The strain and hardship of military life eases the transition to civilian status by making civilian life and jobs appear relatively unrestricted. A person's four years in college are very formative of character and mental outlook; if an alert attitude can be developed during this formative stage, it will undoubtedly help in later life when there is the possibility of a family to support.

For those who are in college to work and to obtain an education, the small classes that are prevalent at VMI are very valuable. In the majority of schools there are few instances of such small classes. When there are fifteen students or less in a class, the opportunity for discussion between instructor and student is excellent. There are many universities and colleges in the U.S. today that have resorted to the use of public address systems to lecture. Adequate in-

Inter Company Athletic Data

The intramural events will be played this year under nearly the same regulations as in previous years. The only big change lies in the rules governing the individual sports, such as tennis, ping-pong and horse-shoes. Under the new regulations each company will be allowed only 20 singles and 10 doubles entries. This move was made in order to enliven the competition by eliminating those men who were entered merely for participation points. This rule does not affect wrestling, swimming, and other such sports.

Football takes the first place on the winter schedule. Each company will play each other company once, bringing the season to a close about October 12. The following week the swimming meet will be held. It will be followed by wrestling, tennis, basketball, volleyball and the other indoor sports.

The points to the different teams are to be distributed as follows:

- (1) 50 points per sport.
- (2) 100 game winning points.
- (3) At the end of each sport season, the following points will be added to the accumulated total according to Company standings in that sport:
1st place—60 points
2nd place—50 points
3rd place—40 points
4th place—30 points
5th place—20 points
6th place—10 points

Companies will also receive points for the individual sports according to the number of entries and the number of winners in each event.

struction under these conditions is hard to imagine.

The effect of the Honor System on the academic standards cannot be overlooked. When a man is graduated from VMI, he alone and not somebody else is responsible for his diploma. There are many schools where honor systems are so lax that it is not uncommon to find men with above average talent in English, for instance, writing term papers and selling them to the other students. My observation while attending summer camp was that the colleges other than VMI could not possibly have had any effective honor systems. This conclusion is drawn from the natural and unrestricted manner in which these other students consulted each other for answers to tests.

In such a short article it is impossible to point out all of the attributes of VMI; but as time goes on, you rats, who will some day become first classmen, will find many things to be proud of in regard to our school.

Rat Survey

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to swim the English Channel.
Correct answers—70.5 per cent.
Q. What are the Dates, May 6-7, 1945 famous for?
A. V-E Day.

Correct answers—51.2 per cent
Q. Who is Tom Clark?
A. Former Attorney General of U.S. and newly appointed U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Correct answers—9.8 per cent.
Q. Who is the present Secretary of Defense of the U.S.?
A. Louis Johnson.

Correct answers—12.2 per cent.
Q. In what year was VMI founded?
A. 1839 (match)

Correct answers—73.2 per cent.
Q. What is the approximate population of the United States?
A. As of the 1940 Census 131,669, 275 people lived in the continental United States. An estimate within thirty million of this figure was accepted.

Correct answers—78 per cent.
Q. What major political party is in the minority in the U.S. House of Representatives?
A. Republicans (match)

Correct answers—65.8 per cent.
The results of this survey may seem shocking to the reader, but the percentages have been checked, and they tally correctly. Since the author is not well versed in statistical methods and a wide thorough block of questions was not drawn up by experts, no conclusions can be rendered. The first question is relatively unimportant, but was designed to determine whether more interest was centered on the funnies or the front page.

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Keydets Hold Mighty Gyrenes To 14 - 7 Score

THE LOOPHOLE

BY SAM SAUNDERS

With this, the opening of another school year, a new staff is stepping into the job of publishing sports news for "The Cadet," a job which like any that is worth undertaking carries with it a great amount of responsibility and indeed pride and opportunity. To take over a job which has been handled so efficiently of late by such men as Dick Prillaman and Lon Walter presents an even greater challenge to those who assume its duties. However big the loss may be, and it will surely be felt by the staff, I am sure that the newcomers, Hus Sutherland, Jack Raffensperger, and Erskine Williams, will very adequately make up the difference. These men, along with Johnny White and Don Bennett, carryovers from last year, form a team who know their sports from every angle and are as diligent in their work as any we could hope for.

The sports page belongs to the Corps and it is our duty to cover all VMI sports, from all angles, accurately and completely. This presents quite an assignment for any staff, however experienced, so it is only with helpful counsel, advice, and criticism from you that we can come near to its accomplishment.

THE SPIRIT SHOWS ITSELF AGAIN

Another Varsity Football season has been initiated at the Institute and anyone who might have wondered if this was going to be the same old VMI with the new additions and turnovers which have taken place recently, got his answer on the gridiron Saturday when the Big Red, outwheighed by a squad of well-nigh professionals, held the mighty Gyrenes from the U.S. Marine School at Quantico to a bare seven point margin. The same Spirit which has brought fame to VMI teams for years was manifested on the field and in the stands and threw a scare into a team which was seeking victory number 28 in as many tries.

The coaching staff which made its debut Saturday deserves as much credit as any could for the wonderful showing made. Head Coach Tom Nugent, Line Coach Boyd Williams, and Freshman Mentor Bill O'Hara have expended countless hours night and day in preparing the team for the '49 season, preparation which was exemplified Saturday and will surely be in the remaining eight games.

LINE PLAY IS OUTSTANDING

The amazing part of the VMI playing in the Quantico contest seems to have been the way in which the defensive line was able to so effectively shatter the Marine running attack through the center of the line. A large majority of the Gyrene yardage was picked up on wide plays and seldom was a substantial gain made by "line-bucking." Chuck Schluter, Captain Tommy Phillips, Gerry Eggleston, Sooky Hill, and Henry Quisenberry were instrumental in repulsing the Leathernecks defensively and did some very creditable blocking on offense. Tommy Hedge, having been switched from center to tackle by Nugent earlier in the practice sessions, was back at his old line backing position and gave a good account of himself.

Many a person was heard to say, "I wonder what the outcome would have been if Bobby Thomason had been playing." Needless to say, the hole left in a team by the loss of such a great passing quarterback as the Alabama slingshot, who is this year playing second string football for the Los Angeles Rams, is difficult if not impossible to plug. But Joe Veltri, the New Kensington, Pa. first classman served notice that he intends to do his part in holding down that position. Veltri, who stands only 5 ft. 8 in., played his first full length game since he threw that unforgettable scare into William and Mary's Indians in the Fall of 147 after Thomason was injured. Joe, is handicapped by his height, but if the line shows that it can hold long enough for him to start the passes spiraling, the Keydets should do quite a bit of scoring this season via the aerial route. Veltri is also a signal caller of proved ability, ability which he found it necessary to exploit with care in many instances during Saturday's contest.

NO TROUBLE ON THE FLANKS

On the other end of the passing game there will be no need for tears for here we have the finest pair of ends in Virginia in Red Patton and Thatcher Watson, the two Georgians. Watson, who was Thomason's favorite receiver, and Patton, who knows of no such thing as pass fumbling, along with two third classmen Neal Petree and Jay Grumbing will leave nothing to be desired in this category.

An addition has been made to the coaching staff. The new member of Nugent's circle is Joe Daher, a Roanoker who coached at the Institute two years in the Pooley Hubert era. Daher is an honorary brother rat of the Class of '47 and is one of the most popular coaches to hit the school in years. Joe will be with the staff through Thanksgiving. He is in the building material business in Roanoke.

Next week's contest should provide quite a lot of thrills when the Big Red meets George Washington in Lynchburg for it will set up a scene identical to that two years ago when the Colonials were downed 13-7 in the final seconds of play on a Veltri to Patton pass. Will it be a repeat performance? Saturday night will tell.

Powell Rounds End; Scores TD

General Lemuel C. Shephard returned to V.M.I. Saturday to watch his Quantico Marines mark up their 28th consecutive victory by edging out the keydets 14-7. The Marine's last defeat was suffered at the hands of our next door neighbor, Washington and Lee, in the first game of the 1947 season. Quantico, spearheaded by 8 former Naval Academy players, were rated as heavy favorites at game time, but from the opening kickoff, the crowd of 6,000 sensed a thrilling contest, and that was exactly what they witnessed. Even in defeat Coach Tom Nugent's eleven displayed a wonderful brand of ball both on offense and defense, and possibly with a few more breaks might have ended the Marine's streak.

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Keydet Strategists Confer



Captain Tommy Phillips, and Head Football Coach Tom Nugent of Virginia Military Institute, discuss the Keydets' prospects at pre-season practice on Alumni Field. Phillips, a former star at Benedictine High School, Richmond, plays guard. Sportswriters and announcer voted him the best lineman on the field at the annual VMI-VPI Thanksgiving Day classic in Roanoke last fall. He is 21 years old, weighs 185 pounds and stands 5 feet, 10 inches. He is a first classman, or senior at the Institute this year, and holds the rank of cadet captain on the regimental staff.—Photos by Lynchburg News.

Joe Daher To Coach In Line

Last week, Frank L. Summers, VMI Athletic Director officially announced the appointment of Joseph G. Daher, of Roanoke, as assistant football coach.

Coach Daher is a graduate of Junia College where he was a three-sport athlete. He later attended Bucknell University where he completed graduate work for his masters degree. While still a college student he played ball one summer with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He was then assistant football coach and head basketball and baseball coach at Morris-Harvey College in 1939-41. He later held corresponding coaching jobs at Manhattan University.

In 1943-45 he was at VMI as football end coach, head basketball coach, instructor in mathematics

1949 Football Schedule

- October 1—George Washington (night) Lynchburg
- 8—William and Mary Williamsburg
- 15—University of Richmond Richmond
- 22—University of Virginia Lynchburg
- 29—Army West Point
- November 5—Davidson (Homecoming) Home
- 12—The Citadel Charleston, S. C.
- 24—Virginia Tech (Thanksgiving) Roanoke

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Lineman Of The Week

CHUCK SCHLUTER

The loss of 9 lettermen linemen from last year's varsity squad left many doubts as to the quality of the line play in this 1949 edition of the Flying Squadron. Many of those doubts were cleared for good Saturday as the much lighter Keydet line outfought and outmanned the beefy Marines on all sides. Bear in mind also that the Marine line contained 10 former varsity Naval Academy players, 5 of them starters.

One of the big reasons for the line's fine showing was the brilliant tackle play of Hunky Schluter. Schluter, a tough 6 ft. 1 in., 200 pound senior from Pittsburgh, was dominant in completely stopping Quantico's vaunted ground attack through the center of the line. Time and time again, led by Schluter and Capt. Tom Phillips, this line broke through to smear the Quantico passers. Schluter, one of the fastest linemen on the squad, plays both offense and defense in Nugent's two team system. His offensive work, though excellent, was overshadowed by his defensive play Saturday. If Schluter continues to play the brand of football he played against Quantico, he will definitely be a candidate for the All-State eleven when it is picked in November. Whether he makes any "all teams" or not he will definitely be a mainstay in the Big Red line.

VMI Holds Quantico Gyrenes To 14 To 7 Score

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 2nd Quarter—Blank over left tackle for 2. Tackle by Schluter. Blank around left end for 4. Tackle by Quisenberry. Russell no gain. Abrams punted to Birge on 50. Birge returned it to 46 of Quantico. Powell lost three. Tackle by Abrams and Jessie. Veltri to Patton incomplete. Coley to Petree incomplete. Schrader punted to Burrow on 13 who returned it to 23. Tackle by Birge. Meaden for two. Tackle

by Quisenberry. Pass Russell to Leach good for 13 yards. Russell for 6. Tackle by Phillips. Russell no gain. Meaden for three. Russell for 2 and first down. Pass to Ferrell incomplete. Greco over center for 1. Tackle by Bernich. Anson intercepted Russell's pass on V.M.I. 30, and returned it to Quantico 39. Anson for 4. Tamalis over left tackle for 4. Tackle by Jessie. Veltri's fumble recovered by Petros on Quantico 45. Coley intercepted Carroll's pass on V.M.I. 30, and returned it to 50. Powell on reverse to 43. Veltri to Watson incomplete. McElroy recovered Powell's fumble on V.M.I. 45. Frankberger recovered Carroll's fumble on V.M.I. 49. Patton end around for 4. Anson off left tackle for 11. Tamalis 7 yards and first down. Coley's pass incomplete. Veltri to Petree incomplete. Schrader punted to Ambrogio on ten. Tackle by Patton. Quantico backfield in motion. Moore lost 5. Tackle by Hill. Ambrogio for 2. Keydets Goal Drive Halted—BF

two yard loss. Veltri to Patton for 6. Tamalis through the center. No gain. Veltri thrown for five yard loss by Jessie. Quantico's ball. Ambrogio around right end for two yards. Tackle by Watson. Moore to Bob Smith for 1st down. Flores pass incomplete. Turnipspeed to 15. Tackle by Hedge. Quantico offense. Flores pass incomplete. Powell minus 10. Tackle by McElroy. Stump for 2. Anson 8, and a first down. Veltri to Patton incomplete. Veltri to Tamalis incomplete. Coley minus 5. Schrader punted from 25 to Bennie Moore on Quantico 30. Moore returned it to 40. Maiden no gain. Plank off right tackle for 2. Tackle by Frenkenberger. Pass Russell to Greco incomplete. Broken up by Coley. Russell's kick for 43, out of bounds on V.M.I. 35. Tamalis for 9. Tamalis over right guard for three Tackle by Wimberg. Veltri minus ten. Jessie recovered Veltri's fumble on 25. Maiden through center for 2. Tackle by Hedge. Quantico 15 yards illegal use of hands. Russell thrown for ten yard loss by Watson and Phillips. Final whistle. Score: Quantico 14—V.M.I. 7

VMI Receives Appreciative Letters From Fort Bragg Staff

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 3. The fine performance of the students in this type of military drill reflects credit on the institution they represent, and it gives me great pleasure to forward this announcement of their fine performance at summer camp.

THOMAS B. WHITTED
 Colonel, Field Artillery
 Deputy Camp Commander
 C-1st Civil Engineer and Second Battalion Commander in our Corps, was awarded the added distinction of attaining, among the cadets from V.M.I., the highest overall proficiency in the subjects taught at the camp. This is indicated in a second letter from Col. Whitted to Cadet Avery.

Subject:
 High Proficiency Attained at The Fort Bragg ROTC Camp
 Thru:
 PMS&T
 Virginia Military Institute
 Lexington, Virginia

To:
 Mr. Charles G. Avery, Jr.
 Holdcroft, Virginia
 1. The training records of the ROTC Summer Camp, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, which concluded on 30 July, 1949, indicate that among the cadets from Virginia Military Institute, you attained the highest overall proficiency in the subjects taught at this camp. Accordingly, you were selected by your Battery Commander as the outstanding cadet from Virginia Military Institute.
 2. It is my wish to commend you on your fine record during this camp. I feel sure that the practical artillery you learned during this

camp will enable you to continue your ROTC Academic work with a broader and more professional understanding.

3. I congratulate you on your success.

Thomas B. Whitted, Jr.
 Colonel, Field Artillery

It should be added that in addition to this honor, Cadet Avery was selected as permanent Cadet Regimental Commander. He, together with two other V.M.I. men, Cadets Stein and Olivares comprised the Cadet Regimental Staff.

Bragg an Artillery Camp

Since Fort Bragg was an artillery Camp, the efforts of the men there were directed primarily towards attaining greater familiarity with the weapons used by this branch. The training towards this purpose was accomplished not only through directing the fire of and forward observing for the 105 mm. Howitzer and 4.5 inch gun, but also through actually manning the former piece. Although the exact figures have not yet been received in the final report, approximately 12,000 rounds of ammunition were fired from these pieces alone. A portion of this figure, however, was fired by the training staff for the camp, which was composed of various units of the 82nd Airborne Division.

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ground was demonstrated. Other highlights of the training period included orientation flights helicopters, a program which was started late in the camp period and therefore was available to only 150 cadets.

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3rd Quarter—Schrader's kickoff returned from 3 to 31 by Plank. Maiden over right tackle for six. Tackle by Birge. Greco lost a yard. Tackle by Frenkenberger and Eggleston. Pass Russell to Maiden for first down on 44. Blank no gain. Tackle by Bernich. Russell over left tackle for 5. Blank lost a yard around left end. Tackle by Quisenberry. Russell punted to Bill Leck on 20. Leck returned it to 26. Marchand for 7. Marchand no gain. Veltri thrown for loss by Abrams. Schrader punted to Carroll on 25. Carroll returned it to 45. Tackle by Eggleston. V. M. I. offense. V.M.I. offense again Russell loses nine. Tackle by Goodwin. Greco for 4. Russell lost 10. Tackle by Grumbling. Russell punted out on V.M.I. 28. Veltri to Patton incomplete. Veltri to Watson for first down. Joe Stump over left tackle for 7. Stump for first down on Quantico 48. Veltri to Patton for 8. Tamalis for 4 and first down. Tackle by Kachinsky. Tamalis off right guard for 2. Veltri to Petree incomplete. Tamalis for 6. Anson around right end for 5 and first down. Tackle by McElroy and Jessie. Anson for 1. Tackle by Sunt?. Veltri pass incomplete. Ambrogio for 5. Tackle by Hill and Hedge. King on a reverse no gain.
 4th Quarter—Pass from Russell to McElroy and a lateral to King to 45. Moore around right end lost a yard. Tackle by Watson. Smith for 5. Flores pass incomplete. Flores punts out on V.M.I. 20. Veltri to Watson for 11, and first down. Veltri to Patton for 10, and first down. Veltri thrown for

VMI Enrolls

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 and pressing shop are already in operation. The tailor and repair shops, the alumni secretary, and the secretary of the VMI Foundation are due to move into new quarters along the concourse in the near future.
 The road-way along the west wings of both barracks is being widened and lowered two feet to provide a better driving thoroughfare and a better parade area.

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