

June 28, 1917.

Editor "Daily Observations",
The Daily Independent,
Harrisonburg, Va.

Dear Sir:

No, your suggestion as to the patriotic pageant for the summer normal school is not responsible for the fact that such a celebration will be held, but we appreciate it very much just the same, because we like the approval of one so keenly interested in all public affairs as yourself. The fact is the plans for our pageant were ~~made~~ started at least two weeks before your suggestion appeared.

Permit me to add that we have had such a celebration every summer for the last five years at our summer school, either on the night of July 4th or about that date. We wonder why the "Observer" has failed to observe this! These pageants are always announced in the newspapers, they are free to the public, and an immense assembly usually witnesses them--but of course some folks do not know a good thing when they read it in the newspapers, and indeed many never read it--does the "Daily Observer" read his own news columns?

It might interest you to know that the Harrisonburg summer school has just about as many Virginia ~~teachers~~ teachers attending this year as the University of Virginia has in its summer school--and we could probably have more than they have if ~~more~~ more of our Harrisonburg people would open their homes to them, like your editor and certain other citizens have done. We can get as many here as we have rooms to put them in, but we cannot get them unless we can get homes for them--who could?

Very truly yours,

President.