

**BURRUSS TO SPEAK
ON FOUNDERS' DAY**

Harrisonburg, March 22—Founders Day, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Harrisonburg State Teachers College, will be observed Friday evening in Reed Hall.
Dr. Julian A. Burruss, president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and who was president of the Harrisonburg institution for the first ten years of its operation, will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

ORIGIN

"In the beginning, God created"
Snyder - Dr. T. O. Jones - Dr. Neff, &c.
1910 Schoolma'am: "To the Memory of Adolph H. Snyder - A friend of learning, a friend of the people, our friend - and a Christian gentleman."
County and Town offered \$15,000, etc.
Legislature of 1906 committee to study
1908 - March 14 - act of establishment \$15,000 and \$50,000
Keezell the "father" - 1912 Schoolma'am: "To George Bernard Keezell - A progressive farmer, a Virginia statesman, a patron of education, and a friend of Virginia teachers"

NAME - purposes and aims - later changes

BOARD

Appointment and composition
Met April 29, 1908 - broad policy
June 18, 1908, purchased Newman farm 42A

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Interested in Fbg. - never in Hbg.
Encouraged and discouraged - applied
Visits from Stone and King
June 26, 1908, in Rochester - telegram
Reached Hbg. July 9, 1908 - met people
Trip to other states for ideas - advice!

PLANS FOR PLANT

Univ. Va. sum. sch. - Robinson - Mitchell
Outlined needs for 1,000 - gen. layout
Report to Board, 22 pp. - purpose and scope, calendar, courses, depts., fac., train'g schs., living arrangts., exps., bldgs., space reqts., 1st yr. budget in 4 plans - Board adopted one
Sept. 15, 1908, general layout adopted
Oct. 7, adopted plans for Sci.H. & Dorm.
Nov. 5, contract to Bucher
Nov. 25, ground broken - 10 mos. to compl.
Opening date set for Sept. 28, 1909

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PLANS FOR CURRICULA - Subjects - Depts. 6
Admission requirements - Graduation reqs.
FACULTY - training, experience - personality especially
Elected first group Apl. 14, 1909
How they worked - 13 in number!

PROSPECTUS - Nor. Bul., Feb., 1909, 112 pp.
Big seal on cover - design of it
Contents - illustrations - map of Va.
"Advice to Prospective Students"
- "umbrella and overshoes"
Calendar - summer quarter innovation
Campaign for students - first prospect

OFFICE

Kavanaugh - Daily News editorial office
2d Floor News Bldg. - furniture samples
Lived in Smyth residence first year

CORNERSTONE LAYING - Apr. 15, 1909
Line - band - carriages - speakers

OPENING PREPARATIONS

Building progress - anxiety
Selection of equipment
Employment of help
Clearing up of campus - tree cutting
Board walks to buildings - the transportation problem - roads & walks, jitneys

THE OPENING - Sept. 28, 1909

Nearly ready
First faculty meeting
First student arrival - dorms. for 64
Registration - 150
Preparation, personality, age, Responsibilities for the future - ideals, traditions, honor system
Personal relationships of teacher & stdt - resulting cooperation of greatest val
Develop. of character, scholarship, professional spirit & attitudes
Religious welfare - social - physical

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ACTIVITIES & INCIDENTS - 1st Year
Organizations - Student Assoc'n & govt.
3 lit. socs. - Y.W.C.A. - Athlet. Assoc.
Class orgznns. - Glee Club - "Schoolma'am"
Excited father came for his daughter
~~Marxism~~ Receptions - house-warming -
band concert - Hallowe'en & other ents.
- plays - lit. soc. exercises, etc.
Gov. Swanson visited month after opening
Christmas - staying thru holidays
Gifts of two school songs at Xmas

Legislature gave another dorm. - begun
with ceremonies May 2, 1910
Joys of springtime - excursions, etc.
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New students came in spring - total 209

Commencement - Gov. Mann - no grads.
- "best year in history of instn."

Summer School - 207 - two terms

SECOND YEAR

Plant valued at \$90,000 approx. & new Dorm
Library - the first book - 1,300 plus
Activities as in first year - more so
Coburn players in apple orchard
Athletic Field Day - "Girls Jump Six
Feet High"

First Commencement with graduates
Faculty discussion as to length of skirts
Daily News: "We are willing to admit
that there is a Normallette school in a
certain Farmville, but the real State
Normal School is - modesty forbids."

THE YEARS PASSED

Ever growing bigger and perhaps better
In 1914 went under a new Board
Service of the old board - type of men
During first 5 years 7 bldgs. completed
Foundations laid and substantial start
on all phases of the instn.

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SOME INCIDENTS IN PASSING - Alumnas
1912 Commencement distinguished by the
first alumni reunion - great interest
"The alumnatum has come" - Willie
Alumni Assoc. - Senior Aid Fund establd
Soon grads scattered over Va., teaching
Stronger and stronger year by year - 54
Meeting students on arrival - bows -
hacks - baggage - welcome
Leaving at end of year -
Returning, genuine home-coming

Summer Quarter interesting
Entertainments - quartette
Miss Cleveland's degree of B.O.
Student called for ice-water

So we went on, "toiling, rejoicing, sor-
rowing", for we had our ups-and-downs
No electric lights in Feb. one year
Heating plant collapse in another year
Fires - laundry - Mr. Smithey and town
dept. heroes
Dom. Sci. cook. lab. - Walker the hero

Jules Falk, the Coburns, and others

My talks on hygiene - chewing-gum & sho
Measles and mumps - tonsilitis and
vaccination - stewed tomatoes and
lesson plans - boxes from home and mi
Young music instr. named Paul & a mis-
chevous young lady named Lucy, who
said "Boo"

Trips to Grottoes - horses left a week
Dr. Wayland to Washington - should have
Finally acquired a Ford

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STATISTICS OF GROWTH

Value of Plant \$87,000 to \$300,000
Capital outlays in 10 yrs. \$300,000
Support appropns. \$15,000 to \$50,000
Budget expenditures for operation
\$26,500 to \$137,857

Buildings 3 to 8 (or 10)
Library books 1,300 to 6,500
Instructional depts. 12 same as 1st yr.
No. of courses offered 87 to 162
Curricula - from Preparatory 4 yrs. to 1 yr.
Professional from 5 to 4 two-yr. and
added 3 four-year for B.S. degree
Entrance reqts. from 7th Grade to 11
units minimum and 16 for Prof. currie
No. in Faculty from 13 to 23

Boarding accommodations in Dorms. 64 - 3 40
Regular Session Stats. 150 to 313
Summer Session Stats. 207 to 1,033
Graduating Class 13 to 107, including
in latter 10 for B.S. degree
Different persons taught approx. 4,500
Full graduates of prof. currie. 542

Aid funds: 4 scholarships - 7 loan funds
-7 prizes - Total value more than \$6,000
Gifts of various sorts to school

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PICTURES ON MY STUDY WALL

Hillcrest and the view to East
Faculty in academic procession
Shakespearean pageant of 1916 -
This was Shakespeare year - various ways

1916 also the saddest year up to then
Death of Miss Annie Cleveland

THE WAR PERIOD

War conditions affect the school
Emergency measures - food and fuel
Work for Red Cross and others
Drills
Influenza epidemic caused closing

THE FLU

The Flu came to the Normal once,
And oh, my lawzy-daisy!
All the folks around the place
Were jist a-runnin' crazy.
And folks kept kitchin' that-'ere germ,
And everybody wondered
Who'd be the next to go to bed--
I bet there wuz a hundred.
Then Mr. Burruss sent us home
To stay until November.
We learned some things before we left,
But what--we can't remember.
The Flu's gone from the Normal now,
But oh, my lawzy-daisy!
The faculty's workin' us to death,
'N oh, we're almost crazy!
--Virginia Zirkle

H. N. S.

'Ain't ben ter our Normal School?
You don't know what you miss;
Up here de ar's so sweet and cool,
Hit seem mos' lak a kiss!
You gits up in de mornin'
When hit's still all fresh wid dew
An' goes right ter de winder
So's ter git de fustest view.

Oh, I could tell you lots o' things
About dis dear old place
Dat'd make you long, and long,
An' long ter be here, "jes' bekase."
We's all like one big family here;
An' when I has ter go,
As long's I live I'll keep a-thinkin'
'Bout dese here folks, I know.

--Geneva Moore

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PRIORITIES

1. Public schools for training schools
- city and rural - now frequent -
attracted wide attention - Keister
and Johnston
2. Four-quarter year - full summer qr.
difficulties at first - now general
3. Policy as to entrance requirements
- began after first year to steadily
raise - fit on to elem. and sec. sch
system - led the way for other norm.
4. Emphasis on industrial education:
Manual Arts, Household Arts, Rural
Arts - difficult to get stdts. at
first - recognition slow - success!
5. Emphasis on rural life problems and
preparation of of rural teachers
6. Extension service

THE FUTURE

Last act to prepare six-year budget
- request of Governor
Don't know to what extent followed
Watched growth in plant on original pl
- development of grounds (Chappelear)
Rejoiced in growth in size of faculty
and student enrolment
Special satisfaction in raised standar

FAITH / HOPE - LOVE - SUCCESS

Inspiration - prayer - faith - results
Here the hardships of the moment by the
strength which hope gave
Did our best because we loved our work

Gratitude for blessings and success of
the past - prayers and hopes for
greater in future

THE TRUE LADY

The true lady is the woman of refined and gentle manners; who does not appear to others what she is not; who shows tender sympathy for those less fortunate than herself; and who lives, acts, and says nothing to the injury of any one; one who has a keen sense of dignity, honor, and justice; who covets the power to uplift, help, and inspire those within her sphere --a woman with whom the virtues are habits.

--Nannie Morrison

GOD MADE THE FLOWERS

God made the flowers, long, long, ago,
And fashioned them all just right.
The roses he made from the sunset's red
And the snow-cloud's fleecy white.

The violet faces came
From the rainbow's loveliest hue;
And they smiled when He made them rich,
The deepest of all that's blue and dark.

The cowslips came from the very spot
Where the green and the yellow blend;
The marigolds grew in the pot of gold
That hangs at the rainbow's end.

The gentians came from the big blue dome
The lovely hepaticas too;
Forget-me-nots are the tiny scraps
That were left when He was through.

--Ruth Conn

SPECIAL ENGLISH

It's a long way thru Special English--
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way thru Special English,
To make three B's in a row.
Now it's "good-bye" from the A girls,
Farewell, Seniors, too!
It's a long, ~~long~~ way thru Special English
But we will pull thru.

--Caroline Eisenberg