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EDITORIAL

Due to unavoidable causes, this, the first issue of The Appomattox Bugle, is somewhat late in making its appearance. The purpose of this paper is, first, to arouse school spirit; second, to give practice of knowledge gained in the business course, and third, to let those who have gone off from this school know what their school is doing.

We are glad to give the alumni a bit of information, which they will probably be glad to hear. Appomattox High is now approaching the high standards of other schools, in that they are raising their marks from quantity to quality. It has been so if a boy passed with a seventy-five he was recommended to college, but now when he graduates, if he has been doing his best and making more than just seventy-five, he is distinguished by having some qualitative units, which will help as a recommendation.

Again, how about the fellow who tries hard and does not make as high a grade as his classmate who just knows it without studying? Should he not be awarded for his effort? There is being a large reward given to that fellow this year at old A. H. S. If he tries he gets A on application. If another boy does not have to do his best to pass he gets B or C on application. Then I say a due reward is made for him who studies. Then it is the desire of the staff that every member of the Appomattox High School will take advantage of the opportunity which is now presenting itself. It is he who makes a success in high school who will be the one who makes a success in future life. We are now preparing and training ourselves for that which is yet to come. Now let us strive onward and upward, and adhere to the calling of better things, and to our ambition, until we are perched on the top round of the ladder.

T. M. T.

Some interesting data furnished us by Principal L. Crawley, from the state high school report just published:

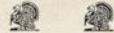
Cost per pupil for the Appomattox High School, \$35.52 per session; average cost per pupil in high schools of the state, \$62.01. Appomattox High School is teaching high school pupils at a saving of 45 per cent below the average cost in the state. The question now arises, is it doing efficient work? According to Supt. Hart the school is 82 per cent efficient—higher than the average efficiency of high schools in the state.

The enrollment here is larger than at Farmville, Crewe, Chase City, Scottsville, Alta Vista, Blackstone, Warrenton, Galax, Lexington, Marion, Orange, Culpeper, Big Stone Gap, Wytheville and Williamsburg, all of which are town or city schools, and the cost at many of the above mentioned schools runs from \$60.00 to \$100.00 per pupil, and employ from 8 to 13 teachers, while at Appomattox there are only four regular teachers and two special teachers.

The cost per pupil in the nearby counties is as follows: Charlotte C. H., \$102.70 per pupil, over twice as much as Appomattox; at Amherst C. H., \$69.00; at Bedford, \$55.80; at Dillwyn, \$54.00; at Farmville, \$74.00; at Prospect, \$79.00; at Concord, \$54.00.

When it comes to the grades the average cost in the state is \$22.10, while in the grades here the cost is only \$15.09 per pupil per session.

Are we proud or ashamed?



ONLY YOU

"Say, Frances, I'm going your way. Gee, you look sweet this morning. What have you been doing to yourself? I wish I were good looking like you."

Sidney Hicks was on his way to school and he had quickened his pace when he saw Frances Smith, who was also on her way to school.

"Oh, only you," Frances replied very indignantly.

"Sure it's me. Who did you think it was, Ralph Perkins?" Sidney laughingly remarked.

At the mention of Ralph's name Frances' face turned crimson. This made her all the more beautiful, for

she was a blonde. Her long, light curls always tantalized the boys at school, and her sky-blue eyes when turned upon anyone always made their heart leap. Seeing Frances blush was no new thing to Sidney, for he loved to make her do it.

"Do that again," Sidney teasingly uttered.

"You horrid boy," was the haughty reply of Frances as she walked off and left Sidney very much perplexed.

Frances had not gone more than a block before she saw Ralph Perkins on the opposite side of the street. Being timid, she did not fix her gaze on Ralph, but looked straight ahead of her. Ralph soon noticed Frances and quickly strolled over to her side. "Good morning, Frances. How are you this morning?"

"Oh, I am feeling fine," was the soft, sweet answer. "And you?"

"Couldn't feel better I don't believe," Ralph emphatically responded.

Soon their conversation came to an end, for they had reached the school and it was time to go in.

Frances, Ralph and Sidney were all in the same grade. There was many a shy glance at Ralph, but poor Sidney, although he sat and about Frances, never did get a sweet or shy glance at her. Sidney was soon so down-hearted he could hardly recite his lessons, while Frances and Ralph progressed rapidly.

One day as the history lesson was being conducted, the teacher asked Sidney who the virgin queen was. Sidney, absent-mindedly muttered, "Frances."

The whole class was in an uproar. All except Frances, for she was blushing, and so was Sidney, after he noticed his mistake.

After this Sidney paid better attention in class and gradually pulled up his low marks. Finally in his senior year he was at the head of his class. Frances and Ralph were right at his heels.

Alas! The senior class had a "weenie

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