

# RECORD BREAKING SIPA CONVENTION CLOSES

## Prizes Awarded to Contest Winners

### Marshall High Of Richmond Captures Two

Ten Cups, Two Fountain Pens, Sixteen Medals Given

Ten publications received silver loving cups at the S. I. P. A. banquet this evening, and runners-up in their respective classes were awarded medals signifying All-Southern Honor Rating. These awards went to the best publications in the three types represented, namely: newspapers, magazines, and annuals.

The Current Events Contest of Friday brought forth a tie with the first place going to David Chewning, Greenville High News, Greenville High School, Greenville, S. C., and Lawson Withers, R. J. Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, N. C., who both had the score of 78.

The complete list of winners is as follows:

#### Newspapers

Class A—Won by The Monocle, John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va.

Honor Rating—Girls High Times, Girls High School, Atlanta, Ga. The Jeffersonian, Thomas Jefferson High School, Richmond, Va. (First last year.) The Maury News, Maury High School, Norfolk, Va. (Special) L'Echo de Roanoke, Jefferson Senior High School, of Roanoke, Va.

Honorable Mention—The Scribbler, Spartansburg High School, Spartansburg, S. C. Tech Life, McKinley High School, Washington, D. C.

Class B—Won by The Chatterbox, George Washington High School, Danville, Va.

Honor Rating—Greenville High News, Greenville High School, Greenville, S. C. (first last year.) Alcohi Mirror, Allegheny High School, Cumberland, Md. High Times, E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Va.

Class C—Won by The Montgomery Siren, of Montgomery High School, Montgomery, W. Va.

Honor Rating—The Pinnacle, Princeton High School, Princeton, W. Va. Green Lights, Greenville High School, Greenville, N. C. (Special) High School Echoes, Natchez High School, Natchez, Miss.

Class D—Won by The Orange and Black, of Lonaconing High School, Lonaconing, Md. (First in class C last year.)

Honor Rating—The Purple and White, Madison High School, of Richmond, Ky. The Holy Cross News, Holy Cross Academy, Lynchburg, Va. The C. Q., Fishburne Military Academy, Waynesboro, Virginia.

#### Magazines

Class A—Won by The Record, John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va.

Honor Rating—The Acorn, Jefferson Senior High School, Roanoke, Va. (First last year.)

Class B—Won by The Critic, E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Va. (Same as last year.)

Class C—Won by The Taj, Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Honorable Mention—The Record, R. E. Lee High School, Staunton, Va. (First last year.)

#### Annuals

Class A—Won by The Champion, Central High School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Honor Rating—The Monticello, Thomas Jefferson High School, of Richmond, Va. The Commodore, Maury High School, Norfolk, Va.

Class B—Won by The Brier Patch, Greenbrier Military School, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Honor Rating—The Critic-Crest, E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Va.

Class C—Won by The Record, R. E. Lee High School, Staunton, Virginia.



RAYMOND CLAPPER

### Clapper Views New Openings For Newsdom

#### New Deal Landslide Gives Press Added Responsibility, He Says

"Because of the situation which results from the unprecedented extent of the Roosevelt landslide, a new opportunity has been opened up to the press of the country," declared Raymond Clapper last night in an address on "The Confessions of a Political Columnist," before the delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association.

Mr. Clapper, Scripps-Howard columnist, spoke at 8:30 last night in Lee Chapel before a large audience of delegates and Washington and Lee students.

He said, "Minority representation has almost disappeared at Washington. For instance, there are not even enough Republicans in the Senate to force a roll call vote if the majority is solidly adverse to being put on record. The opposition at Washington for some time to come will be meager in numbers and feeble in strength. It is devoid of prestige, completely demoralized, leaderless and shell shocked. The attitude now is one of complete resignation, complete abdication for a while. Even if it were otherwise, the minority is too small in numbers to function as an opposition should function in a democracy."

Continuing, he said, "The role of testing administration policies under the searchlight of debate and criticism therefore falls more

### Current Events Contest Covers News Personalities and Places

Beginning with a gentleman named Col. Frank Knox and ending simply with "Lulu Belle," the Current Events Contest given Friday morning in Lee chapel to the S. I. P. A. delegates covered the news of the past few weeks as the Atlanta Journal covers Dixie—"like the dew."

Fifty items, consisting of names, places, expressions and organizations were included in the quiz.

David Chewning, of Greenville, S. C., and Lawson Withers, of Winston-Salem, N. C., who tied for first prize, received scores of 78 on the quiz. Each question counted two points. The contest was made up by Stanford Schewel, Washington and Lee sophomore and former S. I. P. A. leader.

For the benefit of those energetic souls who would like to try again, or check up on what they missed, the quiz—in—toto—is reprinted below:

### Press Dictates War or Peace, Cole Declares

Says Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword in A Democracy

#### SPEAKS AT BANQUET OF SIPA DELEGATES

#### Deplores European Situation Where Press Is Censored

Asserting stoutly that the power of a nation's press can help prevent war and encourage peace, Dr. Percival R. Cole, visiting Carnegie Professor of International Relations at Washington and Lee, spoke this evening before the final banquet of the 1936 S. I. P. A. convention, held in the Robert E. Lee hotel. Dr. Cole is at present on leave from the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia.

He said, "A headline in the old copy-books used to tell us: 'The pen is mightier than the sword.' Was this intended as a statement of fact or as a pious aspiration? Are the words of pressmen, when they get past the editor's pencil, mightier than the deeds of filibusters? Or does the victory lie with the strong battalions?"

"At the present time," Dr. Cole said, "in a number of European countries the sword is definitely stronger than the pen, which has become the mere handmaid of the sword, 'ancilla gladii.' There the press is not permitted to speak for peace, nor even to publish facts that are considered to be adverse to militarist policies. The governments talk peace—except to Russia—and prepare for war. Yet they are pledged to outlaw war as an instrument of national policy, and as Nicholas Murray Butler has pointed out, to preserve peace they have only to keep their word. They growl but with their tails—which end is one to believe?"

"Only in the democratic countries may the power of the press prevail. Shortly after the Great War, Turkey defied certain of the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles. The government of Great Britain invited an expression from the British Dominions as to whether their support would be forthcoming in the event of hostilities with Turkey. The press of the Dominions threw cold water on the suggestion to such effect that the idea was promptly and finally abandoned. It is not too much to say that upon the vast power of the democratic press depends in large measure the safety of nations, the happiness of individuals, and the preservation of all the best elements of civilization."

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### Gaines Praises Lee's Visions In Final Talk

Freedom to Discover Truth Held Essential For Press

#### LAUDS CONCEPTION OF NEW EDUCATION

#### Holds That Trust Is Needed in Time Of Realities

"The first recognition of education in journalism on the plane of higher education was a compliment to the power of the press and a challenge to the highest training on the part of youth entertaining journalistic ambitions," declared Dr. F. P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee, at the final banquet of the S. I. P. A. convention, held tonight at the Robert E. Lee hotel.

Affirming that journalism was a part of "Robert E. Lee's charter for the New South," Dr. Gaines outlined Lee's conception of the essentials for a "new civilization": Education along legal, engineering, commercial, and journalistic lines.

"It is noteworthy that Lee's conception was not to substitute a few quick and easy technical courses for the subject matter of education. On the contrary he believed that the journalist should have a broad foundation of acquaintance with the best thought on the contemporary problems," said the college president.

Dr. Gaines declared that freedom of the press means not only the freedom to speak, but of more importance, the freedom to discover truth.

"In a new and almost desperate reality of this age," he concluded, "we comprehend the significance of a statement nearly two thousand years old: 'Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free.'"

### Make-up

#### Essential for Newspaper Success, Stouffer Says In Speech

"Make-up is a vital factor in the readability of a newspaper," Mr. W. C. Stouffer, managing editor of the World-News, Roanoke, declared Friday afternoon in his talk to the S. I. P. A. delegates.

"Articles should be arranged in such a manner that the reader instinctively catches the most important story on the page," Mr. Stouffer said. "If the reader is puzzled as to the story of the day," he immediately loses interest."

The editor must decide upon the most important state news first, and secondly, the international news with reference to war angles. "Today, for example," he contended, "anything connected with the war in Spain is of vital importance."

Illustrating this point with a copy of a Florida paper that follows the Time News magazine formula of listing all stories concerning one phase of the news under one heading, Mr. Stouffer said that the paper could not command the reader's attention.

One of the main tasks of an editor today is to cut or edit copy that comes to the office. The one hundred thousand words daily that come through news syndicates must be condensed to twenty-five thousand.

"To get the best reader results," Mr. Stouffer said in concluding, "the paper must have good taste. Make your appeal to the best people. A newspaper is like a jewelry shop—it must be neat."

### News Pictures Increase Scope Stanley Says

Points to Development Of Wire-Photo, Action Pictures

#### NEW DEVELOPMENTS IMPROVE QUALITY

#### Describes Power and Coverage of Associated Press

"Cameramen have to be intelligent," Mr. Edward S. Stanley, executive assistant of the Associated Press, stated this morning in his talk on Pictorial Journalism. "It takes a lot of practice," he added, "to be a good cameraman, but the possibilities are unlimited."

"Ten years ago," he said, "Pictures were used more to break up the pages than for any other reason. Pictures did not mean anything. There were a few naturals like the picture of the Vestris disaster, but on the whole photos were pretty bad."

The wire-photo, he continued, was a revolutionary development in journalism. A picture eight inches by ten can be wired to San Francisco from New York in eight minutes. This speed has given pictures a new news significance and vitality. The quality of photographs has been greatly improved, partly due to the development of the candid camera which by informal shots has brought an added punch to pictures.

The Associated Press was described by Mr. Stanley as the greatest news-gathering agency in the world, being accurate, reliable and impartial. In the United States there are over one thousand member papers, and the eighty-seven domestic bureaus gathering news have a total wire mileage greater than the country's railroad mileage.

### Annuals

#### Discussed by Lubersky In Opening Speech Of Convention

Mr. A. A. Lubersky, vice-president of the S. K. Smith Company, opened this year's S. I. P. A. convention as the first major speaker. He chose for his topic, "A Short Course in Producing Better Annuals."

Mr. Lubersky, who is one of the foremost authorities on annuals, divided his speech into two parts. In the first part, he discussed the value of the high school annual to the high school, first as a record of class and individual achievements; second, as a history of the institution and its progress; and thirdly, as it is a public presentation in permanent form of the value of the high school to the community.

The second part of Mr. Lubersky's speech was given over to the building of the annual through its eight stages. He mentioned, 1st, the organization of the staff, 2nd, planning the budget of the book, and determining its possibilities financially; 3rd, planning the book itself by divisions and purposes; 4th, choosing the art motif, or theme of the book to hold the sections together; 5th, deciding on the editorial policy; 6th, outlining the purposes of the book so the circulation staff can build their selling campaign around the book to the best advantage; 7th, out-circulation campaign so it will be most satisfactorily developed in a definite way instead of a haphazard form; and 8th, and the most important of all, schedule the book for production.

## All Marks Broken As 250 Delegates Gather for Session

Final Banquet Held Tonight at Robert E. Lee Hotel As Prizes Are Awarded To Winners Of Publication Contests

### GROUP MEETINGS, TRIP TO NATURAL BRIDGE ARE FEATURES OF AFTERNOON

Thirteen States and District of Columbia Represented By Fifty Schools at This Year's Session Of Convention, Riegel Declares

Breaking all previous registration marks by passing over the 250 mark, the twelfth annual Southern Interscholastic Press Association wound up its 1936 session tonight with a banquet for all delegates in the Robert E. Lee hotel. Delegates from 13 states and the District of Columbia, representing 50 high schools and prep schools, were present, according to O. W. Riegel, director of the association. The Anniston, Alabama, Brooksville, Fla., and Natchez, Miss., delegates, came from the greatest distance.

**McCue Elected**  
Bill McCue, editor of the "Brier Patch," of Greenbrier Military Academy, Lewisburg, W. Va., was elected honorary student president of the S. I. P. A. for 1936-37, and will preside at next year's convention. He was elected yesterday afternoon. A new Faculty Advisory Committee was chosen, as follows: C. T. Hopkins, faculty adviser, the Montgomery "Siren," Montgomery high school, Montgomery, W. Va., chairman; Miss Mary Sterling, adviser, "Pine Whispers," R. J. Reynolds high school, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Miss Alice Griffin, adviser, "The News Reel," Hartsville high school, Hartsville, S. C.; D. G. Kaylor, adviser, "High Life," Hernando high school, Brooksville, Fla.; Miss Virginia M. Ordway, adviser, "Hi-Echo," Anniston high school, Anniston, Ala.

Climaxing two days of speeches, banquets and round-table discussions, tonight's banquet was featured by the talks of Dr. F. P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee, and Dr. P. R. Cole, visiting professor at Washington and Lee from the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia.

### Science Is Hope For Mankind

#### Blakeslee Points Toward Solution of World's Trouble

Howard Blakeslee, Associated Press science editor and president of the National Association of Science Editors, declared at Lee Chapel this morning in an address before the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, "The scientific method offers more hope than any other for the solution of our troubles and the start of a golden age that all men wish."

The journalist described Lord Rayleigh's discovery during the World War of methods to split the atomic nucleus. "Perhaps a thousand years from now," he added, "history will record Lord Rayleigh's experiments as more important than the World War. But as news they were of no importance during the World War. They were not even reported. Years after the war these peculiar atoms appeared briefly in newspapers."

The problem of the newspaper, Mr. Blakeslee declared, is to explain scientific events "so that readers may understand and be prepared to operate the new social controls which science produces." Another difficulty in the reporting of science, he said, is adding the human element. "I have been an advocate of putting a little 'emotion' into the telling of science stories," he told his hearers.

Mr. Blakeslee described briefly the Associated Press facilities for covering scientific news, and defended newspapers from attacks by scientists who disapprove of journalistic methods.

"It is more logical to think a scientist is needed to write about science, than to require football players for writing football, actors for theatrical critics, or bankers for financial news," he declared.

The practical aspect of science news was illustrated by the speaker in an account of the discovery of ground tobacco leaves of high nicotine content as an aid to raising chickens. The experiments

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### Sigma Delta Chi Serves On Reception Committee

Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity, served as the reception committee during the S. I. P. A. convention here. Don Moore, vice-president of the organization, was chairman of the group. During registration members served in conducting delegates to their temporary residences, and escorting them around the campus.

Latham Weber, editor of The Ring-tum Phi, is president of Sigma Delta Chi. Other officers are: Don Moore, vice-president; Deverton Carpenter, secretary-treasurer.

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## TO THE S. I. P. A. DELEGATES— WELCOME AND BEST WISHES

The Ring-tum Phi entertains the sincere hope that the delegates to the S. I. P. A. convention will find their brief stay at Washington and Lee worth remembering. To some it may be memorable merely as a pleasant week-end spent among different scenes, new friends—but to a few the lectures may point the direction of a successful career in some phase of journalism. It is to this end that the program has been planned, and, assuming the genuineness of the delegates' concern with newspaper and magazine work, the lectures will undoubtedly constitute for them the outstanding feature of their convention.

We also desire, however, that the young men and women who are seeing Lexington for the first time will carry away with them some impression of the atmosphere which lends a distinct personality to Washington and Lee. With this in mind, The Ring-tum Phi extends the hospitality of the student body, and expresses an eagerness to do everything possible to make the convention a success, profitable and enjoyable to all its delegates.

## TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A DANCE LEADER

Despite the objections of members of the dance control board, we still believe that a campus poll of dance bands would be a progressive step toward the insuring of satisfactory music for the dance sets. Although the leaders of the dance sets would naturally not be bound exclusively by the results of the poll, these results would at least give evidence of student sentiment and would indicate the bands which would probably prove most popular at Washington and Lee dances.

We realize, of course, that engaging a band is not a simple task. The leader of a dance set can not, as a columnist indicated in the last issue of The Ring-tum Phi, merely decide that he wants a certain orchestra for a dance and then proceed to sign a contract with the manager of that band. The whole question of obtaining music for dances is complicated by the fact that one booking agency exercises what is almost monopoly control over the contracts signed by leading dance orchestras. Hungry for high commissions, this organization is ever on the alert to place its bands where they will command the highest prices.

Consequently, this booking agency which controls the contracts of such bands as Kay Kyser, Hal Kemp, Guy Lombardo, and Wayne King—will not enter into an agreement with any dance leader until it is certain that the same orchestra can not be "let out" to someone else for a higher price. As a result, the booking agency usually delays signing a contract until the last possible moment, and often the agency, not the dance leader, picks the band that is to play for a college dance.

And the most bitter element of the situation is the fact that the dance leader often can not fight against having a band forced upon him, for this one agency—as was pointed out above—controls almost every orchestra of importance in America.

However, the situation is not quite as gloomy as it might be. A dance leader can sometimes make the booking agency understand that student sentiment in favor of one or two bands is so strong that engaging any other would make the financial success of the dances extremely doubtful. If some student agency, either the Interfraternity Council or the Dance Control Board, would conduct a poll of student sentiment on the question of dance bands at the beginning of the year (or at sometime during the year), the dance leader would not only know what bands are the most popular among the students, but he would also have concrete evidence to present to the booking agency to back up his demand for a popular band.

Such a poll would not be a guarantee that an orchestra would always be signed that would be pleasing to every student, nor would it be a cure-all for the dance band problem, but at least it would give the student body a little more voice in the selection of orchestras, and it would, we believe, be of some aid to the leader of a dance set.

## THE TOMB OF LEE— A RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE

In the last issue of The Ring-tum Phi there appeared under Letters to the Editor an epistle in regard to the conduct of students when passing by Lee Chapel. Signed simply "Senior," the letter called attention to the difference between the respect paid to General Lee's memory by the Keydets at nearby V. M. I., and by the students on this campus, where Lee spent his last days and to whom this school owes more than it does to any other individual. All Keydets are required to salute while passing before the entrance of the chapel, at all times, and regardless of the circumstances. Washington and Lee men, on the other hand, daily pass by the same door in large numbers with no more show of respect than they evidence toward the postoffice or McCrum's.

It is perfectly natural that this should be so. Long familiarity with the chapel, especially on the part of those students living in the five fraternity houses at the foot of the campus, has accustomed them to the chapel as simply another familiar spot on the local landscape—on the outside not distinguished as a remarkable or awe-inspiring edifice.

But we agree with "Senior" that this familiarity has gone a bit too far. After all, the Chapel is probably the most historic, the most revered spot in Lexington, and the spiritual hub of the University. It is only fitting that it should be recognized as such and treated as such by students here. It would be impractical and inadvisable to follow the custom of the V. M. I. men, by doffing our hats or through some other distinctive gesture. This would probably fail, in the first place because the conduct of Washington and Lee men is not regulated so, nor their actions prescribed by central authority so completely as is that of our neighbors down the ridge; and in the second place because such an action, to be sincere, could not be regulated by a dogmatic decree and should not have to be so regulated. If our self-consciousness and pseudo-poise might be too seriously upset by such outward display of feeling, the least we can do is to maintain a respectful air when passing the chapel. A slower walk, a more subdued conversation and an absence of sophomoric boisterousness when passing Lee chapel is the least that can be expected from a Washington and Lee man. If this attitude can be cultivated it would do a great deal toward placing the chapel in the proper niche of respect that it should occupy in students' minds. All that would then remain to go is that mob of upperclassmen who annually turn the entrance to the chapel into a miniature battle-ground during Rush Week. With deferred rushing this too may go. We sincerely hope so.

## THE FORUM

### NEW AVENUES TO COLLEGE MEN

That the United States government is at last following the practice of private business in recruiting promising young men from colleges and universities into the administrative system was recently pointed out by Professor De Witt Clinton Poole, director of the School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton university, in an annual report to the advisory board of the university. The conclusion reached by Professor Poole is an encouraging one for those who have long advocated that the government draw regularly from the body of men graduated from credited universities for service in the various departments of the federal government.

It has long been the contention of experts that if salaries and opportunities for advancement could be made more attractive, the government could readily compete with private business in securing the services of the better college students, who in the past have gone almost to the man into business. Professor Poole's report seems to indicate that the government is at last coming to some realization of the importance of opening up the avenues of government employment to college men. According to the report, the Civil Service Commission is being called upon to enlist the services of college and university graduates who have the capacity and character to rise in due time to positions of administrative responsibility. The report continued with the statement that the increasing scope and intricacy of government operations has led to a concrete need for men of university training. Already the Civil Service Commission has drawn up examinations open only to men with A. B. or higher degrees.

As the numerous departments of the government broaden in scope, the advisability of political appointments to positions of responsibility becomes less. There is a distinct need for men of advanced training in general fields, and it is here that the case of the college students asserts itself. Graduates of colleges and universities obviously are far better equipped to perform the manifold and responsible work being more and more required of the administrative official. Hence they are in a strategic position to secure employment perhaps even more enjoyable and with more opportunity for advancement than could be found in the field of business. Certainly the recruitment of university and college graduates will do much to raise the standards of administrative personnel and, consequently, of government efficiency.—  
Colgate Maroon.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

By JIMMY FISHEL

### Bright Young Faces . . .

Those bright young faces that are infesting the campus over the week-end belong to the charming high school and prep school delegates who are here for the twelfth annual S. I. P. A. convention. From all signs, host Mr. Riegel is showing them a big time.

That same big time is not only restricted to the school children, but promises to be a rousing week-end for some of the collegiate opportunists. As it stands now, the S. I. P. A. committee has planned an academic and social program that should make lots of us stay in town just to catch a whiff of it.

Raymond Clapper, famous political columnist for Scripps-Howard, comes to town tonight to deliver the main talk of the affair which promises to be a scorching Mr. Clapper is to talk on the "Confessions of a Political Writer" and if you believe the authors of "Washington Merry-Go-Round," they have a great deal to confess.

Probably with Clapper's speech we'll all learn the inside story of those phony straw vote polls that exploded over the nation at the time of the presidential election. Added to Clapper's speech will be a star-studded list of journalists that should appeal to the laymen as well as the embryonic newspaper men.

If the academic side of the convention doesn't appeal, perhaps the S. I. P. A. dance will have some effect. We don't know how you'll be able to get in though—you have to be a delegate. But if you get down to the station early enough you may be able to grab yourself off a beautiful young newspaper girl. The Lord knows there are enough floating around.

### Embarrassing Moments . . .

Over at Richmond for the Armistice Day celebration, Dr. F. P. Gaines was billed to make the guest speech of the evening over the radio. In all his oratorical glory, Mayor Bright of Richmond stood up to the microphone in Richmond's big auditorium and delivered a long-winded introductory speech about our college president.

The introductory speech over Dr. Gaines strode to the mike, applause still deafening his ears, took out his watch and noticed that it still lacked ten minutes before the program would be turned on the air . . . It was a most uncomfortable time for the blushing Dr. Gaines and the squirming Mayor Bright.

### Rambblings . . .

Jovial Jimmy Hamilton has been appointed riding master at Southern Seminary for the duration of the year . . . Jimmy, in case you don't know, is a famous old horseman himself . . . What promises to be the best bit in the Troub's "Ah, Wilderness" is the racy portrayal of "Belle," the scandalous sot, by that mysterious Lexington girl . . . Who is she, Mr. Watkin, and what's the phone number? . . . At McCrum's they have a head waiter now or someone who suspiciously looks like one . . . but the service is still the same speedy service . . . you can read "Anthony Adverse" before they bring you your coke . . . From our visit to the Corner store we learn that impresario Jim Hamilton has given out over 100 dollars in cash prizes so far this season . . . Jack Frost, Sigma Nu, is indignant over the notice in Campus Comment that the Sigma Nu's failed to turn in a vote total for Kay Kyser, their own fraternity brother . . . Jack tells us his fraternity went overboard unanimously—32 votes for Kyser. Excuse it, Jack . . .

### Seven Students Confined In Jackson Hospital

Seven students were confined yesterday at the Jackson Memorial hospital. Arthur W. Meyer, of Jackson Heights, New York, and Billy Young, of Little Rock, Ark., were both reported recovering from light attacks of appendicitis. Three cases of colds were registered, those being Eric M. James, of Lock Haven, Pa.; James H. Bierer, of Waban, Mass., and George Larry, of Stuart, Va. Frank Reese, of Hazelton, Pa., was still suffering from a strained back received at a football practice. W. F. Davidson, of Kingston, Pa., was recovering from a run down condition, and Frank Draper, of Troy, N. Y., whose condition they were not able to diagnose, had been allowed to leave and return home.

A week from Monday Dr. Gaines will give his annual address on the English Bible in Lee Chapel. The assembly will be at 11:30 in the morning and is under the auspices of the Christian Council.

## THE EASY CHAIR

By STANFORD SCHEWEL

The gathering of over two hundred high school journalists on the Washington and Lee campus this week-end brings to mind the progress that professional journalism has made throughout the country during the last decade.

In the past the common conception of the reporter was a broken-down hack writer, more often drunk than sober, always broke, and often in consort with thieves, politicians and other such shady characters.

His training was often inadequate. A high school education was usually all that was necessary, and if the reporter had studied Journalism in college this fact was sometimes held against him. The prejudice held by the old line editors against men educated in Journalism was astounding. It is little wonder that the alary drawn by such newspaper men was miserably low, and that public opinion refused to recognize him as an acceptable person.

True this type writer put out some good newspapers. Some of our earlier, pioneer periodicals stand out as monuments to his work. But as all things improve and progress from earlier standards and concepts so has the newspaper man moved forward with long and definite strides.

Journalism has in the past few years definitely become a profession, a profession in as good and high a standing as the more ancient ones of law and medicine. It has its own high standards, educational requirements and exacting code of ethics.

More and more the modern newspaper editor is demanding for his staff the college graduate ed-

ucated in a Journalism school of high standing. No longer is the old type drunken, hack writer permitted on the staff of a progressive newspaper. As one prominent newspaper executive exclaimed at a recent S. I. P. A. convention, "We want trained men of a high character in our organization, men who can fit in with the changing and higher concepts that have become attached to the profession of Journalism."

The truth of this statement is further attested by the fact that every year more and more jobs are being offered to the graduate in the Lee school of Journalism. Our instructors too are constantly being proffered positions in the professional field.

The Lee School of Journalism, which is universally recognized as one of the foremost undergraduate Journalism schools in the nation, has done its part, along with other schools and men prominent in the field, to bring about this changing concept.

The S. I. P. A. convention which is meeting here this week-end is a good example of the higher regard in which professional journalism is now held. It is no accident that each year at this convention the attendance record is broken, and the number of delegates attending far exceed expectations. This is indicative of a trend that is spreading throughout the country, and it is also indicative of the high position of leadership which the Lee School of Journalism is attaining throughout the South and the nation.

Washington and Lee should be proud of the position it holds in this regard.

## PREVUES

The New

Friday—"Last of the Mohicans," with Randolph Scott, Heather Angel, Binnie Barnes, and Bruce Cabot. The old French and Indian War story, with the noble frontiersmen playing the hero roles, and the French as the villains. The story is pretty stale, but the picture is well-done and fairly exciting.

Saturday—"Old Hutch," with Wallace Beery in the same old role of making faces into the camera. He plays the part of a ne'er do well who finds a hundred thousand dollars. To complicate matters he has a beautiful daughter.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—"The Charge of the Light Brigade," with Errol Flynn and Olivia deHavilland. Romance and history in India and the Crimean war, with Errol Flynn as a dashing young army officer, and Olivia deHavilland as his sweetheart. The picture explains the historic charge by having the brigade's orders changed by Flynn who wants revenge upon a treacherous Indian potentate fighting in the Russian ranks. The history in the picture is screwy, but the show is exciting and well-acted.

The Lyric

Friday—"It's Love Again," with Robert Young and Jessie Matthews. A song and dance picture with an English background. As usual it portrays the efforts of an out-of-work chorus girl to get a job in a show. Not very pretentious, but some good singing, and excellent comedy.

Tuesday—"Seven Sinners," with Edmund Lowe and Lionel Stander. A French murder mystery with Lowe in the bloodhound act. Fast moving with good dialogue and comedy.

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## BETWEEN SHEETS

By BILL BYRN

The decrepit old car drove up to the toll bridge.

"Seventy-five cents," cried the gateman.

"Sold," replied the driver.

Don't grieve and wince with envy as you watch a pair of gifted dancers glide by, floating effortlessly as peanut shucks in a mud puddle. They may be in love, but on the other hand—

A criminology class of Syracuse university has discovered that morons can dance as well, if not better, than most people of normal mentality. They are gifted with an abnormally developed sense of rhythm, the students declare.

A man was once caught by his Mrs.

To the maidservant giving some Krs.

On perceiving his plight,

He suggested in fright:

What a most inconvenient mess Thrs.

Every campus commentator from Columbia to California is featuring the secret "Don'ts" of the co-eds of Boston university. If the men want a second date, the femmes suggest that they:

1. Don't pun all the time.  
2. Don't spent less than 75 cents for dinner.  
3. Don't wear red neckties.  
4. Don't fail to wear garters.  
5. Don't kiss on the first date.  
6. Don't ask a gal to spend any money.

Collegiate versions of the nursery rimes and childhood prayers are ever cropping up. Here we have two adaptations of "Now I lay me down to sleep":

Now I lay me down to rest,  
Before I take tomorrow's test.  
If I should die before I wake,  
Thank gosh, I'd have no test to take.

And:  
Now I sit me down to sleep,  
The lecture's dry, the subject's deep.

If he should quit before I wake,  
Give me a punch, for goodness sake!

Which reminds us that if all the students who went to sleep in class were laid end to end, they would be a lot more comfortable.

Not merely the wrong number—Drunk in telephone booth: "Number, Hell! I want my peanuts!"

Three alligators, seven white mice, three turtles, and several cats and dogs were taken alive in a spectacular 'forbidden pet hunt,' held recently by Columbia dormitory authorities.

"Are you psychis'?"

"Yes, seer."

Amen!

# Blue Harriers Leave Today For Conference Meet at Durham

## Ragon Has Best Record In Time Trials This Year

### DUKE, N. CAROLINA FAVORED TO WIN

#### Eight Men to Represent Washington and Lee At Meet

Washington and Lee's cross-country team will reach the climax of its season in the Southern conference meet at Durham Saturday. Although not a favorite to win, the General Harriers will enter a well-balanced team against the fastest competition the Southern conference has seen in the past few years.

The Blue team has shown a steady improvement throughout the season, with Ragon turning in the best time of the year over the Washington and Lee course in the time trials Tuesday afternoon. Every member of the team will be in first class shape for the meet Saturday. While not predicting a victory, Coach Fletcher expects a good showing from the Washington and Lee squad.

#### Duke, N. C. Favored

Duke and North Carolina are heavy favorites to win, with Davidson, the University of Virginia, Richmond, North Carolina State, Furman and William and Mary also in the running. North Carolina will have the advantage of being familiar with its own course.

"No small amount of the success of the team this year has been due to the efforts of Capt. Bob Kingsbury," stated Coach Fletcher. "His spirit has set a good example for the team."

First place for Washington and Lee has been divided among four runners in four meets. Edwards came in first for the Blue and White in the initial meet of the season, with North Carolina; Harvey was the first runner for the Generals in their triumph over V. P. I.; Prater led the Blue team across the finish line in the Richmond meet, and Ragon was the first General runner to come in in the state meet. This quartet, with Capt. Kingsbury and Darsie Niell, Thurman and Nielson will represent Washington and Lee

# SPE's Defeat Phi Psi to Win Consolations

## Football Team Stages Rugged Comeback After Early Defeat

Undaunted by their overwhelming first-round defeat by the A. T. O.'s, the S. P. E.'s came back playing heads-up football to vanquish three other intramural grid teams and win the consolation championship.

The S. P. E.'s began their drive with an easy victory of seven first downs to two over the D. U.'s, and continued their winning streak by downing the Lambda Chi's 13 to 0 in a second-half campaign. Smith started the scoring by intercepting a long pass intended for a Lambda Chi end and returning it 40 yards for the first counted. He later intercepted another pass to put the ball in scoring position so that a heave from Carolan to Brydges accounted for the final score.

The Phi Psi's were the next victims of the S. P. E.'s, losing a hard fought battle, 6-0. Again the consolation champs were slow in starting their drive. A fumbled lateral gave the Phi Psi's the ball on the S. P. E. 10-yard line, but a stubborn stand prevented their scoring and the half ended after their fourth try.

The champs then started a long drive for the goal line. Taking the ball on the kick-off, they worked their way up to the eight-yard line with short passes, and again the scoring combination, Carolan to Brydges, was effective. The defensive rushing of Amis helped thwart several attempts of the Phi Psi's to run over a tying score, and his blocking on offense was of no little value to them. Reid playing the opposite end from Amis, caused his opponents a great amount of trouble, while the charging linemen of the Phi Psi's found it impossible to get by the lanky tackle, Glascock. Carolan, Brydges, and Smith were the powers in the backfield. Nichols, Segrue, Goff and Young showed up well for the Phi Psi's.

# Brigadier Record Shows 1 Win, 2 Losses, 2 Ties

## Overwhelming Victory Over University of Virginia Remains as Brightest Spot in Season as Little Generals Close Gridiron Campaigns for Year

Despite the poor showing on the "won and lost" column, the Brigadiers finished a good year of football on last Friday. They were out-weighted in most of the games and played the first part of the schedule in the rain and still showed a good running attack and uncovered a few varsity potentialities for next year.

They started the season with a 19-19 tie with the heavier S. M. A. team. Harrison Hogan, former Kentucky all-state fullback, scored the first touchdown in the first period with an off-tackle plunge. The cadets then went down to the one-yard line where a spirited goal line stand averted a score, but Hogan's kick from behind the goal line was blocked and S. M. A. recovered on the 4-yard stripe, from which point they pushed the ball over. Abbott later went over for a touchdown from the 4-yard line and then threw the ball 27 yards to Humphreys for the other score.

#### Tie Richmond

Then traveling to Richmond they played the Spider frosh there and were held to a scoreless tie. Playing on a muddy field, the fumbles were plentiful and the passes and trick plays few. A fumble on the 3-yard line lost a touchdown for the Blue and White. The first quarter was mainly a punting duel between Hogan and Veasey of Richmond, in which Hogan was slightly the better. The game ended with Washington and Lee holding the ball on the Richmond 8-yard line. Dick Boisseau was out with a hip injury.

Playing in the rain again, the

Baby Generals lost a Carl Hubbell game to V. P. I., 2-0. Playing straight power football the V. P. I. squad was too strong for the lighter Washington and Lee forward wall, and made several goal line stands. They blocked Jim Humphrey's kick and Kantner, V. P. I. end, fell on it in the end zone.

#### Trim Virginia

Before a Homecoming crowd they gained their first victory of the year over Virginia by a 24-6 margin. Hogan's nose, which was hurt in the V. P. I. game, was healed sufficiently to allow him to play wearing a nose guard. Abbott was high scorer with three tallies to his credit. Muldoon intercepted a shovel pass on the 28-yard line and ran the other 7 yards for a touchdown.

The Brigadiers lost the last game of the season to a "Beef Trust" Maryland team. The Old Liners halted four of the Washington and Lee touchdown drives by intercepting their passes. The Maryland team scored the only tally of the day in the first period. Another touchdown by Maryland was called back because two of the four laterals in the play went forward. Captain Dick Boisseau, a Virginia all-state tackle, called time out after every play to conserve the seconds left in the game, and the last three plays were run off in 20 seconds. Capt. Boisseau, Muldoon, and Littrell starred in the line and Bob Hobson played a very fine game in the backfield.

The season's record is one win, two losses and two ties.

# Fighting Irish Picked to Win

## Rommel Picks Dartmouth Over Princeton, Yale Over Harvard

America's mighty gridiron teams have become so evenly matched that breaks have been the deciding factor as to the outcome of the encounters. For this reason the dopestera have met with plenty of grief and their predictions have suffered accordingly.

This week's card is studded with such outstanding games as Notre Dame-Northwestern, Dartmouth-Princeton, and the annual Yale-Harvard classic.

Notre Dame decisively trumped Army's Monk Meyer last weekend, and the game with Northwestern tomorrow promises to be a very interesting affair. The game is being played in the Ramblers' own back-yard where they are particularly strong, so the conquerors of Minnesota's juggernaut will have to claw hard to best their host. Northwestern is favored, but Notre Dame is picked to upset the Wildcats out of a national championship.

**Dartmouth Meets Princeton**  
Dartmouth and Princeton will clash forces in a very close game. Dartmouth will be out to revenge their last year's defeat at the hands of the Tigers, but the Princeton lads will be on the rebound of a heart-breaking Yale defeat last week-end. Dartmouth gets the toss of a coin.

Larry Kelley and Harvard will tangle in the Bowl, and the great end will lead his team to a triumph over the Harvard players. Yale's Blue made a fine showing against Princeton, and all-American Kelley was instrumental in the victory. This traditional battle is always a hard-fought, spectacular affair.

North Carolina, vanquished by Duke, will have an earlier afternoon with the Gamecocks of

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# Northwestern Leads AP Poll

## Wildcats Lead Minnesota In Nation's Football Scramble

With the football season rapidly reaching its conclusion, the Wildcats of Northwestern continue to maintain their position as the nation's leading machine, according to the Associated Press poll.

The Wildcats, who have accumulated 337 votes, are closely trailed by Minnesota. The Gophers have 331 votes. Behind the two Big Ten teams come Fordham, Pitt, L. S. U., Washington, Marquette, Alabama, Santa Clara, and Pennsylvania in the order named.

This week-end will contribute three important games to the country's schedule in an effort to clear up the Rose Bowl and national championship situations. Marquette meets Duquesne in Pittsburgh, Fordham collides with Georgia in New York, and Minnesota battles Wisconsin in Minneapolis.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

Northwestern	337
Minnesota	331
Fordham	257
Pittsburgh	240
Louisiana State	166
U. of Washington	165
Marquette	154
Alabama	150
Santa Clara	143
Pennsylvania	25

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# Young Drills Cagemen On Passes, Plays

## Coach Stresses Passing As Basketball Practice Gets Under Way

Regular varsity and freshman basketball practice is well under way. Coach Young is training the cagers with well perfected plays to stop their opponents during the coming season.

Coach Young has been stressing the passing department of play for the past week and has devoted considerable time during each practice session to correcting the general passing faults of the team as a whole. He has also had the squad practicing various plays, featuring a variety of passing and pivoting and ending with short shots under the basket. The team has already shown definite improvement in its passing as a result of this practice. The team has not had its first scrimmage yet out at the rate the team is rounding into shape scrimmages are not far away.

#### Freshmen Divided

The freshmen, who are at the present divided into eleven groups of five men each, have been scrimmaging among themselves since Tuesday. Coach Young, who is taking care of them in the absence of Bill Ellis, has been having inter-squad contests, thus giving every boy a chance to play. After each group has seen action he then chooses what might be called all-star teams who then play each other.

The teams are grouped more or less according to their ability and group one appears to be a fast, smart, and aggressive team. At present the number one group is made up of Reinhartz and Thomson at forwards, Little at center, and Armstrong and Humphreys as guards. These five men work well together, with the forwards looking especially good. Other men who have shown up well in early scrimmages are Hobson, Booth, Lewis, Pickard, and Brown.

The first cut in the freshman squad is expected sometime in the near future.

Tubby Owings has been picked by sports writers for honorable mention on all-Southern teams.

# Following the BIG BLUE

By ROBERT NICHOLSON

Why didn't Washington and Lee show up as strong as expected against the Indians last week? Well, listen and you shall hear: Somehow or other the team's extra equipment was left in Lexington when the team was in Norfolk and the boys didn't have any jackets to keep them "hot." And besides—worse calamity—Duane Berry's shoes were stuck back in a corner of the Doremus Gym as the whole team and coaches and managers rushed around the Norfolk locker room to ferret out the mystery. "Where are the captain's shoes?" was the question on every lip. But no captain's shoes were to be found.

The man who finally solved the problem was the ubiquitous Kopenjab—in private life, Red Gilliam—who like the hero of a blood transfusion, offered his shoes to the stocking-footed captain. And the shoes fit. And Berry played. But the Generals, all unnerved by the frantic search, found the Indians tough, and they just managed to win. So ends this bed-time story.

Mr. Fletcher tells an interesting story on himself concerning his recent trip to South Carolina. After the Southern Conference president had made his remarks dedicating the Furman Stadium, he wended his way up into the grandstand where his wife was holding a seat for him and amid a number of elevated Furman alumni, who were very happy.

After his perilous journey, Fletcher sat down beside his wife and asked panting, "Well, how was it?" You could hear the ring of satisfaction in his voice.

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"What?" the track coach whispered. "Just as you started to talk, a couple of gentlemen started climbing around here and they couldn't find their seats. After finally getting settled, they looked and saw you were still speaking, and one of them remarked, 'Nuts, I thought we had come late enough to miss this.'"

With basketball underway, all eyes will turn to see if the Generals can duplicate their great season of last year. Twenty out of twenty-two is a pretty tough assignment, especially when a regular guard drops from school and a leading candidate for a forward position turns up with a broken hand two weeks before the opening of the season. One of the strongest points for the team is a fund of reserve power. Already Coach Young has been able to pull up an excellent and experienced guard in Fielden Woodward. Others who can step in at a minute's notice are: Continued on page four

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# Difficult Schedule For W-L Swimming Team Announced by Twombly

Coach Cy Twombly today announced that beginning on Monday, November 30, the swimming team will hold daily workouts in preparation for the difficult schedule that has been arranged for them.

Previous to the Southern conference championships to be held in Durham, the team will face Duke, Virginia, William and Mary and V. P. I.

Coach Twombly expects to hold time trials before Christmas vacation so that a tentative first team may be selected. At the present Twombly is concentrating on overcoming the weaknesses that have developed in the longer free style events and in the breast-stroke.

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### Newsmen Greet Quill Members

#### Quill and Scroll Banquet Attended by 200 Delegates

Nearly 200 S. I. P. A. delegates gathered at the R. E. Lee hotel last night for the annual Quill and Scroll banquet, heard two eminent newspapermen recount some of their more interesting experiences in serving the Fourth Estate. W. L. T. Crocker, present head of the journalism department of New River State College, Montgomery, W. Va., and a former newshawk in South Carolina and Georgia, and W. C. Stouffer, managing editor of the Roanoke "World-News," were those who spoke.

Introduced by O. W. Riegel, head of the S. I. P. A. and director of the Lee School of Journalism at Washington and Lee, Crocker and Stouffer related numerous anecdotes or their past experiences.

Charles A. Meyer, co-editor of the Montgomery high school "Siren," Montgomery, W. Va., acted as toastmaster at the banquet. The banquet itself was sponsored by the "Siren."

A special edition of the Montgomery school paper, entitled the "Sirenette," and published entirely for the banquet was distributed to the assembled guests. A six-page edition, devoted entirely to S. I. P. A. news, the "Sirenette" was printed and published in Montgomery before being brought here for distribution.

Included in the paper was a letter from H. G. Kump, governor of West Virginia, congratulating the S. I. P. A. for its work "in advancing journalism and promoting better methods of publication in high schools."

"Your work will be most helpful in promoting things essential to the public welfare and vital in our common life. A field of large service opens before you and I wish you success in your every worthy endeavor," the governor asserted.

### Blakeslee

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were described in scientific journals, the speaker said, without creating any apparent interest. Publication of the discoveries in the newspapers, however, resulted in widespread public interest, letters to the discoverer revealed.

"Science is written in newspapers today because it is news, both to the public and to scientists," Mr. Blakeslee declared. "It is written because the newspaper is the natural place for the first telling of an important event. If it is really important the public will take a hand in finding out all the details through the newspapers. I think the public will also take a hand in helping scientists to decide which problems are the most important."

Pointing out efforts which are being made by scientists to discover "the solution of our own troubles and the realization of our hopes," the journalist stated, "it is a significant fact that Russia which is now working out one of the world's most spectacular problems, is appropriating more money than any other nation for official scientific research."

### Honor Roll Announced By Registrar Mattingly

The Mid-semester Honor roll, released today by Mr. Mattingly, contains 50 students who made at least a 90 average, half A's and half B's. Six of these students made all A's.

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### Clapper

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heavily than ever before, in this century at least, upon the press of the nation. This is the new opportunity—and a heavy responsibility it is—which is presented to the press by the Roosevelt landslide."

In his address Mr. Clapper spoke about the beating that the press as a whole took after the recent campaign. He gave examples of some cities whose newspapers were vigorously anti-Roosevelt and said that these newspapers took a "rough beating in spots." Adding, "Most of us in the newspaper business are quite frank to admit, I think, that the press took a beating in the last election." Although the press tried vigorously to use its power, but after "looking over the elections returns, it would appear that if all of this had any effect, it was exactly the reverse of what was intended."

Mr. Clapper said that some have jumped to the conclusion that the press, because of this result, had lost its power. He said though that, "The press remains the greatest medium of popular enlightenment. It remains the most extensive forum for mass discussion of public questions." He said that some newspapers had, day after day, printed speeches and stories that were absolutely anti-Roosevelt and had hidden any possible stories favoring Roosevelt on the inside or unnoticed pages. Mr. Clapper said that this practice was not universal, of course, but was sufficiently widespread to have caused much resentment among newspaper readers as all political reporters who traveled about the country during the campaign discovered. He said that instead of jumping to conclusions as to the loss of power of the

press, "rather it seems to indicate that the power of the press has limitations, and that it ceases to be effective when abused. The power, when used within proper limits, is still there, I believe."

"The press therefore is a public institution with a responsibility to the public." He said that the responsibility of the newspaper is to present a fair and accurate account of the news and to take the lead in fair discussion of public questions.

"But this opportunity calls for intelligent and reasoned discussion, not for mere antagonism and appeals to prejudice. Discussion is the breath of a democracy's life. The constant challenge of one opinion against another is essential. Without it democracy becomes a fragile hothouse growth liable to snap under the first gust of opposition wind. The editorial page is—or should be—America's town hall."

### Beta's, Sigma Chi's Hold House Parties Tomorrow Evening

Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi will hold house parties tomorrow night. Both dances will be formal, each starting at nine and ending at twelve.

The Generals will supply the music for the Beta party, while a band from Roanoke will play for the Sigma Chi's. There are tentative plans for a midnight hayride after the Sigma Chi house party.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon had planned to hold a house party this week-end, but called it off, because they were unable to get a sufficient number of dates.

### Collegian to Appear

The first issue of The Southern Collegian will appear Monday, M. C. Rider, editor, announced today.

### Current Events

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Lewis; 20. Buenos Aires; 21. Manuel Azana; 22. Cordell Hull; 23. Fred Perry; 24. Charles E. Coughlin; 25. Jesse Owens.

26. Irving Thalberg; 27. "Ace" Parker; 28. Raymond Clapper; 29. Chic Sale; 30. Avery Brundage; 31. Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli; 32. Independence, Kan.; 33. Harlan Stone; 34. Dr. Frank Graham; 35. Rexists; 36. C. I. O.; 37. Valencia; 38. Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld; 39. William Green; 40. Colonel de la Rogue; 41. James Farley; 42. Auguste Bartholdi; 43. George Norris; 44. U. S. Social Security Board; 45. Coronet; 46. Glenn Morris; 47. Clark Howell; 48. Rexford G. Tugwell; 49. Chiang Kai-shek; 50. Lulu Belle.

### Chemical Honor Society Extends Bids to Seven

Chi Gamma Theta, honorary chemical fraternity, today sent out bids to the following seven men: Gardner Derr, E. F. Kaczka, Merwin Buchwald, Stewart Over, Ben Lawton, Paul Darsie, Gordon Collins.

In order to be eligible for Chi Gamma Theta students must maintain a B average in chemistry. Only those who have an interest in chemical work and plan to go on in it are pledged, according to Lew William, president of the group.

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### Tucker, Gilliam Elected Episcopal Church Officers

At the annual congregational meeting of the Episcopal church, Dr. R. H. Tucker and Dean Frank Gilliam were elected vestrymen for the coming year, succeeding Dr. Glover Hancock and Mr. Forest Fletcher who will retire.

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