

## Religious Conference Scheduled

Dr. R. S. Rankin of Duke Will Lead 3-Day Affair; Other Speakers Slated

The relation of religion to present-day world affairs will be the keynote of a widely revamped religious program on the campus. Slated to be held March 12, 13 and 14, the University Religious Conference will be led by Dr. Robert S. Rankin, professor of political science at Duke University.

In addition to the main addresses to be given in Lee Chapel each morning during the three-day period, six discussion leaders will speak in the various schools here at 7:30 each evening.

Samuel E. Stumpf, graduate student at the University of Chicago, former Naval chaplain and now Baptist minister will conduct discussions slanted toward the Law and Pre-law students here.

### Other Speakers Listed

Commerce students will hear Dr. Rankin and Dr. Cameron E. Hall, executive secretary of the Industrial Relations Division of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Cameron's subject will be "Wanted: A New Political Philosophy for the U.S." and Dr. Hall will speak on "Implications of Christian Faith in Relation to Prevailing Problems in Industry and Labor."

Describing the new plan of events, Dr. James L. Price, Director of Religious Activities at Washington and Lee, said, "This is a new departure in program organization."

In the past religious emphasis for Washington and Lee students has been in the form of classroom lectures and dormitory discussions by various clergymen. During the

## Sidewalks Now Being Constructed For Splinterville Along Route 60

By Owen Easley

Construction of a gravel walk from the Nelson street bridge on the right side of Route 60 to the Splinterville emergency student housing settlement will probably be completed within a few days. Henry L. Ravenhorst, University housing administrator announced today.

Lack of provision in the United States Public Housing administration appropriation for the construction of a sidewalk along Nelson street in the original contract forced the university to resort to the use of maintenance funds in order to make the addition, Mr. Ravenhorst said.

Work on the connecting sidewalk has been delayed because the small maintenance crew has been kept busy getting the project into proper shape for the occupants in the Splinterville settlement. A walkway along Myers street for the Hillside Terrace residents will be made as soon as weather permits the completion of driveways there, the university housing administrator asserted.

Lexington officials plan to coat the gravel walks for both settlements with blacktop when the weather permits. Laying a blacktop section during freezing weather or rainy weather would only be a waste of time, they explained, because the material laid under such conditions buckles and crumbles very readily.

Constructing sidewalks along municipal streets is normally the function of the town or city government with the government and the landowners whose property fronts on the proposed walk sharing the expenses. Jim Dunlap, town engineer, pointed out. An understrength Lexington work crew pressed by other installations for the two projects had been unable to get an earlier start on the

walk, he said. The walk now under construction on Nelson street will be four feet wide and run from the end of the highway bridge to the last prefabricated dwelling on the right side of the road. A similar sidewalk is being planned to parallel Myers street in front of the Hillside Terrace houses.

A sidewalk for the left side of Nelson street was deemed unnecessary because of a system of interlocking walkways connecting the area with Washington street on the north. An embankment fronting on part of this strip and the absence of a pedestrian lane on the left side of the Nelson street bridge were also factors in the decision to construct only one walk, Mr. Ravenhorst said, with the study group.

## Study Group Would Legalize Vote Pledging

Constitution Panel Wants Politics Open, Considers NFU, Crew Problems

Campus politics can be moved out of huts in the mountains and fraternity house furnace rooms if students agree with the Constitution study panel that the don't-pledge-votes section of the Constitution should be dropped.

The panel met again Wednesday to continue its yardsticking of opinion on the present document. For the second straight week every one of the seven members agreed that the clause which requires delegates to the nominating convention to swear that they have not pledged their vote is "completely hypocritical."

Recognizing that politics and pledging have been going on since Adam and Eve, the investigating committee is expected to submit an amendment at spring elections to eliminate restrictions on trading votes. This would open campus politics for the first time since the 30's, when a clique was called a clique.

### NFU Recognition

In connection with electoral procedures, the committee also discussed recognition of the Non-Fraternity Union as the official representative of non-fraternity men on the campus. Currently, the Constitution does not mention the NFU as such.

Non-fraternity men will rate 60 delegates to the spring nominating convention, and the committee spent an hour mulling over the possibility of the NFU's listing its active members and then choosing delegates to the convention. Under this proposal, men not on the NFU roster would have no representation at the nominating convention. They would still vote in the May elections, however.

At least two members of the panel indicated they are studying methods to open politics and recognize the NFU before this spring's balloting. The committee will present its amendments or a rewritten Constitution on the day of elections, under present plans, and changes would have no effect before September, 1947.

Leading NFU representatives will be called next week to sit in

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# Six Students, Journalism Teacher Are Elected to Phi Beta Kappa



PIRATE BAND Pictured during the figure, the pirates and their dates camp down on the dance floor to await the rest of the figure participants

## Additional 1947 Graduates Will Be Selected in the Spring

Seven students—six from the class of 1947 and one from the class of 1945—and one faculty member have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and will be initiated this Spring, it was announced by Chapter Secretary Allen W. Moger, Thursday noon.

The men elected are:

Rodney Mims Cook, DTD, political science major from Atlanta who came here in 1942, did academic work in V-12 at University of Richmond, and returned here last fall;

John Lloyd Dorsey, Jr., SAE from Henderson, Ky., who got his A.B. here and is now in Law School. He left W. and L. in 1943, served as an infantry officer in the Army and returned here last fall.

Lloyd Jackson Lanich, Jr., SN, from Cumberland, Md., political science major who first came here in 1940 and did all his academic work at W. and L.

Kenneth Grant Smith, Phi Gam, from Manitowish, Wis., Geology major who first came here in 1937 and received his B.S. in February, 1947. He attended Grinnell College under the ASTP, and is now entered in Law School.

From the class of 1945 Omer Thomas Kaylor, Jr., Phi Psi of Hagerstown, Md., now law student here. Kaylor got his B.S. at W. and L. after entering in 1942. He did academic work at the University of North Carolina and the Harvard Business School while in the Navy.

The honorary appointment from the faculty went to Oscar Wetherhold Riegel, A.B. University of Wisconsin 1934, M.A., Columbia 1930, professor of journalism here and Director of the Lee Journalism Foundation.

The announcement listed two other men, James W. Hartman, PIKA from Tazewell, Virginia, and Edward P. Lyons, SX, from Memphis, whose names were released last fall.

A statement from the Society accompanying the election announcement reads:

"In announcing these elections, the Phi Beta Kappa Society announces also that a further election from the class of 1947 will be held later when reports for the current semester become available. The Society wished to give all the weight possible to superior post-war work and notes that there are some records which are distinguished but, at present, too short to serve as a basis for selection."

Dr. Moger said that because of smaller, more frequent graduating classes, the election to Phi Beta Kappa will be held several times per calendar year.

He asserted that initiation of all elected would be held in late April or early May.

## Ballengee Fills Vacancy on EC

### Intermediate Lawyer Replaces Tom Fleming

James M. Ballengee, intermediate law student from Charleston, W. Va., was designated to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee when it met Tuesday night, Ryland Dodson, committee secretary, announced this week.

The vacancy, created by the resignation of Tom Fleming to accept the part-time position of laboratory instructor in a journalism photography class, was for an intermediate law student—one who has finished at least one semester in law school.

Applications of several students were submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration. Ballengee, who was accepted, has recently been added to the staff of the spring edition of the Law Review.

Dodson also announced that the committee appointed Garland Harwood to the Assimilation Committee. Harwood is class president of Academic Seniors.

### NOTICE

Two rhinestone bracelets found in gym. Call John Fox at 784.

## Spindle, Dorsey Edit Law Review

Six Students Elected To Fill Late Vacancies

Senior law students Richard B. Spindle of Norfolk, Ky., and John Dorsey of Henderson, Ky., have been designated as co-editors of the spring edition of Washington and Lee's Law Review, Professor Theodore A. Smedley, faculty advisor, announced this week.

In his announcement Smedley said that six new men, having been selected on the basis of high scholastic grades in law school, are being added to replace the vacancies in the staff of graduating students. The new men, who will publish the June edition, include E. Daniel Wells of Westlake, Texas, Edwin Page Preston, Stanley E. Sacks, Bernard Levin, all of Norfolk, and James Ballengee and James Henry Murphy of Charleston, W. Va.

Men chosen for the Law Review staff must have an average of 80, the equivalent of A's and B's in the undergraduate school. Both Spindle, who graduates in October, and Dorsey, who finishes in June, are leaders in their classes.

Shortage of paper has delayed the publication of the fall edition of the Law Review, the first since the war. Professor Smedley said that he anticipated an available supply of paper in the spring and that the spring edition should be promptly published in June.

### Conference Feature

A feature of the Conference will be a series of discussions on interfaith understanding to be given by Rabbi David Wice, Newark, N.J., representative of the Jewish Chautauque Society, Rev. A. G. Selhorst, first resident priest for the Lexington parish and former Army chaplain will be the Catholic representative in these discussions.

"It is hoped that the discussions will interest a wide segment of our student body," Dr. Price commented, "and that through these talks a great many students will further investigate the challenge of Christianity to the individual and society."

In planning this religious conference, Dr. Price stated, "Our purpose has been to bring to this campus laymen and ministers whose educational and professional interests have been in those fields for which men are preparing themselves at W&L."

"Feeling that wives are an integral part of the collegiate family," the Program Committee is arranging a series of talks on "Christian Conceptions of Marriage" and "The Home in Relation to Prevailing Conditions," Dr. Price added.



Robert S. Rankin

annual Religious Emphasis Week heretofore observed on the campus, students were given talks on a wide range of religious topics.

Continuing with the planned roster for the three-day "Schools of the University Plan," as the new program has been named, Dr. Price said science and pre-med students will be invited to attend group talks led by Dr. Sidney S. Negus on "Science and Religion." Dr. Negus is Professor of Chemistry at the Medical College of Virginia.

## \$1,400 Fancy Dress Deficit Is Termed 'Customary' by Marable

By Ed Jackson

The 38th annual Fancy Dress weekend, bright as a neon in every other respect, skidded more than \$1,400 into the red, the first incomplete financial report showed.

That is nothing new, Set President Gene Marable explained as he issued the preliminary statement. It is customary for the profits of Opening and Spring dances to pay expected deficits of Fancy Dress and Finals sets.

1946 Openings showed nearly \$1,000 profit, and that means, Marable pointed out, the Student Body Reserve Fund will be tapped for just a little over \$400 to cover the loss on what students universally have termed "the best weekend yet."

The "Carnival in Rio" weekend picked up party-time momentum like a snowball going down the front campus. Two formal dances, one costumed ball, one tea dance and ten glasses of tomato juice after it began under a 15-inch blanket of snow, Fancy Dress,

and no figure since the Williamsburg restoration scene in 1939 had made such a lasting impression on perennial Fancy Dress-goers. Over-smiling but sweet-playing Elliot

Lawrence is one orchestra, students said, that should be brought back to Washington and Lee.

Mrs. L. J. Desha, Mrs. William Pusey, Vice-President Cliff Hood and the Wives Club arranged a "strictly different" figure, staged by fifty students and their dates as the 30-minute opening send-off to the Ball itself.

Seven distinctly clad groups stepped into the Doremus replica of Rio's Avenida Rio Branco, circled a fountain and retired to corners where they carried out brief pantomimes characteristic of their garb.

Barefooted, smutty-faced Pirates swaggered to their corner to open a treasure chest, presenting with costume jewelry.

Lognette-carrying Victorians, acting "above it all," looked down their noses at other revelers.

The big-belted men of the Pampas, the Gauchos, took off their sombreros and rolled two enor-

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## Activities Shorts

### Baptist Speaker

According to a notice received yesterday, Mr. Jack Wyrzten, Director of "The Word of Life" radio hour and founder of the "Youth For Christ" movement will be presented to the young people of Lexington as a featured speaker on Monday, March 3, at the Manley Memorial Baptist Church.

Under the sponsorship of the Baptist Training Union, Mr. Wyrzten will open his address at 7:45 p.m. All Washington and Lee students and faculty members are cordially invited.

### Glee Club Trip

Tom Hook, President of the Washington and Lee Glee Club announced early this week that the Club will enter a state-wide singing contest at Portsmouth in the near future.

Hook also announced that although activity had been partially curtailed by the practise of new music, the Glee Club sang the Swing last week for the Bicentennial movie. The song will be used as background music for the forthcoming technicolor production.

The Glee Club also gave a concert at a meeting of the Junior Women's Club at the Mayflower Hotel.

Hook said that night practices will be held for the rest of the year replacing afternoon practices which were interfering with the Spring athletic program.

Three new members have been added to the club to replace the students who left after the end of last semester.

### IRC Hears Borsody

Istvan Borsody, Hungarian Press Attache and Counselor to the Hungarian Legation in Washington made an off-the-record talk to almost a hundred students and faculty in Washington Chapel last night.

The speech, sponsored jointly by Sigma Delta Chi and the International Relations Club, dealt with economics and political problems of the Balkan peoples.

Mr. Borsody explained the effects of Allied and Axis propaganda on the Hungarian people and told of the boundary difficulties brought about by the scattered settlements of the various

Balkan nationalities brought about by the scattered settlements of the various Balkan nationalities.

### TKI Discusses VD

A different approach to the subject of VD was made by Dr. Robert Munger, former University physician in a Tuesday night talk to members of Tau Kappa Iota, honorary biology society.

Dr. Munger's talk dealt with the history and theories on the origin of syphilis. He traced the disease from the 15th century when it was first discovered and thought to be caused by the stars, to the present time when it still presents a grave health problem.

Members said the talk was refreshingly different from the usual harangue on the subject given in

### Canterbury Club

The Rev. James E. Bethea will address a meeting of the Canterbury Club on Sunday, March 1. The topic for discussion will be "How to Use Morning Prayer Intelligently."

Club President Tom Wright announced that all members and non-members are invited to attend.

## Riegel Is 'Enemy of Democratic Freedom' According to Kremlin's Foreign Broadcast

By Leigh Smith

Ever alert to prevent the Russian foreign policy from being misinterpreted, Radio Moscow in a broadcast beamed to central Europe blew its hot breath down into the Shenandoah Valley earlier this month to label O. W. Riegel, journalism professor here, "an enemy of democratic freedom."

Commenting on a speech titled "Hungarian Bridgehead" made by Professor Riegel, who was U. S. Cultural Attache in Budapest during 1945-1946, the Kremlin broadcast said, "Apart from simpletons and discredited reactionaries no one would believe the speech."

In its decrial of Mr. Riegel, headlined "Dean Distorts Essence of Balkan Fight," Radio Moscow asserted that Mr. Riegel "had annulled with a single stroke of the pen the democratic achievements of southeastern European countries."

Mr. Riegel described his speech as a "plea for a more aggressive policy in getting information about the United States and American democracy into Hungary."

Identified by the Red broadcast, picked up by U. S. monitors, as "Dean of the Faculty of Journalism at Washington University," Mr. Riegel explained that while the incident doesn't directly concern the American public, it is a symptom of the clash of ideologies in the Soviet sphere of eastern Europe.

He said the speech was distorted to varying degrees by all elements concerned. "The Budapest press featured only my comment favorable to Hungary."

He called the Moscow blast an obvious attempt to discredit him and the point of view expressed in his speech with the people of Hungary, many of whom hold American democracy in high regard.

Actually, Mr. Riegel's speech, given on a nation-wide hook-up as part of a series to inform Americans of current foreign situations, was a discription of economic, political and cultural aspects of Hungary. He told of the American Information Service established there shortly after the end of the war. The service aims to give Hungarians a broader view of American policies and customs.

The speech was originally made over CBS January 25 and re-broadcast two days later over WRVA in Richmond. Hungarian papers received the news January 30 and carried "favorable" reports of it the following day. Moscow made its comeback ten days later.

After completing his tour of duty in Italy under the OWI, Mr. Riegel was sent to Budapest in July 1945 by the State Department. While in Hungary he established the United States Information Service there. It is the only news service for disseminating American views to the Hungarian people.



FANCY DRESS '47 View taken from the bandstand shows the jam packed dance floor of Doremus Gymnasium at the first post-war Fancy Dress Ball

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## The Infirm Infirmary

Some days ago, just on the eve of Fancy Dress, a friend of ours hurt himself badly enough in a fall to be taken to the local hospital. It was some time, approximately forty-five minutes, before treatment was begun—but finally the injury was stitched and bandaged and the boy put to bed.

Later that evening when we visited our friend we found him feeling pretty low. But when we left a half hour later we were even lower—for having to realize that this place was the hospital for our community. One does not expect to find a hospital a bed of roses; but when he is confined there, he should not have the feeling that he would be a lot better off taking care of himself in his own dormitory room.

It is our frank opinion that Lexington needs a new hospital—and needs it badly! But perhaps as mere students, as unofficial residents, we have over-stepped in venturing a suggestion as to what should be done about the hospital as a whole and as it concerns the entire community. We cannot, however, feel unjustified in mentioning the hospital as it concerns us; so in that connection we would like to suggest that the University get for itself an infirmary with uncracked walls, linoleum floors, and an atmosphere reminiscent of some period later than the early 1870's.

For the time, the solution would be to convert the South Dormitory into such a place. It would readily adapt itself to such a change. There are plumbing facilities and spaces for an office, an examining room, and three wards—already neatly and substantially partitioned off. It would not be grand; but it would at least be on a par with the temporary structures built by the Army and Navy during the war years. We would not want to say as much for the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Nor could we if we wanted.

When the gymnasium is extended sometime in the next two years the South Dorm will necessarily be destroyed. But if the suggested change were made in the meantime, destruction of that building should not—must not—mean the end of the University infirmary. On the contrary, the Bicentennial is the perfect opportunity to provide the University with a fire-proof and efficient infirmary capable of accommodating, say, twenty men. It could very easily be incorporated as a part of one of the larger units already proposed—the auditorium or the gymnasium extension.

It is very well, very admirable, to plan for future generations and provide them with scholarships and buildings which will one day be mellowed and covered with ivy... but we should plan too—plan first—for the students of 1947. Some would call this being selfish. We would call it being practical. The average school today has an independent infirmary; but the Washington and Lee student must go to a community hospital with an already over-worked staff and accommodations which even a well person would find decidedly unpleasant.

With a full-time staff, the new infirmary would provide students with a place where they could always be sure of getting immediate treatment under the most agreeable conditions possible.

A further possible advantage, so far as the student is concerned, would be that of a smaller "hospital" bill.

Washington and Lee needs this infirmary today. We need it more than an auditorium, or a science building, or endowed chairs, or even scholarships; and to provide ourselves with it will be to lay one more foundation stone on which we may securely build our promising future. —Ed.

## \$15 Cokes

There as a discordant note struck at Fancy Dress last weekend. It occurred when students went to the refreshment booth to purchase soft drinks. There, a sign notified them that drinks were 15c each.

A quick survey of the economics of this price reveals that at 25 crates a night (the usual allowance), the cost is roughly \$20 which leaves a profit of \$70. Total income at 15c a bottle is \$90. Cokes cost 80c a crate, other soft drinks 70c a crate—total at 77c average \$19.25. Allow 75c for ice and the total cost comes to \$20, leaving \$70 profit.

It may be pointed out that cups were furnished for drinks which provided an added expense. This, however was not the case since three cokes would more than fill four cups which were then disposed of at the 15c rate.

It has been customary at past dances to charge 10c for soft drinks. This price provides a profit of \$40 since the income is \$60. Bear in mind that these figures are for each night—multiply by the number of nights in a dance set to get the grand total.

We have been advised that the dance president appoints some person to operate the concession for the set and that that person gets all of the profits. It seems to us that the students are paying entirely too much for this convenience. If there are no students willing to operate the concession at the old rate of 10c, then at future sets, the dance president should hire outside people to run it and apply the profits to the cost of the dance.—W.B.P.

## In The Old Arm Chair

with Louis Spilman

(Waynesboro News Virginian)

After three weeks of close contact with 15 of the young gentlemen at nearby Washington and Lee University's School of Journalism who comprise the class in advanced interpretative reporting, we are convinced there is little fundamental difference in the young man of today and the young man of 25 to 30 years ago... or of those who attended our colleges 10, 15 or 20 years ago, for that matter. And such conclusion affords much inspiration and encouragement; because the older we get the more susceptible we are to the belief that the younger generation is deteriorating.

The same refreshing enthusiasm for things new; the same boundless energy that encompassed so many extra-curricular activities; the same indomitable spirit that was hell-bent on conquering an antagonistic world; the same self-assurance that knew no limitation and recognized no master; and the same conviction that all which existed was wrong but would soon be set aright by our personal and uninhibited efforts, abounds today as it did a few decades ago.

And what is wrong with such unharnessed vigor and strength? The progress of civilization depends upon it. It was just yesterday, we assure you, that we debated minimum wage laws, the 8-hour day, and aspects of what is now social security with all the seriousness of hardened economists. Today we debate advanced phases of the same social and industrial problems. There is ever a move forward; there are even the unrestrained radicals who speak their minds without fear or favor. What matter if a few decades hence they will be the conservatives and a new generation of radicals will have emerged? Today, thank Heaven, they are carrying the torch.

In a number of respects this present crop of university undergraduates is far advanced over the devotees of peg-top pants who held forth in our collegiate circles a quarter of a century ago. There is evidence of greater poise, greater depth of understanding, and an exhibition of more serious purpose, perhaps. But fundamentally there is the same spread of interest; the same extraordinary demand upon time; the same tangents and the same concentration on extraneous interests.

God grant we may never lose the influence of young and vigorous minds upon our political, social and industrial problems. The impact of each succeeding wave of youth is of inestimable value. Without this influx of new and unrestrained thought our civilization lapse into such smug complacency that its own inelasticity would destroy it. There is need for experience, age and counsel but there is equal need for a new uninhibited viewpoint, youth and action.

It's possible to be high-up and pretty low down at the same time.

If your barber is strangely silent, it may be that he just finished cutting a woman's hair.

In looking for someone to criticize, don't turn your head away when passing a mirror.

Some men go to college to learn how to express their ignorance in scientific terms.

# Campus Comment

By Ty Tyson

Fancy Distress, 1947... Well, kiddies, Washington and Lee's annual "Winter Carnival in Rio" is just a merry memory at this writing, but all seem to agree that Messrs. Marable, Hood, Heard, Christian, Ballenger, Rowe, Shufford, et al, did a splendid job with the wintry weekend. Never before have the elements been so completely in contrast with the theme, however, the plans are already underway for next year's suggested Carnival in Kamchatka.

Countless dates were stranded in various places throughout America, countless numbers just didn't try, and hundreds of determined females shovelled their way into the hearts of their countrymen by arriving with a cheery "Better late, than never" on their frost-bitten lips. But, Washington and Lee men and, especially, Washington and Lee women are a hardy lot where Fancy Dress is concerned and the 1947 version of Marable's Melee was the biggest ever... in many ways.

The Auto Club led the way in strength of numbers, by having on hand some odd (And we say this latter word, advisedly) 48 women for the frigid festivities, which is probably some sort of a record for the event. The Phi Delt lads were closely followed by "Charitable Charlie" Brennan's fraternity, Delta Tau Delta with 43 and the Kappa Sigis with a thirsty 35.

Even old Cap'n Bob Gates and company's beloved Phi Kappa Sigma crashed through with some 34 foibles of femininity which also is some sort of a record. Of course, this figure includes about 18 wives, 12 who came to meet Gene Marable, and the four left over from their fall houseparty.

All in all, Fancy Distress, 1947 brought more wine, women, weather, and whoopee than any since the fabulous pre-war era. We look bravely forward to next year's Carnival in Kamchatka and promise to throttle the first VOICE columnist who cracks, "Al-askan eskimo next time."

Bon Voyage Dept... Probably the outstanding story to come out of a weekend that was full of outstanding stories, concerns "Rapid Ray" English of the Phi Psi lodge.

It seems that old Ray's Packard got weathered in on Jefferson St. sometime Friday afternoon and he was forced to attend the little social gathering at the Phi Kap house. Being a naturally good mixer, he exchanged social amenities, paid his compliments to the housemother and her guests, mingled with the proletariat in the rumpus room, shot some dice on the third floor rear, and chatted amiably over the punchbowl with the Southern Sem chaperones.

After several hours and several glasses of fruit punch, old Ray had to dash off to an emergency meeting of the Christian Council. Naturally sorry to see him go, the housemother and her guests, Southern Sem chaperones, and assorted proletariat saw him to the door. "Rapid Ray" climbed through a snowdrift, leaped into his little electric racer and prepared to speed off into the night.

Cheerily waving goodbye to the enthusiastic group on the porch, he pressed his foot on the accelerator, felt a surge of power beneath him, and zoomed out of the snowdrift, leaving both rear fenders behind him! We're still wondering if he ever got to that emergency meeting of the Christian Council.

Potshots at Random and Others... Most enjoyable weekend was probably spent by Nat "Squirrel" Weaver, Red Springs, N.C., party-boy. His date couldn't come Thursday because she was having her picture taken for the high-school year book, got snowed in on Friday, and missed the bus on Saturday. The "Squirrel" wound up a perfectly good weekend and can hardly wait for Spring dances... Bill Kirk finally got Bea Moore, his Hollins-hobby, to pay for the pin which she's now featuring... Old "Fuz" Van Vliet wowed them at Fancy Pants with his Oriental garb, complete with cane. 'Twas enough to make a man commit Occidental homicide... Incidentally, "The Cane" must be pretty bitter these days. He took one look at this columnist's Swiss short-pants and slyly remarked, "You're the only one dressed to fit his personality." Quite a wag, that boy!... Jack Wilhelm sent his date home Saturday afternoon to avoid the rush... Then there were the Baker (Or Bobsy) twins over at Phi Delta Theta, but that's another story... "Suits" Harter of the Sigma Nu abode used to be the "White Star Refinery's" number one Sem-smoothie... but, no more. Seems that the "Suits" got a stag bid to the Sem's Winter formal... Ed Waddington currently Phi-sighing over Flo Leechman, monumental Maconite. Quite a towering twosome... "Influence" Cunningham again had Cliff "Vitamin" Hood running up and down those icy stares, but he loves it...

## On the Other Hand...

By B. Judy

Not that I would concede yet that airplanes are not here to stay, but I have experienced a certain uneasiness the past month or two over the future of the dadgum flying contraptions. I have a feeling, one might say, that airplanes are not all they are cracking up to be.



Judy

Most of us, being by nature land animals, were impressed by the many full-page advertisements which appeared in the press last month—(conceived by, concerning and financed by the airlines)—which extolled the efficiency and excellence of commercial aviation in having completed "the safest record in its history" during 1946.

Just as a laboratory exercise in Advanced Accounting, I have jotted down the air fatalities which have occurred since January 26, as reported in The New York Times, a metropolitan journal of salient reliability. As of February 26—one fleeting month—327 people have been killed in air tragedies. This figure may not be accurate to the last head, but it is within one DC-3 load of being correct. It does not include, of course, the many casualties resulting from crashes of small, private, "spin-proof" planes, too insignificant to make the Times.

The reasons for this increasing number of air disasters are com-

plicated by the very nature of the industry. Harrison Kinney, The Author and veteran air traveller, claims that they are all due to the inclement weather which prevails in midwinter. Kinney, who has what the legal fledgling would call an "equity," in a comely TWA hostess, wore himself to the nub trying to persuade her to take out a six-figure insurance policy (with him as beneficiary, of course) prior to her flight here from New Orleans for Fancy Dress.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has issued a report, said to have been written by Westbrook Pegler, himself an air expert of a sort, suggesting that all of the recent crashes have been due to clever infiltration of communists into the aviation industry. This thought seems worthy of some consideration, inasmuch as not one of the 317 casualties reported in the Times, a confirmed advocate of the free enterprise system, was communist!

The airlines claim, quite naturally, in testimony before a congressional committee, that approximately 85 per cent of the air crashes are due to misjudgments, errors and carelessness on the part of the pilots. Heirs of the pilots, in most cases, have found themselves in the embarrassing position of being unable to present any evidence to the contrary. Impartial observers, on the other hand, are inclined to place a share of the blame on the airlines themselves.

For years, commercial airlines have indulged in expansive pub-

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# Contest Tonight With VPI Determines Tournament Bid

## Loss of Harner Weakens Blue; W&M Tilt Next

"We haven't got a chance to be invited to play in the Southern Conference Tournament if we don't win Friday."

These words, spoken Wednesday by Cap'n Dick Smith, Washington and Lee Athletic Director, pretty well sum up the whole tournament picture from the W&L angle, and it is with this in mind that Carl Wise will send his up-and-down cagers into battle tonight against Virginia Tech's Gobblers.

Not only is a possible bid to the tournament at Durham at stake in tonight's contest, but it is the final game of the season on the home floor for the Generals, and they are eager to give the expected capacity crowd a show of the hardwood strength that they possess but which they unfortunately failed to show last week.

The Generals, weakened considerably by the loss of Harry Harner, are not anticipating too easy a time with the Gobblers, for the Techmen are reported to be out to avenge the 53-46 defeat which they received at the hands of the Big Blue earlier this season.

Tomorrow night the "Blue" will face William and Mary at Williamsburg in a playoff of the game postponed from last week. Although the Generals defeated the Tribe, 61-56, at Doremus Gym some time ago by coming from behind in the final minute, the Indians, paced by towering Chet Giermak and playing on their home court, are favored by many to top the men from Lexington.

According to local sports authorities, who claim to be "in the know" about the tournament, the important contest for the Generals is the game tonight, and if W&L triumphs, the outcome of tomorrow's game is not so vital although a victory over the Indians would help the situation.

At the time that this article was written, the records of North Carolina State, North Carolina, Duke, George Washington, Richmond, Maryland, and South Carolina had virtually assured these teams of tourney berths.

As for the eighth spot, it was apparent that it would be a neck and neck finish fight between Washington and Lee and Wake Forest. Duke's defeat of Wake Forest on Tuesday night considerably bolstered the hopes of the Wise-men, who, until their defeat by Richmond Saturday night, were thought to be sure bets for a tourney berth.

Tournament participants are chosen on the basis of their ranking in the conference, with the total number of games played and won, and the caliber of opposition taken into consideration.



Departing Cage Veteran

## Ballenger Ends Lengthy Career

Tonight, when co-captain Clancy Ballenger leads the Generals onto the Doremus court for their vital tilt against VPI, he will be making his final appearance before the home folks and tomorrow night's game with William and Mary will wind up the long and colorful career of the Spartanburg, South Carolinian unless W. and L. receives a tourney bid.

Clancy began his lengthy hardwood career at Washington and Lee way back in the winter of 1940-41 as a first string forward for Coach Cunningham's freshman quintet.

**Varsity Debut Impressive**  
The 1942 season saw Ballenger move up to the varsity and there he soon proved to be on the court sensations of the state as he tallied 190 points during the season but lost the team scoring crown to Leo Sigmaigo when "Big Sig" spurted in the last two games to overtake him. Clancy's outstanding performance that year won him a berth on the All-State second five.

The advent of spring found Ballenger performing on another Washington and Lee court, this one being located under the bridge to Wilson Field. Here he continued his tennis feats from where he'd left off the year before as a freshman and became one of the top five netmen of the 1942 varsity.

**Mainstay in 1943**  
Throughout the 1943 season the Blue and White cagers were hampered by the frequent departures of key members to the service but fortunately Ballenger and Harry Harner remained with the squad throughout the season to hold it together. Although Harner was the top point-maker that year, Clancy was once more a fairly close

## West Virginia Matmen Invade Gym Saturday

The Mountaineer matmen of the University of West Virginia will invade Doremus Gymnasium on Saturday and tangle with the grappling Generals in a match which should write a successful finish to the Big Blue's regular season.

Tutored by Whitey Guryne, a noted producer of crack prewar teams at West Virginia and incidentally a Navy pal of Coach Harry Broadbent, the Mountaineers have seen only limited action this year and remain an unknown quantity.

It will be a wrestling "double-header," for beginning at seven o'clock the Jayvees will tackle the Norfolk YMCA squad, with the varsity match following immediately.

The Washington and Lee varsity lineup will be unchanged except in the 175 division where Bill "Chief" Brown will replace Bill Metzler, who is out with a bruised knee-cap, and in the heavyweight class where Jim Pratt, varsity footballer, will see action for the first time this season.

The Jayvee lineup will be Mackey or Barton, 121; Barrett, 128; Chandler, 136; Shelmerdine, 145; Talley, 155; Williams or Maynard, 165; Bill McCausland, 175; and McNeill, heavyweight.

Broadbent announced that the scheduled matches with Duke and Davidson, postponed over Fancy Dress weekend because of the snow, had been cancelled.

Though spending an idle weekend the Generals had their prestige raised considerably Monday when the University of Virginia licked Duke 21-11. Earlier in the season the Blue matmen walloped the Wahooos 17-9.

After the Saturday matches the Generals will be hard at work preparing for the Southern Conference tournament at neighboring VMI on March 7 and 8. Seasonal tickets for the tournament may be secured at the W. and L. Athletic Office.

second with 175 points and again placed on the All-State second team.

His 165 points in the Generals' 21 games thus far have proved that he had not lost his scoring eye and, in addition, this balding hustler is the only man on the squad who has been in the starting lineup for every game this year.

So tomorrow night's contest will not only probably determine whether the Big Blue will go to Durham on the 6th, but it will also mark the closing on the home court of one of the more colorful cage careers in this school's history.

## Spiders Get Revenge on Blue, 45-37

Generals Down DuPont 87-45, at Waynesboro; 2nd Team Steals Show

Led on by the vision of a bid to the Southern Conference Tournament if they could only beat Richmond, last Saturday the Generals made their way out of the snow-bound mountains of Lexington through the cold and ice to Richmond.

However, the reception accorded the Generals by the vengeful Spiders in the form of a 45-37 Richmond triumph was even colder than the trip.

This rough and tumble basketball game saw the slumping Big Blue's aspirations for a tourney bid and the state title sustain several blows of various and sundry types.

Co-captain Harry Harner received a serious ankle sprain that has subsequently sidelined him for the remainder of the season, the defeat knocked the Generals back into an eighth-place tie with Wake Forest in conference standings, and it also left the Blue and White Cagers with only a very weak grip on first place in the Big Six title race.

The Spiders opened the bruising battle with a scoring spree that gave them a 10-2 lead with only six minutes gone but the Generals came back shortly to tie the score at 13-13 and then forge ahead to a 22-15 margin at the half. However, in the second half it was the Spiders' turn to rally and they knotted the count at 28-all after nine minutes of play had elapsed and from there it was their ball game.

Don Hillock led the feeble Washington and Lee attack with eleven points while Harner and Crockett racked up eight and nine counters, respectively. "Weenie" Miller, Richmond's highly touted captain, was the big gun of the night with a game high of 15 points.

Tuesday night in Waynesboro the second team stole the show as the Generals performed about as expected to swamp DuPont, 87-45. Coach Carl Wise alternated two teams throughout most of the contest and both combinations scored almost at will as they doubled the score on their hapless hosts. The Generals roared to a 49-20 lead at the intermission before taking it easy for the remainder of the contest.

The individual scoring for the

## Heavy Snow Delays Baseball Practices

Captain Dick Smith's hopes for early practice for the 1947 baseball team were shattered last week by the fifteen inches of snow which blanketed Lexington proper and made the baseball diamond useless for the next week.

The squad which was to be called out in the next few days will remain inactive until the fields are completely dry and sessions outside are possible.

So far this season, practices have been limited to the pitchers and catchers who have been working out each day from 2:30 to 4 in the small available space of the Doremus Gymnasium. Johnny Bell proved to be the only veteran catcher on hand at these workouts while returning hurlers, Nelson Newcomb and Emmett Leslie headed a list of 11 pitchers.

No changes in the schedule have been reported and the Blue diamond squad still expects to face nine opponents in 12 days during the first half of the season. Six of these encounters will take place during the spring vacation trip when the squad will meet Conference foes William and Mary, George Washington, Richmond, and Maryland.

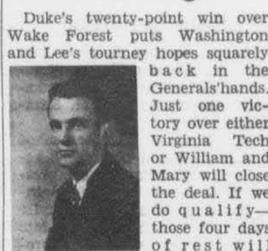
The potency of the team is still unknown as the majority of the squad is composed of new men, but hopes are running high for a better than average team this spring.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Coach Harry Broadbent requests that interfraternity wrestlers limit their practice on the upstairs mats in Doremus Gymnasium to between two and four o'clock in the afternoon during the coming week.

Generals was fairly evenly divided as Frank Heinz, Don Ferguson, and George Pierson of the second five tossed in 16, 13, and 12 points apiece. Steve Ulaki of the first quintet racked up 15 points for runner-up honors for the victors while starters Don Hillock and Reggie Crockett fell off to nine and four points each.

## Generalizing... by Don Moxham



Moxham

Duke's twenty-point win over Wake Forest puts Washington and Lee's tourney hopes squarely back in the Generals' hands. Just one victory over either Virginia Tech or William and Mary will close the deal. If we do qualify—those four days of rest will come in handy, mostly in the case of Harry Harner's injured ankle.

Davidson has come forth with complaint against the system of determining entries in the tournament. Her gripe is aimed principally at South Carolina, whose team qualified with a record of seven and five. Six of the seven victories were at the expense of the weakest teams in the Conference, while of the five losses two were to Davidson, two to North Carolina, and one to Wake Forest. Davidson on the other hand played two games with North Carolina State, Carolina, and Duke, far and away the kingpins of the league. As a result Davidson sits at home next weekend, while South Carolina, an obviously weaker team, performs in the Duke field house. A suggestion was made a few years back to appoint a board to issue invitations according to the team's records taking into consideration the competition met, which would certainly be much fairer. Take our own case—suppose Wake Forest ends up with a record of eight and

seven while we edge them out with a record of seven and six—that's cutting it a little too close for fairness.

However the whole idea of naming the tournament winner the Conference champion arises from the large number of teams in the conference. If the champion were named by a won and lost percentage, some schools could raise the same criticism that Davidson has.

It is unlikely that a team which barely qualifies would win, although it has happened and probably will happen again, but a situation similar to one in which North Carolina found itself last year might easily reoccur. Last year the White Phantoms had without question the finest quintet in the Conference. They were far ahead on won and lost, but up came Wake Forest and dumped Carolina in the tournament, and Duke went on to win. Even the all-Conference team is selected solely on a basis of tourney play. John Dillon was named to several

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## I-M Briefs

By Walter Frye

The intramural basketball tournament, which has been going on all this month, draws to a close this week, with NFU and Delt fighting it out for the trophy.

As a result of the points racked up in ping pong and basketball, Delt and NFU have overhauled Beta in the intramural race. Foul shooting, wrestling and swimming are still to be played in this winter's schedule, and these three sports will give some of the other teams a chance to improve their positions.

The 1942-43 intramural wrestling results bring forth the interesting information that there are four former winners in school today. They are: Spike Wimmer, K. Sig, 136 lb. winner, Fred Vinson, Beta, 145 lb. king, Art Morris, PEP, 175 lb. champ and Dike Norman, Delt, who survived a rugged field of three entries in the unlimited class. Dike is entered again this year, but his competition will be much stiffer than it was before the war. Such stalwart hunks of manhood as Chuck Jackson, Sigma Chi, Mike Malmo and Jim Pratt of SAE and Jim Peyton, Kappa Sig will be around to furnish Dike plenty of competition and provide the spectators with thrills and spills.

Other men who will bear watching are: Don Litton, Phi Psi; Jim Holloran, Charlie Rowe and Rog Kimball of the Delt A.C.; Bob Haley, Sigma Nu; Ab and Judge Rhea, SAE; and last but by no means least, Fred Rowe of NFU who sincerely hopes he will get some sort of competition.

Entry blanks are not all in as yet, and Norm Lord of the Physical Education Department hopes that all managers will make an effort to turn in these entries as soon as possible.

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Colonel John H. Tucker, Jr. of the law firm of Tucker, Bronson and Martin, Shreveport, Louisiana, a Washington and Lee graduate of the Class of 1910, will speak to the students of the School of Law in Lee Chapel at 12:05 on Saturday, March 1. His subject will be "The Historical Background of the Civil Law of Louisiana."

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### Varsity Show to Appear As 3-Act Musical Comedy Of Elizabethan Period

After a wartime lapse of four years, the Varsity Show will reappear in April as a musical comedy in three acts with an Elizabethan setting.

Much headway has been made on the script and the music, according to Stan Carmichael, president of the show, but as yet nothing has been done on casting. He set March 15 as the tentative date for casting and beginning of production. All students and especially women are urged to try out.

Carmichael said he hoped that freshmen especially would try out for the show this year so that they will gain experience for better roles in future years.

Carmichael said the prospects of presenting the show in nearby cities are very good.

The Varsity Show made its first appearance in 1938, and since has been popular among students and townspeople.

Outlining the aims of the organization Carmichael said, "The aim of this year's show is to re-establish it as an annual production and develop it into something that will be as closely associated with Washington and Lee as the 'Mask and Wig' is with the Penn students."

### Sigma Initiates

Ten new men have been taken into Sigma Club, junior-senior organization. Bev Fitzpatrick, one of the old members, announced this week.

The ten men elected to the group founded about 1880 are: Ed Addison, Cliff Beasley and Collier Wenderoth, Phi Delt; Roland Rhea and Charlie Belcher, SAE; Jim Booker, Phi Kap; Pat Devine and Lyn King, ATO; Bob Spensard, Kappa Sigma and Hill Maury, Phi Delt.

### McLeod Makes Request For Third Collegian Issue Material, Cartoon Ideas

Editors of the Southern Collegian issued the call today for short stories, humor articles, and cartoons for the Spring Dances issue as plans were formulated for the third post-war number of the humor-literary magazine.

Because Spring Holidays will closely precede the publication date for the next issue, the editors urged that contributions be placed in their hands as soon as possible.

As in the Carnival in Rio issue, humor features will predominate. "Most of the comment I've heard indicates that students definitely prefer the comic slant," said Editor Web McLeod, "and that's the slant we'll try to give them throughout. However, we intend to include the best of serious literary contributions as in previous issues."

### Cartoon Ideas Desired

The editors expressed the belief that the talents of many campus wits were being lost to the Collegian because of their disinclination to submit lengthy manuscripts. Any student, whether he has contributed material before or not, is invited to submit jokes and cartoon ideas direct to the editors—in person or by postcard addressed to the Magazine—for use in future issues. Accepted cartoon ideas will be turned over to regular staff artists for composition.

The deadline for the coming number will be announced next week after conference with Mutual Press, Lynchburg, publishers of the Collegian.

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### Generalizing

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All-Americans last year, but couldn't make All-Conference because his team was defeated in the first round. The entire system appears in need of revision.

In the scheduling of a tennis match with Miami U, they wondered whether we could bring three women players with us. While on the subject of tennis—William and Mary in seeking a match with W. and L., said that they had two or three fair players. Is that right?

### On the Other Hand

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licity programs designed to portray air travel as the epitome of safety, comfort and speed. Consequently, the public has been misled somewhat as to the actual conditions encountered in flying. While it is undoubtedly justifiable for the airlines to claim superiority in speed, their comfort and safety records leave much to be desired.

Under the pressure of competition, airlines have hacked schedules down to the minimum. Pilots are exhorted to meet, or better, schedules which are set for perfect flying conditions and in relationship to those of other lines. In attempting to maintain these tight schedules, pilots are often moved to take risks and shortcuts which, too often, result in tragedies.

There is no doubt as to the tremendous value of commercial aviation to this nation in both peace and war conditions. It would be foolish to suggest that the industry be stunted or shut down. Yet, as the airlines readily admit today, commercial aviation is facing the most serious crisis of its comparatively short life.

### Federal Aid

One angle from which a partial solution to this problem might be attempted, even though it chills the hearts of knights of rugged individualism, is federal aid to the airlines in the form of subsidies. Not only should the lines themselves receive some sort of financial aid, but every state in the nation should be granted sufficient funds with which to construct modern airports and emergency landing fields every 50 miles or so throughout the area within its control.

Another use to which financial aid could well be put is the development of technical improvements to overcome aviation's worst enemy—the weather. Instead of working on planes that will outfly sound, it might be more practical, from the point of view of the public welfare, if airlines would concentrate upon producing instruments which would enable the present snail-like, 400-m.p.h. planes to be flown and landed safely under adverse climatic conditions.

And lastly, the airlines might readjust their propaganda and educational attacks upon the traveling public so as to present a truer picture of the conditions surrounding air travel today. With 327 violent deaths within the past month on its record, the flushed crowing over the "safety record" of 1946, seems a little premature.

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### 3-Branch Student Government Discussed At Graham-Lee Meeting

Graham-Lee Literary Society members discussed a new type of student government consisting of an executive, judicial and legislative branches and Ryland Dodson described Executive Committee procedure at the second in a series of special meetings to study the Student Body Constitution.

In connection with the general topic, Ryland Dodson, Student Body Secretary, gave a summary of the operation of the Executive Committee and also of student government. The bulk of the discussion dealt with the Finance Committee. The Secretary described the work of the Finance Committee, stressing the fact that it was entirely in the hands of the students.

When asked if the Executive Committee meetings should be open to the public, Dodson expressed the opinion that if they were open to the public, many things would go unsaid that need to be said.

After this a general discussion developed among the members and Dodson as to what constituted a financial campaign on the campus. It was generally agreed that the situation should be clarified. Members pointed out ambiguities existing under the current system.

During the discussion of the possibility of having a defense counsel for Honor System cases, Dodson stated in essence that members of the Executive Committee are impartial judges and not prosecutors. In answer to questions, he outlined Honor System trial procedure.

Society President Walt Potter announced that the third in a series of meetings to study the Constitution will be held March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Forensic Union room of the Student Union.

### Write Letter; Get a Smoke

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### Fancy Dress

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mous dice across the avenue. Members of the Louis XVI group—the men were wigged—opened their snuff boxes.

The Dutch men skated in, followed by skipping Dutch girls, tulips in hand.

The Arabs, clad in the only new costumes rented, swivel-hipped their way to the left of the fountain, there to gaze into crystal balls and fend off vendors.

The Spanish group surrounded the fountain and then assisted Set President Gene Marable and Miss Bettie Burns in distributing figure favors—cigarette cases and compacts.

As each group paraded under the spotlight, Bandleader Lawrence played a tune symbolic of the costuming. Background music for the entrance of Marable and Miss Burns was Rio's samba.

Attendance at the ball was estimated at 2,200. The Saturday afternoon concert-tea dance drew one of the largest crowds on record. Two fraternities, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Epsilon Pi, gave campuswide parties.

Further breakdown of the initial financial report shows that total disbursements to janitors, electricians, doormen, traffic assistants, florists, publicists, costumers, et al, amounted to \$12,770.35.

The 368 advance tickets brought in \$24,408.50, while another \$2,024.86 was paid at the door. Decorations cost \$1,400, the orchestra \$5,000. Students paid \$5,666 to rent costumes, but \$5,508 went back to Van Horn of

### Study Group

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Meanwhile, the panel heard Wink Glasgow, Crew manager, and Tom Hook, Glee Club student leader, present their organizations' recommendations on the Constitution.

### Crew a Minor Sport?

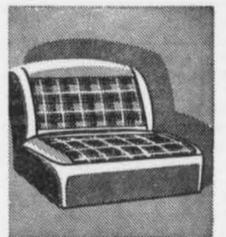
The crew's lone financial support comes from a Campus Tax allocation of 25 cents per subscriber. The committee hopes to drop crew from the Campus Tax if the University Athletic Association will add rowing as a minor sport.

Manager Glasgow is slated to interview athletic officials on the possibility.

The Glee Club's only income this year is the \$257 it receives from the Campus Tax, and the club will be retained for tax allotments next year.

The Christian Council and the Troubadours, invited to send representatives, reported to the com that they have no recommendations on constitutional changes.

Philadelphia. How much students spent during the weekend was anybody's Blue Monday guess. Estimates ran from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Which was quite a Fancy Dress out of anybody's pocketbook.



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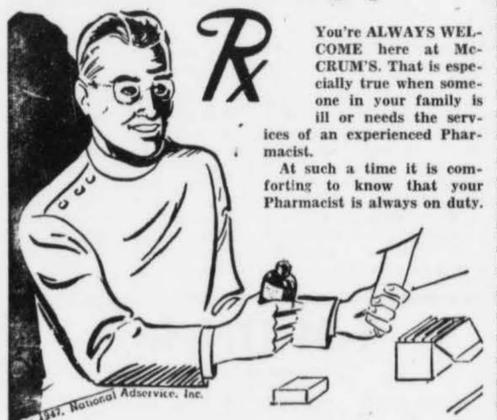
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