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Fancy Dress Ball Promising to be Best of History

Modernistic and Oriental Decorations To Be Blended Into Combination

LIGHT ARRANGEMENTS BEING COMPLETED

Floodlights of Gymnasium Made Into Vari-Colored Chandeliers

Decorations flaringly modernistic and decorations mystically oriental are nearing completion for the Arabian Nights theme of the 1929 Fancy Dress Ball to be held February 22 in the Doremus gymnasium. The decorations are being prepared under the direction of T. G. Gibson, president of the hall, Louis Powell and Professor Carl Gill.

The flowing drops for the lights are already completed. Formed of vari-colored tissue papers they will transform the floodlights of the gym into chandeliers reminiscent of old Arabia. Modernistic friezes for the lower walls of the gym are being prepared by W. T. Munford.

Little information has been given out as to just what these flares of modernistic art are, they are known as a new innovation in Fancy Dress decorations.

Special Dancers
A special series of Oriental dances will be given during Fancy Dress by a troupe of professional dancers who danced at the recent "Governor's Ball" given in honor of Lady Astor during her recent visit to Virginia.

Both decorations and costumes will match the Fancy Dress theme of "Scheherazade" from the Arabian Nights. The groups of the figure will personify the dancing girls, slave markets, thieves, mystic temples, and all the glamorous tales of the Arabian Nights.

Ted Weems To Play
Ted Weems and his orchestra from New York will play for Fancy Dress as a part of their southern tour playing for mid-winter dances at Virginia, Tennessee and V. P. I.

The tale of Scheherazade is: The Sultan Schahriar, holding the conviction that all women are false and faithless, vows to put to death each of his wives. The Sultana Scheherazade saves her life by entertaining her lord with fascinating tales, which she continues telling the Sultan for a thousand and one nights. The "lord over all that he surveys," consumed with curiosity, postpones from day to day the execution of his wife, and finally repudiates his vow entirely.

Many were the wonderful tales recounted for the delatation of Schahriar by the Sultana Scheherazade, for in them she makes use of the verses of the poets, folk-songs, stories, and various other tales and adventures.

Frosh Natators Down Augusta in First Meet

Washington and Lee's freshman swimmers opened their season Saturday afternoon with a 38 to 24 victory over Augusta Military Academy in the Cadet's pool. The Little Generals scored heavily in the relay, 50-yard dash, and 50-yard back stroke, scoring eight points in each of these events.

Summary:
Relay—Won by W&L, Stapleton, Barnes, Nachord and Nichols. Diving—First Timmons, AMA; second Hardy, AMA; third Broom W&L.

50-yard breast stroke—First W&L; second Nichols, W&L; third Phillips, AMA.

220-yard—First Nachard, W&L; second, Goodwin, AMA; third Harris, W&L.

50 yard breast stroke — First, Barnes, AMA; second, Yon, AMA; third, Edwards, W&L.

50-yard back stroke — First, Nichols, W&L; second Barnes, W&L; third, Harriman, AMA.

100 yard dash—First, Stapleton, W&L; second, Kernes, AMA; third, Rudes, W&L.

The frosh will invade Staunton again Saturday when they match strokes with Staunton Military academy.

FUND FOR LEE STATUE TOTAL \$1,674 MONDAY

Richmond, Jan. 29.—Funds for the Lee statue which the general assembly has authorized for the state capitol totaled \$1,674 on Monday. The fund is being raised by contributors solicited by the governor and when sufficient funds are obtained, the statue will be placed in the old hall of the House of Delegates where Lee accepted command of the troops of Virginia in 1861.

Johnston, Davis To Attend State Press Meeting

Editor and Managing Editor To Represent Ring-tum Phi in Richmond

Henry P. Johnston and J. W. Davis will represent Washington and Lee and the RING-TUM PHI at the annual meeting of Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association to be held in Richmond, February 15 and 16. The convention is being held this year at the University of Richmond where officials of the university publications will act as hosts to the visiting delegates.

Peyton R. Harrison of Washington and Lee is a vice-president of the association. Other officers are: Emmanuel Emrock, president, B. M. Jackson of V. P. I., vice-president, and R. Johnson of the University of Richmond, secretary and treasurer. Emrock is a student at the University of Richmond.

At the meeting in Farmville last year the RING-TUM PHI was adjudged the second-best college paper in Virginia, the honor of first place going to the Flat Hat of William and Mary college. The William and Mary magazine was also named the leader of its group. Other awards made were the best annual to the Bomb of V. M. I., the best magazine to Cargoes of Hollins, and the second best annual to the Bugle of V. P. I.

Practically all college publications in Virginia will be entered in the competition this year and similar rankings will be made by judges named by the officers of the association.

Drinking Probe at Standstill

Attorney General Sanders Declares Self at Loss as to How to Proceed

Judging from lack of recent developments the threatened Byrd drinking probe of Virginia colleges has "gone up in hot air."

Attorney General Saunders, commissioned by the governor, to conduct the investigation, expressed himself two weeks ago as at loss as to the methods to pursue.

He denied, however, that he intended using espionage to ferret out student drinking, or lack of drinking, habits. "Reports current that I intend to conduct a lot of spectacular snooping are all wrong," Mr. Saunders declared in a statement to the Richmond News-Leader.

Since that statement, two weeks ago, Saunders has neither done or said anything else about the drinking probe. Neither has any statement come from the governor nor has any university officials received official information on the subject.

It is thought in some quarters that Saunders is waiting until spring before he conducts the drinking probe. Others think nothing will ever come of the affair.

Dr. Churchill Gibson, pastor of St. James church of Richmond, Va., will preside at the Holy Communion service at 8 A. M., Sunday Feb. 3rd., at R. E. Memorial Hall of the V. M. I. at 11 o'clock A. M., which Dr. Gibson is conducting. He will conduct services at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Two Hard Games Face Generals at End of Week

Play William and Mary Here Friday; Go To College Park, Sat.

GROOP, WILLIAMS OUT WITH INJURIES

Team Will Be Handicapped If Men Are Permanently Disabled

Stellar opposition will face the Washington and Lee court squad over the week end when it meets William and Mary in the Doremus gymnasium Friday, and the Maryland Old Liners at College Park Saturday.

With examinations over, the squad has been drilling intently for the past few days, removing the kinks from the smooth running offense, that had evidently developed during the exam period.

The grim spectre of injuries is already making its presence felt. "Heinie" Groop, veteran guard, was out of the V. P. I. game with a bad knee, will in all likelihood not be able to participate in either game. Still more disastrous, is the absence of Leigh Williams, sophomore pivot man, who has been confined to the hospital for the past few days with an infected foot. This injury is not a recurrence of the one suffered during the football season and there is a possibility that he may see action.

Over The Weekend
The students of the court game who watched the V. P. I. game are loud in their praise of the Gobblers team, which held the Generals until the last minutes, when an avalanche of shots contributed to the mounting Generals' lead. The Blacksburg team is enjoying its first year of tutelage under Coach Randall, and with such men as Brown, Rice, and Looney who have been playing together for three years, the Gobblers are bound to create quite a stir in Conference circles in the next few weeks.

Immediately after the William and Mary game, the Generals will leave for Washington where they will meet the Maryland five on Saturday night. This will be the first Washington and Lee game away from home, and it is of considerable interest to basketball fans in the Old Dominion, to see how well the W. & L. squad stands up on a foreign court.

"B" Students to Be on Dean's List

Ruling Adopted by Faculty to Allow Unlimited Cuts to Honor Men

The Dean's list will include all those above the freshman class who make a B average, according to the ruling adopted by the faculty at its meeting last Monday, January 21.

The faculty announcement reads that the Dean's list "shall include those students above the freshman class who, on the last preceding semester or mid-semester report, have received grades that would entitle them to twice as many quality credits as quantity credits and who have no grade lower than a "C." The Dean's list will be revised every quarter, and will entitle the men selected to absences without loss of cuts or quality credits for the following quarter.

Since a grade of B gives a student twelve quality credits for a six hour course, a B average will be the requirement. A grade of C would be balanced by an A. Anything lower than C would, of course, make a student ineligible.

STUDENT ILL

Herbert G. Dollahite, freshman from Ansony, Mississippi is critically ill with double pneumonia at the local hospital. He has been ill for nearly two weeks.

His father, Herbert G. Dollahite, Sr., is here, having come to Lexington last Saturday.

Dollahite is vice-president of his class and is a Delta Tau Delta pledge.

Chapel View Showing Recumbent Statue

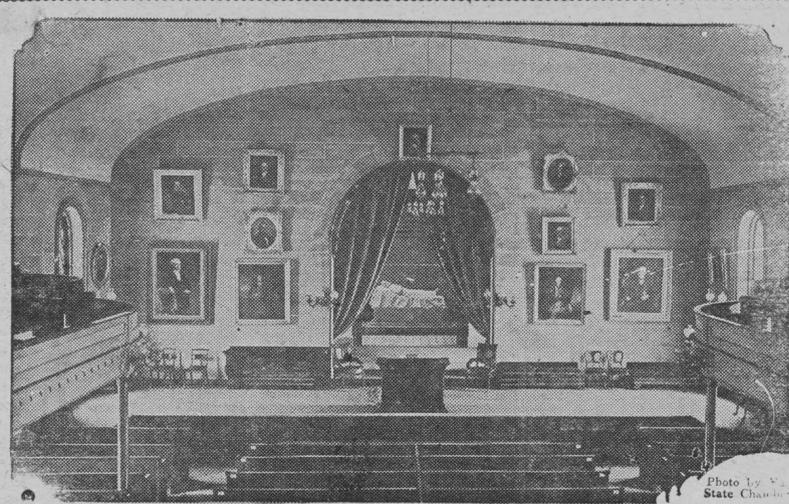


Photo by State Chamber

Football Coach For Next Year is Still Undecided

Negotiations for a new football coach for next year have been proceeding steadily and a great number of applications have been received according to information received from Coaches Smith and Fletcher who are representing the university in the quest for a grid mentor.

Coach Fletcher refused to give out any advanced information on the present status of the situation, but hinted that there would be some important news the first of next week.

According to reports, one of the most favored applicants for the position was in Lexington last week to look the situation over, but whether or not his visit had any direct bearing on the coaching situation could not be ascertained.

New Iron Grills Now In Chapel

Gift of H. E. Litchford Made On 122nd Anniversary of Lee's Birth

Valentine's famous recumbent statue of General Robert E. Lee now lies behind new iron grills at the Lee Memorial chapel.

These gates, which were placed in the alcove between the chapel and the room where the statue lies, were presented by H. E. Litchford, banker of Richmond, Va., and an admirer of Lee.

The presentation took place on January 19 at the 122nd anniversary of General Lee's birthday, and was presided over by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of the university.

George Walker St. Clair, of Tazewell, Virginia, a trustee and representative of Washington and Lee received and acknowledged Mr. Litchford.

The gates are grilles wrought of iron finished in black, and are surmounted by the coat-of-arms of the Lee family.

College Student Sets New Record As Prune Eater

Columbia, Mo.—When Oscar Kahan, flushed and nearly apoplectic, arose from the dining table at the Sigma Alpha Mu house the other evening, he wore a smile of victory. Kahan had just sponged out a five prune victory over gasping Ray Minor, who had fundered at sixty-one in a brilliantly contested prune eating match.

Kahan, in an interview immediately after the contest made his winner's statement as follows: "I can't say that I would do it again but I am glad to have won. Minor put up a good fight, but my margin speaks for itself. After beating him by one I ate four more in an attempt to establish an all time record."

The choice in prizes will be made between a gold-plated prune for watch-chain wear, or a handsomely executed painting of a prune orchard at the height of the growing season.

Famous Artist Made Lee Statue Now on Campus

Valentine, Sculptor of Recumbent Statue Gives Interview

By R. B. Munford Staff Correspondent Richmond News-Leader

There are few men now living who had the privilege of becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the personal characteristics of General Lee during the years immediately following the war than had Edward V. Valentine, the Richmond sculptor.

Fortunately, too, Mr. Valentine has not only had the opportunity during his own long and distinguished career of observing many things of interest, but is gifted with a rare memory, and the gift too, of compelling narration that is an attribute to the Virginians of his generation.

Asked to speak of General Lee, and to recall other things of the past years, Mr. Valentine willingly agreed, and his charming smile, that is so well known to the people of Richmond, gave promise of his always entertaining talk.

Going back to the years of his youth, when he was studying art in Germany under the tutelage of the distinguished Professor Kiss, Mr. Valentine said: "In 1864 General Lee sat for four photographs, standing, one profile, and one three-quarters.

These photographs were made in Richmond for me, and were sent through the blockade to Berlin, where I modeled from them a statuette of General Lee, which was sent to the Southern Bazaar, being held in Liverpool and the statuette was sold there for the benefit of the Southern cause.

The three-quarters was the best of them all and I prize this photograph above all likenesses of the General."

Mr. Valentine said that he never knew who was the purchaser of the statuette of General Lee that he made and sent to Liverpool, but he had heard that it went to someone in Scotland.

Came to Lexington

It was Mr. Valentine's privilege early in the summer of 1870 to come to Lexington, where he remained for some weeks making a bust of General Lee from the life; and he was asked to give an account of his visit and of his work there.

Mr. Valentine then went on to say: "It was my wish, of course, to be allowed to model a bust of General Lee from his own features. General Lee was at my studio in Richmond one day during the latter part of May, 1870, and at that time I took some measurements of his features. However, as the General's stay in Richmond was to be a very brief one, I confided to him my desire to come to Lexington, and told him I would come in the early summer or in the fall, as might be most agreeable to him. He replied though, that if I wished to come it would be best not to defer the matter.

It was a fortunate thing that (Continued on page four)

Generals in Tie With Tornado of Georgia Tech

Three Wins in Conference Place W. & L. With Leaders

LOCAL COURT SQUAD LEADING STATE TEAMS

Wins Over Virginia and VPI Give Team Top Place in Big Four

Four games played during the examination period have placed the Washington and Lee basketball team in the lead for state honors and in a tie with Georgia Tech for the Southern Conference race.

The Southern Conference is not actually decided until the first few days in March at the tournament in Atlanta, but the pre-tourney games have always served a reliable source of comparative ability.

On January 14, Georgia invaded Doremus Memorial gym and were set back by the score of 44 to 25. Until this game Georgia had been undefeated in conference play and had won victories over Florida and South Carolina. The loss suffered at the hands of the Generals was their only reverse on their northern trip, for on following nights they won over both V. M. I. and Virginia.

Safe Margin
The sharp-shooting of Lowry, and Williams and the aggressiveness of Wood and Cox enabled the Generals to maintain a safe margin throughout the majority of the game.

On the following night, W. & L. came through to trounce Randolph Macon, 56-27. The Jackets had won themselves an enviable reputation by defeating Virginia, Johns Hopkins, and Maryland, but the rapidly moving offensive of the Blue and White accounted for the lead that was held during the game.

It was in that game that Lowry ran riot accumulating thirteen field goals, with Cox following closely with nine.

Virginia Defeated

Virginia was defeated on January 19, by the score of 47 to 19. The Generals were complete masters of the situation and their play ended the series of victories that the Wahos had held on the court, gridiron, and baseball field.

Groop at guard continued to play a great game and his accuracy at retrieving faulty shots off the backboard proved a bright light of the Generals' attack.

Last Saturday Virginia Poly Tech was set back, 44-25 in a game featured by W. & L.'s inability to work the ball through the V. P. I. defense until the latter part of the fray, when shot after shot found the net. Leigh Williams led the scorers getting six baskets.

Six Straight Wins

The Generals have run up a string of six straight victories scoring 313 points to their opponents 144. Lowry leads the scorers with forty-two field goals, and nine fouls out of thirteen tries for a total of seventy-six points, and Williams, with thirty-three field goals and nine fouls out of thirteen tries for a total of seventy-five points, follows closely.

Ernie Wood, aggressive forward shows the best accuracy from the penalty line, getting nine out of eleven.

Trustees Taking Plenty of Time to Name President

Trustees are evidently following the advice of John W. Davis to take their time about selecting a new president for Washington and Lee.

Mr. Davis suggested the Trustees prevail upon Dr. Henry Louis Smith to remain another year in order to give them time to select the most worthy successor to Dr. Smith available.

Unofficial reports from the Trustees are that no present faculty member will be selected to succeed Dr. Smith. The Trustees are more inclined to favor some man who has gained prominence in the outside world.

No final action is expected to be taken on the matter before the Trustee's next meeting in June.

YMCA Secretary Is Considered

Three Recommendations For Successor to Patterson Are Made

Three recommendations have been received and considered by the committee appointed to select a successor to C. H. Patterson, local Y. M. C. A. secretary, who is leaving after this year to take up his missionary work in China. Nothing definite has been decided as to who the new secretary will be.

The committee is composed of Dr. W. M. Brown, Dr. J. L. Howe, and Professor H. G. Funkhouser, with Mr. F. J. Gilliam acting as chairman. Recently it met with Mr. O. R. Magill, who is the Executive Secretary of the Southern Regional Y. M. C. A., to consider the type of man desired for the position, and to take the preliminary steps toward securing one. The committee has also been corresponding with Dr. Clarence Shedd, chairman of the personnel division of the national Y. M. C. A., to secure any recommendations he may have to make.

Thus far there has been no correspondence with any of the men leaving after this year to take who have been recommended, and it is not expected that a decision will be reached for several weeks.

Candy Maker In Collegiate Hall of Fame at 36

Otto Scherning, a graduate of the university of Chicago and president of the Curtiss Baby Ruth Candy Company, has been chosen for the collegiate hall of fame in the current issue of College Humor magazine.

Mr. Scherning, who is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, completed his course at the university in less than three years, receiving a Ph. B. degree. He started in business as a manufacturing confectioner in a "hole in the wall" shop in 1917, and is now the world's largest manufacturer of chocolate-covered bars. His company employs more than 5,000 workers, operates four immense factories, and produces a billion candy bars yearly.

Who's Who ON THE CAMPUS

P. D. BEVILLE, Manager of Baseball for 1929 season.

"P. D." is a Senior in the Commerce School, a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity, White Friars ribbon society, 13 Club, and the Cotillion Club. He is also president of White Friars this year.

His home is Mobile, Alabama.

Exasperated Luncher (to waitress, after a long wait)—Excuse me, miss, but is this Ye Olde Time Tea Shoppe or Ye Any Olde Time Tea Shoppe?—London Opinion.

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If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press.—Thomas Jefferson.

OUR SECOND LEE

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, we wish to congratulate you upon your stand on the "liquor investigation" which Governor Byrd has ordered for all Virginia colleges. You have shown us that your life is wrapped up in the traditions of Washington and Lee and in upholding of them.

We feel that your refusal to allow an investigation at Washington and Lee which would employ students as "spies" or prohibition officers to "masquerade" as students, is to be looked upon with pride from students and alumni. We feel such an investigation would be a serious violation of our traditions and an infringement upon our honor system. Snooping has never been considered honorable.

Whether your declamation was directly responsible for Attorney General Saunders' statement that he would not resort to student "spies" or prohibition agents "masquerading" as students, we do not know, but coming so close behind your announcement we feel he must honor your opinion as highly as we.

Since your affiliation with Washington and Lee, seventeen years ago, you have given our University your time, your energy, your efforts, and the benefit of your experience. You have always upheld and protected our hallowed traditions. No one has been more successful. You have always held Washington and Lee first in your thoughts; you have sacrificed yourself for her good.

When you retire from the active presidency of Washington and Lee, whether in July or after another year of service, we shall keenly feel the loss of a great guiding hand, the loss of a genial leader, our second Lee.

AN ESTEEMED HONOR

The installation of the local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi January 19, Lee's birthday, is a very befitting memory to our former University president and the bestowing of a great honor upon future journalists. Sigma Delta Chi founded in 1909 by a group of students contemplating journalism as their chosen profession.

The growth of Sigma Delta Chi in importance and honor has grown rapidly, until now it is looked upon as the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a journalistic student. The requirements for a charter are rigid. Only schools with well recognized journalistic departments can hope to attain admission. The granting of the Lee Blue Pencil club a charter was only after a close survey had been made of the petition and the work of the journalism department at Washington and Lee.

Installation of Sigma Delta Chi at Washington and Lee is a very fitting remembrance to the name of General Robert E. Lee, who first introduced the instruction of journalism in colleges. And is a clear indication of the standing the journalism department has attained through-out the country.

Sigma Delta Chi is a national professional journalistic fraternity. All its members have selected journalism as a profession, and must have shown potential possibilities. The establishing of a chapter here is a great honor. Every student should be proud of the new distinction which has been bestowed upon Washington and Lee and twenty-four of her students.

ARE WE SLIPPING?

"Accept all decisions of officials without protest."
"Never hiss or boo a player or official."
"Never utter abusive or irritating remarks from the sidelines."

marks from the sidelines." Can every Washington and Lee student say he lived up to these rules adopted this year by the athletic council? After the game with Virginia January 19, we feel many students who attended the game cannot truthfully say Yes.

We realize the keen desire to win from Virginia. We realize what a victory over Virginia means to every student after they defeated us for the Virginia State Basketball championship last year. We had everything at stake in the game. But is victory so important that we should forget to be good sportsmen?

To many the referee's decisions seemed too strict. Even to some his decisions may have seemed "off," but are we clean sportsmen when we hiss a decision? The referee was fair, impartial. What more could we ask?

Newell C. Day is considered one of the best referees in the East. He called fouls as he saw them. He refereed the game as all big eastern and mid-western games are. If a referee will not call fouls what is the use of going to the added expense of having an official?

We feel the slip against Virginia was not because we were poor sportsmen, but because we let our emotion and keen desire to defeat Virginia momentarily get beyond our better selves.

Washington and Lee is noted for its clean sportsmanship, an institution which is looked upon with esteem, win or lose. Let's uphold our reputation. Remember: Accept all decisions of officials without protest; never hiss or boo a player or official; never utter abusive or irritating remarks from the sidelines.

IN SCHOLARSHIP SUPREME

It was no mean prize won by Delta chapter of Washington and Lee university when for the eighth consecutive year it was pronounced supreme in scholarship among all the American institutions that maintain a chapter of Psi Epsilon Pi. It would be a real distinction to win the laurels for a single year; it is something extraordinary to attain leadership and maintain it for eight years in succession.

In the mere matter of enrollment Washington and Lee does not rank among the great American universities. In the field of athletics it is not one of the institutions that loom largest in the public eye. But it fears no foeman in the purely academic realm. In the brilliant sphere of intellectual attainment it moves ahead of the largest and richest universities of the country. In its chosen field it wins an eminence that few of our great institutions can hardly challenge.

In a mighty republic characterized by an unexampled many-sidedness there is a place for all of our universities and for their multiplied activities. Whatever its mark of pre-eminence the university is serving a useful purpose when it produces the best in athletics or scholarship or vocational training. The high mark in intellectual finish by Washington and Lee does not prove that its chosen field of endeavor is the only legitimate field and that all other institutions should copy its example. It does prove that the search for pure scholarship has not been suspended and that a university may rank among the leaders in spite of limited enrollment and modest endowment.—Daily Oklahoman.

THEY WANT TO DANCE

It is difficult not to experience a feeling of sympathy for the dissatisfied student body of Willamette University, a Methodist institution out in Oregon. Willamette University, founded by Jason Lee primarily as a theological school, still adheres to the ideas of the founder and dancing as a form of amusement is rigidly prohibited. The college paper came out in its last issue with a vigorous plea for the rescinding of this rule, pointing out that "an investigation will disclose that at least sixty percent of Willamette students dance during vacations" and urging that campus dances be held in place of "endless show-going and necking parties" which are the prevalent social diversion of the students. "The social ideas of the youth of today in Willamette have changed from those of the time of Jason Lee," says the paper, "yet the powers that be desire that we shall play ring around the rosie and pussy wants a corner."

If the authorities of Willamette University are wise, they will consider the expressed desire of the students for campus dances without prejudice and in a spirit of sympathetic understanding of youth. There is nothing to be gained by adopting an arbitrary and stiff-necked attitude. The fact that the school has not countenanced dancing in the past is no reason why it should not do so in the future. Of course, if it prefers to regard secret "necking parties" as the lesser evil, it will have to accept the responsibility that goes with the decision.—Roanoke Times.

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—R. L. Stevenson.
Of all kinds of pride I hold national pride the most foolish; it ruined; it ruined Judea and Rome.—Herder.

Robert E. Lee

(An Editorial)

The most notable of Virginia's many notable sons and son of Gen. Harry Lee, "Light Horse Harry" of the War of Independence, was born Jan. 19, 1807. He may be said to have entered life a soldier, receiving his first command when graduating from West Point just 100 years ago. His brilliant career is too familiar to call for detailed recoual.

Gen. Lee, in the last great military command of that career, was not playing a game of war, augustly fulfilling an imperative duty, the only terms on which he could have been persuaded to accept it. And that was the conviction, never shaken, that sustained and inspired him to the unflinching utmost of his unequalled abilities, in a cause which from the first he knew could not win. An impressive fact hardly to be overrated in estimating his greatness. And so when the inevitable came, he was so thoroughly prepared for it in himself, that he retired unweaved and unsubdued in spirit, because he knew he could have done no different and no better had he been sure of winning. What a coronal! Before the struggle had ended, this incomparable chieftain, silhouetted in the history of commanders; this unique leader of the losing cause, had disclosed to his confidential friend, Gen. Pendleton, that "he never believed we could, against the gigantic combination for our subjugation, make good our independence, unless foreign powers, directly or indirectly, assisted us." But, said he, "we had sacred principles to maintain and rights to defend, for which we were in duty bound to do our best, even if we perished in the endeavor." And when that belief, which he never allowed to weaken him, or to discourage one effort was verified, he went on: "I did only what my duty demanded. I could have taken no other course without dishonor. And if all were to be done over again, I should act in precisely the same manner."

Fate itself could never reverse nor feaze him. Coming from the source from which it did, and when it did, we hold this the South's supreme vindication; as also its best answer to defeat. The South pledged itself to and enlisted all it had in an impossible enterprise as though it had been possible, because it was not a, but the, cause; and conviction must march on against whatever challenge, inspired by the sublimity of its faith. And the world knows that if the South did not win under this chieftain, no other lived under whose leadership it could have won. And then, when the last shot in the locker had been sped, and the last legitimate humiliation suffered with upstanding fortitude, and those about him were mourning the disaster so nobly resisted to the limit of capacity and resource, the still unflinching leader said in proud simplicity: Yes, that is all very sad, and might be a cause of self-reproach, but that we are conscious that we have humbly tried to do our duty. We may, therefore, with calm satisfaction, trust in God, and leave the results to Him."

Many of those who loved him were eager to insure for the veteran now 60 years ago discharge from life's maelstrom into a retreat of well-earned repose and retired comfort. But for him there had sounded no retreat to be obeyed except at his own command. If humiliations were to be the order of the hour, then it was not for him to yield his place of leadership there either, where any choice was open to him.

In disinterested generosity and gratitude, brilliant retreat to peace, quietude and plenty to alleviate the unremitting strain and repair the wear of years that must have broken down a fortitude less great than his; amplitude in what would to many have been alluring forms was proffered, urged upon him; not only in his own land but others. Particular reference may be made to one of the many, because it came from overseas, and offers opportunity to quote the characteristic terms of the warrior-patriot's declination. To this English nobleman who presented him for his closing year a splendid country seat over there, with a handsome annuity to correspond, his answer was what anyone who knew him might have expected: "I am deeply grateful, but I cannot consent to desert my native state in the hour of her adversity. I must abide her fortunes and share her fate." Unlimited means were put at his disposal by those whose pride it had been to have him accept them, but rejecting the proffers, he pleaded "relief of the families of our soldiers in the field, who are more deserving of assistance, and more in want of it, than myself." For himself he would accept no gratuitous offer, desiring only the opportunity to make a living through the prosecution of the best service he might render his needy compatriots. And for those, the threadbare and lean comrades from whom he was parting, who had no need like the veterans of Germanicus to point their general-in-chief to their toothless gums worn down with hard fare, because no upbraiding was in his grateful heart, he said, "All good citizens must unite in honest efforts to obliterate the effects of war, and to restore the blessings of peace. They must not abandon their country, but go to work and build up its prosperity. It is wisest to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered by war and civil strife." And so he became in a new capacity, for the remaining three years of his life, the leader, instructor and counsellor of the young manhood of the South, as represented in what is now Washington and Lee University, commemorating two of the South's premier sons, each a fixed star in the firmament of history. His intention had been to "locate upon a small farm where he might earn his daily bread."

If only the victors had met him and the time with anything approaching a magnanimity like his own! Who if not Robert E. Lee remains the unbowed, the world-acknowledged supremacy of the strife of years in personal quality, however gauged?

There is no one adequate to pronounce him. Military genius, educational paragon, the great-heart of his time, unselfish in every enterprise, purpose. No ambition but was selfless, uninfluenced by any prospect of material gain, humanitarian to almost a fault, protecting reputations at whatever risk to his own, wholly free from any instinct of revenge, without guile or subterfuge, frank as innocence itself; clear as crystal, benignant in every impulse, fair to everyone but himself, contemptuous of untruth in any guise. Sainly without pretension or assumption, never more noble than in defeat, himself undefeated in every encounter in life. Yieldink to no despair because sure of his steadfastness to duty. For the rest, the power greater than any other was responsible, and he knew that he had been in essential alliance with and utter abandonment of loyalty to that Power. He knew himself because he knew God; and was always safely controlled by the love that animated him in all relations, because his love was pure.

Strong as he was in other respects because of the magnificence of the elements he embodied, his main strength dwelt in the shrine of his purity of heart, the sublimation of his spiritual vision. The very weaknesses of which shallow censors have accused him were the expression of an interior phenomenal strength, added to infinite patience and a trust almost divine.

And when all has been said that can be, there still remains unplumbed in this man something for which vocabulary lacks words; an elusive perfection. If history has passed to us a completer man, by the highest tests, we wait for his name, and would hail it in honor to the race he loved and lived for.—Birmingham News.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

V.M.I., Lexington, Va.
Jan. 24, 1929.

Editor, Ring-tum Phi,
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Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Echols and I would appreciate it very much, if through your paper, you would express

gratitude to those students who rendered such valuable assistance to us when our house was on fire on January 8, 1929.

Sincerely yours,
M. P. ECHOLS,
1st Lt., F. A.

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Virginia Matmen Here Saturday

Generals Due for a Comeback After Three Straight Reverses

Virginia's wrestling team will invade Lexington this Saturday to grapple the Generals in the latter's second home appearance.

Although the Blue and White has suffered three straight reverses, it is expected that the match will be featured by intense rivalry and a close score. Virginia received a decisive 26 to 6 drubbing at the hands of Virginia Poly last Saturday.

Hopes of a Southern Conference championship were shattered Saturday when Coach Mathis's grapplers were upset by North Carolina's University, 26 to 6. The greatest surprise of the competition was the defeat of Captain Rule in the 135 pound class. Woodward defeated Rule with the time advantage of 1.08 giving the local captain the second defeat of his career. The best bout proved to be between Flagg and Cowper in the 165 pound class. Flagg forced Cowper of N. C. U. into two extra periods but lost with the latter receiving a time advantage of 2.20.

In North

The General's northern invasion including matches with Princeton on January 11 and the Army on January 12 resulted in a 26-8 win for the Tigers and a 28-6 victory for the Cadets. Captain Rule won both of his matches throwing Trompen of Princeton in the 145 pound class and Flagg, 165 pounder, defeated Bradley of West Point by a time decision.

Results of N. C. U. match follow:

- 115-lb class—Stallings (NC) defeated Barkus, 5:39. fall.
- 125-lb class—Kaplan, W&L defeated Zealey 2:15, decision.
- 135-lb class—Woodward NC. defeated Rule 1:08, decision.
- 145-lb class—Abbott NC., defeated Belser 6:06, fall.
- 155-lb class—Moore NC., defeated Hall 2:12 fall.
- 165-lb class—Cooper NC, defeated Flagg 2:20, decision.
- 175-lb class—NCU by default.
- Unlimited — Bolton, W&L defeated Stone 3:10 decision.

40 Considered For President

No Decision Yet Announced As To Next Head of W. & L.

At the regular meeting of the University Board of Trustees on Founder's Day, Jan. 19, the board heard the report of the committee on the selection of a successor to President Henry Louis Smith.

The committee reported that no decision had been reached. Forty names are being considered, all being men of national prominence. The committee consists of John Sinclair Munce, chairman, George Walker Sinclair, Paul M. Penick, John W. Davis was appointed to the committee at the meeting.

Mr. William McChesney Martin, who spoke at the University Founder's Day assembly, is the newly appointed trustee.

Mavis—What's the name of that new lipstick you're using?
Ethel—It's right on my lips, but I can't remember.

High School Alumnus May Be Unfit For College—Snavelly

A HIGH SCHOOL diploma does not necessarily indicate that the graduate is ready for college training," says Dr. Guy E. Snavelly, president of Birmingham-Southern College.

"Whatever his high school diploma may infer, a young American of the twentieth century aiming at future American leadership, but merely drifting toward manhood, is not yet prepared for college training," he said.

"If unwise faculties allow such lifeless pebbles to be dropped into the college machinery, it is a wonder that the educational movement of the institution shows up or stops entirely, and that hard study is not rated on the campus as a 'student activity?'" the educator asked.

"If you are afraid of unpopularity, if you are zealously loyal to every local tradition, and gladly accept the opinions of the 'gang', then rest assured you are now

training yourself to obey some boss, to play second fiddle in life's concert, and to remain a helpless victim of your environment," the president said.

"If you can't see any use in learning a dead language, and hence dodge Latin; if you despise math and hence quit studying it; if you are so wrapped up in athletics or some other activity that you 'really can't find time for the lab-work some cranky professor insists on'—in other words, if you have started up the long and rugged hill of American leadership in this age of brains and have no control of your own brain power, you had better quit wasting your time and money at school."

Education as a preparation of future success cannot be measured by examinations or grades or even diplomas, Dr. Snavelly pointed out. It is measured by ability to initiate, control, increase and direct individual mental energy, he further stated.

Virginia Poly Crushed, 44-25, in Ragged Game

Generals Show Off-Form As Gobblers Hold Them to Lowest Score

The Generals' basketball quint advanced another notch in its race for the state and conference championships last Saturday when V. P. I. was added to the list of the conquered by the score of 44 to 25. Washington and Lee was plainly off form in floor work and shooting, but showed enough speed to pile up a safe margin over the Gobblers. It was the lowest score of the season for the locals.

The Generals were weakened by the loss of Groop from the lineup, but Hanna, his substitute, played an outstanding game for the Blue and White.

Williams was the high point man for Washington and Lee with six baskets from the floor and one charity shot for a total of 13 markers. Cox caged five double ringers and Captain Lowry four. Owens led the assault for the Techmen with seven points.

Summary:

Washington and Lee	G F T
Cox, f	5 0 10
Lowry, f (c)	4 1 9
Jacob, f	0 1 1
Williams, f	6 1 13

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Little Generals Go To Fishburne Holding Lead in Games Played

The undefeated Blue and White freshman basket ball quint will meet the Fishburne Military school five on the latter's court there today.

Coach Davis' five will face the Cadets with a clean slate, holding victories over the AMA, SMA, and VPI frosh quints. The Fishburne team will not present such a perfect record in games played, but promise to give the Washington and Lee outfit a real fight on their home court.

The University of Virginia frosh quint will be met by the Little General outfit Thursday afternoon. The Virginia team will present a team with a record almost as impressive as that of the Blue and White five.

Defeated Augusta

The frosh five won their first game of the season on Monday afternoon, January 14th from the Augusta Military outfit at Dorremus Gymnasium by the score of 49 to 26.

The Staunton Military team was defeated at Staunton later by the score of 44 to 33. On last Saturday afternoon the Little Generals

Wood, g	0 3 3
Hanna, g	3 2 8
TOTAL	18 8 44
V. P. I.	
Rice, f	2 2 6
Looney, f	1 2 4
Zirkle, f	0 1 1
Brown, c (c)	1 2 4
Owens, g	3 1 7
McEyer, g	1 1 3
Spear, g	0 0 0
TOTAL	8 9 25

Referee: Carrington (Va.)

NOTICE

There will be a called meeting of Omicron chapter of Kappa Phi Alpha on Friday evening, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., in Doctor Brown's lecture room.

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The opening game with the AMA team found Fulton at center, with Atzback and Smith at the forwards and Burke and Barsch playing guards.

Four Outstanding Players

The diminutive Smith and Fulton have been the aces in the games played with the flashy Barasch, floor guard proving a sensation at that position coupled with Burke, floor captain who has been a power on the defense.

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Julia—Renee surely is optimistic.
Jan.—Why?
Julia—She's christened her little daughter Marigold, hoping she will, I suppose.—Border Cities Star.

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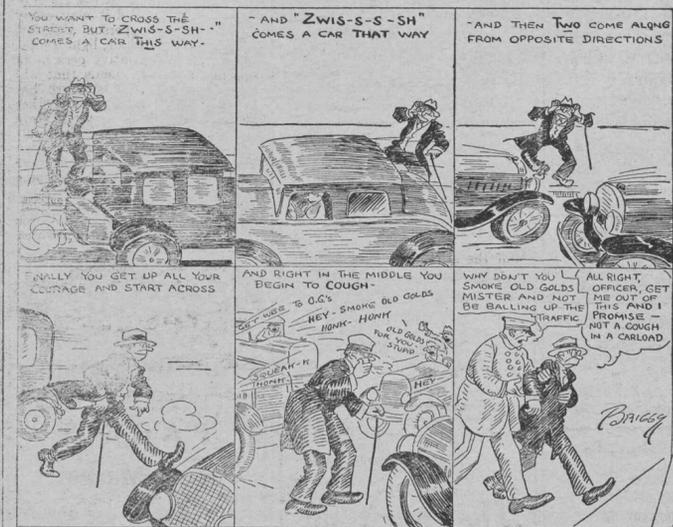
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Famous Artist Made Lee Statue Now on Campus

Valentine, Sculptor of Recumbent Statue Gives Interview

(continued from page 1) General Lee said this because if my visit had been deferred until autumn it is hardly probable that I would ever have been able to have the settings since his death occurred October 12 of the same year.

During the first week of June I went up to Lexington, making the trip by train to Goshen and then by stage through beautiful Goshen Pass.

I was graciously received by General Lee, who did all in his power to help me arrange for my work; even expressing a willingness to have one of the rooms in his home assigned as a temporary studio.

Kept Fire In Room

However, I did not feel that it would be proper to cause this inconvenience, as the room had a carpet on the floor, which would have to be taken up. I finally engaged a room on the ground floor of the hotel in Lexington. The room was not all that could be wished, but it would do, and a constant fire was kept in the room on account of dampness.

Here General Lee came from time to time and patiently gave the necessary sittings in order that I might make the bust. Needless to say, General Lee was at these times, as at all others, perfectly natural in his manner.

To have assumed a pose would not have been possible for him.

He had a delightfully modulated voice, and a god deal of humor too.

Talked of Past

While I was working on the bust he often talked entertainingly of the past not of the war, but of the earlier days when as a youth he used to go swimming in the Potomac at Alexandria or of occurrences connected with the life at West Point or of the Mexican War period.

No one could be in General Lee's presence without instinctively feeling his greatness, and yet, as I have said, there was a perfect naturalness about his speech and manner.

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Man Who Studied Under Gen. Lee Dies in Louisiana

Albert G. Thompson, an alumnus of Washington College, died last week at his home in Colfax, La., at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. Thompson was a student here during the years immediately following the civil war at the time when General Lee was president.

Mr. Thompson was born in Point Coupee Parish, La., on October 7, 1846. He joined the Confederate Artillery in 1862 and served until the end of the war. He was a student at Washington College in 1866 and 1867, being forced to resign at the end of the second year because of severe rheumatism contracted during the war. He retired to his plantation upon his withdrawal from the college and remained there until his death.

Mr. Thompson was always very proud that he had been a student under General Lee, and his French diploma and other report cards signed by the General were among his most treasured possessions.

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During this time when I was in Lexington I was frequently at General Lee's home on the college campus and I recall that at the supper table there one evening a member of the family suggested having another photograph taken of the general who said smilingly: "I don't want any more photographs of myself, but I do wish to have a photograph of my horse."

Mr. Valentine added that there still lingers in his mind a vivid picture of General Lee as he looked there at the head of his own supper table, with the light from the open fire reflected in his brilliant brown eyes and on his iron-gray hair.

Mr. Valentine is known among all English-speaking people as the artist who created the notable recumbent figure of General Lee which marks his tomb at Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

Worked Six Months Speaking of this work Mr. Valentine stated that the memorial took this form at the suggestion of General Lee's widow, Mrs. Mary Custis Lee. Mr. Valentine worked continuously on this recumbent figure of General Lee for six months—the work being done at his Richmond studio on Leigh street.

When the figure had finally been completed in the marble it was taken to Lexington by canal, and was accompanied by a committee of Richmond College students as a guard of honor.

Explains Statue Mr. Valentine said today that he had often been asked whether in creating the recumbent figure of General Lee he was depicting the idea of sleep or of death, and he added that some lines written by his sister, Miss Sarah B. Valentine, expressed the idea very beautifully. The verse by Miss Valentine follows:

"I came to weep at a sculptured tomb,
But, lo! no death was there.
For I saw life's mystical touch illumine
Each shadow of deep sepulchral gloom
With light celestial fair;
With light celestial fair, in whose gleam,
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Blue Pencil Club Is Now Chapter Sigma Delta Chi

Impressive Installation of Local Club on General Lee's Birthday, Jan. 19

With an impressive installation in the Lee Chapel January 19, the anniversary of General Lee's birth, the Lee Blue Pencil club became the Washington and Lee chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

Major I. D. Carson, personnel director of the N. W. Ayres company, Philadelphia, and a prominent member of the national fraternity, installed the twenty-three members of the new chapter. The installation was preceded by a gridiron banquet given at the Robert E. Lee hotel.

In a talk to members of the Blue Pencil club during the banquet Major Carson stressed necessity for journalistic background and expressed the greetings of the national organization to the men about to form its newest chapter.

Sigma Delta Chi is an international professional journalistic fraternity composed of fifty active chapters in colleges throughout the United States and Canada. It was founded April 17, 1909 at DePauw university as an honorary journalistic fraternity. In 1916 it became professional. It now chooses its membership entirely from students who intend to enter journalism after completing school.

The Lee Blue Pencil club was organized on the campus in the fall of 1925. In November 1928 it petitioned the Sigma Delta Chi annual convention in session at Northwestern university and was unanimously accepted.

General Robert E. Lee's birthday was chosen as the installation date because the local club had borne his name and because of his activity in establishing the first collegiate instruction in journalism in the world at Washington and Lee in 1869.

The members of the new fraternity are: I. W. Hill, V. C. Jones, H. P. Johnston, R. P. Carter, J. G. Berry, T. J. Sugrue, G. F. Ashworth, J. W. Davis, R. D. Hamilton, Leonard Glover, R. T. Munford, J. B. Crane, E. B. Wilcox, J. C. Conner, G. N. Nunn, J. T. Raymond, R. S. Chapin, J. W. Barger, I. H. Elias, E. E. McCarthy, J. B. Magee, D. G. Price, G. M. Lapsley, A. J. Leibowitz. Professor W. L. Mapel, who was initiated into the national fraternity when he attended the November convention, also became a member of the new chapter.

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Sigma Delta Chi Renames Heads of Pencil Club

Officers of Local Are Re-elected When National Frat. Installed

Henry P. Johnston, editor of the RING-TUM PHI and president of the former Lee Blue Pencil club was elected first president of the Washington and Lee Sigma Delta Chi chapter on January 20.

All officers of the Blue Pencil club were re-elected. R. P. Carter who was vice-president of the local when it was installed as a national chapter, resigned his position because he has completed work for his degree and is leaving school. V. C. Jones, who was secretary, was elected to fill his

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position, and E. E. McCarthy was elected secretary.

Officers of the new fraternity are: H. P. Johnston, president; V. C. Jones, vice-president; E. E. McCarthy, secretary and J. W. Davis, treasurer.

Professor Roscoe B. Ellard was chosen faculty advisor.

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