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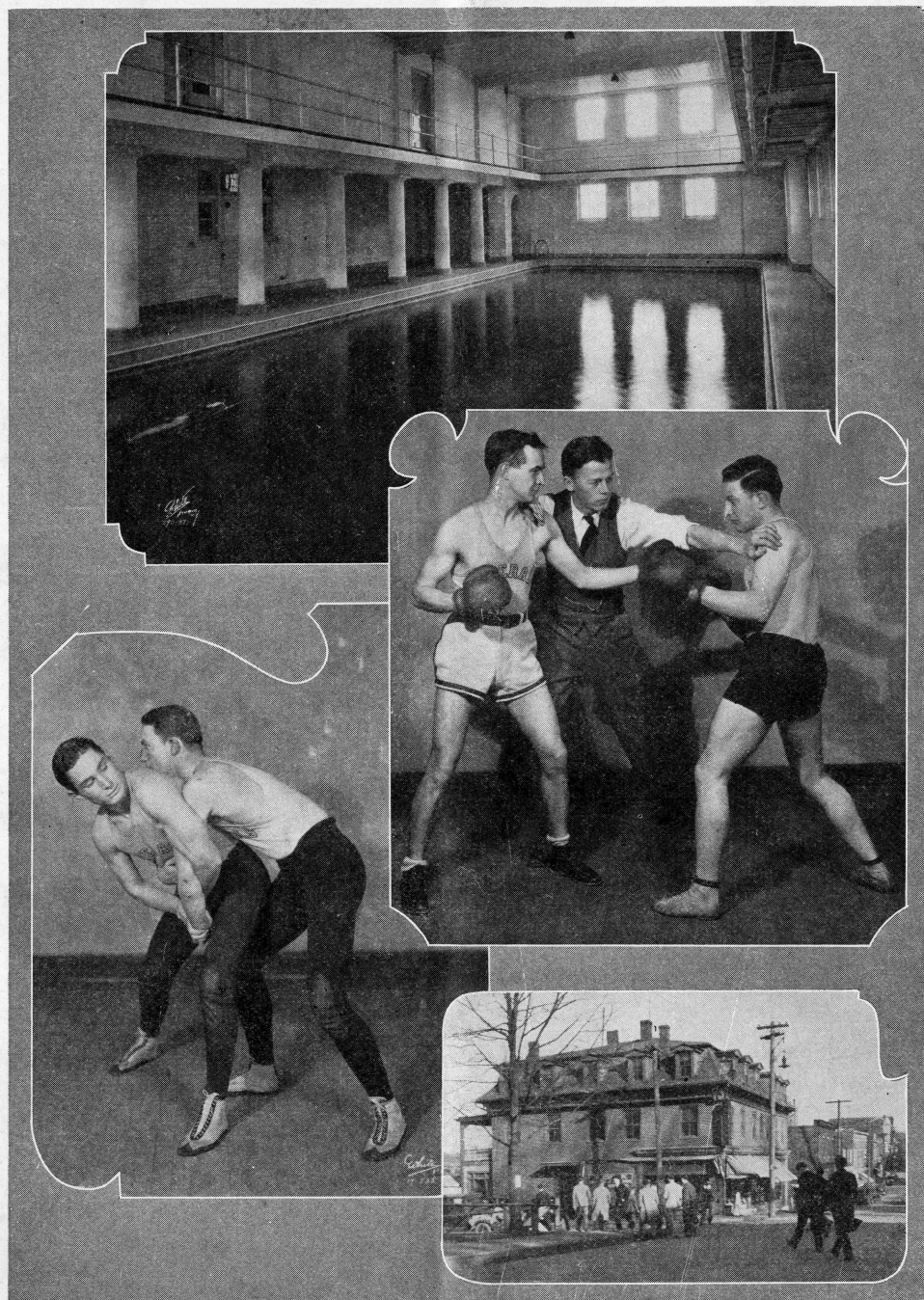
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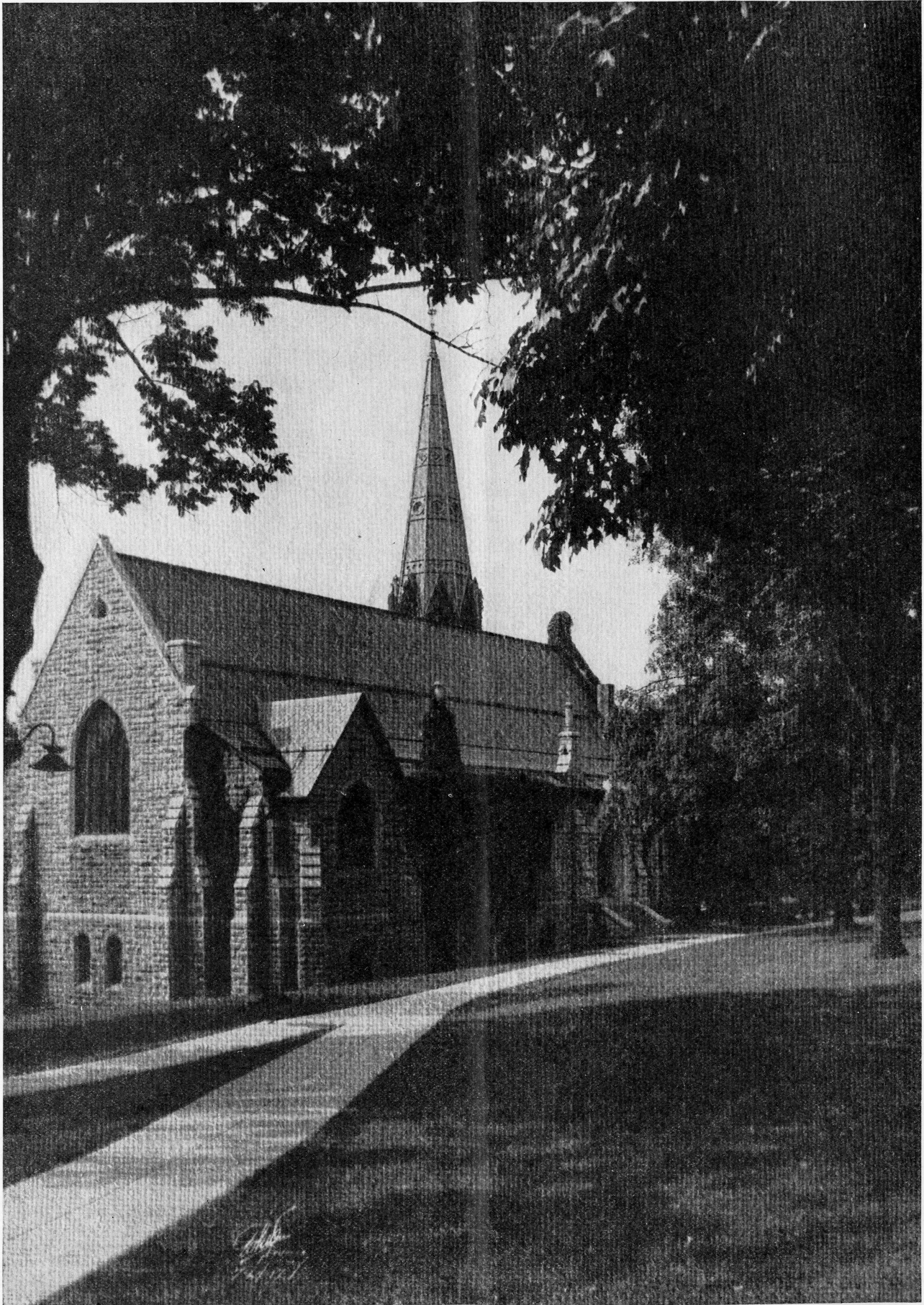
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## THE YEAR

Washington and Lee basketballers completed an epochal season with only one defeat against them; went to Atlanta as favorites to win the Southern Conference tournament, lost to "Ole Miss" in the second round of tournament play.

Grieved and handicapped by the death of their able Chairman, John S. Muncie of Richmond, the Board's committee on the presidency advanced slowly in their effort to acceptably fill the president's chair at Washington and Lee.

An unusually large number of students were dropped from the rolls at the end of the first semester because of scholastic failure and the workings of the famed automatic rule.

Announcement of the election of nineteen students and alumni Hugh Bell Sproul, '92, Dr. L. J. Desha, '06, F. W. McWane, '14, to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa was made at an assembly at which trustee-alumnus Sproul spoke under the auspices of that organization.

The annual Fancy Dress Ball came and went in a riot of color and a blaze of splendor. It was estimated that two thousand people participated in it vicariously or in person.

Plans of the Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta fraternities to build houses in the college fraternity park neared fruition; Alpha Tau Omega announced early construction of a \$35,000 house on their present site.

The Washington and Lee Athletic Association announced the election of Eugene Oberst, Notre Dame football and track star and assistant football and baseball coach at DePauw University, as Head Coach of Washington and Lee. He will be a full-time employee of the Athletic Association.

Varsity and Freshman Swimming teams under the direction of Coach "Cy" Twombly achieved an enviable record during their 1929 season.

The baseball season loomed with dull prospects. Graduation last year left few veterans for the 1929 line up. A paucity of catchers and pitchers gives Coach "Dick" Smith considerable worry.

Proposals by Virginia power interests to dam North River, create a large artificial lake at its upper end and build a power generating plant in Goshen Pass caused considerable commotion throughout the state in general and in Rockbridge County in particular.

Alumni met in Richmond, Va., reelected C. H. Morrisette, '15, as president, C. M. Moss, '18, Vice-

president and O. M. Stumpf, '19, Secretary; pledged \$50 for the Lee statue to be placed in the old House of Delegates in Richmond; heard Gov. Harry F. Byrd outline the proposal for the statue's erection.

Alumni planned to meet in Washington, D. C., Saturday, March 23, to provide a scholarship for District of Columbia entrants at Washington and Lee.

President Smith planned a home in Greensboro, N. C. The Y. M. C. A. sought a Secretary. Alumni continued their helpful interest in the choice of a president.

## ADMINISTRATION

### MAN SEEKING:

#### Responsibilities:

An office seeks a man. The office, responsible to a Board of Trustees, is charged with the supervision of physical property evaluated at \$1,650,000, the investment of a \$1,425,000 Endowment Fund, the administration of fixed annual income of \$110,000 (from property and endowment) and a fluctuating income of \$190,000 (from student tuition fees); with the employment and direction of 100 employees; with the supervision and direction of the daily lives and studies of 900 young men between the ages of 18 and 22 drawn from socially, economically and geographically diverse sections; with the preservation and perpetuation of traditions and ideals established during 180 years of existence; with the variously ramified public relationships of the institution thus composed.

#### Attractions:

Occupancy of the plain but commodious twelve room residence built for and by General Robert E. Lee and in which he died; an (present) annual salary of \$7,500; the direction of a peculiarly well established and going institution with distinct traditions, an unexcelled name, widely distributed patronage, an able faculty and unique potentialities; the expectancy of the \$1,800,000 Doremus bequest now held in trust.

#### Detractions:

Inadequate funds; incohesion of collective faculty, alumni and student interests; an undefined educational policy; high student tuition fees and a small



portion of the widespread but transitory confusion in the general ideals, purposes and methods of higher education; the diverse responsibilities of the office.

#### SEEKERS:

##### Trustees:

Grieved and handicapped by the death of Trustee John S. Munce, conscientious, faithful and efficient chairman of the Board's committee on the presidency, trustees halted, took over his investigations, continued the search under the direction of Committeemen Hugh B. Sproul, '92, John W. Davis, '92, W. A. MacCorkle, '78 and Rector George W. St. Clair, '91.

##### Alumni:

Recommendations and suggestions were solicited or voluntarily received from numerous interested alumni, were filed with Alumni Committee Chairman J. Morrison Hutcheson, '02, were assimilated and condensed for presentation to University trustees.

##### Faculty:

Advisory committeemen on the presidency suggested and investigated possible prospects for the office, conferred with Board committee members.

#### CENTRALIZATION:

A dozen telephone lines enter Washington and Lee offices, terminate in almost as many more extensions. A dozen or more important offices are without direct telephones or extensions. B. A. Kepler, B. S. '28, designed an inter communicating automatic central telephone system for Washington and Lee as his graduate thesis in Electrical Engineering. Dr. R. W. Dickey, '10, has presented Kepler's plan for the attention of the University Board of Trustees.

As a small college W. & L. administrative activity was confined to a portion of Newcomb Hall. With growth and expansion faculty offices were spread throughout the various college buildings; athletic headquarters located in the gymnasium; the Y. M. C. A. office established; alumni and student body officers located in the old McLaughlin house. The need for centralization arose.

Largely under Dr. Dickey's direction centralized heating has been extended to all college buildings and to many faculty residences. Other prospects for centralization are publicity, mailing, filing, accounting and stenographic service.

#### REGISTRATION:

Entrants for the second semester increased the 1928-29 student registration to 930, largest registration in Washington and Lee history. Departures and

withdrawals (voluntarily or by request) at the end of the first semester brought the actual attendance down to less than 900.

## STUDENT BODY

#### BOOZE:

The use of intoxicants is as old as the race. Mythical Olympians imbibed, generated Bacchanalian legends. Intoxicants brought filial shame upon Noah, Solomon to proverbial admonition, Rome to decline and the United States to prohibitory legislation.

Dry forces attribute the trebled enrollment in American colleges since 1920 to prohibition. Varied forces view the consumption of booze by this enlarged enrollment with considerable alarm.

Alarms are based upon indulgence by youth—a general problem. Colleges, as centers of youth, bear the burden of critical attack—no specific problem of the colleges alone.

Booze made Washington and Lee news on three recent occasions:

#### Game:

A few spectators at the Thanksgiving Va.-Carolina football game in Charlottesville gurgled and spluttered the contents of vari-shaped bottles and hip flasks; an anti-saloon leader reported the gurglings to Governor Byrd and the Virginia press. Agitation grew. An investigation was ordered. Rumor was that State sleuths disguised as students would be placed on every college campus, would spy in fraternity houses. President Henry Louis Smith, teetotaler, ardent dry, emphatically announced through the press that such methods were inimical to the spirit and traditions of Washington and Lee, would not be tolerated here. Plans for investigation went forward, but the rumored spy system was abandoned.

#### Blue Coats:

Many costumes were in evidence at the Annual Fancy Dress Ball. Two men in police uniforms wore large square-toed shoes, unfitted for dancing. Non-participants, they were relegated to the gym basement. They might have been present for protection against fire, thievery or gate crashers. But the *Ring-tum Phi*, student semi-weekly, discovered that the blue coats had been officially posted for the prevention of booze consumption, indulged in righteous wrath, defended student dance conduct.

#### Letter:

An Alumnus, "not a prude or a teetotaler" complimented the *Ring-tum Phi* on an article concerning a student movement for better dances, also said "I was



sorry to note your article did not mention any plans to eliminate excessive drinking and—yes, sometimes excessive (?) petting parties too,” and “I am ashamed to hear the names of Washington and our adored Lee dragged in the mire through the conduct of its dances.” Again the *Ring-tum Phi* came to editorial defense of its student constituents.

### Regulation:

Washington and Lee dances are regulated by a student dance control committee in co-operation with Faculty social functions committeemen, are efficiently chaperoned by selected Faculty wives. Students are not allowed to attend a dance if drinking or drunk later than six hours prior to the start of the dance. Student penalties range from disbarment from one to all future dances of the year. Visitors must be vouched for in writing by a student. Infractions by visitors penalize the student vouchers as if they were the violators. Alumni are not admitted if intoxicated or near thereto; are dealt with according to the case and occasion.

### Workings:

Student conduct on the dance floor under the excellent student dance control system is above reproach, is effectively regulated. Inefficient administration of the somewhat cumbersome and slightly unjust visitors' vouching system has led to some laxity. Alumni disturbers of the dance floor peace are exclusively limited to non-graduates of very recent departure. Alumni of any maturity never offend, are urged to participate more generally in student social affairs.

### Conditions:

State investigation, Blue Coats, and kindly critical letters arise from the complex composition of College festive affairs. Students, visiting girls, visiting students from nearby colleges, visiting families and visiting alumni attend. Of these attendants the local students (and college) are alone held responsible. Some students, here as elsewhere, do drink excessively on occasion. But student drinkers do not attend the dances while drinking; are on the fringe of festive activity. Also misleading is the expansive ill report created by a fractional group of alcoholic revellers. One non-dancing student host, two “broad-minded” and unchaperoned visiting girls, two visitors from a nearby college and one alumnus (who flunked out last year) rowdily packed into a collegiate Ford with a quantity of bootleg booze may create the impression among indiscriminating and critical observers that fully one-half the student body is on a spree.

### AUTOMATIC MULE:

Students receiving the grade of “F” in two subjects, “E” in three, or failing to pass nine semester hours of work during a term (half year) are automatically dropped from the University. The “kick” in the rule has changed it to “Mule” and supported the University's happy advancement in scholastic standing.

Reinstatements are sometimes granted, particularly to freshmen, upon Faculty consideration of individual cases. But, true to its traditional nature, the mule is becoming more stubborn, the scholastic requirements more strict.

“Flu” and unwise spending of unwise spending allowances drew an unusual number of automatic kicks at the close of the first semester, brought a long file of applicants for reinstatement before the Dean; prematurely bore many embryo alumni.

### ARGUMENTS:

Educated, arguments become debates or forensic activity. Washington and Lee lagged far behind in the ancient art of verbal combat, discovered its likeness to more popular and better organized varieties of physical combat, followed the inter-collegiate athletic model; is resurrecting the valued but discarded skeleton.

At Chicago the Generals' Debating Team engaged the Kent college of Law before a little black box, sent their voices by radio to judging listeners, won by a radio audience vote of 150 to 84 on the affirmative of “Resolved that Congress should pass uniform marriage and divorce laws.”

At Ohio Wesleyan University the W. & L. debaters lost by a bare nose of four Open Forum votes on the affirmative of “Resolved that trial by jury should be abolished.” On the same question they argued, in a no decision contest, with Miami University. Their next engagement will be with Princeton University, here on April 10.

Direct credit for the increased interest in argumentative activity goes to Public Speaking Professor M. G. Bower. Indirect and greater credit goes to President Henry Louis Smith, who has long advocated, against peculiar opposition, the development of a department of Public Speaking.

### SPRING HOPS:

Students go home or on vacation trips during the three Easter Holidays, leave the annual Easter dances “to darkness and to me.” Meager attendance at the Easter dances brought about a student petition for the reduction of the Easter vacation by one day, for a holiday Saturday, April 20; for permission to hold the annual spring dances Friday and Saturday, April





F. W. McWANE, '13  
—Graduated too soon

19 and 20 instead of April 1 and 2. The petition was granted.

#### O. D. K.:

National inter-collegiate organizations existed for the recognition of scholarship, of forensic prowess, etc. None recognized all branches of campus leadership. In 1914 a group of Washington and Lee students organized the Omicron Delta Kappa Society to relieve the deficiency. Since that time twenty-three chapters, called circles, have been established in colleges from Texas and Ohio to the Atlantic seaboard.

Membership is awarded each year to student leaders in athletics, publications, scholarship, religious, social and government activity; conferred upon alumni and faculty of distinction. Elections to membership are held secretly, are now announced at a student assembly by a tapping ceremony, are followed with an address by a special speaker selected by the Society.

Students assembled, heard W. J. Dorsey, president of the W. & L. Circle outline the purposes and ideals of the organization; heard him announce the elections to membership; saw members tap V. J. Barnett, football full-back, D. C. Eberhardt, Jr., and A. C. Jones, football half-backs, William H. Hawkins, football tackle and captain-elect, Meyer Seligman, football guard, T. G. Gibson, Fancy Dress Ball leader, A. C. Bush, Jr., Cotillion Club president, H. P. Johnston, *Ring-tum Phi* editor, C. C. Hutchinson, Jr., *Calyx* editor, A. B. Morgan, *Ring-tum Phi*

Manager, R. D. Powers, Jr., *Calyx* manager, G. H. Lanier, Jr., football manager, T. B. Fitzhugh basketball manager, J. P. Lowry, basketball forward and Capt., E. M. Wood, basketball guard, and G. N. Lowden, baseball outfielder, H. G. Morrison, cheer leader, H. C. Rand, Jr., student body vice-president, and Stanley F. Hampton, Y. M. C. A., president, alumnus-trustee Hugh Bell Sproul, '92, alumnus-professor L. J. Desha, '06 and alumnus F. W. McWane, '13.

Trustee-Alumnus O. D. K. "pledge," H. B. Sproul, '92, father of H. B. Sproul, Jr., '27, and M. M. Sproul, '29, appropriately chose "Leadership" as his subject, and simply defined its demands, limitations and complex composition; spoke of the outstanding need for dynamic Christian leadership in and out of college, intrigued students with his plain and practical illustrations.

Alumnus Prof. L. J. Desha, '06, professor of Chemistry, took his doctors degree at Johns Hopkins, was professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, was Captain overseas in the Army Sanitary Corps 1917-19; has ably served the University and the student-body in various capacities, has rendered distinct service as Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Social Functions.

As a student Fred McWane, '13, was manager of the football team, President of the Athletic Association, Phi Beta Kappa. Had Omicron Delta Kappa been established here a year earlier he would have been a member. After graduation, family interests took him to Anniston, Alabama, with the McWane Pipe and Foundry Co., back to Lynchburg with the Lynchburg Foundry Co. Last year he established F. W. McWane & Co., Investment & Securities business, became its director. Deeply rooted Washington and Lee interests kept him in close and co-operative contact with the University, made him president of the Lynchburg Alumni Chapter, made him an O. D. K. "pledge."

#### COLLEGIATE:

A college attendant lives at least two lives—one as a student whose intellectual development engages College professors—the other as a collegiate—a product of campus social and spiritual conditions—whose foibles and habits harass College Deans.

Is this a Jekyll and Hyde existence, or are they related phases of the same phenomenon? The Dean of George Washington University has invited other college deans to examine the question with him.

Ungartered socks, unpressed trousers, unshaved faces, stereotyped speech, deliberate rudeness, flashy dress, assumed sophistication, cave-mannishness characterize the collegiate. Exaggerations in the humorous press, the movies and on the vaudeville stage have



stimulated collegiateness, have perturbed fond parents; have led the George Washington Dean to seek the connection (if any) between being a collegiate and drinking, necking, neglect of class work, dishonesty and other ethical problems.

#### TOWARD INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS:

##### **Educational Conference:**

Current world problems in education, industry and religion, with particular stress on their aspect in the Far East, were discussed in a two-day conference held here February 25 and 26. The conference met under the auspices of the University Y. M. C. A., directed by Craig H. Patterson, '19, secretary.

Speakers, presenting a wide outlook on social and international problems made five addresses. The conference opened Monday morning at Doremus Memorial Gymnasium. Fletcher S. Brockman, administrative secretary for the Y. M. C. A. in the Far East, told how American scientists and educators in the last three decades have brought modernity of thought and living in China.

Mr. Brockman delivered another address on Monday evening in Lee Chapel, under the auspices of the history department, on the historical aspects of the international relationships in the Pacific Basin. Mr. Brockman has studied and lived in the Far East for thirty years.

Other speakers on the two-day session were: James Myers, author and industrial secretary of the federal council of churches, who delivered an address on Tuesday morning in Lee chapel on "Americanizing Industry."

In his speech, sponsored by the school of commerce, Mr. Myers sketched the main faults with the present plan of industrial government and advocated the theory of representative government in industry.

Tom Tippet, member of the faculty and director of the extension division of Brookwood Labor college, lectured next on "Southern Industry and Labor Problems." The speaker said that the South's problem lay in the reorganization of its white labor along a more Democratic basis. He urged that the industrialists of the South profit by the errors of the factory system of the North.

The conference closed Tuesday evening in Lee chapel, when Floyd Shacklock, a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan, and candidate's secretary of the student volunteer movement, spoke on Japanese poetry. The lecture, sponsored by the English department, brought out the sharp contrast between Japanese and American poetry. Mr. Shacklock traveled and worked in Japan for six years, and took part in educational enterprises, studying oriental poetry and philosophy.

#### FANCY DRESS:

Miss Annie White directed and staged a student play in 1905. A surplus of \$44.00 was left from its presentation. Problem: the disposal of the unused surplus. Why not give the students a dance? Thus the present annual Fancy Dress Ball was originated. Faculty families furnished refreshments. A V. M. I. orchestra furnished the music. Costumes, mostly undanceable King Arthur armor, were ordered from Philadelphia. The \$44 sufficed.

Upon Miss Annie's retirement in 1922, Prof. C. E. L. Gill became director, made the ball into a gigantic spectacle, part staging, part pantomime, part scenic effect, part dance; cut a pattern of excellence to which all of his subsequent productions have adhered.

Approximately two thousand persons gathered at the gymnasium for the 1929 Bal Oriental on Feb. 22, saw the resplendent introductory parade led by L. F. Powell of Richmond, saw disconsolate Sultan Scharyar (T. G. Gibson) receive from his throne the supplications of Princess Scheherzade (Miss Sophie Dunlop of Mobile, Ala.), saw the beguiling stories of Scheherzade interpreted by elaborately costumed groups in pantomime to represent Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, "The Shipwreck of Sinbad" &c., &c., saw Miss Elinor Fry and her pupils interpret the Spirit of the East in a series of graceful dances, saw Scheherzade ascend and share the throne of the no longer disconsolate Sultan.

Gorgeous and resplendent the 1929 Ball was marked for harmony and taste of costumes; deft execution; rich decorations; by the record breaking attendance.

As the ball has grown the expense has increased progressively. The original \$44.00 was multiplied more than a hundred-fold to meet the necessary expense of the 1929 Ball. Modern participants and witnesses would justify the increase.

#### FRATERNITIES:

The Declaration of Independence had been signed. Concepts of political and social entity permeated the new-born nation. Organisms created organizations. Socially and scholastically minded students at the College of William and Mary formed a fraternity on Dec. 5, 1776, called it Phi Beta Kappa; established a model for 73 National College men's social fraternities with 2,430 active chapters, 554,937 active members and \$52,980,155 worth of real property.

Phi Beta Kappa became less fraternal, more honorary, a symbol of high scholarship. Its followers, the seventy-three undergraduate fraternities for men, retained and enlarged its social features.

Nineteen of these national organizations were actively represented on the Washington and Lee Campus; one has been temporarily withdrawn (Zeta Beta Tau). Growth has brought about natural segregation. Fra-



ternities own or rent chapter houses in which their members meet and live. Ordinary residences are unsuitable for fraternity occupancy. To buy or build a suitable fraternity home is the ambition of every local chapter.

The University authorities concur with this ambition, have set aside a Fraternity Park between lower Main Street and the college entrance through the Memorial Gates, will grant generous loans to qualified building aspirants. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Sigma were the first builders in the Fraternity Park. Recent indications are that Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu will soon adjoin them.

Other Fraternities, disdaining fraternal proximity have bought or built in the Lexington residential districts. Most recent has been the completion of the attractive Delta Tau Delta House at 106 Lee Ave., the announcement that Alpha Tau Omega would soon start construction on their present site at 408 S. Main Street.

Addresses, dates of establishment here, housing condition or aspirations, and student leaders of the various fraternities represented here are as follows:

Phi Kappa Psi, 1855, 301 Washington St., rented, Joseph M. Holt.

Beta Theta Pi, 1856, Fraternity Park, built and owned, C. W. Gordon.

\*Kappa Alpha, 1865, 301 Letcher Ave., owned, Wm. A. Ward.

†Alpha Tau Omega, 1865, 408 So. Main St., owned, new building imminent, H. P. Johnston.

Sigma Chi, 1866, 116 W. Washington St., owned, W. A. Plummer.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1869, 505 So. Main St., rented, J. L. Rule.

Phi Gamma Delta, 1868, 112 Preston St., owned, W. H. Hawkins.

Kappa Sigma, 1873, 516 So. Main St., owned, T. B. Fitzhugh.

Sigma Nu, 1882, 506 So. Main St., rented, Fraternity Park building seriously contemplated, W. P. Ritchie.

Phi Delta Theta, 1887, 3 University Place, rented, Fraternity Park Bldg., seriously contemplated, G. H. Lanier, Jr.

Pi Kappa Alpha, 1892, 302 Jackson Ave., owned, McRee Davis.

Phi Kappa Sigma, 1894, Fraternity Park, built and owned, L. F. Powell.

Delta Tau Delta, 1896, 106 Lee Ave., owned and reconstructed, W. B. Harrington.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, 1905, 503 Jackson Ave., owned, Frank W. McCluer.

\*Founded at Washington and Lee.

†Founded at V. M. I.

Alpha Chi Rho, 1907, 214 W. Washington St., owned, J. R. Moffatt.

Pi Kappa Phi, 1920, 401 So. Main St., rented, John Bell Towill.

Zeta Beta Tau, 1920, suspended.

Phi Epsilon Pi, 1920, 511 So. Main St., rented, J. J. Salinger.

Lambda Chi Alpha, 1922, 119 W. Washington St., Wm. S. Price.

#### FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIP AVERAGES.

<i>Fraternity</i>	<i>Average</i>
Sigma Chi .....	78.187
Sigma Phi Epsilon .....	77.148
Alpha Chi Rho .....	75.446
Sigma Nu .....	75.285
Phi Epsilon Pi .....	75.279
Phi Delta Theta .....	75.209
Beta Theta Pi .....	74.858
Phi Kappa Sigma .....	74.639
Phi Kappa Psi .....	74.634
Lambda Chi Alpha .....	74.083
Delta Tau Delta .....	74.027
Kappa Alpha .....	73.858
Kappa Sigma .....	73.642
Phi Gamma Delta .....	73.557
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	73.310
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	73.232
Alpha Tau Omega .....	72.881
Pi Kappa Phi .....	70.513
Arcades (Local) .....	76.526

#### INITIATIONS:

Chickens go to classes; goats ride coaster wagons and skates, wear rompers and other incongruous apparel, orate on the public squares, auction the Court House, during the week preceding their various fraternal initiations. Such is "Hell Week."

Eighteen national fraternity chapters and one local club (Arcades) initiated 152 goats during the latter part of February, surprised themselves and others by the lack of public display during their annual siege of horseplay.

#### NEIGHBORS:

##### U. of Va.:

Coachless by the resignation of Earl "Greasy" Neal, the Cavalier athletic authorities elected E. C. Abel, Colgate all-American tackle, '15, one time mentor at V. M. I., at Sewanee and Miss. A. M., head football coach at Colgate, to the position of football and baseball coach at the U. of Va.



**V. M. I.:**

William H. Cocke, alumnus of V. M. I., successful lawyer and business man became superintendent of his alma mater in 1924, inherited a long-brewing storm of internal and external dissention; survived to achieve many epochal accomplishments, the minimization of hazing, the development of highly efficient centralized business administration, the erection of a commodious new gymnasium and many another addition and improvement during the five short years.

Not least among the accomplishments indirectly attributable to General Cocke is the era of good feeling now existing between Washington and Lee students and V. M. I. "Keydets"—an era exemplified in the following editorial from the "*Cadet*," V. M. I. student newspaper:

"Old Yell for W. & L.

"This was the feeling that permeated the hearts of fifty or more First Classmen as they reluctantly left the Washington and Lee Fancy Dress Ball last Friday night.

"From a colonial campus covered with a blanket of snow one was suddenly shifted to the pomp and splendor of ancient Oriental pageantry. The figure was magnificent, the music was all that one might expect from Ted Weems and his orchestra, the settings were beautiful, the costumes were colorful and individual, and the young ladies charming. Fantastic figure, mischievous music, stunning settings, colorful costumes and lovely young ladies blended and combined to make the Fancy Dress Ball this year well above the standard of other years, and again one of the South's most brilliant dances.

"Old Yell for W. & L.! Make it loud."

Business responsibilities and poor health brought about General Cocke's resignation, effective July 1, 1929. Rumored as his successor is Major General J. A. Lejeune, retired Commandant of the U. S. Marines.

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## FACULTY

Among works on Virginia history now being prepared are the "Life and Times of John Letcher," by W. G. Bean, Associate Professor of History, "Reputation of State Debts in the Ante-bellum South," by L. C. Helderman, Assistant Professor of History, and more than twenty articles for the dictionary of American Biography by Dr. F. L. Riley, Professor of History.

Professor William L. Mapel, Assistant Professor of Journalism, spoke before the Intercollegiate Press Association of West Virginia at Huntington, Saturday, February 23; said "Let me make the newspapers and I don't care a rap who makes the laws or the religions."

Dr. F. L. Riley, professor of history, under treatment at Johns Hopkins, has returned to Lexington, announced his plan to resume work in the early spring.

Dr. G. D. Hancock, dean of the School of Commerce and Business Administration, addressed members of the Roanoke Chapter, American Institute of banking on the subject of Federal Reserve Bank Functions and the Money Market, at the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Monday evening, February 11. He was introduced by R. G. Whittle, '22.

Charles P. Light, Law professor, addressed the Current Events Club of Staunton on Legal Aspects of Everyday Life.

Dr. James Lewis Howe, professor of Chemistry and Dean of the School of Applied Science addressed the Spex Club of Lynchburg, on recent developments in chemistry, Friday evening, February 8.

Dr. Robert H. Tucker, Professor of Economics and Business Administration was called to Raleigh by the American Association for the Promotion of Labor Legislation, for consultation in connection with proposed and pending enactments on Workmen's Compensation law by the North Carolina Legislature. He returned by way of Richmond, Va., where he addressed the Association of Virginia Colleges on the present and future of Virginia education, said "A culture based on machinery is much more to be desired than a culture based on slavery."

Dr. Wm. M. Brown, '13, attended the assembly of Kappa Phi Kappa, honorary education fraternity, was made editor of that organization's magazine; presided at the Convention of the Association of Virginia Colleges at Richmond; spoke before the National Convention of the Democratic Women's Law Enforcement League at Washington, D. C.; was elected a junior deacon of the grand lodge of Virginia Masons; was reelected National Secretary and Magazine Editor of Omicron Delta Kappa at the U. of Alabama National Convention; planned to deliver a series of six lectures on child psychology at Lynchburg; to deliver the commencement address at Danville, Va., High School on June 1; to teach at the U. of California Summer School in 1930.

### CHEMISTRY IN REVIEW:

After fifty-three years of study and research in



DR. G. D. HANCOCK



science, Dr. James Lewis Howe, dean of the School of Applied Science at Washington and Lee, sat in his office here and recalled the seven-league strides of chemistry in the half-century.

Dr. Howe heads a school begun in 1866 by General Robert E. Lee while president of the institution. The first professor in charge was Colonel William Allan, who had been chief ordnance officer in the second corps of the army of Northern Virginia. General Allan was followed by General Custis Lee, who succeeded his father as president.

"When I began study," Dr. Howe said, "most American students went to German finishing schools. There were no schools for that purpose in this country. When I came to Washington and Lee, teachers usually attended Johns Hopkins University. There were then a few schools being started under the influence of Hopkins."

"Upon my arrival at Washington and Lee," Dr. Howe continued, "I found that a thirty-by-sixty-foot chemical laboratory, now the power house, had just been built. Thirty-five students were studying chemistry and only two were working in the laboratory. There are now 194 chemical students enrolled.

The chemical library then consisted of seven volumes. It now has more than 5,000 and occupies four rooms."

Aluminum in 1880, according to Dr. Howe, was hardly more than a chemical curiosity. A short while later, three graduate students, Castner of Colorado, Cowles of Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, Ohio, and Cyrus Hall of Oberlin, believed aluminum would be useful and attacked the problem of getting it cheaply.

Dr. Howe also recalled that rayon silk grew out of the war and the need for intro-celluloses. These celluloses, when mixed with ether and alcohol, left a film. This film when mixed with camphor brought celluloid. Someone devised a method of dividing it into threads by dissolving it and then running it through a process of spinning.

Rayon silk marks the first time a new textile has made such a decided influence on an old product. It can be used alone or with cotton, silk, or wool. One-fifth of all hosiery today contains rayon. Millions of yards of cloth, wholly or in part rayon, are made annually. Capital investment in this textile in the Southern States alone amounts to \$100,000,000. The output in rayon in 1913, when it was starting, was 24,000,000 pounds; four years ago, 142,000,000; and last year 250,000,000. About one-third of this output came from the United States and a good proportion from Virginia.

"Tuberculin was discovered while I was dean of the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1890, I caused some to be brought for experimental purposes directly from the discoverer to

Louisville. This was the beginning of the systematic attack on tuberculosis. Tuberculin's chief use today is in testing herds of cows.

"My most interesting study has been that of ruthenium," he continued. "Several years ago I had some residues sent over from the Academy of Science at St. Petersburg, Russia. My experience had always been with samples of ruthenium without osmium. It never occurred to me when the small brown bottle arrived to look at its label. A few minutes after I began my experiment with the residue, I smelled a peculiar vapor rising from the container. Suddenly I recognized it as osmic acid, a very poisonous gas, and stopped the experiment instantly."

The scientist walked into his laboratory adjoining his office and returned with a small dust-covered brown bottle, which he held to the light at the window.

"I haven't bothered it since," he said.

—From the *Ring-tum Phi*.

## ATHLETICS

COACH:

**Oberst:**

Football Coach "Pat" Herron resigned. The Washington and Lee Athletic Association cast about warily for a suitable successor, received and investigated forty applications, consulted famed Notre Dame Coach Knute K. Rockne, elected Eugene Oberst, line and baseball coach at DePauw University as head



NEW COACH OBERST  
Six Feet Five—225 lbs.



coach of Washington and Lee under a two-year contract.

Oberst played tackle at Notre Dame, threw the discus and javelin, graduated in 1924; went to Paris on the American Olympic Team, placed third in the javelin throw; returned, became head coach at St. Johns College, Shreveport, La., for one year, coach at Cahill High School, Philadelphia, in 1925, football line coach and coach of baseball DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1928: was designated as "one of the coming coaches" by Coach Rockne. He is 6 ft. 5 in. tall, weighs 225 pounds, is married; will arrive to take up his new duties on May 1 to round out Spring football practice. He is a native of Owensboro, Ky.

### System:

The so-called "Warner" system of football play has long been in vogue at Washington and Lee. It calls for a massing of attack, close formations, the concentration of brain and brawn; depends primarily upon line plunging and off-tackle plays for offensive strength. The coming of new Coach Oberst will inaugurate a form of the Notre Dame style of play (The Rockne System) which allows more open formations, utilizes fleet footwork and a complexity of forward passes; is probably better suited to light teams with limited reserves.

### ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION:

#### History:

Professional coaching was unknown at Washington and Lee until 1901 when Dr. Wm. Wertenbacker was employed as physical director. Periodically thereafter special coaches were temporarily employed at the expense of student players on the teams to be coached. During this period A. J. Byles, D. W. Balliet, E. W. Bitzer, C. P. Carter, R. R. Brown, C. L. Krebs, Charles Roller, F. J. Prott, T. N. Pfeiffer, and F. M. Shaugnessey coached in varied capacities and under various conditions of employment.

#### Pollard:

The Athletic Association was organized in 1912, under faculty supervision with Dr. J. W. H. Pollard as coach and director of athletics. W. B. Kennoy, Derrill Pratt, Al Orth, Jas. Reilly, H. L. Dowd, Dan Mahoney, Walter Elcock, Forest Fletcher and W. C. Raftery, rendered seasonal assistance to Dr. Pollard until 1916 and the war.

#### Fletcher:

Forest Fletcher succeeded Dr. Pollard, became Director of Athletics. Bill Raftery, '15, coached football, basketball and baseball. Washington and Lee became a charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921. The Director of Athletics was given a place on the Faculty; taught hygiene and physical education in addition to coaching; was an employee of the University. The coach was and is an employee of the Athletic Association, drawing his salary from the proceeds of athletic contest admissions.



FLETCHER

#### Fletcher & Co.:

The business of the Athletic Association grew, demanded a full-time administrator. R. A. Smith, '15, was coaching and teaching at Fishburne Military Academy; had played Semi-pro baseball. He became Graduate Manager of Athletics in 1922, became a shrewdly efficient partner in the growingly effective firm of Fletcher & Co., a cooperative, non-competitive organization which has made the W. and L. department of athletics preeminent.

#### To-day:

Every student must study hygiene for at least two years; must satisfactorily pass a swimming test before graduation. Other ramifications of the athletic department include inter-fraternity and inter-class athletic activity; embraces swimming, boxing, track and field, wrestling, football, baseball, basketball, tennis and golf for Freshman and Varsity aspirants; entail the management of a twenty-five to forty thousand dollar annual business, the employment of coaches, assistants, etc., the direction of athletic publicity.



SMITH

Responsible to the University for the administration of intricate athletic affairs is the Athletic Council, composed of Coach Fletcher, five students elected by the student-body, one other professor, two resident alumni and two non-resident alumni, elected by the Alumni Association. Efficient assistants to Director Fletcher and Manager Smith are E. P. Davis, Freshman Coach, A. E. Mathis, wrestling, E. P. Twombly, swimming and baseball, W. W. Palmer, assistant football, and P. R. Harrison, director of Athletic Publicity. Baseball and



basketball are coached by Manager Smith, track by Director Fletcher. New full-time assistants will be football Coach Oberst and assistant football coach Hoffman, Pennsylvania, '27.

#### BASKETBALL:

##### Varsity:

The cage season ran victoriously to a deflating close. The Generals quintet met sixteen opponents, scored 755 points while their opponents scored 391, averaged 47 points per game, lost only one engagement—to the U. of Kentucky by a one point margin; won the State Championship, stood first in Southern Conference rating.

But the Southern Conference Championship is settled in the annual basketball tournament at Atlanta, which the Generals were picked to win. There the blue and white team overcame Tulane in the preliminary, but lost to the University of Mississippi, last year's champion, by a humiliating score of 50 to 28. The tournament was finally won by North Carolina State University.

The 1929 Washington and Lee quint was a finely adjusted machine. Play centered around three sensational but unseasoned sophomores, Williams, *center*, Cox, *forward* and Hanna, *guard*. Assisted by Capt. Lowry, *forward*, Wood, and Groop, *guards*, the team achieved the most outstanding record in W. and L. cage history. That their smoothly attuned mechanism was thrown out of adjustment by the furor and confusion of hectic tournament play and by the high expectations of the press and fans does not detract from their impressive showing. Fans and Press may look forward to another season with even firmer confidence.

Exclusive of the Atlanta tournament the season's record was as follows:

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL

##### SCHEDULE AND RESULTS.

January	9—W. & L., 45; Hampden-Sidney (H), 26.
"	11—W. & L., 77; Bridgewater (H), 22.
"	14—W. & L., 44; Georgia (H), 25.
"	15—W. & L., 56; Randolph-Macon (H), 27.
"	19—W. & L., 47; Virginia (H), 19.
"	26—W. & L., 44; V. P. I. (H), 25.
February	1—W. & L., 47; William & Mary (H), 19.
"	2—W. & L., 47; Maryland (T), 22.
"	4—W. & L., 42; Maryland (H), 18.
"	8—W. & L., 30; Kentucky (T), 31.
"	9—W. & L., 42; West Virginia (T), 37.
"	14—W. & L., 55; Davidson (H), 26.
"	16—W. & L., 45; V. P. I. (Roanoke), 17.

February 20—W. & L., 48; Marshall College (H), 30.

" 23—W. & L., 36; V. P. I. (T), 17.

" 26—W. & L., 50; Virginia (T), 30.

Totals—Washington and Lee, 755; Opponents, 391.

Average per game—W. & L., 47; Opponents, 24.

##### Freshmen:

Feeder for the Varsity quint and for the past few seasons an outstanding aggregation on their own account, the freshman basketeers under the tutelage of Coach Eddie Parks Davis, '15, hung up a record for 1929 second only to the Varsity. The yearling Cavaliers from the University of Virginia, outclassed the young Generals in both scheduled engagements and the frosh of North Carolina University got away with a four-point margin—the only losses suffered by the Davis-men out of twelve engagements. Their record is:

#### FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Freshman—W. and L., 46; A. M. A. 22.

" W. and L., 44; S. M. A. 33.

" W. and L., 59; V. P. I. 29.

" W. and L., 38; F. M. S. 16 (Fishburne)

" W. and L., 36; Virginia 40.

" W. and L., 35; S. M. A. 22.

" W. and L., 30; N. C. U. 34.

" W. and L., 29; Virginia 47.

" W. and L., 39; Davidson 38.

" W. and L., 52; Fishburne 28.

" W. and L., 35; Princeton High 30.

" W. and L., 41; V. P. I. 27.

##### Prep Tournament:

Washington and Lee has become the center of South Atlantic Prep and High School basketball's final aspirations. Thirty schools were represented at the annual tournament this year. The teams came from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia.

After preliminary eliminations John Marshall High School of Richmond, Newport News High School, Augusta Military Academy of Fort Defiance, Va., and Emerson Institute of Washington, D. C., reached the semi-finals.

Augusta Military Academy rallied to defeat the smooth Emerson aggregation; Newport News vanquished their neighboring rivals from Richmond, met and defeated A. M. A.: won the tournament. Awards of medals, trophies, etc., followed the Final game. An informal dance followed the awards.

The tournament was most successful; evidenced the leadership of Washington and Lee in fostering Prep and High School athletic activity.



### Athletic Publicity:

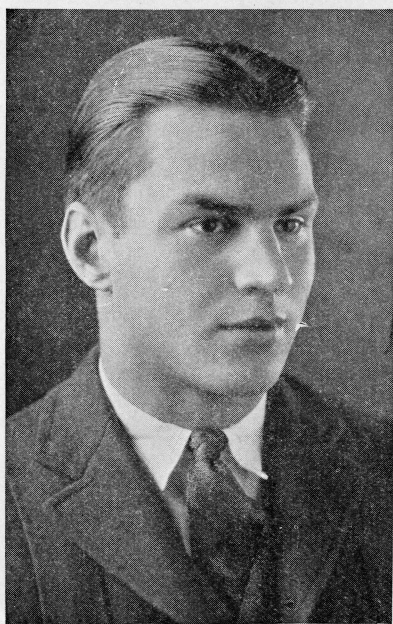
Alumni create the major consumer demand for news of Washington and Lee activities. Athletic news is sent out under the direction of the Washington and Lee Athletic Association. This year athletic publicity is done by P. R. Harrison, '27. Illustrative of the needed point of view in Washington and Lee Publicity were the news articles sent out by the Athletic Association preliminary to the Prep and High School basketball tournament.

Athletic news releases announced the tournament to be under the auspices of the University; made no vaunting references to the individual leaders in charge, evidenced no competitive publicity-seeking on the part of the athletic association or the able men whose efforts had brought the tournament to its present success, made publicity for Washington and Lee University as a whole.

### In the Stands:

Over the radio from "W. S. B., the *Atlanta Journal*, Atlanta, G-ee-o-r-g-y-a-a-", the announcer gave a play by play account of the Atlanta tournament basketball games, turned his attention to the audience, said "In the stands I see C. W. 'Bill' Streit ('05), one of the outstanding football referees and athletic authorities in the South. Bill Streit, as you know, was one of the referees at the Ga. Tech.-California game on New Year's Day."

### Duke's Cameron:



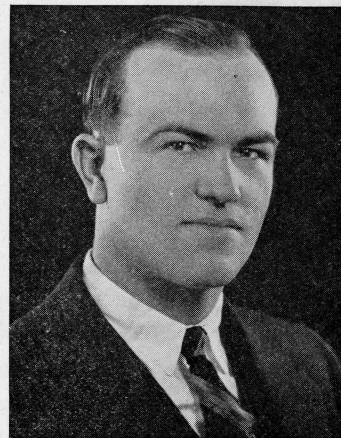
"EDDIE" CAMERON, '24  
Upset the dope bucket

showing was no surprise to those who knew Cameron.

Surprising to many was the showing made in the Atlanta tournament by the basketball team from Duke University, freshman member of the Southern Conference. Duke dethroned many of the picked leaders on their march to the Finals, where they were met and downed by North Carolina State for the championship.

Coached by "Eddie" Cameron, '24, famed W. & L. full-back and basketball guard, the Duke

When Coach "Jimmy" DeHart went to the golden hued Duke, he employed Eddie Cameron, '24, and Tex Tilson, '25, as assistants. In addition to assisting on the Duke gridiron Eddie Cameron was mentor of Freshman basketball. Tex Tilson assisted with boxing and wrestling. This year Cameron was made Varsity basketball coach, entered his team in the Atlanta tournament for the first time, came near to upsetting the well known "dope bucket."



W. E. TILSON  
Does duty for Duke

### SWIMMING:

Preeminent in the major sport of basketball for the season Washington and Lee was also outstanding in the minor sport of swimming. Johns Hopkins Natators defeated the Generals' mermen by a two point margin for the only loss of the year. Freshman swimmers emerged victorious in every meet.

Old records were topped and new records established for the local pool by O. Norris Smith, varsity speed and diving star, by one Stapleton, Freshman ace. The showing of Ex-Captain and Manager Norris Smith, son of President and Mrs. Henry Louis Smith, was so outstanding that he was awarded a Major Sport monogram by the Athletic Association, the first award of its kind ever made at Washington and Lee.

Swimming has been slowly but surely built into an outstanding sport at Washington and Lee by Coach E. P. "Cy" Twombly, one-time student at the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College of Physical Training, one-time big league baseball pitcher, W. & L. coach of swimming, assistant physical director and baseball pitching mentor. The 1929 Varsity and Freshman records reflect his aquatic progress.

#### Varsity Swimming

W. & L. 45, Va. 15.  
W. & L. 40, W. & M. 20.  
W. & L. 35, Catholic U. 25.  
W. & L. 30, Johns Hop. 32.  
W. & L. 43, Duke 17.

#### Freshman Swimming

W. & L. 42, Fishburne 18.  
W. & L. 39, S. M. A. 21.  
W. & L. 41, A. M. A. 19.



W. & L. 38, A. M. A. 24.  
 W. & L. 43, R. M. A. 17.  
 W. & L. 40, Va. Fresh. 19.

#### WRESTLING:

Varsity matmen failed to follow the victorious march of other Winter Sports but acquitted well on occasion. Outstanding for the season was the victory over U. of Va. grapplers by a score of 16 to 14 and over N. C. State 16 to 12.

To stimulate interest in wrestling interested Coach A. E. Mathis, one-time big-ten wrestling champion from the Univ. of Ill., has offered a handsome loving cup to the most outstanding Washington and Lee grappler each year. The 1929 award went to "Dick" Bolton, heavy-weight.

Freshmen matmen exceeded their Varsity peers, had only one loss to mar a victorious season, Bod-ing well for next year's Varsity, Harris, Mattox, Guyol and Tilson, made splendid showings for the Frosh. Freshman Mattox is the brother of "Jimmy" and "Monk" of W. & L. athletic fame, Tilson the brother of "Tex", of Generals' football, wrestling and boxing repute.

The Varsity and Freshman Mat records are:

#### Varsity Wrestling

W. & L. 8, Princeton 26.  
 W. & L. 6, Army 28.  
 W. & L. 6, N. C. 22.  
 W. & L. 16, Va. 14.  
 W. & L. 16, N. C. S. 12.  
 W. & L. 11, Duke 21.  
 W. & L. 12½, V. P. I. 15½.

#### FRESHMAN WRESTLING

W. & L. 28, A. M. A. 10.  
 W. & L. 31, Va. 3.  
 W. & L. 20, N. C. 20.  
 W. & L. 18, A. M. A. 12.  
 W. & L. 21, V. P. I. 13.  
 W. & L. 35, B. M. A. 0.

#### BOXING:

Law student "Bill" Price, last year's Boxing Captain, coached the 1929 mitmen; had a poor boxing season with both Varsity and Frosh.

With more material and attention Washington and Lee boxing may yet become an outstanding sport. It will draw a larger crowd of fans than any other midwinter sport.

One bout was outstanding during the 1929 home exhibitions. In a match with Catholic University

"Johnny" Faulkner, stocky 165 pounder absented himself from the basketball squad, donned trunks and gloves, pounded a few resounding smacks and sent his opponent to quick defeat by the knock-out route.

Season records:

#### Varsity Boxing

W. & L. 4, W. & M. 2.  
 W. & L. 1, V. P. I. 6.  
 W. & L. 1, Duke 6.  
 W. & L. 0, U. of N. C. 7.  
 W. & L. 3, Cath. U. 3.

#### FRESHMAN BOXING

W. & L. 3, A. M. A. 4.  
 W. & L. 1, A. M. A. 5.  
 W. & L. 1, V. P. I. 6.  
 W. & L. 5, Blackstone 0.  
 W. & L. 1, S. M. A. 5.

#### TRACK:

In a triangular meet at the U. of N. C. with their hosts and Ga. Tech, W. & L. won the relay, the 70 yard dash, placed second in the pole vault and third in the high jump. These were the only events entered.

At the U. of Va. indoor games W. & L. placed third with 21½ points, winning the 50 yard dash, the 440 yard and second in the 880. W. & L. Freshman placed second with 18 points, winning the 440, second in 880 and first and third in the shot put.

The outstanding track showing of the year was made at the Millrose games in Madison Square Garden, New York, where the Generals' Relay Team placed second to Yale in that event. Relaymen Bacchus, Sandifer, Shepheard, and Dickey ran in the order named.

However, the loss to Yale was the first defeat suffered by a Washington and Lee Relay Team in 14 years. During this period Washington and Lee has been represented in some of the Nation's largest indoor track events, and have emerged with victories in the relay on every occasion until the last.

It was estimated that over 100 candidates have reported to Coach Fletcher for outdoor track.

#### BASEBALL:

1929 diamond prospects cannot be accurately measured. The usual battery strength is conspicuously absent. Capt. Gene White will endeavor to fill the breach on the mound, though his usual position is





WHITE, Capt.

at the keystone sack. He will be assisted by Atwood, Ranier and Radford. The vacancy behind the home plate created by the graduation of Catchers Jones and Tips will be hard to fill. With White in the pitcher's box the entire infield must be built anew. Two veterans, Slanker and Lowden, are on hand for the outfield.

Good material from last year's mediocre Freshman aggregation may fill out the infield satisfactorily. If all-round athlete Leigh Williams can be spared from track, "Babe" Spotts' old position at the initial sack will be well taken care of. Thiebudeau is in line for the third base position, while Jacob will substitute for White at second and Jenkins will be a first-string tryout at short. Lawder, Richardson and Wright are competing for the outfield vacancy.

The season opened March 21.

Following is the complete schedule, games marked (x) being Tri-State League battles:

- March 21—Lynchburg, pending.
- March 25—Mt. St. Marys; here.
- March 26—Catholic University; here.
- March 29—Princeton; here.
- March 30—Colgate; here.
- April 2—N. C. State (x); there.
- April 3—Duke; there.
- April 4—N. C. University (x); there.
- April 6—Delaware; here.
- April 11—Virginia (x); there.
- April 13—Davidson; here.
- April 15—N. C. University (x); here.
- April 20—William & Mary; here.
- April 23—Virginia Tech (x); there.
- April 26—Maryland (x); there.

April 27—Naval Academy; there.

April 30—Guilford College; here.

May 2—N. C. State (x); here.

May 7—Maryland (x); here.

May 10—Virginia Tech (x); here.

May 18—Virginia (x); here.

#### FOOTBALL:

Spring gridiron practice is not scheduled to start until mid-April. New Coach Oberst will not be on hand until the close of the spring practice season. E. P. Davis and W. W. Palmer will direct the initial limbering up.

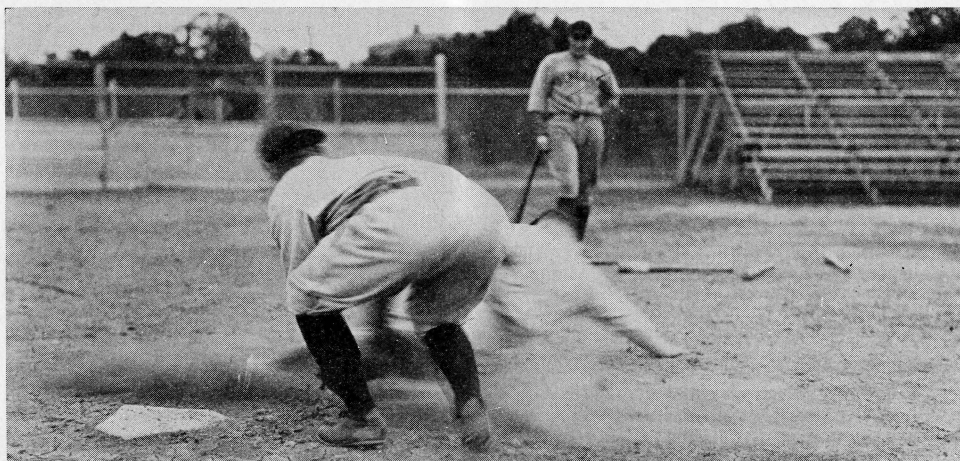
#### New Rules:

Washington and Lee suffered seriously from an epidemic of fumbling during the past Football season. Fumbles will cease to be a serious menace. New rules adopted by the National Football rules committee make two important changes in the regulations on fumbles, one on the point-after-touchdown play. The changes are:

1. A fumbled ball is dead at the point of recovery. It becomes the possession of the recovering team as heretofore—but is put in play at the point of recovery.
2. Also and in like manner, fumbled kicks are dead at the point of recovery.
3. After touchdown the ball is to be put in play two yards from the goal line instead of three. Thus a line plunge may be more safely used to gain the extra point instead of a kick or forward pass.

#### WILLIAMS:

An outstanding all-round athlete is an athletic blessing. "Cy" Young, "Al" Pierrotti and "Babe"

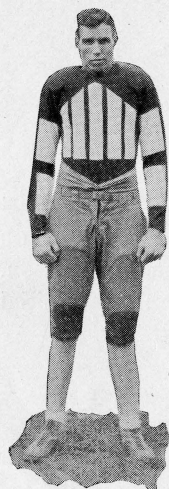


OUT AT THE PLATE



Spotts have been outstanding during the past fifteen years.

Looming in the firmament of all-round stars is one Leigh Williams, Sophomore, erstwhile star of Maury High School, of Norfolk, Va. Versatile Mr. Williams has the happy faculty of doing many things well. He compares well with the best in any given sport. Withal he is a modest and genuine young man, more apprehensive over the perils of text books and class rooms than competitive athletic activity.



Williams has hands like hams and legs—well they have slight, if any, air resistance. The hands are well suited to gathering in forward passes deftly, passing basketballs and throwing baseballs. The legs carry him in a straight line between two given points for 100 yards in just a fraction under 10 seconds. Most important for direction of hands and feet is his accurate eye and a brain which quickly penetrates and outwits opposing strategy.

At Washington and Lee Williams has already distinguished himself at right end on the football team, center in basketball. His brief showing in the Atlanta tournament led Southern sports writers to indulge in effusive praise. Baseball, track, this year, and two full seasons in major sports lie ahead of him.

## LEXINGTON

### THE TOWN:

Students become bored with Lexington, cast supercilious slurs, seek relief from its reserved remoteness in expensive week-end trips to more metropolitan centers. After graduating, they look fondly backward, cherish memories of the town and its citizens, take a possessive pride in its uniqueness; would deplore any major change.

Without materially changing its general aspect, Lexington is quietly progressive. An efficient and well manned police force has been employed, the fire department reorganized; streets are being widened when possible. Active Rotary, Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs and a Chamber of Commerce promote improvements and additions. Most recently proposed is a municipal air-port.

### CHANGES:

I. Weinberg is a name long associated in Lexington with Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, musical instruments and phonograph records. On the side Weinberg's interest

in hotel and moving picture enterprises has expanded, has made him a potent figure in state and national cinema exhibition circles,—so much so that Weinberg's Department Store, fountain-head of his prosperity, became a side line. It was sold last month; becomes "Grossman's."

Overland artery from Washington, D. C., to El Paso, Texas, the Lee Highway pours throngs of tourists through Lexington during spring, summer and fall. Residences bordering the highway hung out signs, became Tourist Inns; have done a profitable business. The old "Heck" residence, designed on the order of a military block house, has long stood just off the sidewalks of Jordan and Main Streets, a relic of early Lexington. It is being replaced by a modern 30 room Tourist Inn by W. W. Coffey, proprietor of the "Valley Inn" a half mile to the South. Excavations under the old house disclosed a hidden chamber, an old horse-pistol, some bones and bottles.

### BEAUTY vs. UTILITY:

Matthew Fontaine Maury, Confederate Naval Chief, World geographer, "Path-Finder of the Sea," V. M. I. mathematician, loved the wild gorge cut by the North River through the Alleghanies—Goshen Pass. Legend says that Commodore Maury's body was withheld from burial, by his dying request, until the laurel and rhododendron of Goshen Pass were in full bloom; that it was drawn in a hearse through the pass by a corps of V. M. I. Cadets.

Today a huge ship anchor and a limestone slab stand in the pass in commemoration of Commodore Maury's love and the rites preceding his burial; the road through the pass is known as the Maury Highway; a movement is on foot to officially designate the gorge-cutting torrent as the Maury River.

The Virginia Public Service Corporation, power magnates, propose to utilize the wasted power of the mountain torrent; to erect a huge dam above the pass, to create a lake above and a barren rock bed below, to rebuild the Maury Highway, to generate electric power.

Friends of beauty and foes of change are vigorously protesting what they term a desecration of irreplaceable natural beauty. The Blue Ridge Garden Club, the committee on Conservation of Natural Areas of the Virginia Academy of Science, Dr. W. D. Hoyt, W. and L. Biology Professor, Chairman, Virginius Dabney, Richmond *Time Dispatch* editorial writer, and many a Lexingtonian oppose the move.

Friends of utility and advocates of industrial progress applauded the prospect, looked upon artificial reconstruction as an adequate substitute for destroyed natural beauty. D. S. McCorkle, B.S., '26, and E. W. McCorkle, B.A., '26, wrote to the *Rockbridge*



*County News* in defense of Industrial Progress. Dr. E. P. Tompkins, '88, scholarly native of Rockbridge wrote in broad and comprehensive review of both contentions, pointed the way to a possibly acceptable solution.

Sitting in judgment is Lewis S. Eppes, '08, Chairman of the Virginia Corporation Commission, which will reject or approve the Power request.

## MEMORABALIA

### BUFFALO CALF:

Politically, Benjamin Borden presented Virginia Colonial Governor Gooch with a buffalo calf, requested and secured the grant of 90,000 acres in what is now Rockbridge County, Va., from the British Crown, through the pleased Colonial Governor.

The grant was finely written and royally executed on heavy parchment November 6, 1739. It remained in the Borden family for awhile, passed to the Bowyer family by marriage, was recently contributed by Mr. John Bowyer, '69, of Abilene, Texas, to the museum of Washington and Lee, whose present site and property goes back to Borden's grant for original title.

### LIGHTING EFFECTS:

Effective electric lighting is a mixture of art and science.

The Natural Bridge and the numerous caverns throughout the Shenandoah Valley have been enhanced by artistic lighting effects. Lighting scientists from the General Electric Company have become interested in effectively lighting Valentine's recumbent statue of Lee in the Chapel, have made sketches and designs, will submit plans.

### CHAPEL VISITORS:

Winter does not encourage touring. Registrations at the Lee Chapel for December were 1200, for January 1100, for February 939.

### LEE BIRTHPLACE:

Stratford Hill in Westmoreland County, Virginia, originally given in 1729 by Queen Caroline, consort of George II to members of the Lee family, the home of Richard Henry Lee, Francis Lightfoot Lee, "Lighthorse" Harry Lee, the birthplace and boyhood home of General Robert E. Lee, has been acquired by a Connecticut chapter of the U. D. C., will be preserved as a National Shrine.

### AGAIN BOOZE:

John Robinson was an early and liberal donor to the endowment of embryo Washington and Lee University. A marble shaft rises in front of Tucker Hall in his memory. Liberal and convivial, donor Robinson once donated a barrel of rye whiskey for the appropriate celebration of a University occasion in 1824, dispensed it in gourds and tin cups from the rear of a farm wagon, created much "whoopie" on the campus, as was recently reported in the *Ring-tum Phi*; as is more accurately recorded among the Washington and Lee Historical Papers.

### DEBATES FIFTY YEARS AGO:

*Anniversary Celebration of the Graham-Lee Society.*—On the 20th inst., the Graham Lee Literary Society of W. & L. University celebrated its 70th anniversary in the University Chapel.

The speakers of the evening were, Mr. W. C. Wells, of Suffolk, Va., orator, and Messrs. Moore of Texas, Tailbird of S. C., McDonal of Kentucky, and Campbell of Richmond, Va., as debaters.

The question, "Should there be a Tariff for the Protection of Home Industry?" is one of general interest and was well discussed by the young gentlemen.

Mr. Wells had chosen as his oration "Mary and Elizabeth," which he treated in a manner highly interesting to the audience, as was manifested by their close attention.

We regret that the number present was not as large as it might have been. The number of young ladies was noticeably small for a Lexington audience.

The Washington Literary Society will celebrate its anniversary on the 22nd of February.

—*Lexington Gazette*, January 24, 1879.

### FANCY DRESS FIFTY YEARS AGO:

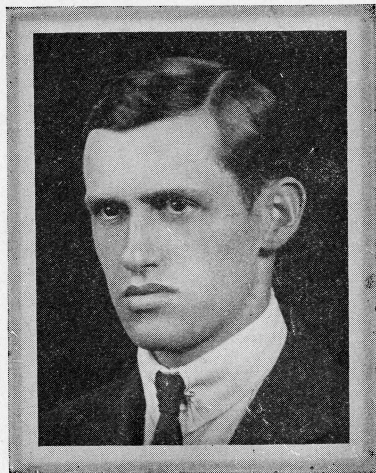
The managers of the Fancy Dress Party at W. & L. University on Friday night last ought to be well satisfied with the results of their laudable endeavors. We have heard but one opinion expressed, and it is that the party was one of the most perfect things of its kind ever had in Lexington—not only was the crowd a large one and consequently the financial results satisfactory, but the costumes were varied and elegant, the characters personated were well sustained, and every one seemed to be at the tip-top of enjoyment. All had a good time. The supper was bountiful and elegant, and served with rare grace and sweetness. We congratulate the Boat and Baseball Clubs upon having so many and such generous friends. May their members reflect credit upon themselves and their fairy friends when they enter the lists for the prize.

—*Lexington Gazette*, February 28, 1879.



## ALUMNI

## QUAIL:



CHAS. HANDLEY, '22  
Captured Jiggs

At Washington and Lee Charles O. Handley studied Biology. In the afternoons he explored neighboring fields and caves; called birds to him, talked to them in their native language, photographed them. At a summer camp he taught Nature Study, captured and tamed a young Jaybird, named him

Jiggs and brought him to Lexington.

Jiggs paid friendly visits to neighboring dormitory rooms, the Library and Biology Class rooms, strayed fearlessly over the campus, became the target of a misunderstanding colored boy, died from his misplaced trust. Charley Handley graduated in 1923, became Assistant Professor of Biology, served for three years, was married.

Betimes he made reports on bird migrations to the U. S. government. The U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey needed a man to study the food habits of quail, employed Prof. Handley, sent him to the government experimental farm at Thomasville, Ga., where he compiled and reported much valuable data upon the elusive and wild southern game-bird.

The State of Virginia maintains a commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, now under the direction of A. Willis Robertson, Lexingtonian. The Virginia commission imports game birds for stocking old dominion stubble fields; found that they needed the services of an expert on game birds, created the position of Superintendent of Game Propagation, called expert quailman, Charles O. Handley, '23, to fill the post.

Back in Virginia Mr. Handley will have supervision of the state game farm, the Camp Lee refuge and such other refuges as may be established, will carry on his studies of the food habits and food supplies of Virginia quail, will cause the gamebags of Virginia huntsmen to be fuller in later years.

## VIRGINIA GOVERNOR:

Governor Harry Flood Byrd (LL. D. W. & L. 1928), progressive Virginia executive, cannot succeed himself. State politicoes are casting about warily for a suitable successor to carry on his epoch-making

administration. Five out of the six possible candidates for the Democratic choice are Washington and Lee alumni.

Lieut. Governor Junius E. West, '97, of Suffolk has formally announced his candidacy and is presenting his platform to the State Democratic electorate.

From Norfolk the name of Stockton Heth Tyler, '94—lawyer and mayor, father of James H. Tyler, W. & L. Sophomore student, has been brought forward.

Other parties in the Eastern section are advocating James H. Price, '09—lawyer and state legislator of Richmond.

Newspapers have suggested that Harry St. G. Tucker, '77, Representative of Lexington and the 7th Va. district in the U. S. Congress, famed constitutional lawyer, again enter the gubernatorial race.

Potently looming from Republican-hued Southwest Virginia, is George C. Peery, '97—lawyer of Tazewell, two-times Democratic congressman from the embattled ninth district, father of Albert G. Peery, W. & L. junior student and varsity boxer.

Other eyes turn to the gubernatorial activity of recently stimulated Republican leaders of which group Henry W. Anderson, '97, of Richmond, is unofficial but potent chief and of which T. X. Parsons, B. L. '21, of Roanoke and John G. Anderson, B. L. '23, of Bristol are effective members.

## EXECUTIVE EDITOR:

Isaac Shuman, '17, and T. H. "Stretch," Pratt, '17, gathered some newspaper experience, met at Kingsport, Tenn., with the *Weekly Times* as their joint property. "Stretch" Pratt married, settled down, assumed the direction of the paper when Ike Shuman went a'conquering of bigger fields. *The Weekly* grew into a daily and an important East Tennessee news organ.

Ike Shuman went to the *New York World*, wrote arresting articles on New York housing conditions, suggested means for the relief of congestion and the elimination of slums, saw many of his suggestions become the basis for legal regulation; established a reputation which took him to the potent *New York Times*.

For the *Times* Mr. Shuman covered Lindbergh's good will stops in Honduras and Santo Domingo, Mayor James J. Walker's Mardi Gras trip to New Orleans, and many other important assignments.

Paul Block, growing chain newspaper owner, purchased the Brooklyn, N. Y., *Standard Union*, reached across the river to the famed Times Building, brought Ike Shuman, '17, to the post of Executive Editor in charge of his new purchase, enlarged another name on Washington and Lee's growing alumni list of "born" News-men.



*ARTHUR TABB, '04:*

Arthur Tabb, manager of Tabb Storage Warehouse and Freight Transfer Line, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 20, 1881. Receiving his preliminary education in the graded schools of the city and at the Louisville Male High School, he later attended Washington and Lee University.

Returning to Louisville on completing his college course, he entered the transfer business established by his father, Charles S. Tabb, in 1875, and on his father's death in 1920 succeeded as the active head of the organization.

Located at 201 North Fifteenth Street, Tabb Storage Warehouse and Transfer Line is perhaps one of the oldest and best known companies of its kind not only in Louisville but in the entire South. For the last fifty years it has stored and handled the vast quantities of paper sent through the presses of the *Courier-Journal* and the *Louisville Times* during that time.

Mr. Tabb is a member of the Falls City Lodge of Masons No. 376 and is a Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Transportation Club and of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Married in 1913 to Miss Annie Fitch of Flemingsburg, Ky., Mr. Tabb's home is at 2411 Ransdell Avenue.

—From the *Sunday Courier Journal*, March 3rd.

*HUNTER'S RAID:*

The details of Hunter's raid are of particular interest to natives of Rockbridge County, Virginia. Eyewitnesses are passing on. Details become more obscure. Mr. Hunter McDonald, '77, of Nashville, Tenn., has made these details the subject of much investigation. President George West Diehl, '12, of Concord State College, Athens, W. Va., is making a study of Hunter's Military Operations. Authentic information on the subject will be appreciated by Mr. McDonald or Dr. Diehl.

*RICHMOND ALUMNI CLUB:*

Richmond, Va., Alumni met in annual business session, Monday, Feb. 18, re-elected C. H. Morrisette, '14, President, C. H. Moss, '18, Vice President, O. M. Stumpf, '18, Secretary-Treasurer; heard Governor Byrd, LL.D., '28, discuss the proposed monument of General Lee to be placed in the old Hall of Delegates; pledged \$50 toward the monuments erection; discussed the future presidency of W. & L.

Alumni attending were: Governor Byrd, LL. D. '28, Dr. Sam'l A. Anderson, '19, S. T. Beveridge, '76, W. W. Beverly, '10, Dr. John Robin Blair, '03, L. C. Caldwell, '09, Robert W. Cole, '20, James T. Davis, '24, John J. Forrer, '09, Dr. Richard W. Fowlkes, '15,

M. J. Fulton, '91, Kenneth A. Goode, '25, A. M. Harris, '12, Frank W. Harrelson, '22, George E. Haw, '04, Col. LeRoy Hodges, '10, Dr. A. A. Houser, '07, Dr. James M. Hutcheson, '02, Charleton E. Jewett, '21, Willard C. Kidd, '21, Dr. H. S. Leibert, '21, Maurice Miller, '17, Willis D. Miller, '11, C. H. Morrisette, '14, Charles W. Moss, '18, Charles H. Phillips, '22, James H. Price, '11, George S. Riggs, '23, Dr. B. M. Rosebro, '97, Dr. R. L. Simpson, '92, General Jo. Lane Stern, '70, Dr. L. T. Stoneburner, '07, W. K. Timberlake, '26, John Randolph Tucker, '00, B. H. Thornhill, '28, Dr. Atwood M. Wash, '12, William Albert Williams, '22, W. O. Wilson, '04, Clyde N. Allen, '25, Rev. W. L. Carson, '15, E. L. McFarlane, '12, Charles H. Hamilton, '26, D. C. O'Flaherty, '27, W. J. Patton, '22, Charles L. Todd, '24, O. B. Watson, '12, Garland H. Hayes, '28, R. W. Jordan, Jr., '26, H. V. Bell, '17, and O. M. Stumpf, '18.

The Richmond Club has long been an active one, has been favored with such leaders as Dr. J. M. Hutcheson, '02, George E. Haw, '04, and Mr. Morrisette, is balanced by the active membership of such veterans of alumni activity as Col. Jo. Lane Stern, '70, James P. Nelson, '69, H. T. Wickham, '69, and Samuel L. Yonge, '68. The Club holds three informal quarterly meetings and one formal business meeting each year.

*VISITORS:*

Calling at the Alumni Headquarters during the past month were Hon. Ed. Wohlwender, '97, of Columbus, Ga., James C. Ambler, '18, of Warrenton, Va., W. T. Smith, Jr., '22, and F. R. Loth, '26, of Waynesboro, Va., Rev. J. McC. Sieg, '01, of Morristown, Tenn., and Hon. S. Heth Tyler, '94, of Norfolk, Va.

*THE GREATEST SOLDIER:*

The New Orleans Alumni Association of Washington and Lee University is to be commended for its faithful commemoration of the birth of the greatest American soldier, Robert E. Lee, which occurred a hundred and twenty-two years ago on January 19. At its dinner-meeting for Saturday night, the association selected for its principal speaker, Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. His father, J. William Jones of Virginia, was the lifelong friend of Lee, and his first biographer.

Since 1883, Robert E. Lee has stood in heroic bronze on the hundred-foot pillar at Lee Circle. But it is of more significance that he still stands in the hearts of a whole nation as the type of a great soldier and a great man. Time has confirmed the luminous epic of his character, which breathed into our civil, political, and even our wartime relations the breath of a higher life.



Carlyle calls heroism "the divine relation which in all times unites a great man to other men." By that test, the heroism of Lee is confirmed. At the close of the Mexican war, General Scott called him "the greatest living American soldier." But his greatness was, strangely enough, more fully proven by his defeat—in a cause to which he had sacrificed his convictions out of fidelity to the South. For he opposed disunion; gave his own slaves their freedom; but refused the command of the United States Army to draw a reluctant sword in defense of his own people. And he failed only because the "stars in their courses fought against him," as they had fought against Sisera—because provisions for his forlorn hope were sent by mistake to Richmond, instead of to the rendezvous at Amelia Courthouse. No incident is too small to be used by the will of the gods to further a just cause.

Hero worship is wholesome, especially in an age of irreverence; and especially if the hero has the qualities of greatness expressed by America's greatest soldier.

—*Editorial from New Orleans, La., "States", January 19, 1929.*

#### THE WILL OF PAUL DERRICKSON, '12:

The will of the first Norfolk boy killed in the World War in France was filed for probate in the City Circuit Court there on February 13th—a brief little dedication of all he had in the world to his "darling mother," written as he went into his first and last battle, which resulted in his death and a posthumous award from the Congress of the United States of a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery in the drive against the German lines.

It was the will of Second-Lieut. Paul W. Derrickson, '12, graduate of the Washington and Lee Law School, member of the Virginia and Illinois bar, and son of Mrs. Mary G. Derrickson of Norfolk, Virginia.

Lieutenant Derrickson wrote the will with a pencil on May 15, 1918, on a little piece of Y. M. C. A. stationery and it was placed in an envelope with the "Y" triangle on the upper left corner. Scribbled on the envelope were these words:

"MY WILL

"My will, in case the enemy puts me out of commission for good.

Paul W. Derrickson."

Inside the envelope, on a carefully folded sheet of the stationery was the will itself. It reads as follows:

"MY WILL—MAY 15, '18.

"Everything both real and personal that I have in the world goes to my darling mother. I must ask your pardon for not writing better, but we are leaving for the show right away.

Paul W. Derrickson."

This was just before the First Division, to which Lieutenant Derrickson was attached as a supply officer in an infantry company, went into the great battle of Cantigny.

The young officer did leave for the front lines immediately and was killed on May 28. But he died after all the other officers in his company had been killed and he had taken command and led the remnants of the company in a final drive against the German lines.

A certain objective was set for the company and Lieutenant Derrickson, with the other officers shot down around him, led the infantrymen to that objective. And as they arrived, successful under his leadership, a German machine gun bullet struck him above the eye and he fell mortally wounded just thirteen days after he had scribbled his last will and testament in which he took more space to ask his mother's pardon for his writing than he did to actually say that she was to have all his worldly goods.

Across the Atlantic in an American cemetery at Aisne, the body of Lieutenant Derrickson rests beside thousands of comrades who fell in those last final drives against German supremacy.

There in Norfolk his mother keeps the Distinguished Service Cross as one of her most sacred treasures. She had held the faded and tattered last writing of her son more dear and did not want to give it up, but a clear title to certain real estate could not be given her until it was filed for probate. She reasoned, too, that in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court the will would go to the permanent files of its records and might better be preserved than in her own possession.

The will was filed by Ivor A. Page, Jr., '10, Norfolk attorney, who married Mrs. Derrickson's daughter. The officer's heirs include Mrs. Derrickson, Mrs. Page, Lieut. Ralph N. Derrickson, a brother, and Mrs. Helen D. Stoneham, a sister of Waverly, Va.

Young Derrickson was graduated from Washington and Lee in 1912. He passed the State bar examination and was admitted to the practice of law in Virginia, but went from here to Chicago where he became associated with the legal department of Sears, Roebuck and Company. He passed the Illinois bar and later became manager of one of the famous mail order house departments. He was holding this position when the United States entered the World War.

Derrickson immediately volunteered and was sent to Fort Sheridan, Ill. He came out of the training camp as a second lieutenant and sailed for France in January, 1918.

At Washington and Lee Mr. Derrickson was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was vice-president of the Junior Law class, historian of the Tidewater Club and business manager of the *Southern Collegian*.



*RICHMOND JUSTICE:*

T. Gray Haddon, '11, served long and well on the Richmond, Va., Board of Aldermen. On Feb. 1, he became police justice for his native city.

*LATE TENNESSEE GOVERNOR:*

The State of Tennessee has had many distinguished governors. Not least among them have been Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Memphis and the late Governor Austin Peay, '91, of Clarksville. In an address at Nashville on January 29, famed Governor Patterson lauded the accomplishments of three-term Governor Peay upon the unveiling of Governor Peay's portrait in the Tennessee War Memorial Building.

*GEOLOGICAL LIBRARY:*

After leaving Washington and Lee in 1877 E. T. Dumble became State Geologist of Texas, was recognized as the leading authority on the Geology of the Southwest. He was organizer and manager of all Southern Pacific Oil Companies. His activities as an economic geologist extended from South America to China by way of Alaska.

During his thirty-seven years of distinguished service Dr. Dumble published over seventy scientific papers, accumulated a Geological library of 660 bound volumes and 1200 unbound volumes. He died January 26, 1927, at Nice, France. His valuable papers and library were recently given in his name by his widow to the Houston, Texas, Public Library.

*RADIO BIBLE LESSONS:*

Alumni teachers or students of the Uniform Sunday School lessons may turn their radio dials to 88, Station N O X, 560 kilocycles at 7:30 P. M. central time on Monday evenings and hear Dr. Samuel M. Glasgow, '04, outline and expound the lesson for the following Sunday.

A writer on the weekly Sunday School lesson in the *Christian Observer*, Southern Presbyterian weekly, author of numerous and valued Bible Studies, author of many religious hymns, pastor and teacher, Dr. Glasgow finds an enlarged and eager Sunday School going radio audience.

*MISSIONARY SALESMAN:*

When manufacturers or distributors wish to open up new sales territories they send out missionary salesmen. Such salesmen carry no samples, take no orders. Instead they create good will, lay foundations for future orders, for the work of lesser salesmen.

For the past six years Virginia has had a super Commercial Missionary in Col. LeRoy Hodges, '10.

His activities have carried him to England and the continent, have brought him royal decorations of merit from Italy, England, and Czecho-Slovakia; have brought to successful conclusion the famed five-five program of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce of which he is Managing Director.

Missionary work reduced to routine for the attention of order takers Col. Hodges paused to more closely examine his products, found room for internal improvement, for upbuilding from the bottom; fearlessly called attention to the need for better rural education, for the reduction of illiteracy; to weakness in state enforcement of motor vehicle and prohibition laws; drew the fire of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League.

*BIDS TO PARNASSUS:*

Most frequently mentioned for the presidency of Washington and Lee is the name of Newton D. Baker, '94. According to newspaper reports during recent years Mr. Baker has been frequently offered a cup from the Castilian Spring. Most recent has been the tender of the presidency of Johns Hopkins University, Delphi of modern post graduate education, according to the *Baltimore Sun*.

It appears that Mr. Baker does not aspire to the oracle, that his great public service will continue along the lines of his established interests in International arbitration, Sociological legislation, advanced theories of jurisprudence, civic betterment.

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## LETTERS

*FROM SOUTH CAROLINA:*

February 26, 1929.

Dear Mr. Kemp:

I enclose my subscription with check to help keep the pot boiling under THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE another year. I enjoyed the February issue, finding here and there the names of old friends. Charlie Graves, Harry Campbell, Rowan Barclay, Dr. Denny, Professor James White, General Pendleton, E. A. Quarles, Douglas Anderson, W. McF. Alexander, Harry Tucker, who were on the campus during the '80's as instructors or students. The airplane view on the cover gave me a thrill.

I heartily subscribe to the recommendations concerning the presidency and the general policy of expansion made by the Committee of Alumni. Mr. Newton D. Baker or John W. Davis would either one make a great progressive president without breaking with traditions. If the board goes farther afield I would suggest that they look into the qualifications of Dr. Reed Smith one of my colleagues who in the last few years has won national attention by his books, and lectures. He is a nephew of Dr. Henry



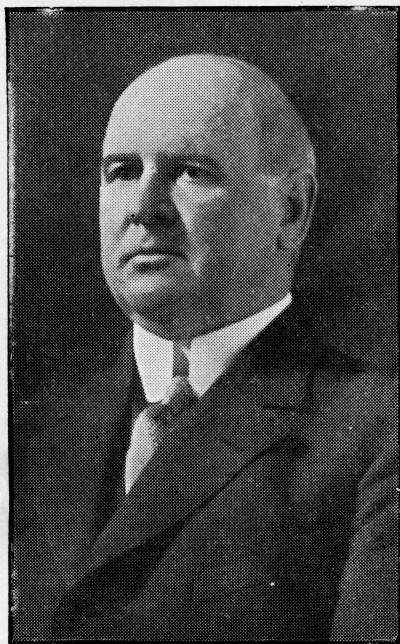
Louis Smith, and would make wonderful executive of the type mentioned by the committee.

I see Byrd has named a bay in antarctica after my roommate Hal Flood.

Cordially yours,  
GEORGE A. WAUCHOPE, '89.

#### A ROSE FROM MONTANA:

My dear Mr. Caffrey:



E. C. DAY, '80  
*Not impertinent*

I am just in receipt of the ALUMNI MAGAZINE for February, and after reading it, I felt for the first time, that the Alumni Association of Washington and Lee was a living institution to which it was both honorable and pleasant to belong. Its contents and makeup are worthy of the high character of the Institution it represents, and I am impelled by a feeling of pride to congratulate you and your associates for

the splendid results of your years of labor.

Perhaps you may deem it impertinent in me to thus write, in view of the very small contribution I have made towards this result. But I have been so far away and have had such a fragile contact with the University, that I have not felt that all of the blame was on my side. Fifty years ago last September I entered Washington and Lee as a student from Harrison County, Ky., under an honorary scholarship from the Cynthiana (Ky.) High School. I received my B.A. in 1880 and after two years out of college I returned and received my diploma from the Law School, after one year under the influence and teaching of Prof. Graves. From 1883 to 1887, I transferred to St. Paul, Minn., and joined the Editorial staff of the West Publishing Co., then just inaugurating its series of Digest. I remained there until the spring of 1890, when I came to Montana, where I have been ever since, engaged in the practice of law, with some degree of success as well as profit. For many years I wanted to return to Lexington at Commencement time, but June has always been one of my busiest months. Though I have made annual

trips to Kentucky and Washington City in October I have never been able to find the chance I was looking for to come to Lexington. Now, with the passing of the years have passed most of those I used to know, until the desire to return has almost gone out. Your February number has revived many pleasant memories and recalled many thoughts which I have had about the splendid old institution. Well do I now recall the laying of the corner stone of the Lee Mausoleum, and the magnificent figure of that grand old Greek sage, Prof. White, my first and probably best known member of the faculty. Later comes the scene when "the recumbent figure" was unveiled, and I can now hear the splendid voice and the eloquent phrases of the classical orator Daniel and the sweet voice of the aged Father Ryan.

Time does not suffice for me to say more, except to express my great sorrow at the passing of Dr. Humphreys and Prof. Graves—the former I only knew by reputation, but to the latter I owe a greater debt of gratitude than a short life of service, guided by his precepts, will enable me to pay, except by verbal encomiums—It was men like these, of whom I might mention a score or more, that have made Washington and Lee a great institution and worthy of a great effort to perpetuate.

And this brings me to the prime subject of this letter, namely to express to your Advisory Committee my complete approval of your well phrased and restrained report to the Trustees in the matter of the election of a new President.

It may be difficult to find the man to fit the place. But the effort is worth while—Washington and Lee should not attempt to compete with the great State Universities, in their attempts to furnish everybody with the particular brand of education desired, wrapped up in an attractive package ready for consumption, after the fashion of cooked breakfast food—It should be its pride to offer a quiet and peaceful abode for those who are to be the apostles of learning in its truest sense. Its Trustees should seek for its chief officer, as your Committee well express it, "a man preferably of proven ability and talent for organization." I regret the expression "with sufficiently broad contacts to secure endowment." I would substitute for the last two words "find and attract those who hunger for learning." The endowments will come fast enough without the Ballyhoo.

May I also protest against the selection of one distinguished only for service in high political position, however popular such a selection might be for the present. There does not now appear upon the horizon a figure of such commanding qualities of mind or character as would acclaim him worthy to fill the shoes worn by General Lee. The man to be chosen should be youthful enough to have before him twenty-five years of usefulness, because he is to be the leader of



# The Kiowa Raid



In June 1900, the nation's press rang with the account of how one Mrs. Carrie A. Nation, embattled W. C. T. U. jail evangelist of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, had single-handed wrecked a saloon in the neighboring town of Kiowa, operated in disregard of state laws, unenforced because of public officials' venality. As *TIME* would have told the story, had *TIME* been issued June 18, 1900:

... Her arms stacked high with bricks and stones, a sharp hatchet beneath her arm, Mrs. Nation then walked boldly into Dobson's back-room saloon. Bar-flies and roustabouts stared, open-mouthed. Eyeing Owner Dobson who stood serene among his cronies, she bawled in a loud voice: "I told you last spring to close this place and you didn't do it. Now I have come down with another remonstrance. Get out of the way. I don't want to strike you, but I am going to break this place up!" Then, striding to the bar, behind which stared one Hank O'Brien, she cried: "Young man, come from behind that bar. Your mother did not raise you for such a place." As Hank O'Brien stupidly gazed, she threw a brick against the heavy

mirror—which did not break. Then, warming to her task, she hurled bricks and stones right & left. Bottles, decanters, glasses, lewd pictures crashed to the floor. The bar-flies scattered, blaspheming loudly. The mirror remained intact. Seeing a lone billiard ball on the table, she seized it with a fervent "Thank God!" and shattered the mirror. Owner Dobson cursed; Bartender O'Brien crouched monkey-like behind his bar. A crowd was gathering before the door. Finally, ammunition exhausted, Carrie A. Nation bounded for the bar, hatchet upraised. Again and again she hacked the mahogany as whiskey and rum coursed to the sawdust.

At last, invincible, with the strength of ten, she pushed away the irate Dobson and strode to the street, announcing in firm tones: "I have destroyed your place of business and if I have broken a statute of Kansas, put me in jail. If I am not a law-breaker your mayor and councilmen all are. You must arrest one of us, for if I am not a criminal, you are." . . .

So too would *TIME* have noted Carrie A. Nation's claim to divine guidance. Nor would *TIME* have neglected to report her sensational raids in many another city, her numerous incarcerations in local bastilles, her way of addressing judges as "Your Dishonor."

**Cultivated Americans, impatient with cheap sensationalism and windy bias, turn increasingly to publications edited in the historical spirit. These publications, fair-dealing, vigorously impartial, devote themselves to the public weal in the sense that they report what they see, serve no masters, fear no groups.**

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future generations. What the needs of those generations are to be cannot be seen by those of us, who were the students of the '80's. We can only utter words of warning, which spring from our own knowledge of the past.

If the Trustees feel differently upon this subject and are controlled by the idea that an Alumnus should be chosen, permit me to suggest through you the name of John M. Glenn, who, if the years have not placed too heavy a burden upon him, has had the experience that would entitle him to recognition.

Pardon the length of this epistle. But I felt full of the subject and thought that a little outpouring, while it would relieve me, might be of some help to you.

With greetings and good wishes to all, I remain,  
Yours very truly,  
E. C. DAY.

(There may be a thorn for every rose, but Mr. Day's letter is worth many a prick. Roses or thorns are welcomed by THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE. It is through such voluntary expressions that we are enabled to discern the demands of our readers and to gauge our success or failure.—Editor.)

#### FROM NEW ORLEANS:

Dear Mr. Kemp:

Your card on my 82nd birthday was received with a great deal of pleasure, and was highly appreciated.

It's a new departure in University proceedings to send out such cards, and I am sure that every man who receives one is delighted to think that his memory is still kept green on his old stamping ground.

Of course, I shouldn't recognize the old University, as I have not been in Lexington since 1871, but I can still recall the old places from the photographs of the new. The men who have built up the new have added all modern touches, and at the same time retained the old landmarks as far as possible.

I do not know whether I subscribed thru the local branch, or thru the Lexington Office. At any rate, am sending my check for two years' subscription. If there should happen to be a duplication, it can go to the general good.

T. J. BARTLETTE, '69.

#### FROM A RECENT "GRAD":

Gentlemen:

I hope you will pardon my unfaithfulness in subscribing to the ALUMNI MAGAZINE but my case was, well, probably that of the "ministerial weakness" of being broke. However, I shall do my best to keep it from happening again. I am very much interested in your magazine and I want to continue keeping in touch with all the news from W. & L., so please find

my check here for one year's subscription to the ALUMNI MAGAZINE. Send same address given below.

I am now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which you know is rated as the largest pure theological body in the world. We have over 400 ordained ministers here from practically all sections of the U. S. and many foreign countries. The work here is very interesting and we run across some very quaint as well as interesting ideas here regarding the philosophy of life, as we come into conversation with these ordained men from all parts of the world.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

S. TALMAGE MAGANN,  
Mullins Hall, Box 266,  
Baptist Seminary,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

## REPORT ON FOUNDER'S DAY ADDRESS

Even though he didn't have an automobile and a radio and a few other modern conveniences, the college boy of the year 1225 was no better behaved—nor any worse—than the college boy of today, although they are separated by more than seven centuries.

That is what William McChesney Martin, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, told Washington and Lee University men, speaking on "The Aim of Undergraduate Training" at the university's memorial exercise commemorating the birthday of General Robert E. Lee.

Tracing the development of universities and university life to a point they have reached today, Mr. Martin said "in going over the history of the early universities like Bologna and Paris, we find that in those days human nature was exactly the same as today. There were serious students and there were roisterous students. There were swaggering students and drunken students; quite a class that seemed to have come to the university for the purpose of having a good time while they fooled themselves with the idea that their object was a serious one.

"'Flaming youth,' as an expression, may be modern," the speaker said, "but it describes nothing new. Just as the old grad of 1900 finds much to criticize so doubtless the old grad of 1200 had bitter criticism to make of such campus life as there was in 1225.

"But while human nature remains the same, the world has greatly grown and circumstances and surroundings have greatly changed," Mr. Martin said. "There is no reason why the present day university should not adhere to the old principles. for they do not change, but it must adapt itself to the conditions of the present.

"It might be said that the old life was blown into



the air by the World War, and while it has been settling into place, inventions of the past two decades have followed each other in such close succession that the conditions of life have been completely revolutionized. Perhaps it is not much to say that we are standing in a very maelstrom of civilization."

Mr. Martin outlined the development of the automobile and the radio and their effects on every phase of life, and declared that "with improved transportation on land and water and under the water and in the air, through telegraph, cable, telephone and radio, we are changing the means of time and resistance." In fact he added, material things are changing so rapidly that in bewilderment there seems to be an idea abroad that everything must change, and there is an effort to remove the ancient landmarks. This last condition Mr. Martin deplored, scoring the "tribe that calls itself the 'intelligentsia,' and mocks at anyone as uneducated who will not believe in the newest fad."

In answer to the problem of the value of a college education, Mr. Martin said, "he probably exists, but as yet I have not found the man who regrets having gone to college."

"As a rule the man who has not been to college thinks he would be much better off had he been able to get a four years' training." Mr. Martin continued, "There are some few who are uncertain and some who say that the present day high school education is sufficient and four years of college is a waste of time, but as a rule these men seem to have the idea that the making of money early in life is the chief end of existence."

"A number of men who have been through college think that the curriculum and campus life could be improved in one respect or another. In fact, some of them go so far as to see tendencies that they consider extremely dangerous unless corrected. Not one of them I have been able to talk to would say that his four years at college were wasted."

Mr. Martin then developed what he called the historical method of solving the problem of the value of the college. In the life of George Washington, who did not have a college education and who gave Washington and Lee its first endowment and in the life of General Robert E. Lee, a graduate of West Point, who spent the last years of his life as president of the university, Mr. Martin finds the solution of the problem—the development of a high character, the preparation, not for a job but for life.

"It seems undoubtedly from any viewpoint that four years of undergraduate study is worthwhile," he said. "One thing is certain. Unless a man can spend four years in uninterrupted work of this kind, if engaged in making a living, perhaps he never will have time to get acquainted with some subjects that otherwise he might have known and thus gotten more out of life."

"A knowledge of books enables a man in dealing with men to benefit by the accumulated wisdom of the past; a knowledge of men enables him to transmute such wisdom into effective action."

"The aim of the university, and by this I mean the faculty and the students, should be to turn out not just 'glad handers', but trained men of high character knowing their fellowman, and with every possibility of developing into leaders."

Himself a graduate of Washington and Lee, a member of the class of 1895, Mr. Martin concluded his address with a tribute to the men who gave the university their names.

"We are fortunate not only because we have the name of Washington and the name of Lee, but because this university had their personal interest," he said. "Washington to give it the first endowment and we owe a duty to live up to his name; Lee gave the last years of his life in our service. He walked this very campus, he loved the trees that are familiar to us too and he sleeps where he ever reminds us that he is interested still. Overshadowing the presence of every activity here is the presence of these two great Christian men reminding us not to remove the ancient landmarks and that to develop high character is the highest service to the nation. Let us be true to Washington, let us never dishonor Lee."

## PERSONALS

CONGRESSMAN HARRY ST. G. TUCKER, '78, spent a short time in Lexington the latter part of February, prior to a trip to Panama following the adjournment of congress on March 4th. He expects to return late in March. His daughter, Mrs. Silas Mason of Lexington, Ky., will accompany him.

T. R. BOYLE, '76, of Memphis, Tenn., writes that he is playing golf. He says—"I can beat Harry D. Campbell. Can drive a ball as high as a corner lot in Florida. You have the best college magazine in this country. It is a credit to W. & L."

Former CONGRESSMAN GEORGE C. PEERY, '97, was in Lexington recently visiting his son, Albert G. Peery, a junior in the academic school. Mr. Peery, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, was en route from the inaugural to his home in Tazewell. He has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for the governorship of Virginia, but has not yet reached a decision.

One of the last acts of President Coolidge just before going out of office was the signing of a bill granting a congressional gold medal to DR. ROBERT P. COOKE, '92, Director of Public Health Service in Lexington and Rockbridge County.

Among names suggested to fill the post of Solicitor-



General prominently appears that of HENRY W. ANDERSON, '98, of Richmond. Attorney-General Mitchell said, however, that no effort would be made toward filling the vacancy until after the special session of Congress convenes.

COL. RUDOLPH BUMGARDNER, '98, of Staunton, Va., addressed the Lexington Kiwanis club at their weekly meeting at the Dutch Inn on February 7th.

H. CRIM PECK, '07, dodged the rigors of a northern winter to play golf in St. Petersburg, Fla. Before entering the annual winter invitation tourney he played some rounds on the Lakewood Country Club course.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg on February 21st said:

"A putting slump today checked Babe Ruth's bid for golf championship honors in the annual jungle amateur tournament. The home-run king was eliminated by H. C. Peck in the second round today by 6 and 5. Ruth's drives and his approaches were good, but his putts wouldn't drop. Peck will meet Warren Lassing of St. Petersburg in the semi-finals tomorrow, while Walter Dew of Atlantic City, plays James Howell of Rochester, N. Y., in the other bracket.

DR. WALTER DUNLAP, '12, of East Orange, N. J., visited his mother in Lexington during the latter part of February.

PHIL HANGER, '13, formerly of Staunton, has located in Orange, Virginia, where he has opened a hat cleaning and repair shop, which has proved to be a great convenience for the people of that community.

At the annual meeting of the Richmond, Virginia, Alumni Association, C. H. MORRISSETT, '15, was re-elected president of the Washington and Lee Club; C. W. MOSS, '18, vice-president; and O. M. STUMPF, '19, secretary-treasurer.

Governor Harry F. Byrd was the honor guest and principal speaker. He discussed the placing of a monument of General Lee in the old hall of delegates and talked on the industrial development of Virginia. Nearly fifty persons attended the occasion.

Recently appointed to the faculty of Duke University Medical School, DR. WILEY D. FORBUS, will become professor of pathology. Dr. Forbus is an A.B. of Washington and Lee, '16, and received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins in 1923. He is at present associate professor in pathology at that institution.

MR. and MRS. S. MERCER GRAHAM, '18, and MR. and MRS. R. A. SMITH, '12, have just returned from a week's visit to New York.

MR. and MRS. MATTHEW W. PAXTON, JR., '18, were visitors to New York City the latter part of February.

MARRIED: Mr. Charles Howard McCain, '20, of New York City, and Miss Jane McElroy, of St. Louis, Mo., on February 16th.

PETER W. MULLINS, '24, of New York, accompanied by Mrs. Mullins, have come to Lexington for an indefinite stay, and have taken a residence on Sellers Avenue. Mr. Mullins is connected with the White Studio in making photographs for the local college annuals.

J. C. MORRISON, JR., '25, of Charleston, West Va., has been practicing law since leaving college, being associated with the firm of Brown, Jackson and Knight. He was elected secretary of the Charleston Bar Association for 1929.

ROBERT C. SMITH, '26, of Greenville, S. C., now assistant professor of Sociology at Furman University, spent a few days in Lexington last month.

MAYNARD MONROE, '25, formerly of Lynchburg and now employed in New York, gave a dinner party in New York City several weeks ago in honor of Miss Celeste Ivy and Miss Bessie Graves of Lynchburg. Among the guests were Constance Talmadge and Richard Dix, famous moving picture stars, Miss Mary Monroe Penick of Lexington and Miss Marjory Carroll of Lynchburg.

MARRIED: Christopher B. Edwards, '27, and Miss Gertrude Hardesty both of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, on March 15th.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilliam, '17, February 23rd, a son, in the Jackson Memorial Hospital of Lexington, Va.

## OBITUARY

### *A DISTINGUISHED KAPPA ALPHA PASSES.*

Dr. Samuel Z. Ammen, '69, a distinguished alumnus of Washington and Lee, died January 5, at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he had gone for the winter months. He was 85 years old.

Born at Fincastle, Va., October 22, 1843, Dr. Ammen attended private school in his native town. The outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, found him enrolled in Botetourt Male Academy, which was at that time operated by William McCue and William Wilson, both graduates of Washington College.

August 5, 1861, he volunteered in the Fincastle Rifles, which subsequently became Company D, Eleventh Virginia Infantry, and in that command and in the Confederate States Navy he served practically throughout the war.

Re-entering the academy at Fincastle in 1865, he completed his preparation for college, and, in September, 1866, matriculated at Washington College. In



June, 1869, he received the degree of Master of Arts. With a distinguished record to his credit, he was offered by Dr. Edwin S. Joynes, then Head of the School of Modern Languages at Washington and Lee, an assistant professorship in that school, which was declined because of a contract already made to become assistant-principal of an academy in Kentucky.

Dr. Ammen, as college student, participated in the student activities of that period, serving as president of Washington Literary Society, and as the first editor of the *Southern Collegian*, of which, with C. R. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, he became the founder in 1868. He was initiated a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

In 1870 he went to Baltimore as teacher of Greek, Latin and Chemistry in a well-known boys' preparatory school of that city, and engaged in various activities; he visited Europe; studied at Johns Hopkins University, where he learned Sanskrit and improved and extended his training in Greek and Latin; published through Henry Holt and Company a "Latin Grammar for Beginners"; wrote "A Scientific Description of Luray Cave;" prepared a "History of Maryland Commands in the Confederate Service;" and contributed frequently to several well-known periodicals of that period.

In 1881 Dr. Ammen became literary editor of the *Baltimore Sun*, until his retirement in 1911, he was editorial leader writer for that paper. During the period of his connection with *The Sun*, he contributed extensively to Appleton's Encyclopedia, and engaged in other literary pursuits. In 1893, in recognition of his achievements in his chosen field, Washington and Lee conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Dr. Ammen was married in Baltimore, in 1882, to Miss Nannie Kelso Wetherall, of that city. Her death occurred in 1905. One son, William W. Ammen, of Philadelphia, survives this union.

During the years immediately following his retirement from the editorship of *The Sun*, Dr. Ammen continued to edit the Sun Almanac; spent much time in leisurely travel in Europe, and read extensively in chosen fields. More recently, making his permanent home with his son and at the University Club, Baltimore, he engaged extensively in private reading and in writing upon topics of special interest to him. A "History of Company D", his war-time command, was a product of such occupation.

Above his service to the Confederacy, however, or his achievements as student, teacher and author, or even his long and distinguished career as journalist, Dr. Ammen cherished his connection with and his contribution to the elaboration of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. One of its first initiates, he lived to see nearly sixty chapters actively functioning and firmly established in as many of the leading colleges of the

South and Southwest. He was the author of its Code and Ritual, a frequent and valued contributor to its official organ, the Journal; for four terms its chief executive officer; and ever ready to participate in its counsels.

The remains of Dr. Ammen were interred in the old Presbyterian Cemetery at Fincastle.

DIED: Albert G. Thompson, '67, at his home in Colfax, La., in January, at the age of 83. He was a student at W. & L. just after the Civil War while General Lee was president. Among his treasured possessions are his French diploma and other report cards signed by the General.

Mr. Thompson joined the Confederate Artillery in 1862 and served until the end of the war. He was a student at W. & L. in 1866 and 1867, being forced to resign at the end of his 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.

DIED: Colonel J. M. Banister, '74, U. S. Army, Retired, at Omaha, Nebraska, on January 31st. Following his graduation at W. & L. he took the M.D. degree at the University of Virginia in 1878. He entered the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army in 1879 and served through successive grades to Colonel, inclusive, retiring in 1910 at his own request after thirty years of service to enter into private practice. He was a member of the Order of the Cincinnati, a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons, and of the American Medical Association, and Professor of Tropical Medicine at the University of Nebraska. His distinguished service in the Army, and private practice in his specialty is well known in the medical profession.

DIED: Dr. Francis Arthur Scratchley, '78, at Nice, France, on January 29th in his 71st year. He was a descendant of the Rev. John Brown, one of the founders of the University. For more than thirty years Dr. Scratchley was a resident of New York City, where he was until his retirement in 1912 clinical lecturer on nervous diseases and chief of clinic in University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College of the New York University. Since 1918 he has lived abroad in London and in Nice.

DIED: Francis Henry Smith Morrison, '87, a graduate of Washington and Lee, at his home in East Orange, N. J. Mr. Morrison also was graduated from Virginia Military Institute.

Dr. Livingston W. Smith, head of the mathematics department here, is a cousin of Mr. Morrison.

DIED: Alexander McC. Hamilton, '03, suddenly Sunday night, February 17th, at his home in Chicago. A prominent business man, he was at the



time of his death assistant employment manager of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company of Chicago.

*JOHN S. MUNCE, WASHINGTON AND LEE TRUSTEE, DEAD:*

John S. Munce, for many years prominent in the business and social life of Richmond, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University, died Saturday evening, February 23, at his Richmond home. Mr. Munce was in his sixty-ninth year. He was in Lexington at the meeting of Board of Trustees on January 19, and was chairman of the trustee committee charged with nominating a president to succeed President Henry Louis Smith.

Mr. Munce was a native of Ireland. He came to America as the representative for Kingan & Company, and for forty-five years has been manager of their Eastern branch with headquarters at Richmond. He took a deep interest in civic affairs.

He was buried in Richmond Monday afternoon, February 25. Among the honorary pallbearers were the trustees of Washington and Lee, President Henry Louis Smith, Mr. Paul M. Penick, and Dr. James L. Howe.

DIED: Mrs. R. Barton McCrum, of Lexington, Virginia, at her home on February 11th. She had long been a sufferer from ill health.

Mrs. McCrum was the mother of the University librarian, Miss Blanche McCrum, and of an alumnus, Robert W. McCrum, '05, of Gainesville, Ga. Her son-in-law, Dr. E. P. Bledsoe, '00, is a surgeon in the U. S. Army, now of Chicago.

DIED: Mrs. Mary M. Manly, widow of Dr.

Charles Manly, a beloved Lexington pastor for many years, at the home of her daughter at Gaffney, S. C., where she was spending the winter.

Mrs. Manly was the mother of a prominent alumnus, Basil Manly, '06, of Washington, D. C.

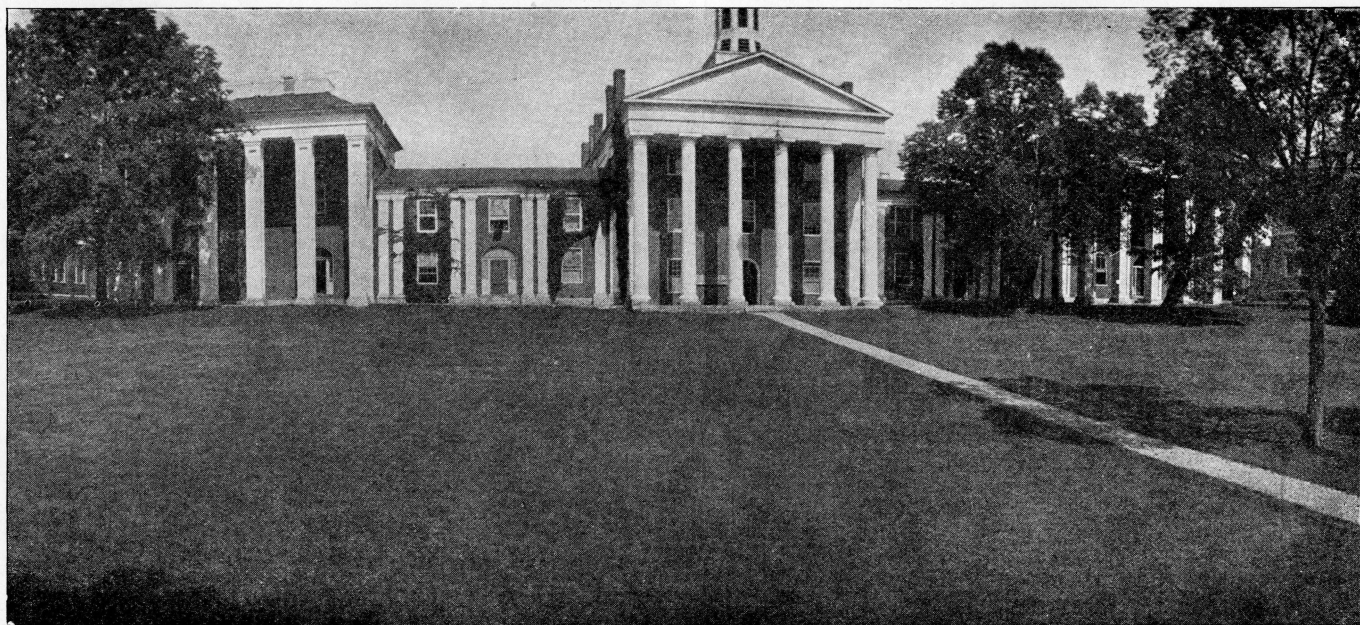
DIED: Charles James Faulkner, former jurist and U. S. Senator from West Virginia, at his home at Martinsburg, January 10th. His son, C. James Faulkner, Jr., '92, was an alumnus of Washington and Lee. Among the honorary pallbearers for the funeral were: John W. Davis, '92; Newton D. Baker, '94; Harry St. G. Tucker, '78.

DIED: Henry H. McCorkle, '98, of heart failure, in the elevator of a New York office building, March 21. He was a native of Rockbridge County, a lawyer of New York City, a brother of Rev. E. W. McCorkle, '78, of Walter L. McCorkle, '77. Funeral services were held in the Lexington Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 24. Students in the local Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, of which Mr. McCorkle was a member, acted as pallbearers.

Mr. McCorkle had long been active in the New York Alumni Chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni, Inc., and in various patriotic and Southern Societies and organizations. He practiced law in partnership with his brother, Walter L. McCorkle, and was connected with the Manufacturer's Trust Co., of New York City.

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Symbol of high character, general culture and thorough scholarship, membership in Phi Beta Kappa



UNIVERSITY COLONNADE.



is awarded each year by the local chapter to students who have attained such distinction on the campus, and to alumni whose achievements after graduation have merited such recognition.

Thirteen students and three alumni were elected to membership this year. Students, Gatewood Brock, G. W. Dunnington, L. A. Haskell, N. E. Hawes, M. M. Heuser, R. B. Lee, J. L. Lockett, Jr., L. F. Powell, I. T. Sanders, J. M. Shackelford, T. J. Sugru, J. C. Wilbourn, W. H. Wilcox, Jr., and Bernard Yoepe, Jr., and alumni, G. C. Peery, '97, of Tazewell, Va., lawyer, business man, ex-congressman, of Tazewell, Va., father of A. G. Peery, junior student at Washington and Lee. And C. H. Morrisette, '14, one time W. & L. law professor, law editor, law revisor and lawyer; now chairman of the Virginia Tax Commission, and president of the Richmond, Virginia, W. & L. Alumni Club.

## GREENBRIER

Mountains, streams and White Sulphur Springs distinguish Greenbrier County, W. Va. Nestling amidst the County's rugged beauty is Greenbrier Military School, H. B. Moore, Principal, and J. M. Moore, '08, Assistant Principal.

Greenbrier sends many students to Washington and Lee. An unusually high percentage of their representatives achieve high distinction on the Washington and Lee campus. Reason: J. M. Moore, B.A., '08, Ass't Principal, David T. Moore, '05, Secretary-Treasurer, and Charles J. Ellyson, B.A., '10, professor.

"Joe" Moore entered Washington and Lee in 1905, completed the course in three years; entered the Union Theological Seminary, graduated; entered the French Army, served 18 months overseas; returned to assist in the direction of the famed military school, to teach, and to manage athletics. His brother, D. T. Moore, left Washington and Lee in 1905 to enter the banking business, was auditor for the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke until 1912; became part owner and Secretary-Treasurer of Greenbrier. Charley Ellyson came to Washington and Lee from Waynesboro, Va., graduated in 1910, taught at Fishburne Military Academy; entered the army, returned to join the Moores of Greenbrier.

Since the days of Victor Friend, '14, Greenbrier has sent able students across the mountain. Three have been presidents of the Washington and Lee student body, many have been outstanding athletes. Among those to distinguish themselves were Joe and Homer A. "Rocky" Holt, "Tex" Tilton, Pete Hisle, Ed. Smith, Billy Lott and numerous others.

Also from Washington and Lee went E. M. "Eddie"

Cameron, '25, to coach Greenbrier's successful athletic teams. He was followed by E. G. "Bingo" Barker, '26.

Greenbrier is a good friend.

## BOOKS

### KEYS TO THE FUTURE:

*Petroleum and Coal, the Keys to the Future*, illustrated. W. T. Thom, '13, Ph.D., Princeton University Press, \$2.50.

Man discovered fire. With fire and for fire he made conquest of Nature's resources, discovered minerals and metals, progressed in proportion to discovery and utilization until today when Petroleum and Coal are the keys to the future.

### The Story:

A brief and comprehensive review of man's competitive conquest of mineral resources forms a historical background. A scientifically accurate and easily intelligible account of the origin of coal, its composition, classifications and infinite variety, the geography and geology of its location and the practical survey of the coal mining industry fully occupies the foreground. The origin, formation, occurrence and the methods of exploration for oil complete the story, spread it into the horizon of the future.

Like most well compacted and instructive non-technical discussions, the story is replete with diagrams, charts, photographs and bibliographical references which give the authentic stamp of scientific accuracy.

Too brief and comprehensive for a text-book, too plain and practical for a scientific treatise, Dr. Thom's work is primarily an intelligible hand-book for those who seek information, for those who would enquire pleasantly into the world's economic and commercial future. Readable, accurate, concise, comprehensive, "Petroleum and Coal" is an excellent scientific story for non-scientific minds.

### The Author:

Dr. William Taylor Thom, Jr., '13, is the son of Dr. William Taylor Thom, A.B., '69, M.A., '70, Litt.D., '89. At Washington and Lee he was a Phi Gamma Delta, Vice-president of the student body, B.S., '13. He went to Johns Hopkins University, received his Ph.D.; worked with the U. S. Geological Survey, specialized on the geology of fuels. He was a guest lecturer on Mineral Resources of the Department of Geology at Princeton University, became associate Professor of Geology there in 1926. He was elected to membership by the Washington and Lee Chapter of Phi Beta



Kappa soon after his appointment to the Princeton Faculty.

#### ORACLES:

*The Oracles of God.* Wm. Thomson Hanzsche, '13, Fleming H. Revell Co., cloth, \$1.25.

The prophets, major and minor, have always been a puzzle to superficial students of the Bible—and the ordinary, every day Bible reader is a superficial student. But the prophets “were not predictors, declarers of the future: they were discoverers, revealers of the present. They were not fore-tellers; they were forth-tellers.”

From that angle Dr. Hanzsche approaches the lives and works of the seventeen prophets; concisely reviews the conditions under which they lived, relates them and their teachings to their environment; deftly applies these teachings to modern times and conditions, speaks in modern language. Withal the clear strain of deep spirituality, so often absent in conscious attempts to “Humanize the Bible,” is forcibly evident throughout.

For the deeper student there are references for parallel Bible reading and questions to stimulate individual thinking.

Briefer and more interesting than Bible lectures; fuller and much more vivid and alive than outline discussions, *The Oracles of God* provides a warm and concise portrayal of the Prophets and their works, a handbook for lay students, a guide book for Bible Teachers.

#### The Author:

William Thomson Hanzsche entered Washington and Lee in 1911, graduated in 1913, received his M.A., and B.D., at Princeton, studied at the U. of Chicago. He was pastor at Alton, Ill., at Philadelphia; is now pastor of the Prospect St. Presbyterian Church at Trenton, N. J. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Washington and Lee last commencement. He has long been active in the Alumni Association, is Chaplain of the New York City Alumni Chapter.

#### A REQUEST:

To Dr. Thom and Dr. Hanzsche, thanks for their thoughtful generosity in sending copies of their books to the Alumni Association.

Special bookshelves in the Alumni Club room are reserved for the works of alumni authors. Autographed copies of every published literary work by an alumnus will be a welcome and desired gift.

Reviews of recent works will be published in the ALUMNI MAGAZINE as often as such books are received.

## LATE NEWS

#### TROUBADOUR TRIP:

A feature of organized student activity is the annual spring tour of the Troubadours. This year their vehicle will be “The Haunted House” by Owen Davis. Approved by the Faculty Committee on Dramatics and under the responsibility of Troubadour Manager Van Gilbert and President Al. Callison, the local Thespians will tour “the provinces,” will show at

East Radford, Va.—Monday, April 1.

Bluefield, W. Va.—Tuesday, April 2.

Marion, Va.—Wednesday, April 3.

Abingdon, Va.—Thursday, April 4.

Bristol, Tenn.-Va.—Saturday, April 6.

#### SOUTHERN COLLEGIANS:

Semi-Pro. student orchestra which toured the Southern States, played on Transatlantic liners and performed in Paris during the summer were engaged to furnish the music for the William and Mary student dancers during the week of March 18.

#### S. I. P. A.:

The Southern Interscholastic Press Association organized here four years ago for the purpose of centralizing Prep. and High School Journalistic activity at Washington and Lee, will convene April 9, 10, 11; will consume “made in Dixie” edibles at their annual banquet, will submit their publications in prize competition, will be advised on editorial, reportorial and managerial problems.

#### CAMPUS POLITICS:

Always a miniature political arena the Washington and Lee Campus will become a hotbed for student political aspirations April 8-15. Students will hear political speeches, receive handbills and visits of importunation; will make fraternity political alignments; will vote at the Chapel April 18, for student body officials, for dance leaders and managers, publication editors and managers, for a cheer leader.

Students will not vote for athletic team managers. Nowadays these important positions are won by try-outs, by a vote of the Athletic Council from the fittest to survive the rigors of apprenticeship.

#### CURRICULAR CHANGES:

##### Progress:

Long advocated, a revision of the Washington and Lee requirements for the A. B. degree is now being made. Target for advocates of more practical edu-



cation have been the heavy requirements for the study of modern languages. Changes tentatively approved contemplate a reduction to twelve semester hours of foreign languages, the requirement that every freshman take a year's course in contemporary civilization and two semester courses in each of the two sciences.

#### **Aim:**

To better adapt the curriculum to modern living—these and other changes, have been actively advocated by President Henry Louis Smith for some time. Many of his proposals have had Faculty approval, are now supported.

#### **Sliding Scale:**

Still retained is the sliding scale of requirements of foreign languages. Students with a large number of entrance units in languages are not required to over-burden themselves with the study of languages at Washington and Lee—a just and equitable provision.

Students who aspire to the A. B. degree and have not studied languages in High or Prep. Schools are required to take a maximum and over-burdening number of courses in languages; an unjust and ill-fitting requirement,—unjust because the student has no preliminary background or understanding for language study and because he is required to maintain the scholastic pace set by better prepared classmates;—ill-fitting because the student's aim is in another direction, his preparatory and undergraduate study a specialty in other branches of the academic course, which must be abandoned for the top heavy and, to him, useless languages.

#### *FIRST BASEBALL GAME:*

Aspirants for 1929 diamond honors met the nine from Lynchburg College March 21, achieved a 9-7 victory in a hard hitting but mediocre opening exhibition. Pitchers remain a problem. Good back stop material was found in Litman and Talliaferro.

#### *JOHN HERNDON, '11, VISITS:*

Paying a surprise visit John Herndon, '11, Income Tax specialist, and Lecturer on Political Science and Taxation at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, took a holiday auto trip to Lexington with his wife and family: called on his former professors and Lexington friends. Of John's recent activities there is much to be said in the next issue of the ALUMNI MAGAZINE.

#### *CORNER:*

Developed as unofficial headquarters for student body activity and a general meeting place the "Corner, Inc.," student department store, diagonally across from the Postoffice and opposite the old High School (Anne Smith Academy) changed hands last Fall. The business passed from E. P. Davis, '15, C. S. Glasgow, '09, and M. G. Campbell, '05, to R. A. Smith, '15, and Hugh D. Ebert, '28; is now managed by Mr. Ebert—the "Hot" Ebert of late basketball fame.

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*THREAT:*

Louisiana is having political troubles. Impeachment proceedings are being instituted against the Louisiana governor. Among other things it is alleged that the present governor did not like state representative J. Y. Sanders, Jr., '13; feared his activities; made plans to bring about his sudden demise; according to the testimony in the hands of the Louisiana Senate.

Representative Sanders attended Washington and Lee for two years, graduated at L. S. U., at Tulane in Law; was Captain in the 346th Infantry overseas; practiced law at Bogolusa and Baton Rouge; is the son of former Louisiana Governor J. Y. Sanders. His comments, if any, on the alleged destructive plans of beleaguered Governor Huey P. Long have not been reported.

*TRACK SCHEDULE:*

Varsity trackmen open their spring outdoor schedule in a dual meet with Maryland here, April 1, journey to North Carolina University, April 13; to North Carolina State, April 15; return to meet with Richmond University here, April 20, and V. P. I. here, April 27; enter the state meet at the University of Virginia, May 4; engage Duke here, May 11 and enter the Southern Conference meet, May 17-18.

*REVOLUTION REPORTS:*

When the news breaks, the New York *Times* hurries its star reporters to the scene of activity. Among those covering the stops of hero Lindberg in Central America for the *Times* was "Ike" Shuman, '17. When the latest Mexican Revolution "broke", star correspondent Leland Cappock Speers, '97, was sent to the journalistic front. Recent and most accurate reports from the West Coast field appearing in the famed *Times* were under the signature of famed correspondent Speers.

*FRATERNITY BASKETBALL:*

The official basketball season is followed by an inter-fraternity basketball tournament. Eliminating their preliminary opponents the Phi Delta Theta team defeated the Phi Kappa Psi's and the Beta Theta Pi team overcame the Pi Kappa Alpha's in the semi-finals.

Phi Delts and Betas thus met in the finals. At the end of the first half the Betas, last year's winners, led by the score of 7-5. During the second half the Beta Five showed championship form, crushed their opponents 22-8, retained the inter-fraternity basketball cup.

*FINALS:*

Plans are being made for the annual commencement celebration to be held this year June 1-4. The usual series of dances will be held starting Friday night, May 31, and closing with the Final Ball, Tuesday, June 4th.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, June 2nd, in the Lee Chapel by Dr. George Stoves, pastor of West End Methodist Church of Nashville, Tenn. The commencement speaker has not yet been announced.

Since the annual alumni meeting is now held in the Fall on the day of the home-coming football game, there will be no formal program for alumni entertainment at commencement. However alumni will gather informally as heretofore, will meet and greet their former professors; will be entertained at the Alumni Building; will probably be tendered an outdoor buffet luncheon by the University; will probably rally around Dan Owen and his famous hams; will attend the dances as the guests of the student body. Other features are to be announced later.

*ENGINEER'S PROMOTION:*

James W. Kern, Jr., '05, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Kern, retired professor of Latin, was district engineer for all of the Southern Lines of the Illinois Central Railroad with headquarters at New Orleans. Railroad promotions are notoriously slow—but recognition of efficient service is sure. Engineer Kern was recently made Superintendent of the Springfield Division of the I. C.; will make his headquarters at Clinton, Ill.; will direct the largest division of his railroad outside Chicago.

*SECOND BASEBALL GAME:*

The discounted Generals' nine played Catholic University here Tuesday, March 26, defeated them 6-4 in a hard hitting contest on a muddy field. Pitchers Ranier and Wright made an encouraging showing, indicated that "Cy" Twombly and "Dick" Smith might yet develop a winning aggregation behind an array of able flingers ere the season is over.

*NATIONAL ORATORICAL REPRESENTATIVE:*

Preliminary to the National Oratorical contest at Los Angeles, four Washington and Lee students will compete with an oration on the constitution in the Lee Chapel, April 12. The winner will compete in a State Contest, if successful will compete in a District Contest; if again successful, will represent Washington and Lee at the Los Angeles finals.



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