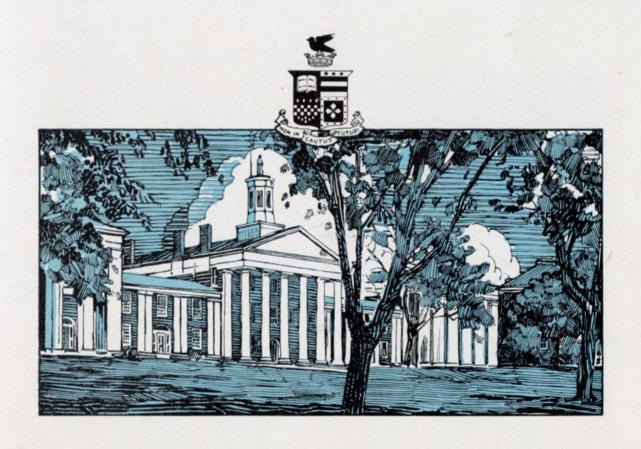
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## John Robinson of Hart's Bottom

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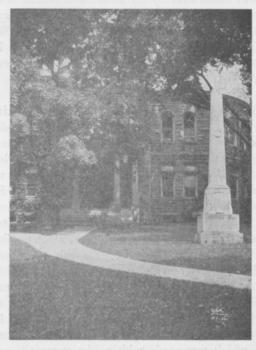
ALKING through the Washington and Lee grounds one sees at the northern end of the campus, in front of the Tucker law building, a handsome monument made of Italian marble with the following inscription:

Honor to whom honor due,
Sacred to the Memory of John Robinson
a native of Ireland,
a soldier of Washington,
and a munificent benefactor of
Washington College
Born A. D. 1754
Died A. D. 1826
(and on the base) Erected 1855

The students in my days used to stop in front of this monument and leaning over the high fence which at that time enclosed the monument, after reading the inscription, they would ask one another who this old fellow was, and why he was buried on the college grounds. I suppose the students of the present generation ask the same question and get as meager information as they did in my time. It is natural for nearly every man who speaks in the chapel to make some reference to Robert E. Lee and George Washington, but I do not recall hearing a single speaker mention the name of John Robinson. His name is attached to the chair of geology and biology and the catalogue lists the Robinson medals as honors that may be awarded for unusual scholarships, but it has been more than ten years since a student has made the grades in all of the subjects required to receive one of these medals. This annual tribute to Robinson's memory has therefore been omitted in recent years.

Time is a great leveler of man's accomplishments; and a hundred years will blot out the memory of a large majority of each generation. A marble shaft with a few words cut in the stone will tell the history of most of us a century after we are gone. Three men who lived in Lexington about one hunderd years ago have made especial appeal to my interest in connection with the history of Lexington and Rockbridge county-partly from the fact that very few people of the present day seem to know anything about them, but more largely because they were self-made men, of meagre education, strong wills, and indomitable courage—diamonds in the rough it may be, but most interesting and picturesque characters. One of these men was William A. (Big Foot) Wallace, the Texas ranger and Indian fighter; a second was Colonel John Jordan, the great builder and contracter for this section in the first half of the nineteenth century. The third of these three men was John Robinson, the subject of my paper, in many respects I believe the most unique character intimately connected with the development of Lexington and Washington College.

I decided during the summer to look up the records and see if I could find sufficient data to write a sketch of John Robinson's life. In addition to the information found in the historical papers of Washington and Lee, I found an article by Dr. Archi-



ROBINSON MONUMENT

bald Alexander on Robinson, published in the Princeton Magazine of 1850, giving some of the details of his early life in Lexington. The records of the board of trustees from 1819 to 1885 were examined carefully as well as the old papers of the Ann Smith academy. A copy of Robinson's will was found at the courthouse in will book 6, page 78, and a list of his slaves and real estate given in deed book L, page 244, with a remarkable paper, dated February 21, 1818, offering to transfer all of his estate to the literary fund for the benefit of the University of Virginia, on condition that the university should be located in Rockbridge county near Lexington. I made free use of all of this material in preparing this sketch, quoting at times almost the exact words of these various papers.

John Robinson came to Lexington in about 1770, as a lad of sixteen or seventeen, soliciting work as an

itinerant weaver. As far as is known he had no kin in America and no one seems to have known why he selected Lexington as an abiding place or just where he came from after first entering the colonies. Dr. Archibald Alexander, who knew him personally, states that he was a boy of attractive manners and that his rare fund of Irish wit pleased the men of the community and made him popular in the homes where he found work. General John Bowyer, one of the leading citizens of the community, was so favorably impressed with this Irish youth that he offered him a permanent home on his Thorn Hill estate, about two miles south of the town. He was born in County Armagh in the northern part of Ireland in 1754. Dr. Alexander states that he lost his father when a child and was taken over by an uncle, who bound him over to a weaver to learn his trade. It is not known how he was released from this indenture or how he secured passage to America. He was dissatisfied with his lot in Ireland and probably worked his way across to the Virginia colony as other immigrants did in those early days.

Young Robinson's expenses were small after he went to live with General Bowyer, and being diligent in his trade and thrifty by nature, he soon saved up enough money to buy a rather dilapidated looking horse. As General Bowyer allowed him free use of hay and other provender from his farm, young Robinson soon had his horse in fine condition and worth much more than he paid for it. He decided to ride to town on court day and try his skill at trading his horse for another. This he did with great success, securing for his remade animal a younger and larger horse in poor condition, it is true, but with a number of dollars to boot. This new horse was taken out to good pasture and hay on the general's farm and by the next court day was in proper condition for a new trade, which was made with a like success.

Robinson loved fine horses and is said to have had great skill in judging their good points. He maintained his good reputation for honesty and veracity and did not practice the deceptions generally attributed to horse traders. His new business soon became so profitable that he gave up his work as a weaver and became a regular horse-jockey—hence his nickname "Jockey" Robinson which stuck to him for the rest of his life and has come down to the present time.

Robinson was about twenty-three when the Revolutionary war began and saw service as "a soldier of Washington" as stated on his monument. There is no detailed record of his service, but his will states that he participated in the Revolutionary struggle "in various situations." After the war was over he returned to Rockbridge and resumed his business of trading horses with considerable success, so that in a few years he had accumulated quite a sum of money

for a man in his position. His next move was to find a good investment for the money he had saved.

In the colony of Virginia as well as in other sections of the country, many of the soldiers who returned home after the revolution were very hard up financially, as their pay had been largely in so-called government certificates, which they were unable to cash. In fact the federal government had not been fully organized, and the common opinion was that these certificates would never be paid in full, and possibly not at all. Robinson had great faith in Washington and the new government and firmly believed that in a few years these certificates would be paid. Here was a chance which appealed to Robinson's speculative nature. These soldiers' certificates were a drug on the market and commonly sold for around 10 per cent of their face value—or two and sixpence in the pound. Robinson decided to put all the money he had in these certificates with a faith that they would finally be redeemed. This became a fascinating game for young Robinson, and he continued for some time to use all his gains from the trading of horses to speculate in this depreciated paper, and acquired thousands of dollars worth of the certificates in face values. There was certainly nothing underhanded or wrong in these transactions. He bought at the price offered and very few were willing to take the risk of buying at any price, while the needy soldiers were anxious to

When the federal government was organized and went into operation, one of the first questions debated in congress was whether the debts to the soldiers should be paid. Many took the position that even if the original holders of these certificates ought to be paid that some discrimination should be made between the veterans who had suffered the hardships of actual service and the speculators who had bought up the certificates at a small fraction of their face value. Others held that the buyers had taken the risk of losing what they had invested, and had shown their confidence in the strength and solidarity of their future government, and that they should reap their reward by full payment. After a long and acrimonious debate in congress, it was finally decided that no discrimination could or should be made. During this discussion Robinson was naturally greatly perturbed, as his whole fortune was at stake. When the question was finally settled in his favor he breathed a sigh of relief and felt that he was a rich man and could live the rest of his life in ease and comfort.

I have found no estimate of Robinson's wealth at this time, but although he had plenty of income to live in ease, he soon became restless without some regular occupation. Most of the leading citizens of the county were landowners and planters, so it was only natural that he should next turn his mind to

owning and running a farm. He looked over the whole county for a fine tract of land and finally picked out what was said to be about the most fertile and attractive tract of land in the county, consisting of 400 acres, called Hart's Bottom, covering the land now occupied by the city of Buena Vista. This land was owned by General Bowyer and in spite of the high price set by the general, Robinson decided to sell enough of his government securities to buy this plantation. This beautiful bottom land on the east side of North river was first acquired by Siles Hart by patent from King George II in 1746 through Governor Gooch, who also made the very large grant to Benjamin Borden. Robinson soon bought other land in the same neighborhood, making his total holdings in that locality around 800 acres. He later bought land on the Cow Pasture river, Buffalo creek, and in all to over 3,000 acres. Of course he bought slaves to do the work on his farms and owned fifty-seven at the time of his death.

Robinson had been a good weaver, a shrewd horse-trader, and a very successful speculator, but he had no training for the management of slaves on a landed estate and made a poor success at farming. He added to his business at Hart's Bottom, however, the manufacture of whiskey, and gained a reputation for making the best in this part of the country.

"Jockey" Robinson never married and lived a rather cheerless and lonely life on his plantation at Hart's Bottom, especially as he was in poor health for a number of years during the latter part of his life. Dr. William Henry Ruffner states that his greatest pleasure during his declining years was to ride to Lexington several times a week and spend the day talking with his many friends. The trip of nine miles on his slow plodding gray horse necessitated an early start and a late return, so that the whole day was consumed each visit he made. He had a very limited education and did not enjoy the pleasure of reading during the many lonely hours he spent by himself. I have been able to find no document that he wrote in his own hand and only a few that he signed by writing his name. His legal papers were most often written and signed by a lawyer as, "Agent and Attorney in .Fact."

Robinson was a man of kindly disposition and generous heart. He took a keen interest in the educational institutions of Lexington and on a number of occasions assisted them in a financial way during his life. He was honored by being elected a trustee of the Ann Smith academy and also served as a member of the board of trustees of Washington College for a number of years, but the records indicate that he did not attend many of these educational meetings.

As early as 1803, after the old Liberty Hall academy was destroyed by fire, and the people of Lexington were bidding for its removal to the town, Robinson subscribed generously. He offered a lot on the edge of the town as a site for the school or its equivalent in money value amounting to several hundred

The general assembly of the state of Virginia passed an act on the 21st of February, 1818, authorizing the establishment of the state university; and the first question to be settled was as to where it should be located. Staunton made a bid for the new university, and the friends of William and Mary college and the people of the eastern part of the state thought it should be located at Williamsburg. The trustees of Washington College entered the contest, offering to turn over the property of the college to the state if the university should be located at Lexington. They had the backing of more of the people in the western part of the state and subscriptions from Rockbridge county amounting to \$70,000-by far the best offer that was made; and if it had not been that Thomas Jefferson was in favor of placing the university at Charlottesville, Lexington would have doubtless won in the contest. A very large part of the subscription offered by Rockbridge was made by Mr. Robinson, who offered to give his whole estate to the University of Virginia on condition that it be located within four miles of Lexington. The deed making this conditional transfer of his entire property is on record in the clerk's office of Rockbridge county, and is one of the most remarkable papers connected with the development of higher education in Virginia, and is of especial interest because it gives a list of his slaves by name and occupation.

When the college was moved to Lexington in 1803 there were about 100 houses in the village. A tract of thirty acres of land was bought from Andrew Alexander for the present site of the college and two new academic buildings were erected along with a steward's house, all being of brick. A two-story wooden house which was on the present site of the president's house came with the property and served as the home of the rector for some forty years. The two new academic buildings, one Graham Hall and the other Union Hall, were located on the present line of the college buildings, one at the eastern end and the other at the western end of the campus. These buildings were two stories in height, 70x20 feet, and duplicates in appearance. They contained fifteen rooms (one for chapel) and served the students as both class rooms and dormitories for the next twenty years.

By 1821 the college had outgrown these old quarters, and the board decided that a new and larger building was a necessity. A committee was appointed to draw plans and solicit funds. Robinson now being a member of the college board was appealed to strongly and made a contribution of \$2,000. The best bid on the building was made by John Jordan at a price of \$9,000; and although only half of this amount was in sight, the trustees had faith enough to accept Jordan's bid and let the contract. The cornerstone of the main or center building was laid in the spring of 1824, and Robinson was counted on to pay a large part of its cost. He suggested that the laying of the corner-stone of the main building be made the occasion of a big celebration, and the college authorities were willing to grant most any request that he might make; but no one foresaw the wild party which was to take place on the campus that day, the memory of which has been handed down through three generations.

Dr. Ruffner's description of this occasion is far more vivid than any words that I could use and I will quote from the historical papers No. 4 written by him.

Mr. Robinson's offering for the celebration "was a barrel of fifteen-year-old whiskey, 'fruited and ropy,' which was unloaded from a cart on the campus in front of the new foundation, and after being set up on end the head was removed, and the sun shone upon forty gallons of the finest rye whiskey ever seen in Rockbridge.

"Notice having been given of the public treat a large company assembled from town and county. Mr. Robinson inaugurated the ceremony by escorting two of the leading officers of the college to the barrel, and these three took the first taste of the sparkling liquid. Then came a succession of dignitaries who in like manner honored the occasion. For some time some courtesy in the order of approach was observed, but the thirsty multitude soon broke through all restraint and armed with tin cups, pitchers, basins, buckets, and a variety of dippers, some of them more handy than nice, rushed for the barrel, and soon gave a glorious exhibition of what free whiskey can do for the noble creature made in the image of God.

"It has been declared that every man on the ground became intoxicated. This is not true. There were men present who did not taste the whiskey, and there was a respectable body of gentlemen who out of civility partook sparingly of the entertainment provided in all kindness by the liberal friend of the college, and who yet remained sober as Ulysses whilst his companions were rolling on the ground like swine. Two of these, namely, Isaac Caruthers and a gentlemen whose name I cannot recall, stopped the drinking by upsetting the barrel while yet a considerable quantity of its contents remained unconsumed. During the remainder of the day College Hill looked like a battlefield after a hard fight."

It should be stated, I think, that in those days most merchants had free whiskey on tap in the back of their stores for the refreshment of their customers, and that the making and drinking of whiskey in reason was no discredit to a man at that time, while elders in the Presbyterian church were frequently distillers. Drunkenness, however, was a disgrace, especially on the college campus in broad daylight. The college authorities and Mr. Robinson in particular were humiliated and distressed beyond measure at the outcome of this celebration on the college grounds.

From the date of Robinson's election to the board of trustees in 1819, the college authorities had counted more and more on his interest and generosity to help the institution in times of special need; and the friends of the college, since his offer to the University of Virginia mentioned above, felt confident that when he died the Lexington schools would be the beneficiaries under his will. It is stated that Robinson's will was originally drawn by Hon. J. Howe Peyton, but in language that was unadorned and not pleasing to the old gentleman, who desired a historical statement regarding himself to be incorporated in the document and also a statement as to his reason for his munificent bequest. Colonel James McDowell made a visit to Hart's Bottom and suggested that his son, James, be sent down to rewrite the will in rhetorical wording to suit the wishes of the devisor. This was done to the full satisfaction of Mr. Robinson, and the flowery phrases of the recorded document, dated April 26, 1825, give us a sample of writing from the facile pen of this brilliant young attorney, James McDowell, later the distinguished governor of Virginia. Robinson bequeathed his entire estate, valued at fifty thousand dollars, to the trustees of Washington College. He died June 26, 1826, aged seventy-two years, (and his body was buried on the college grounds, about where Professor Moreland's residence is at the present time.

His funeral was most elaborate in detail. Neighbors and slaves escorted the remains from his home at Hart's Bottom. Faculty and members of the board of trustees met the procession several miles outside of the town while the town officials and deputations from the Franklin society as well as the college societies joined the procession as they entered the college grounds. The whole community seems to have been present to pay final tribute of respect to an honored friend who had no blood kin to shed a tear at his grave.

The college board in all sincerity started out with the purpose of carrying out Robinson's wishes in detail; and for a number of years made an effort to run the farm at Hart's Bottom with the slaves left by will to the college, but the trustees soon found out that it was an unprofitable and hopeless task. It was an anomalous situation for a board of an educational institution to attempt to manage a large number of Negro slaves and run a plantation to earn money for the pay of professors. As time went by the conditions became hopeless, and the trustees soon realized that it was not practical for the college to continue to carry out the wishes of Mr. Robinson as provided for in section 8

and 9 of his will. After consulting the best legal advice available, the college board passed an order to dispose of the slaves and to lease Hart's Bottom for a period of years. Practically all of the slaves were disposed of within ten years after Robinson's death, and in 1840 a sale of Hart's Bottom was made. The net proceeds of the whole estate when finally settled amounted to \$46,577.00, which is still carried on the books of the university as an endowment for the professorship of geology and biology. It is apparent, therefore, that the Robinson bequest was the second largest endowment gift to be made to the college up to the time of the Civil war and was nearly equal to the \$50,000 made by George Washington. If the provisions of the will had been strictly adhered to and the slaves held by the college for fifty years, the subsequent history of the institution would probably have been quite different and all the slaves would have been set free after the war. Had Hart's Bottom been held as "an inalieable estate," the city of Buena Vista would not have arisen out of the boom of the nineties, and Glasgow might have developed into a beautiful city on the banks of the James river.

For a number of years after his death the grave of Robinson was marked by no stone and was surrounded by cheap paling fence. As the years went by without any monument being erected over his grave, much criticism of the college authorities was expressed for their negligence in this regard. The college board felt the obligation resting upon them of placing some kind of a marker over Robinson's grave; and this question was discussed at almost every meeting of the board for more than twenty years, before a satisfactory settlement of the matter was finally consummated in 1855. Let me quote from a few of the records on the minutes of the board.

March 28, 1833—"The president requested to procure a model of a neat and suitable monument for the grave of Robinson."

June 1, 1839—Committee appointed to do the same. June, 1843—Board ordered "That a monument of grey limestone fifteen feet high of one piece be placed on a proper and substantial base without polish excepting the part on which the inscription is to be made, and that Professor Armstrong and the proctor be a committee to carry this order into effect."

June 27, 1844—Report of the committee was disagreed to.

October 2, 1844—Committee ordered to make contract for the monument.

June 26, 1845—Committee on Robinson monument reported and report laid on the table.

Dr. Ruffner says that the monument outlined in the above quoted order was erected, but that it was thrown down after a few years in a mysterious way, the inference being that it was not pleasing to the friends and admirers of Robinson and they took this means of showing their disapproval and the sentiments in the community that a more imposing and really handsome monument should be put in its place.

June 18, 1850—A movement for a new monument was started and the board appropriated \$500 for this purpose. A new committee was also appointed. Designs from Philadelphia were secured, but scarcity of money again prevented the committee from acting for several years and it was not until July, 1855, that the monument was finally erected and a full report made by the committee in charge of this undertaking. The final report of the committee, made to the board of trustees, and spread on the minutes of the meeting held July 4, 1855, gives in detail the history of the monument and is of sufficient interest to be read in full.

#### DR. J. W. CLAUDY, '09, SUPERINTENDENT

In response to a letter of inquiry regarding his appointment as superintendent of Rockview Farm Prison, Dr. J. W. Claudy writes as follows:

"Relative to my position here, I am enclosing an editorial from the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*, which will interest you and give you the information you desire My position as general superintendent at Rockview is very interesting. We have an institution without a wall, one thousand inmates who work all the time except those who are physically unfit to do so, and seven thousand acres of ground."

"The appointment of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Claudy to the general superintendency of the penitentiary at Rockview, Center county, will be accepted as logical." says the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*. "As a member of the board of management of the Western Penitentiary, of which Rockview is a branch, Dr. Claudy has had an opportunity to study penal problems in general and in particular those which he will be called upon to solve. His work as secretary of the Pittsburgh Council of Churches and in other clerical posts proved his capacity for leadership and his executive ability.

"Dr. Claudy's announced intention to work for the 'rehabilitation of the individual' while at Rockview is in conformity with the declaration of principles of the American Prison Association, which long since took the position that 'the supreme aim of prison discipline is the reformation of the criminal, not the infliction of vindictive suffering.' To penologists there may be nothing new in such a program, but there is always interest whenever the policy is applied by a newcomer to the ranks of prison executives. The plan of giving educational opportunities, vocational training and athletic advantages to the thousand incarcerated at Rockview by a leader who was schooled for the ministry, also trained in athletics, and grounded in prison management naturally will be watched."

#### A LETTER FROM LONDON

December 28, 1931

Mr. Harry K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, U. S. A.

Dear Cy:

Congratulations from London Town on the way things in general seem to be coming on at Washington and Lee! This is an impression which has been gathered from reading the various numbers of the "Alumni Magazine;" has been strengthened by reading the scores of the football games against Virginia, V. P. I., and Princeton; and finally confirmed in person by Verbon Kemp, who was here in London a few weeks ago piloting a party of Virginia apple growers. From what Kemp tells me, as well as from reading the reports of his doings and sayings in the "Alumni Magazine," Dr. Gaines has already proved to be the right man in the right place who knows how to do and say the right things at the right times.

It was a pleasant surprise to see Verbon Kemp here in London, after the seven years which had elapsed since Mrs. Somerville and I were his guests-one fine summer day—on an automobile trip through Goshen Pass. He had a crowd of thorough-going Virginians, mostly from Albemarle county, with him over here, making a study of the methods by which Virginia apples are marketed in this country. On the last day of their stay here, by way of a diversion from their strenuous activities trying to see all the principal markets in the country, I escorted them down to a famous old London restaurant called "Simpson's in the City," where for more than one hundred years there has been enacted daily the ceremony of weighing-in the cheese. If any one of the assembled guests can guess correctly the height, girth and weight of the cheese, the proprietor treats the company to his finest champagnes and cigars. The trick is pulled off about once every nine months. What makes this ceremony all the more remarkable is that these daily occasions are presided over by a "chairman"-a 96-year old London lawyer-and a business man having no connection with the restaurant, who says grace at the beginning, serves the soup course, the three fish courses, and the dessert, says grace at the end, just as if he were really the host.

However, I fear this is digressing from what I intended saying about Kemp, namely, judging from my own study of the system of marketing fruit and other foodstuffs in this country, I think Kemp's plan of getting together this group of influential fruit growers to see for themselves what happens to their products when sent over here, what cort of competition in the way of quality and packing methods they must come up against—is an excellent one. It seems to me also that he has the right idea of how to go about gaining further sup-

port for improved marketing methods in Virginia, and I trust he will continue to receive support for his plans as they develop.

I am due to return to the States on leave in May, and am hoping that things will work out so as to permit a look-in on the 1932 commencement doings.

My best regards, please, to Dick Smith, and all the rest of the 1908-14 W. and L. enthusiasts who may be cooperating with you in the good cause.

Sincerely

JAMES SOMERVILLE, JR.

P. S.—My work here as Trade Commissioner has been very interesting. For my first three years in London, agricultural products and their marketing problems were my particular field—with the Russian trade as a sort of personal hobby. The latter work grew more important; and now my whole time is devoted to Russian trade problems, the lumber trade (which is connected with Russian trade); and by way of variety, to the motion picture trade. American trade with England in most lines has been good but by recent exchange disturbances, and for the past few months things have been at a low ebb—and at the moment no very hopeful signs of improvement.

#### SHRINE GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY

A George Washington shrine has been presented to the University by the George Washington Bi-centennial Commission. The gift was made through Congressman C. A. Woodrum of Roanoke, who graduated at Washington and Lee in the class of 1908. Congressman Woodrum was appointed by President Hoover sometime ago to be a member of the National commission.

The shrine is a reproduction of the Gilbert Stuart Athenaum portrait of Washington made when the President was 61 years old. It was kept by the artist and after his death was sold by his widow to the Washington Society of Boston for \$1,500. The original, which was the third and last done of Washington during his lifetime by Stuart, has remained in Boston ever since it was sold in 1841.

The portrait is surmounted by two American flags and on each side is an electric candlestick. No definite place for it has been decided upon at the present time, but it is thought that it will be put in the Chapel sometime in the near future.

#### SPRING HOLIDAY

The Thanksgiving holidays will be shortened to one day and fall athletic holidays suspended, and the time usually granted will be given over to a spring vacation which will be the eighth week after the beginning of the second semester.

## Broadcast of the Fancy Dress Ball

DDING another feature of interest to the already nationally known annual Fancy Dress Ball at Washington and Lee, the broadcast from the dance floor of the ballroom in Doremus Gymnasium was heard by innumerable alumni and other interested listeners from 9 to 10 P. M. over a nation-

wide NBC network, during the Lucky Strike Hour.

This marked the first time in the history of this unique Southern event that the proceedings have been broadcast on a sponsored program.

Long-distance messages, telegrams and letters too numerous to print in full have been received showing the enthusiasm with which the broadcast was heard in all parts of the United States and several foreign countries. According to the local telegraph office about fifty wires were received Thursday night after the office had closed requesting the orchestra to play certain pieces of music. The Lucky Strike Company paid all expenses, including the wire to New York for an hour, amounting, it is said, to about \$3,500.

For the benefit of alumni who were not listening in — the program consisted of a most appre-

ciative sketch of the setting of the broadcast giving a few interesting facts about the University and its connection with George Washington and Robert E. Lee, and graphically describing the lovely colonial costumes. A few words of greeting followed from Dean Campbell, in the absence of President Gaines, General John A. Lejeune, superintendent of Virginia Military Institute, Billy Howell, Washington and Lee senior, who distinguished himself to such an extent in the national amateur golf tournament last year, and "Cy" Young,

who added to his greeting a special salutation to "Eddie Davis—'way down in Texas." This program was interspersed with dance music by Bernie Cummins and his famous dance orchestra, including, of course, the Washington and Lee Swing.

A few letters and extracts from others will be of

interest to our readers:

Kansas City, Mo. Dear Dean Campbell:

It was a "Lucky Strike" for me last night when turning the dial of our radio I happened to pick up the Washington and Lee broadcast of its annual Fancy Dress Ball.

The purpose of this note is to tell you of the excitement that took possession of me when I heard the announcer say "Dean Campbell will speak a few words to you." Your voice came good and clear over the distance of the thousand miles that separate Lexington from Kansas City. I only wished your remarks had not been so brief.

What a flood of memories were awakened by this experience! How I wanted to reach out my hand in greeting, yes, homesick I was for a glimpse of old scenes and renewal of happy associations. Of these none would be more appreciated



JAMES D. SPARKS AND MISS ELLEN KENT MILLSAPS AS GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON

than to see my cherished friends of yester-year.

With best wishes, I am

Most sincerely,

REESE TURPIN

Victoria, Texas

Dear Dr. Campbell:

It was good to hear your voice over the radio last night also the Washington and Lee Swing.

We enjoyed having Dr. Gaines in San Antonio,

Monday. All the alumni at the banquet seemed as pleased with him as I was.

Appreciative regards,

W. T. RIVIERE

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

It was quite a thrill to hear your voice over the radio last night from the Lucky Strike Hour program of Washington and Lee's Fancy Dress Ball. Wish you could have talked more.

JOHN A. TOLLEY

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

It was good to hear your voice so distinctly tonight on the Lucky Strike Hour. To be close and yet so far away made us homesick for Washington and Lee.

KARL ZERFOSS

South Swansea, Mass.

Dear Dean Campbell:

What a pleasure it was to hear your voice over the air during the "Lucky Strike" program last evening. It was almost as good as being in Lexington for a visit. The music and the laughter of the dancers coming from Doremus "Gym" carried me back to the time when I too danced there. I trust that the dance was a success and that they thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

DAVIS CRITTENDEN

Chaumont, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

You may not have time to read this but I wish to say that I enjoyed the Washington and Lee broadcast of January 28th. I am located near the Canadian border on the east end of Lake Ontario.

KENNETH S. HUGGINS

The following telegrams were also received:

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dean Harry Campbell

Program coming in fine quite a thrill.

PAUL BOCK, Class '24

Portland, Oregon

Dean Harry Campbell

Your voice and my memories make me very homesick to be with you STOP The Swing was great but missed College Friendships. Best regards to Mrs. Campbell and yourself.

BOATNER CHAMBERLIN

El Paso, Texas

Dr. Harry Campbell

Was glad to hear your voice again enjoyed your

party very much was sorry I could not be with you.

D. H. Huffaker

Additional letters received:

Wichita Falls, Texas Jan. 29, 1932.

Dear Cy:

In the language of our Patron Saint, "I cannot be untruthful" you certainly made the old boy homesick last night. We all had our ears glued to the radio at Virgil's house and when your salutation came it raised us out of our seats. I must say that I had to take a big swallow, and it was not a drink, either. We could hear it all perfectly. Your voice sounded great.

Dr. Gaines, the Dallas meeting, a letter from Dick and one from Tex yesterday, and then to end up with that program last night is a little too much Washington and Lee for me to stand. You better let up or it will be goodbye Texas for me.

I must surely hand it to you for putting that over last night. Please tell the Dean, and Billy Howell how good it all sounded to me. I appreciate your remembering me, even if it does give me those homesickness blues for a few days. Lowdy, how I would liked to have been there.

Shake all the gang by the hand for me. You certainly brought all of the Washington and Lee folks close together last night.

My love to all the fair ladies that Walter Winchell was talking about. That old boy poured it on for us in great style. OK Monroe Park!

Sincerely yours,

EDDIE (DAVIS)

## WEST INDIA OIL COMPANY PETROLE ET SES PRODUITS Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, Le

January 29, 1932

Dear Cy,

I feel tremendously obligated both to the University and to myself to let you know the keen enjoyment I experienced last evening when I luckily tuned in on the broadcast of the Fancy Dress Ball.

Your talk, the playing of the "Swing" revived again that spirit which always makes of alumni undergraduates again. I am sure that through the medium of last night's broadcast, which was so realistic that I even imagined myself there, that alumni everywhere who were listening in were brought again closer to the University.

My heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a greater cooperation between alumni and the University.

> Sincerely yours, W. K. Horton, Jr., Ex.-'25

HOTEL FENWAY DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

January 29th, 1932

Dear Cy:

At Dunedin last evening I was told that the radio was broadcasting the Fancy Dress Ball at Lexington. I had the pleasure of listening in and in hearing your short, but very good talk, which was straight to the point and your voice was so natural that I was carried back to Lexington and then when the Washington

and Lee Swing was given and the singing and the cheers—all was received here perfectly, which I enjoyed immensely. With regards to Mrs. Young and my best to you.

I am cordially, Wm. M. McElwee

> Detroit, Mich. January 30

My dear Cy:

Gee, I got a thrill listening to the broadcast Thursday night.

It was marvelous to hear "As Alumni Secretary of—" in most studied tones, and then the hasty "Hello, Eddie Davis, 'way down in Texas,"

As a loyal alumnus of Washington and Lee, I thank you.

Unflinchingly,
"BILL"
WILLIAM L. MAPEL,
Assistant Editor
The American Boy.

Memphis, Tenn. Dear Cy:

I suppose you are by now in the "Crosby, Co-

lumbo and Vallee" class, so I am somewhat reticent about writing this, my first "fan" letter. However, Cy, I think the broadcast was swell and I can't think of anything that has caused so much favorable publicity. Everybody in Memphis agrees that it was quite a stunt. I hope that "Eddie Davis in Texas" heard you and enjoyed it as much as I did. I was practically up in the radio all during the program. In fact, it had such an effect on me that I might be able to break away for Finals if you will tell me when they are, and also where the Kappa Sigmas are living this year.

I really enjoyed the program, Cy, and please let me know about the above matters. Also you might send me a year's subscription to the Alumni Magazine together with a bill for same.

Very truly,

MILLEDGE NAIL, '24

New Orleans Jan. 29, 1932

Dear Mr. Young:



Paul Wofford as "Light Horse Harry" Lee with Miss Mary Christine Hughes

Enjoyed the W. and L. publicity over radio last night and especially your little introduction of "our own song." It tickled me to think that WSMB in New Orleans was forced to broadcast the "W. and L. Swing" and not "The Tulane Swing." Reception was fine and I felt like letting out a few whoops to join the chorus in the gymnasium.

Yours truly, F. P. Hamilton

Memphis, Tenn. January 29, 1932 Dear Cy:

Just a line to let you know that it was a real thrill to hear your voice and that of Dr. Campbell over the Lucky Strike Radio Hour last night. Needless to say the entire program was quite entertaining to the Alumni and was, of course, splendid publicity for the University.

Yours very truly, HENRY W. JONES, '24

Pine Bluff, Arkansas January 29, 1932

Dear Cy:-

It was a pleasure to hear your voice last night, over the N. B. C., Lucky Strike program. Was home by myself, my wife being in Denver visiting her sister, and the entire program was a great pleasure to me. Your voice came in clear and distinct, and your little announcement was good.

Also enjoyed Bernie Cummins and his orchestra, particularly the Swing. I could picture old Doremus

Gym, with all the color and jollity which must have prevailed.

Just thought you would like to know. With kindest personal regards, I remain, Your friend,

L. DEWOODY "CHUCK" LYLE, '17

Huntsville, Alabama January 29, 1932

My dear Cy:

"Believe it or not" as our friend Ripley would say, while four of us were riding down the Lee highway last night I heard your voice. We had my automobile radio turned on the St. Petersburg, Florida, station, and heard Bernie Cummins play. Then your little speech and your remembrance to Eddie Parks Davis down in Texas.

The program came in well and I enjoyed it. The Washington and Lee Swing came in over my automobile radio just as clearly as if I were right there in the old Doremus Gymnasium itself. It all brought back memories of 1929 when Toot Gibson led the Fancy Dress Ball with Sophia Dunlap of Mobile and I led the French figure. It made me right homesick to be back with you. I sincerely hope that I can be back in Lexington for the Finals at any rate.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am Cordially yours,

HENRY P. JOHNSON
Publisher The Huntsville Times.

Craryville, N. Y. January 28, 1932

Dear Cy:

Just finished the most enjoyable hour I've ever heard on the radio. And to hear "Cy's" voice in the finale was worth the full price of admission. I hope Eddie Parks heard it.

"SULLY" (WILLIAM B. SULLIVAN)

#### HENRY McQUEEN CORBETT, '22.

Henry McQueen Corbett recently elected vicepresident in charge of the Raleigh unit of the North Carolina Bank and Trust company, is perhaps one of the youngest bank executives in North Carolina.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Corbett, of Wilmington, and was born in that city 29 years ago. Educated at Augusta Military Academy, and at Washington and Lee University, where he was graduated in 1922, Mr. Corbett immediately embarked in the banking business.

He entered the banking business in Wilmington in 1922 as an assistant cashier of the Murchison National Bank, and served in that capacity until the

Murchison Bank was merged with the North Carolina Bank and Trust company. He was then elevated to the position of vice-president.

Mr. Corbett is a member of the Cape Fear Club and other social organizations in Wilmington, aside from his connections with the Bankers Association and other organizations.

He is one of Wilmington's most popular younger business men.

#### A. R. HAWKINS, '25

A. R. ("Red") Hawkins, '25, was in Lexington recently with his bride who was Miss Isabelle Todd of Lakeland, Fla. Mrs. Hawkins is a sister of Sam Todd, now a freshman in the University. "Red" will be remembered as one of the best centers ever developed at Washington and Lee. Since his graduation he has been connected with the Kentucky Asphalt Corpor-



ation at Kyrock, Kentucky, where they will make their home.

#### "SWING" IS DISCONTINUED BY TULANE.

"The Washington and Lee Swing," which is better known to Orleanians as the "Tulane Swing," will be discontinued by the Tulane band due to protests of the Washington and Lee authorities and other outside criticism, according to the announcement of Carey Jones, manager of the band.

In a letter addressed to the public at large, as well as the student body, Mr. Jones said:

"A good many people are still under the impression that the song is a Tulane song. This is not true. The "Swing" is not and will not be a Tulane song.

"The authorities of Washington and Lee have repeatedly protested against Tulane using their song when we have our own and to avoid any ill-feeling, the Tulane band will no longer play the Swing at any time."

The song was used for many years as the official football song previous to the origination of the "Olive and Blue," which will replace any other songs now in use.

Capt. Guy E. Manning, '90, is now residing at 164 North Remington Road, Columbus, Ohio.

## Washington and Lee Scholarships



VERY state in the Union and three Canadian provinces are represented in the vast number of inquiries that are coming in to the University concerning the five scholarships to Washington and Lee that are being offered by *The American Boy* magazine for the best essay on George Washington's contribution to education.

Pamphlets prepared by Dr. L. C. Helderman, associate professor of history at Washington and Lee, are being sent out at the rate of about 200 a day in response to request for information in regard to details.

The following article which appeared in the February issue of *The American Boy*, has created general interest. It is republished in full with the consent of the editors of the magazine:

How would you like to win a scholarship to one of the finest old universities in this country?

Perhaps you can!

Maybe you'll be one of the five American Boy readers—all boys—who will attend historic Washington and Lee University in Virginia on free scholarships offered in this month's American Boy contest.

The contest will be for essays, up to 500 words, on this subject:

"Washington's Contribution to Education."

George Washington did contribute greatly to education and some *American Boy* reader under 21 years—maybe you—is going to tell the story so well that he's going to win a four-year scholarship to the institution fostered by the First President.

Another boy is going to win a two-year scholar-ship; a third—but here's the list of 50 prizes—total value, more than \$2,500.

First Prize: The George Washington Scholarship, four years, value, \$1,000.

Second Prize: The "Lighthorse Harry" Lee Scholarship, two years, value, \$500.

Third Prize: The Lafayette Scholarship, one year, value, \$250.

Fourth Prize: The General Andrew Moore Scholarship, one year, value, \$250.

Fifth Prize: The General William Campbell Scholarship, one year, value \$250 to the winning essayist.

Next 45 prizes: Portraits of Washington, portraits of Robert E. Lee, books on these two great Americans, and souvenirs of the university.

Here's a multiple chance for you! The George Washington Scholar! The "Lighthorse Harry" Lee Scholar! The Marquis de Lafayette Scholar! Romantic names! A romantic idea!

Next year, or the year after, or even the year after that (your scholarship will be waiting for you when you're ready for college) you may find yourself a freshman in this seventh oldest American university, founded decades before the Revolution; endowed by Washington when he was first president; rebuilt by Robert E. Lee after the War Between the States. But, read on:

If you win one of the five scholarships you'll be in a selected group. Washington and Lee has withstood successfully the onslaught of numbers, and rigidly has kept its enrollment down to 900. Last year 39 states and five countries were represented. You'll be in a student body that governs itself through the outstanding American honor system—put into operation by General Lee in 1866 and made tradition by class after class of Washington and Lee men since then. You'll drop your books on the campus and know they'll be waiting for you when you return for them; you'll take examinations without a teacher or a proctor looking over your shoulder; you'll answer all questions truthfully and you can always expect the truth. Each generation adds its force to this splendid tradition.

Maybe you'll be pledged to one of the twenty social fraternities. Perhaps you'll room in one of the old Southern homes, with long, white pillars reaching to the roof. You may play on the football, basketball, or baseball team. Or maybe boxing, wrestling, golf, tennis, or crew will claim your attention. You can debate if you wish, or be on the student newspaper, magazine, or annual staff. Campus politics may claim you, or you may want to draw or paint or play in the band or orchestra.

You'll attend classes in old Georgian buildings, some of them erected before the War of 1812. These classes will be small, and your professors will know more about you than just know your name.

Maybe you'll take an arts course, or perhaps you'll specialize in the study of some profession. Washington and Lee's school of law long has been known as the training ground for dozens of national and international figures. Journalism or commerce may fascinate you. If so, you'll take pride in the fact that Washington and Lee was the first school in the world to offer training for these professions. You may study engineering or prepare for medicine.

Washington and Lee country will take root in your heart. The Blue Ridge mountains on one side, the Alleghenies on the other, and lazy Lexington down in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley between!

Afternoons, you'll wander down Lexington streets—streets down which Hunter's troops thundered in '64. You'll visit dress parade at the Virginia Military Institute.

You'll have a feeling of awe as you stand beside the great tree that grows between the walls of old Liberty Hall and think that those walls are all that remains of the building that burned in 1800. You'll visit Goshen Pass; you'll think of fourth-reader days as you gaze on Natural Bridge.

You'll visit the museum and see the bones of Traveller, General Lee's war horse; and if you aren't careful you'll look at the bones of a much smaller horse and some sophomore will tell you those bones are of Traveller when he was a colt.

You'll wear a blue and white freshman cap the first semester and blue and white freshman hat in February and March. Then, in April, you'll burn that hat in a glorious bonfire on Freshman Night, after which you'll climb to the top of Washington College and help paint the heroic oaken statue of George Washington.

Perhaps you'll be asked to visit Washington and Lee in June, this year, when your scholarship will be awarded to you in person by some distinguished alumnus at the 182nd commencement of the university. This man may be John W. Davis, Democratic presidential candidate in 1924, or Newton Baker, Wilson's secretary of war.

All of this and much more lies in store for five *American Boy* readers. And other good prizes for the next 45 winners!

Now, what to do:

Write at once to Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, President, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. President Gaines will send you, without cost to you, a specially prepared booklet outlining George Washington's contribution to education.

This booklet, a digest of a recent book by Dr. Leonard Clinton Helderman, will be a prize in itself. It will give you a picture of the university, and a gold mine of ideas from which you can write your essay.

Study Dr. Helderman's booklet. Then write! Typewrite your essay, if possible, keeping it down to 500 words and using only one side of the sheet.

Mail your essay so it will reach the Contest Editor, *The American Boy*, 550 West Lafayette Blvd., not later than March 10.

At the top of each sheet, in addition to your name, you must give your age, your year in school, the name of your school, and the name of your principal.

If you win a prize—and *The American Boy* wishes each one of its readers could win a university scholar-ship—your principal will be asked to give information about you to Washington and Lee.

So get busy. Your booklet awaits you.

Notice has been received in the Alumni Office that Robert O. Bentley, Jr., LL.B., '26, is engaged in the general practice of law in association with Rex Blaine Altschuler, with offices in the Peoples Trust and Guaranty Co. Bldg., Hackensack, N. J.

## Dr. Gaines Visits Many Alumni

#### NEW ORLEANS, LA.

On January 23, 1932, the Louisiana Alumni Association of Washington and Lee University gave a dinner in New Orleans in honor of Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, the president of Washington and Lee University. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and was attended by a large number of alumni.

After the reading of a communication from Dean Henry Campbell of Washington and Lee University which told the alumni in what high esteem Dr. Gaines was held and appreciated by the Faculty and Student Body, Dr. Hugh Mercer Blain, president of the alumni, called upon Professor Douglas Anderson, the dean of Engineering at Tulane University, to introduce Dr. Gaines, who then spoke most impressively upon the high standard of the University emphasizing the fact that no American college could lay claim to more distinguished alumni than Washington and Lee University.

Dr. Gaines spoke of the romance of the University based upon its earliest traditions which have permeated the campus for the last 182 years. He also stated that he believed in the limitation of the number of students and the selection of such applicants who would be responsive to the purposes of the institution and uphold the sacred regard for the honor system which has been steadfastly maintained for the past century.

Furthermore, Dr. Gaines spoke in no uncertain terms of the value of athletics to the University and the part that football plays in the relative standing in the education of the youth as well as the character building of the individual. He was of the impression that a football team of high quality and ability not only adds prestige but credit to the University.

During the evening Dr. William Woolfolk called the attention of the association to the *Alumni Magazine* that is published by the University for the benefit to the alumni as a chronicle of the social and academic life of the University and asked their cooperation in supporting the same.

Mr. Elmore Dufour was elected president of the Louisiana Alumni Association to succeed Dr. Blain who held that office for the past three years in a most creditable and able manner and who has been most efficient and untiring in his efforts to maintain the traditions of the University and to promote good fellowship among its members. The association also elected Dr. Ludo Von Meysenbug vice-president, and William K. Gladney secretary and treasurer.

New Orleans, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Washington, Pittsburgh, Bristol. Other Meetings.

Those peresent were: William McF. Alexander, '84; Douglas S. Anderson, '90; T. L. Bauer, '30; William A. Bell, '95; H. M. Blain, '95; James Melvin Boyd, Jr., '26; Oscar H. Briedenbach, '11; Lucius L. Davidge, '28; Thos. E. Davenport; E. E. Dufour, '22; Benj. C. Eastwood, '29; Wm. K. Gladney, '25; Thomas L. Harris, '27; F. P. Hamilton, '97; Borroughs Hill; Herbert Jahncke, '30; John G. McClure, '28; E. L. McLellan; Dr. C. C. McNeill; Dr. Ludo von Meysenbug; R. C. Milling, '08; C. E. Nilhuss, '29; Wm. H. Ogden, '21; B. Palmer Orr, '20; D. W. Pipes, guest; J. M. Robinson; W. F. Smith, '26; J. W. Smither, Jr.; William C. Watson, Jr., '29; Ollie B. Webb; Thorne Webb, '29; W. L. O. Whaley; Jack A. Williamson, '30; John M. Wisdom, '25; Norton L. Wisdom, '27; William B. Wisdom, '21; Dr. Wm. L. Woolfolk, '25.

#### DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. Harry K. Young, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Cy:

I have your letter of February 3, requesting detailed information regarding Dr. Gaines' visit to Dallas. At the outset, let me say that there were only three mistakes made in connection with his visit. First, there is no 8:30 train from San Antonio, therefore we missed Dr. Gaines at the station. Second, we failed to invite a newspaper man to the meeting in order to get more publicity. Third, the radio announcer introduced Rosser "T." Coke instead of Rosser J. Coke. Outside of the above things the entire day and the meeting that night were very successful.

After missing Dr. Gaines at the station, Mr. Coke and I met him in the Adolphus Hotel. We rescued him from a crowd of delegates attending a Shoe Convention who were endeavoring to pin a badge on his lapel, and escorted him to his rooms. We then went to Terrell School where Dr. Gaines delivered a most interesting address to the student body. "Pop" Davis of Terrell School was very favorably impressed with Dr. Gaines. Some of the students have told me that the boys were very much interested in Dr. Gaines and the University. Mr. Coke and I then took Dr. Gaines to Southern Methodist University and visited with the Rev. C. C.

Selecman. Dr. John W. Boyer, '22, Prof. of English at Southern Methodist, showed us over the campus and the buildings.

Dr. Gaines, Mr. Coke, Gaylord Stone and myself had lunch at the Athletic Club. During the afternoon Dr. Gaines made several calls and rested at his hotel.

At 7:00 P. M. he spoke over KRLD for fifteen minutes having been introduced by Rosser "T." Coke. Mr. Stone and I were quite disturbed over the fact that when Mr. Coke made the introduction, since he and Stone were such close friends, he might introduce Stone by mistake, but the introduction went over in good style and the Doctor made a fine talk. We received quite a bit of comment on the talk and the excellent manner in which his voice carried over the radio. By this time there were gathered in the Danish Room at the Adolphus, some forty Alumni, and the dinner began about 7:30.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Coke, toast-master, and I might say that he handled the entire affair in a first-class manner. The first speaker was Judge Nelson Phillips, former judge of the Supreme Court of Texas. Judge Phillips is an ardent student of Lee. His wife is now chairman of a committee seeking to raise funds for a local memorial to Robert E. Lee. Judge Phillips spoke of the "Life of General Lee." Rev. C. C. Selecman spoke next, praising the University and its tradition, and suggested that the Alumni should capialize the same to the end that a large amount of money should be raised in order to enlarge the University and perpetuate its name.

Harry P. Lawther gave us a very amusing talk concerning his first trip to Washington and Lee in '74, which talk was followed by Dr. Gaines' address. I don't believe I have ever seen a group of men more enthusiastic than those who had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Gaines. They were intensely interested in the talk he made, and very much impressed with his pleasing personality.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. Gaines, and I enjoyed the small part I took in getting these men together.

My subscription to the *Alumni* has expired, and I wish to have it renewed. Please renew it for me and advise me the amount of the subscription fee.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A. A. LANDER.

Those present were:

John E. Bailey, '28; Elliott Van Horn Bauserman, '18; Rosser J. Coke, '11; Charles L. Dexter, '12; R. F. Garcia, '12; Pinkney Grissom, '20; James Prior Hieatt, '14; Edison C. Jalonick, '12; Robert H. Jones, Jr., '27; Clarence E. Kennemer, '28; Samuel Philip Kohen, '16; John L. Lancaster, Jr., '28; Sam'l Williamson Lancaster, '29; Alfred Alexander Lander, '18; Harry P. Law-

ther, '76; George P. Macatee, Jr., '15; William Kennedy Manning, '23; Samuel W. Marshall, '94; Robert Wayland Mayo, '95; Perry A. Norman; Clifford Wilson McBride, '30; Fred C. Proctor, Jr.; Frank K. Rader, '05; Chas. Francis Richardson, '30; Leslie Storey Stemmons, '27; Chas. L. Syron, '08; John L. Young, '95; Richard Beaton.

FROM FORT WORTH

Clement A. Boaz, '01; Rudy Copeland, '21; Wyatt Cephas Hedrick, '10; John F. Swayne; Harry Chapman Rand, '29; Ernest E. Sanders, '27; C. E. Shropshire, '24; Judge I. W. Stephens, '72; Gaylord J. Stone, '10; Eddie Parks Davis, '15, Wichita Falls.

Mr. E. C. Stone and Ray Nesbitt, each having sons in the University. Hamilton Lee and John Jackson, members of the firm of Coke and Coke, and Henry C. Coke, Jr., of Yale.

#### FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

February 12, 1932

Mr. H. K. (Cy) Young, Alumni Sec'y., Washington and Lee University Alumni, Lexington, Va.

Dear Mr. Young:

I beg to acknowledge recept of your letter of February 8th and mighty glad indeed to know that Dr. Gaines was enthusiastic about his trip to Texas. I will say that all of the Dallas and Fort Worth gentlemen that came in contact with Dr. Gaines thoroughly and enthusiastically enjoyed him, he made a wonderful and lasting impression and I am sure that his visit is going to prove very valuable to Washington and Lee and to Dr. Gaines personally.

I will not attempt to report the Dallas meeting, I suppose you have already gotten this from Mr. Lander.

The Fort Worth Alumni Association made up of the following members gave Dr. Gaines a luncheon at the Fort Worth Club on Wednesday, January 27th:

Clement A. Boaz, William Lowrie, Boyd, Emmett Rusk Conner, Rudy Copeland, L. Dillard Estes, Edward S. Hall, Wyatt Cephas Hedrick, Evan S. McCord, George E. Miller, Harry C. Rand, Edward K. Ratcliff, Ernest E. Sanders, W. B. Sayers, C. E. Shropshire, I. W. Stephens, James R. Thomas, Gaylord J. Stone.

In addition we had as special guests the following: W. E. Connell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of this city, and grandfather of Edgar Wallace, who is now a Washington and Lee student

E. E. Bewley, president of the Fort Worth National Bank.

Jno. P. King, president of the King Candy Company and one of Fort Worth's most foremost citizens.

Amon G. Carter, one of Texas' most outstanding

citizens and owner of the Star-Telegram newspaper.

Geo. W. Polk, one of Fort Worth's prominent attorneys.

Rosser J. Coke of Dallas, Texas, also one of Texas' prominent attorneys and a former Washington and Lee graduate, class of 1911.

A. A. Lander, of Dallas, Texas, also attended.

Bert K. Smith, prominent grain man and a great friend of Washington and Lee.

Judge Brice Young, prominent judge.

Sam Canty, Fort Worth attorney and the father of Sam Canty, Jr., a student of Washington and Lee.

C. E. Shropshire acted as toastmaster and introduced Amon G. Carter, who gave Dr. Gaines an address of welcome in behalf of the citizenship of Fort Worth and Dallas. Rosser J. Coke was called on to introduce Dr. Gaines, in which he briefly covered Dr. Gaines' rise to the presidency of Washington and Lee.

Dr. Gaines gave a very forceful and interesting address and I might say that Amon G. Carter, who is nationally known and possibly has had more opportunity to hear great men speak, told the writer that Dr. Gaines was the best speaker it had ever been his privilege to listen to.

I might say, before the meeting adjourned Judge Stephens made a motion that in view of the fact that the Democrats had not yet succeeded in finding a nominee that was quite qualified for the presidency, that our Alumni Association endorse Dr. Gaines for this honor, and a motion was immediately seconded and a unanimous standing vote was given in the affirmative and approved and matter of record with the Fort Worth Alumni Association and other friends have officially endorsed Dr. Gaines as the next Democratic nominee for presidency. This was not a joke, for I believe every member who came in contact with Dr. Gaines fully feels he has the ability to hold such a position and who knows but he may some day be in the White House.

I might say that one of the most interesting things in connection with the meeting was presented by Mr. Swain, who was in the class of '67 and had with him an excuse written in long hand from General Robert E. Lee, himself, releasing him from class duties. Judge Stephens was in the class of '72 and was also under General Robert E. Lee.

After the meeting adjourned the writer together with Mrs. Stone had the pleasure of driving Dr. Gaines over the city, also to see some of his acquaintances and friends here. We thoroughly enjoyed his trip and only wish it were possible for him to return often.

Again assuring you that any time Dr. Gaines can return that all of Texas will welcome him.

Sincerely,
GAYLORD J. STONE

#### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Alumni of San Antonio and vicinity met for dinner on the night of January 25th at 6:30 at the Menger Hotel in honor of Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines.

Albert Steves, Jr., A.B. 1906, president of the San Antonio Alumni Association was toastmaster.

The following responses were made:

#### Our Presidents

General C. W. C. Lee—Albert Steves, Sr., 1874. William Lynne Wilson—Rev. Harry W. Hamilton, A.B. 1903, Cotulla, Texas.

George Hutcheson Denny—Robert R. Witt, A.B. 1913.

Henry Louis Smith—Joe Clay Roberts, LL.B. '24. Now—Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines.

The following Alumni and guests were present:

Frank J. Bosshardt, '07; Hubert Eckles, '30; E. R. Guenther, '88; James L. Lytle, Jr., '27; Thomas W. Menefee, '25; Albert Steves, Sr., '77; Albert Steves, Jr., '06; Harry Trail, '30; Claude Witherspoon, '28; R. R. Witt, Jr., '13; Thomas Graves, '25, Cuero, Texas; L. M. McKinnon, '27; Fred Pearman, '32; W. C. Bouldin, Luling, Texas, '98; Rev. Harry Hamilton, '04, Cotulla, Texas; W. W. Palmer, '27; Lester Fox, '17; Flavius S. Downs, '76, Temple, Texas.

#### Guests:

H. P. Drought, Jack Guggenheim, Fritz Schilo, and Dr. F. P. Gaines.

In writing of the occasion W. W. (Mike) Palmer, secretary, mentions the interesting meeting of Mr. Albert Steves, Sr., class of '77, and Mr. Flavius S. Downs, class of 76, for the first time since they had left the Washington and Lee campus many years ago.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C. February 12, 1932

Mr. H. K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Dear Cv:

Dr. Gaines arrived in Washington and we had a very pleasant, although small meeting. We had altogether twenty-one men out. There were some few men who had decided to come and were unable to do so at the last minute. The banquet was held at the Lafayette Hotel at 7:30 o'clock, and Mr. Wade H. Ellis made an excellent address which was only surpassed by Dr. Gaines in his usual and inimitable style. The following men were present.

M. F. Hummer, Woodson P. Houghton, H. Wise Kelly, Walter H. Dunlay, George McP. Minetree, B. C. Flournoy, Wade H. Ellis, E. H. Seal, W. Hill Brown, A. Dana Hodgdon, B. R. Kennedy, Edmund Campbell, R. W. Flournoy, Graham N. Lowdon, Dozier A. DeVane, F. D. Compton, E. S. Dawson, John W. Warner, Carl B. Knight, Ike Kinsloe, and Torrence Wolford.

After the meeting was over, we held a general discussion and a "get together." We also had an election of officers for the ensuing year. I have held the office of president of the Washington Chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni for eight years and I felt that it was time that I should step aside and let someone else try their hand at it. I, therefore, insisted that an election be held and Woodson P. Houghton was elected to succeed me and Edmund Campbell was elected secretary-treasurer.

While the meeting was small, we had a splendid meeting and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. In addressing the Alumni Association in the future, of course, you will be guided by the information furnished herein.

With personal regards and sincere good wishes, I am

Cordially yours

ELWOOD H. SEAL



ELWOOD H. SEAL, '14

Retiring president of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Association, whose untiring efforts, covering a period of eight years, have developed that group into one of our best local associations.



Edmund Douglas Campbell, '18

New secretary-treasurer of the Washington, D.
C. Alumni Association.

#### **PITTSBURGH**

On Saturday, February 13, at the University Club in Pittsburgh, an informal dinner in honor of Dr. F. P. Gaines was given by the Alumni of Washington and Lee. Due to sickness among some of the old Pittsburgh "standbys," the attendance was not quite so large as had been expected. A further handicap was the absence of Dr. J. W. Claudy, Pittsburgh Alumni's leader and moving spirit. Dr. Claudy, however, wired his regrets from Bellefonte.

It is doubtful whether any of the Alumni present had previously met Dr. Gaines; before many minutes had elapsed, however, he was "one of us." His frank, engaging manner, and the air of good fellowship that radiated from him, won him the admiration of every man present. His talk on conditions and outlook at Lexington was full of common sense and keen perception. That old Washington and Lee has again been "most fortunate" was the consensus of opinion of all present. An effort will be made to have Dr. Gaines in Pittsburgh again before the end of the calendar year to address a monster rally of all Washington and Lee men in Western Pennsylvania.

The meeting adjourned after some discussion of

methods of building up greater publicity and Alumni membership in the Pittsburgh district. A short talk was given by Major Locke, of the Industrial Relations department of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was a guest at the dinner.

The following Washington and Lee Alumni were present:

Charles T. Lyle, Arch S. White, Dr. Chas. Watkins, C. J. Crockett, Joe Shuman, Robert Taylor, Jr., John W. Lee, George H. Lee, D. D. Pendleton, Dewey Reynolds, Dick Sherrill, J. Clyde Whetzel, Chas. P. Robinson, Dr. T. V. Leatherman, Greensburg, Pa.; Maurice J. K. Davis, Greensburg, Pa.; George G. Gregg, Greensburg, Pa.

In addition there were present Messrs. Faulkner, Musser, and Heatley, all fathers of boys now at Washington and Lee.

#### BRISTOL, VA.-TENN.

In no other country have so many great men turned, in the latter years of their life, to the cause of education as in America, Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, told an audience of 90 Washington and Lee alumni and their guests at a Southwest Virginia-East Tennessee alumni meeting in Bristol on February 23rd.

Citing the connections of Benjamin Franklin with the University of Pennsylvania, Alexander Hamilton with Columbia University, Thomas Jefferson with the University of Virginia, Stonewall Jackson, Matthew Fontaine Maury and General John A. Lejeune with Virginia Military Institute, Dr. Gaines spoke eloquently of these and, linking George Washington and Robert E. Lee with the university most of his hearers attended, said, "in these great and romantic connections, your institution is almost supreme."

At the meeting, held after a banquet at the General Shelby hotel, the alumni elected J. M. Barker, Jr., Bristol, president and Hagan Minnick, Bristol, secretary of the Appalachian Association of Washington and Lee Alumni. Their names were received unanimously after the report of the nominating committee, Jeff Kiser Wise, chairman.

At the outset of his remarks, Dr. Gaines spoke of his early years in Wytheville and Lebanon, stated that he had lived in ten states, and concluded to ringing applause, "I am a Southwest Virginia boy, now and forever."

Much of his address was devoted to George Washington and he made reference to the celebration of the Bicentennial of Washington's birth.

"No man had more interests," he said of Washington. "He was the first great American farmer, the first considerable agricultural experimenter, a chemist, a great engineer when engineering was extremely dif-

ficult, a successful business man and one of the best informed men in the country."

Washington deserves all the more praise for his accomplishments because of the fact that, "most of what he learned was taught him by a servant in his father's home," Dr. Gaines continued.

"Washington's will contained but three bequests to philanthropy, all, significantly, for education. One was to the Free School at Alexandria, another was to establish a national university, and the third was 100 shares of James River Canal Company stock to the institution that now bears the name of Washington and Lee University."

That stock last year, said Dr. Gaines, bore 6 per cent interest and "it is this bequest alone that exists today as Washington intended."

He concluded with a report that "your university goes well," he cited its academic standing, the continued strength of the honor system, mentioned that rather than having to seek students, Washington and Lee "discouraged" 300 applicants last year, and spoke hopefully of a "renaissance" in athletics.

Dr. Gaines was introduced by Donald T. Stant, Bristol. J. M. Barker presided, and Judge A. G. Lively, Lebanon, who was general chairman of the gathering, spoke briefly.

Students of Mrs. Jeb Kelly, dancing instructor at Sullins College, presented a well received entertainment program. Miss Laura Kellogg, accompanied by Miss Mabel Ann Davis, sang "Phyllis Had Such Pretty Graces," and "Lying Little Daisy." A Colonial minuet, in costume, was danced by the Misses Jeannette Dykes, Mary Lillian Hickman, Marjorie Moore, Edith Brinker, Betty Scott and Dorothy Shaw; Miss Brinker also gave two tap dance numbers.

Alumni present, with their class year and address: C. C. Burns, '01, Lebanon; J. G. Anderson, '21, Bristol; H. N. Barker, '14, Bristol; J. M. Barker, Jr., '11, Bristol; J. P. Collins, '20, Marlon; R. M. Copenhaver, 22, A. C. Crymble, '18, Bristol; R. T. Craft, '13, Gate City; F. L. Davis, '14, Abingdon; J. W. Davis, '30, Bristol; L. A. Dunlap, '22, Pulaski; M. M. Heuser, '29, Norton; R. M. Fleshman, '21, Elizabethton; H. A. Jones, '17, Bristol; H. J. Kiser, '17, Lebanon; R. P. London, Jr., '26, Johnson City; W. H. Nickels, '10, Gate City; C. R. McCoy, Clintwood; Hagan Minnick, '24, Bristol; H. G. Peters, '17, Bristol; Fred C. Parks, '21, Abingdon; H. C. Pobst, '06, Grundy; Chalmers Owen, '25, Bristol; I. M. Quillen, '24, Lebanon; E. P. Rose, '21, Clintwood; L. B. Rouse, '23, Bristol; A. C. Smeltzer, '29, Abingdon; J. Robert Smith, '26, Bristol; D. T. Stant, '09, Bristol; A. C. Tipton, '32, Elizabethton; J. W. Wright and Edward Wright, '29, Bristol; W. G. Werth, '15, Bristol; and M. W. Vicars, '21, Wise.

Alumni introduced themselves and the ones next

to them. Mr. Fleshman was applauded with his introduction of Mr. Tipton, as "the next Congressman from the First Tennessee district."

#### HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

January 23, 1932

Mr. H. K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Lexington, Virginia.

My Dear Cy:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 20, 1932, for which I thank you, and I have to advise you that we had a very enthusiastic meeting of the local Alumni on January 19, in honor of General Robert E. Lee's birthday, and at which meeting there were twenty-one present, including four or five from Ashland. This was rather an informal meeting held at seven o'colck P. M. at the Frederick Hotel, and one of the main objects was to plan a celebration for Washington's birthday.

It was decided at this meeting that we have such a celebration and an Auxiliary Committee, to the regular Executive Committee, was appointed for this purpose, Rev. E. W. MacCorkle of Ashland, being appointed as chairman of this special Auxiliary Committee. It was our plan to invite the Honorable Newton D. Baker, and also to invite the Charleston and all Alumni in the Tri-State section to meet with us. In the event that Mr. Baker could come, we would have a distinctive Washington and Lee banquet in the early evening and later a public meeting and address to be held in the City Hall.

Of course it may be that Mr. Baker will be unable to be with us on this occasion, and a motion went further that we should have such a celebration regardless, and in event that Mr. Baker could not come, we should invite a member of the faculty to come out and join with us in this celebration. This is being worked out, as above stated, by the committee, and I should be glad to have any ideas that may occur to you in connection with it.

With my kindest personal regards, I am Very sincerely yours,

JOE FITCHETT

The following is a list of those present:

Wm. T. Lovins, '14; T. Seldon Jones, '20; R. P. Asbury, '23; Francis McNeer; Phillip P. Gibson, '13 and '15; J. W. Dingess, '21; J. E. Moore, '19; H. E. Eagan; S. S. McNeer, '16; Dr. L. W. Gilkison, '18; Geo. W. Keller, '04; F. M. Bailey, '20; R. L. Beuhring, '14; G. D. Mayor, '26; J. W. Fitchett, '24; J. T. McVay, '24; all of Huntington. West Virginia.

T. J. C. Mayo, '28; J. F. Strother, '21; E. W. Mac-Corkle, Jr., '26; Dr. E. W. MacCorkle, '74; A. W. Mann, '15; all of Ashland, Ky.

#### RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

February 1, 1932

Mr. H. K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Washington and Lee University,

Dear Cy:

Just a line to tell you about the Alumni meeting here on the 26th, so that you might know what is going on. In order to say this in as few words as possible, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which was written to all of the absent members the day following the meeting and which gives a brief outline of what took place.

We had as our guests that night the following members of the present General Assembly, all of whom are Alumni of the University:

Senator John W. Eggleston, Norfolk; Senator Vivian Page, Norfolk; Representative W. H. Scott, Roanoke; Representative Earle Cadmus, Portsmouth; Representative S. J. Thompson, Campbell County.

We are now making plans for our February 22nd meeting, which will be for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year, and we are also working towards a big meeting later on in the spring, at which time we hope to have Mr. Newton D. Baker as our guest of honor.

The Lucky Strike radio program was very enjoyable and seems to have created very wide comment in Richmond, which will assuredly be to the benefit of Washington and Lee. I enjoyed hearing your voice over a nation-wide hook-up, and that final salutation to Eddie Parks Davis has caused as much comment in Richmond as anything else.

Hoping you can be with us on the 22nd, I am Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Birnie Secretary and Treasurer

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

February 15, 1932

Mr. Harry K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Washington and Lee,

My dear Cy:

I'm just back from the first Washington and Lee alumni luncheon of 1932 in Detroit.

Present at the luncheon were Dr. Edward Lyons, '12, and Mr. Claude S. Fitzpatrick, '94.

The luncheon was a great success. We started off talking about Washington and Lee. Mr. Fitzpatrick left there about 40 years ago; Mr. Lyons left half as long ago. I didn't know anybody except Dean Campbell who was there 40 years ago, and a lot of 'em who were there 20 years ago I didn't know.

But we got along famously because along about the meat course it was disclosed that Dr. Lyons is the author of a new system of bidding contract bridge, and Mr. Fitzpatrick is quite interested in it. For a minute it looked as if things were going to be at loggerheads because I am a disciple of the official system as expounded by Kerwin. The thing ironed-out magnificently, however, because we were in perfect agreement that Ely Culbertson is a clap-trap, stodgy bridge player with an unsound system.

So, we got on famously—for two hours.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is a banker and Dr. Lyons is one of the chemists at Parke-Davis company here.

I'm going out of town this week for a week or so, but when I get back we're going to have another meeting, this time with all the alumni in town if they'll come.

And that's that.

Cordially yours,
WILLIAM L. MAPEL

P.S.—I did tell them about the freshman football team and one or two other things.

#### ENTERTAINS FOR DR. GAINES.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Blain were hosts in the late afternoon, Friday, January 22, at a tea, entertaining very charmingly at their home on State street in honor of Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University and a prominent visitor in New Orleans.

The reception rooms of the home were decorated with the greatest quantity of evergreens and cut flowers suggestive of New Orleans and the tea-table, set in the dining-room, was exquisite with a centerpiece of pink roses and pale pink lighted tapers in silver holders and rich settings.

Mrs. Blain wearing a handsome gown of egg-shell colored crepe and antique jewelry in gold, black and white, and her young daughter, Miss Martha Blain, a frock of turquoise blue satin, were assisted in receiving by Dr. Blain, Dr. Gaines. Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dinwiddie, Professor and Mrs. Douglas Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. William McF. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. George King Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Petrie Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blain, Jr.

Alternating at the tea-table, pouring tea and coffee from either end, were Mrs. Woodruff George, Mrs. John S. Kendall, Mrs. James E. Winston, and Mrs. Archie M. Smith. The tea girls included Misses Katherine Smith, Elizabeth Kendall, Dorothy Benedict and Clara Mae Buchanan. There was a delightful gathering of friends calling all through the tea hour and the affair was a lovely event of the week.—*Times Picayune*.

Dr. George West Diehl, '13, was guest minister of the First Presbyterian church of Houston, Texas, for the month of January.

#### H. M. BLAIN, '94.

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"The Spur," issued by the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York contains the following:

H. M. Blain has been appointed service representative of the New Orleans Agency, effective December



HUGH M. BLAIN

15, 1931. Dr. Blain, who is a M.A. from the Washington and Lee University and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, assumes this position with a plentiful supply of knowledge and experience which renders him thoroughly competent for such a position.

For a number of years, Dr. Blain occupied the Chair of Journalism at Tulane University and that of Journalism and English at the Louisiana State University. He has had ten years' experience as manager of the advertising and publicity departments in several large concerns in Louisiana.

Since April, 1930, he has been a soliciting agent for the Mutual Life, during which time he has taken a special course in Life Insurance at Loyola University. Many of the field men have enjoyed reading his brochure "Making Good With The Mutual," and have complimented him highly on this accomplishment.

The management feels confident that Dr. Blain is well equipped for the position of Service Representative and that he will perform his new duties in an expert manner.

Mr. Blain has just retired as president of the New

Orleans Alumni Association, after many years of faithful and untiring service.

#### PRESIDENT OF BAKER CLUB.

Mayor Frank Nighswonger, B.L. '89, of Wichita, Kansas, was elected president of the Fifth District Baker-for-President Club at a meeting of Baker Democrats held recently at the Lessen Hotel in Wichita.

The purpose of the Fifth District Baker Club was outlined by Mr. Nighswonger and associates at the meeting as follows:

"We believe there is a very strong sentiment in Kansas that Newton D. Baker be drafted for the Democratic nomination. He is a liberal and to our mind is the Democrat we best could support for the nomination. This movement is being started to promote the candidacy of Mr. Baker and to fight no other Democrats in the State. We know that some of the Democrats would have the Democratic standard bearer a man other than Mr. Baker and that is their privilege, the same as ours to support Mr. Baker. We believe the Kansas delegation to the national convention should include some delegates favorable to the nomination of Mr. Baker from the start in order to properly represent the Baker sentiment in the state.

"It is our purpose to have Baker-for-President Clubs organized in the Fifth district counties, and to cooperate with the other Baker-for-President Clubs organized in other districts. Through such an organization we believe the Baker sentiment may be brought out and at the state Democratic convention delegates selected to work for the Baker candidacy at the national convention.

"Mr. Baker is one of the leading liberals of the country, a man who has a wonderful record of achievement in public office and one who is best fitted to lead the country out of the present depression turmoil. We believe the Republican party has demonstrated its lack of leadership and program, and that at the November election a Democrat will be elected president. To our minds Mr. Baker is best fitted among the group of able Democratic leaders to serve as chief executive of the country."

#### J. DeWEESE CARTER, LL.B. '27

Queen Anne's county bootleggers, booze manufacturers or rum-runners who may be apprehended by Federal Prohibition Enforcement officers this year, will have scant opportunity to plead "first offense" if they are seasoned offenders, for they will be brought before the same man who for several years has been receiving visits from those who flaunt the dry statutes.

He is United States District Commissioner J. De-Weese Carter or Judge William C. Coleman. Commissioner's activities have been of an exceptionally gratifying and wholesome character, and as a result his re-appointment for many months had been regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Since his graduation in law at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, in 1927, Mr. Carter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carter, has been a member of the Caroline county bar with offices in Denton. He is affiliated with the Republican party.

During the period he has filled the post of U. S. District Commissioner, nearly 100 Queen Anne's countians have been arraigned before him.

#### DR. FLICK ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. Walter A. Flick, '24, of the Department of Psychology and Education was elected president of the Department of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Virginia Educational Association.

The Virginia Educational Association meets annually at Richmond during the Thanksgiving week. Dr. Flick's election is for the year of 1932.

This group has undertaken for the current year the problem of qualifications of high school students for college, certification marks, and the principal's recommendation of fitness for college. Washington and Lee has for a number of years attempted to set up entrance requirements other than the usual 15 units of high school work. It is hoped that there will result from this mutual study by high school and college leaders a better plan of selecting high school graduates capable of profiting by college work.

#### ONE OF OUR OLDEST ALUMNI

Robert E. Lee was directing the affairs of Washington and Lee University when Isaac P. Bledsoe, now nearing his eighty-fifth birthday, was a student in the Class of '71. It was while Mr. Bledsoe was in his third year at college that the Civil War leader passed away.

Mr. Bledsoe is ranked as one of the oldest living graduates of Washington and Lee. He is living at 5801 East Fifth Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER

Founder's Day speaker at the University Assembly January 19th, Frederick Wilhelm von Prittzwitz und Gaffron, German Ambassador to the United States, said that Lee's advice in 1865 for every citizen to do all in his power to restore peace and harmony is especially necessary today.

He said: "No better advice could be given to citizens of all countries, as the aftermath of war seems to be just as great a catastrophe as a war itself."

Arthur Cromwell, '17, was a visitor to the University recently with his wife and boy.

## George Washington Celebration, April 12

HAT promises to be one of the notable occasions in University history is the Washington celebration to be held on the campus on April 12, 1932.

This day commemorates the date in 1797 when the trustees changed the name from Liberty Hall Academy to Washington Academy as a result of Washington's generous endowment. This gift of George Washington to the University represents his largest investment in education and one of the greatest donations for this cause in American history up to the time it was given.

The University is the logical agency, therefore, to feature in this commemorative year a recognition of Washington's interest in education as a whole, as well as his significant assistance to our own institution in the days of its early struggles. The celebration has been planned as a memorial not only to Washington's part in the history of this institution but also to his broad and generous attitude toward the process of education.

Several organizations of national prominence are cooperating with the University in an effort to make this a worthy occasion. In particular the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati, which drew its inspiration from Washington, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and other organizations intimately connected with Washington have entered into the plans for the day.

An effort has been made to have the definite program as varied and as interesting as possible. There will be a general convocation in the morning at which time certain commemorative addresses will be made, notably an interpretation of Washington by Dr. Dixon R. Fox, professor of American History at Columbia University and president of the New York Historical Society. At this same time the University will confer five honorary degrees upon distinguished Americans who have through the channels of different activities contributed to a larger understanding of Washington or a better appreciation for him.

At a special luncheon for invited guests brief greetings will be brought from representatives of distinguished organizations, including Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia, President E. E. Hume of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati, Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Mr. John Hill Morgan of New York, foremost authority on Washington portraiture.

In addition to the formal program, various fea-

tures of particular interest to the lovers of Washington will be provided, including an exhibit of Washington material. Alumni of the University will have peculiar interest in seeing the original deed from Washington giving the stock in the James River Canal Company, and a letter from Washington acknowledging the change of name in his honor.

The general arrangements for the celebration are in the hands of a committee of the trustees, composed of Hon. John W. Davis, chairman, Hon. Newton D. Baker, Judge Louis S. Epes, Mr. William McC. Martin, and Mr. Harrington Waddell, with the rector of the Board and the president of the University as exofficio members. The faculty committee is composed of Dr. R. H. Tucker, Dr. H. D. Campbell, Dr. James Lewis Howe, Dr. D. B. Easter, Prof. F. J. Gilliam, Dr. L. C. Helderman, Professor C. P. Light, Dr. L. J. Desha.

A number of leading American citizens who are not alumni of the University have manifested their interest in the project by accepting appointment as honorary vice-chairmen of the occasion. They are as follows:

#### NEW YORK

Newcomb Carlton, president Western Union Telegraph Company; John H. Finley, editor of the New York *Times;* W. W. Hawkins, vice-chairman of board, Scripps-Howard Newspapers; David F. Houston, ex-sceretary of Treasury and Agriculture; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., commissioner, Conservation Department; Adolph Ochs, publisher, New York *Times;* Marlen E. Pew, editor, *The Editor and Publisher;* Owen D. Young.

#### NEW JERSEY

Charles Lathrop Pack, president American Tree Association.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Edward Bok, Mrs. William A. Glasgow, William A. Law, president, The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.

#### ILLINOIS

Frank O. Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Edward A. Filene, president, William Filene's Sons Co.; Edgar J. Rich.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Horace M. Albright, director, U. S. National Park Service; Mrs. Fairfax Harrison, Mt. Vernon Ladies Association; Mrs. L. F. Hobart, president-general National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

#### MARYLAND

Daniel Willard, president, The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.

#### VIRGINIA

John Garland Pollard, Governor; R. H. Angell, president, Shenandoah Life Insurance Co.; John Stewart Bryan, president, The Richmond News Leader; Homer L. Ferguson, president, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.; Junius P. Fishburn, president, Roanoke Times-World Corporation; Carter Glass, U. S. Senator; John A. Lejeune, superintendent, Virginia Military Institute; A. J. Montague, exgovernor of Virginia; R. Walton Moore, congressman; W. T. Reed, president, Larus and Bro. Tobacco Company.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

O. Max Gardner, Governor.

#### ALABAMA

Victor H. Hanson, president, The Birmingham New; Oscar Wells, president, First National Bank of Birmingham.

#### H. ST. G. T. CARMICHAEL

Kyrock, Ky. Febraury 11, 1932

Mr. Harry K. Young, Alumni Secretary, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. My dear Cy:

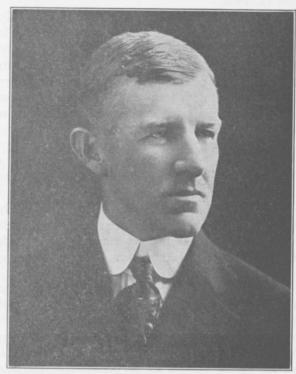
I was glad to get your letter of January 15th, which came while my family and myself were basking in the sunshine at Miami Beach, Florida. On leaving Florida, we drove over through New Orleans and were terribly disappointed to hear that we had missed meeting Dr. Gaines at the Alumni Banquet, by just one day. He, as usual, seems to have made a most favorable impression and I am sure that these visits and addresses which he is making to Alumni in various cities will result in a wonderful amount of good toward cementing the Alumni together, keeping them in touch and causing them to send the best possible men back to Washington and Lee.

I am enclosing a clipping from the *Times Picayune* relative to the Fancy Dress Ball. Suppose you have seen a dozen of these but am taking the chance. Have heard nothing but the most favorable comments relative to the Fancy Dress Ball and the broadcast made from one of these dances. It seems to have reached the far corners of the earth and everyone agrees that the Swing was never played with more pep than it was that night.

Have you heard that "Red" Hawkins has joined the Benedicts, having married Miss Todd of Lakeland, Florida, last Saturday? I believe that young Todd of this year's freshman team is her brother.

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I am wondering whether you all realize what a great chance Newton D. Baker has for the presidential nomination. He is without question the best man in the field and I think now is the time for every W. and I. man to roll up his sleeves and get to work for him. My opinion is that there will be quite a fight in the con-



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vention and Mr. Baker is the logical candidate for a compromise. I find that most Democrats and a great many Republicans are strong for him and will support him. I had a mighty nice personal letter from him a short time ago.

I hope everything is running smoothly for you. Have been watching the outcome of the basketball games with great interest, and believe we will make a better showing at the Tournament than we have been making during the season.

Please remember me kindly to our mutual friends. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. St. G. T. CARMICHAEL

Of the score of men endoresd or recommended to President Hoover for appointment to the United States Supreme Court to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Justice Holmes, four of them were law graduates of Washington and Lee. The four are John W. Davis, Newton D. Baker, D. Lawrence Groner and Henry W. Anderson.

## Alumni in Virginia's General Assembly

P TO OUR going to press the following alumni have been featured in a column in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* entitled "Personalities in Virginia's General Assembly."

#### T. RUSSELL CATHER

T. Russell Cather, first cousin once removed of the world-famous novelist, Willa Cather, and a baseball player of such enthusiasm that he continued to take an active part in the sport until a year ago, comes to the Virginia Legislature for the first time as Senator from

the counties of Shenandoah, Clarke, Frederick and the City of Winchester.

The Winchester solon began playing ball when a student at Shenandoah Valley Academy, where he was a member of the academy nine. When he entered Washington and Lee University, he had such a heavy schedule of studies that he was prevented from taking any part in athletics. He got his A.B. degree there in three



years and his law degree in two.

But when he returned to Winchester, following his graduation in 1910, and began the practice of law, he was still so fond of the national pastime that he continued to take a part in amateur baseball games. Until last year, when he had passed his 42nd birthday and his red hair was getting pretty thin on top, Mr. Cather continued to play in the outfield on local teams around Winchester.

"I never was particularly hot as a ball player," he said the other day, "but I certainly love the game."

In addition to playing baseball, Senator Cather enjoys slipping over to the Shenandoah River from Winchester now and then and hooking a small-mouthed black bass. He expects to devote more time to fishing, now that he has quit the diamond.

For sixteen years he was Commonwealth's attorney of Frederick county. During the war he served as a second lieutenant of infantry, but didn't get overseas. At present, he is a bank director in Winchester and is especially interested in legislation designed to give the state better control over highway traffic and in the reduction of criminal costs.

#### WILLIAM A. WRIGHT

Senator William A. Wright of Tappahannock is famous for various things, including his herculean feat of setting his own nose after it was broken by a truck which ran over him at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., during the war. The truck also broke his arm and his leg.

He had to call in a doctor before setting those, but he fixed his proboscis up all by himself while he was lying on the ground. It has been working well ever since.

Senator Wright is also famous for his victory last year over Senator R. H. Stubbs of Middlesex, the only "Hoovercrat" in the upper branch of the General Assembly. Senator Stubbs fought "Al" Smith in the presidential campaign of



1928, whereas Mr. Wright, who was then in the House, was a staunch supporter of the Democratic nominee. In the recent election, Wright defeated Stubbs by 1,000 majority.

The Tappahannock solon represents the counties of King and Queen, Middlesex, Gloucester, Mathews, York and Essex in the Senate. Although he was one of the youngest members of the House during his six years of service in that body, he was recognized as one of its leaders. He was chairman of the Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries, which has charge of all seafood legislation.

"Billy" Wright, as he is known to his friends, is a native of Tappahannock and he attended the high school there before he entered Washington and Lee University. At that institution he took the B.A. degree and then the L.L.B., the latter degree being awarded him in 1916.

He enlisted in 1917, upon the outbreak of war

with the central powers, and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He served overseas a year, and upon being mustered out, resumed the practice of law. In 1924, he was elected to the House of Delegates and was reelected continuously thereafter until he ran for the Senate in 1931.

While Senator Wright is fond of duck-shooting, and keeps several blinds on the Rappahannock, he is no fisherman.

"I've lived on the water all my life, but I'd just as soon catch butterflies as go fishing," he says.

#### VIVIAN L. PAGE

Vivian L. Page, senior member of the Norfolk delegation in the House of Delegates, is a member of a family of lawyers. Born in Norfolk in 1894, Mr. Page attended public schools of that city and entered Washington and Lee University for academic work

and the study of law, graduating there in 1915.

Shortly after returning to Norfolk, he became a member of the law firm in which his father, Ivor A. Page, and his brother were partners.

Mr. Page's father is an Englishman by birth who came to this country shortly after the war Between the States as an ardent admirer of the Confederate cause and the political and philosophical principles of Thomas Jefferson. The



elder Page trained his three sons to follow him in the law. At present R. J. B. Page, one of the sons, is associate civil justice in Norfolk; Ivor A. Page, Jr., is now practicing law, and was once a member of the House of Delegates, and Vivian, the youngest, is acknowledged leader of the liberal forces in the House. He has served regularly as a delegate from Norfolk since 1922.

Mr. Page has a son who is now in the Maury High School in Norfolk.

"The boy tells me," Mr. Page said, "that he's going to follow the family tradition and study law with the rest of us."

Mrs. Page, before her marriage, was Miss Anne Miller of Norfolk.

Aside from his activity in the practice of law, Mr. Page finds time to do some golfing and swimming, with an occasional fling with the gun and dog. He insists

that his attendance on sports does not keep him from being primarily a student of things in general.

During the present session, Mr. Page has gained the distinction of being the patron of the bill which has thus far called forth great opposition; namely, the bill amending the state prohibition law.

Numbers of persons who haunt the Capitol during the legislature look on the senior Norfolk delegate as something of a playboy, but his friends say he is probably the best example of a family man in the General Assembly, hinting that the only time he gets out at night is when the legislature is in session.

But whatever his domestic and personal habits, Mr. Page takes pride in the fact that the Virginia Bar Association and the State Judicial Council have sufficient confidence in his professional ability to introduce legislation sponsored by them through him. Mr. Page is also chairman of the House Committee on Courts of Justice.

Among other things, Mr. Page is to be counted among those members of the General Assembly whose sense of humor can be depended on to enliven debates on dull subjects, a distinction which he wears with the same nonchalance as he does all the others.

#### WALTER H. SCOTT

Walter H. Scott of Roanoke city is one of the three members of the House of Delegates who are only twenty-nine years old, the other two being Edward L. Oast of Portsmouth, and Langhorne Jones of Chatham. With Blair J. Fishburne of Roanoke he was elected

last year on a platform of hostility to Judge John M. Hart of that city.

Delegate Scott has been practicing law since 1924, the year he received his law degree from Washington and Lee University. Prior to that time he attended Roanoke High school and was at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for the session of 1920-21.

The youthful member from the Magic City has no



particular hobby, he says. He doesn't spend any time on the golf links, nor does he roam the fields in search of game during the hunting season. Neither does he emulate President Hoover and heave a medicine ball for exercise at 7. A. M.

Mr. Scott says he gets his exercise here and there, by walking. He is a regular listener over the radio, but he dislikes crooners, boop-boop-a-doopers and Amos 'n' Andy. Asked what kind of a radio program appealed to him most, he said: "That broadcast of the Jackson Day dinner suited me down to the ground."

He is especially interested in removing the second 5 per cent penalty for delinquent taxpayers, since he feels that such a penalty "is a tax on poverty which falls on the man least able to bear it." He is also interested in abolishing the fee system in Roanoke city, and will urge at the current session a change in the charter to put all fee officers on a salary basis, their fees going into the city treasury.

#### O. D. K. TAPS NEW MEMBERS

Self government and the development of extracurricula activities were said by President Francis P. Gaines, of Washington and Lee University, February 10, to be the most significant educational development during the last half century.

"The supreme forces which move the world reside in personality," he said, "and its recognition and development is the end of education."

His remarks were made at a student convocation when seventeen students, two alumni and one faculty member were tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fratrenity.

Dr. J. Morrison Hutcheson, '02, Richmond, and Carter Glass, Jr., '12, Lynchburg, were the alumni tapped and initiated. John A. Graham, romance language professor and director of the Glee Club, was the faculty member named.

R. D. Malone, president of O. D. K., traced the organization's history on the Washington and Lee campus since its inception in 1914.

Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war, who was to speak and be initiated, cancelled his acceptance because of the international situation which prevented his leaving Washington.

#### DR. SIDNEY T. MORELAND, '74-'76

Dr. Sidney Turner Moreland, one of the few remaining students who attended Washington College during the presidency of General Robert E. Lee, died at a hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., early Friday morning. He had been vigorous until he was stricken fifteen days before his death. Dr. Moreland was well known in Lexington where he was educated, married, and lived for a number of years. He had been a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a steward in his home church. Following the funeral services at the home Saturday he was taken to Baltimore for burial.

Dr. Moreland was born November 27, 1852, at

Americus, Ga. He came to Lexington near the close of the presidency of General Robert E. Lee, and was graduated in 1874 with the degree of bachelor of science, and in 1876 with the degree of master of science. Washington and Lee honored him in 1907 with the degree of LL.D., and during his student days he was a recipient of a number of prizes and scholarships. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and was a member of the Washington and Lee chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Moreland was a member of the Washington and Lee faculty as McCormick professor of natural philosophy from 1880 to 1898, and dean of the University during the last two years of his professorship. He went from here to become principal of the McDonogh School for Boys in Maryland, a school endowed with \$10,000,000 at Baltimore by John McDonogh of New Orleans. He remained at this school until 1914 when he was called to the University of Tennessee as professor of physics and dean of the premedical courses of the university. He retired in 1926 and was one of three professors to be honored with the title of professor emeritus of the University of Tennessee.

The Knoxville *News-Sentinel* pays Dr. Moreland a handsome tribute, mentioning particularly his modesty as distinctive in his personality. He continued a vigorous interest in life after his retirement, continuing his experiments in physics and mechanics.

Dr. Moreland married at Lexington June 27, 1882, Miss Sally P. Leyburn, a daughter of Edward J. Leyburn, whose home still stands on North river near Lexington. They would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in June. He is survived by his widow, one son, and two daughters; Edward L. Moreland of Boston, Mrs. John W. Card and Miss Elizabeth F. Moreland of Knoxville. A brother and sister also survive, W. W. Moreland and Mrs. Lela Meadors of Homer, La.

#### SAMUEL RUTHERFORD, '92

Samuel Rutherford, '92, congressman from the Sixth Georgia District, died since the opening of Congress. Mr. Rutherford served three terms in the legislature of his state, one term in the state senate, and was elected to Congress by a large majority. He was also mayor of Forsyth, Georgia, where he resided, three times.

Mark Stuart, '13, was killed in an automobile accident in Memphis, Tenn., January 17, 1932.

Mr. Stuart was born in Paris, Tenn., and received his elementary education in the public schools of that city. He later attended Washington and Lee University.

## Winter Sports Squads Garner Two

ITH the first of March at hand and the stage being set for spring sports, a reconsideration of the indoor season shows that Washington and Lee had a fair measure of success, despite a disappointing basketball season

For the quintet the year was—comparatively speaking—disastrous, in spite of a few bright spots on the records. In universities not so used to good court teams it might be described by a milder term, for Coach Ray Ellerman's men won seven out of seventeen games.

The cage-game debacle was tempered by continued success in wrestling—Coach A. E. Mathis' men have the strongest possible claim to the Southern Conference championship, and a championship swimming team. The boxing team won four of six meets, and chiseled a firm place in the hearts of the fans by its "fighting" character.

The bad taste of the poor basketball season was partly removed in the final game, which was staged in Lexington February 23 with no less an opponent than Virginia. The Cavaliers were undefeated in the state, and held an early season rout over the Generals. The Generals were never in the lead during the regular period of play, yet as if by a miracle they tied the score just before the final whistle blew and won out in the overtime, 21 to 17.

The old rivals, both fighting hard, stalemated each other in the first half, which ended 8 to 5 in Virginia's favor. This lead was increased to 13 to 5 as the second session began, and many faint-hearts left the gym. The die-hards who stayed saw the big court thrill of the season. Bailey, Jarrett, Holbrooke and Sawyers all popped in baskets in a stirring rally to make it 14 to 16, still in Virginia's favor, with three minutes left to go. Deadlocked, Washington and Lee was strengthened by several fresh men, one of whom was Billy Wilson of the Owensboro, Ky., Wilsons.

Fifty seconds remained to play, and the crowd was in hysterics as Wilson got his hands on the ball for the first time half way down the court. Calmly posing, he shot the ball whistling through the net to knot the score. The spectators broke into bloody sweats as two Virginia men missed free throws and the game ended in a tie.

Joe Sawyers popped one in as the extra period began, giving the Generals a lead for the first time of the game. Virginia sunk a free shot, but missed a second chance as Jarrett caged a free one for the Generals. Wilson then insured victory with another field goal. In the last five days of the season, thus, the Generals

defeated the champions of Virginia and the champions of North Carolina. They had beaten Duke the previous Friday.

A rangy St. Johns' team opened the year in Doremus gymnasium and trumped W. and L. 22 to 17. A few nights later came the first victory, 22 to 15 at the expense of Lenoir-Rhyne. Then came the Southern Conference champions, Maryland, and the first bright spot of the year. Expecting an easy victory, they were outplayed from the start and managed to get a tie at the end of the regular season, 36 to 36. The first overtime period ended 37 to 37, but in the second the champions pulled away to win, 42 to 38.

Virginia found Washington and Lee easy picking on their own floor the next night, winning 25 to 11, but by superior foul shooting they won at Blacksburg later, 22 to 16. On a western trip St. Xavier and then Kentucky topped the Generals, 28-23 and 48-28. They came home and beat N. C. State 20 to 15, but lost a heartbreaking clash with Duke, 27-30.

The West Virginia classic was played in Beckley, W. Va., this year, Joe Sawyers' home town. As it happened, it was Joe who sewed the game up for the Generals in the last minute of play, supplying a one-point margin of victory, 31 to 30. Then William and Mary, Virginia Conference champions, were easy at Lexington, falling 31 to 17, and many thought the Generals had turned the corner.

But they were tripped up at Blacksburg, and routed at College Park by the Old Liners, 49 to 19. Then they pulled another great surprise. They traveled to Durham just after Duke had won the Carolina title by beating N. C. U. In a great defensive battle they triumphed 21 to 12. On the two successive nights, however, N. C. State retaliated with a 30 to 20 win, and North Carolina chopped them down, 27 to 18.

Then came the final thrill in the home game with Virginia, and the quintet surrenderd its uniforms, and they will not attend the tournament at Atlanta. Frank Bailey, the only man to be lost by graduation, played a versatile game all the year. Several sophomores and juniors who return should form a strong nucleus for next year.

Coach Mathis' wrestling outfit is the only squad still active, and they are waiting for the Army invasion here March 5. The grapplers have turned in five victories and no defeats, increasing their straight wins to seventeen over a period of three years. The freshmen were also undefeated—for the fourth successive year. All the Southern Conference teams which the varsity have not met have been defeated excepting V. M. I.,

who was tied by V. P. I., so the championship seems to rest in the proper hands.

Johns Hopkins opened the season here, and fell 34 to 0 without getting time advantage for one second in any bout. The matmen then traveled to Davidson, whom they vanquished 25 to 3 with four substitutes in the line-up. North Carolina—who also claimed the championship last year when they did not meet the Generals—fell next, 22 to 8. V. P. I. was thrown 22 to 6 (the freshmen blanked them), and Duke was turned back 20 to 8.

Evans, veteran bantamweight, won five bouts, as did Joe Wright, 165 pounder. Abramson won four and lost none, but had to leave school at the start of the second semester, and will not be present for the Army meet in the 125 pound class. Osterman, veteran lightweight, won two bouts, and lost one to V. P. I. in an overtime session. Pat Mitchell, star heavyweight, cleaned up three opponents, while the two others forfeited to him.

Several new men made creditable showings, and the sensation of the sophomores was Harvard Smith, who won his first three bouts by falls, including among his victims the champion from North Carolina. In his fourth bout he stepped up a weight—to 155—and won by an easy time advantage.

Coach Tex Tilson, starting his first year as boxing coach, turned out a squad which gained high favor with the fans, and which won four out of six meets. Roanoke opened the year here, and were blanked 7 to 0—boxing being a new sport for them.

Traveling to North Carolina, the General mittmen lost their second meet, 2 to 5. Tilson, who left wrestling to box under his brother, scored a knockout in the heavyweight class, but N. C. U. won five decisions to W. and L.'s one. St. Johns was whipped 6 to 1 in Lexington after they forfeited three matches.

Before a record crowd at Maryland, the Generals won 4 to 3, getting three knockouts and a forfeit. Dick Robertson's bantamweight opponent said he was overweight, and Coach Tilson offered to fight him anyway, but he declined. N. C. State fell by the same score in their own ring. Here, as was typical of the team's fortunes this year, the Generals' four points all came on knockouts, and the three lost were all decisions.

The final meet of the year, at home with V. P. I., was lost four to three after a bitter battle which was decided by the last fight. Robertson and Collins kayoed their Gobbler rivals, while Pound won a decision, and Tech took the other three first fights by two decisions and a knockout. Tilson was put in the ring with Stark, V. P. I. giant heavyweight, and he forced him into an extra round to lose the decision and the meet, 4 to 3.

Robertson finished with a perfect record, four knockouts, a decision and a forfeit. All the other men were beaten except Lewis Martin, sophomore, who engaged in a bout with St. Johns and won. Phil Seraphine, lightweight, kayoed two opponents and lost one decision. Nace Collins, lightheavy, scored three knockouts, a decision, and lost one decision. Tex Tilson scored two kayoes, a decision, and lost two decisions.

No indoor track activities were held this year, but Coach Forest Fletcher is sending an informal team to the conference indoor meet at North Carolina. Lacking practice, the thin-clads are not expected to stand up to their previous stellar indoor performances, but Eli Finklestein will defend his hurdles title, and may repeat with a victory.

Coach Cy Twombly's swimmers went through their second successive season without defeat, and have the strongest claim to a mythical South Atlantic title. They vanquished Roanoke, Virginia and William and Mary, the only three state teams, so they are Virginia champions without argument. Three out-of-state teams fell before them, giving the tankmen the best record in the South Atlantic sector.

Their victories came 56 to 6 over Roanoke, 42 to 24 over William and Mary, 42 to 24 over George Washington, 35 to 31 over Virginia, 45 to 21 over Duke, and 41 to 25 over Johns Hopkins.

The relay team—Rivers, Moreland, Musser, and Nichols—again proved to be a headline performer, while Nichols, Walker, Harris and Rivers were the most consistent first place winners. Zachary picked up numerous points in the breast stroks, Moody in the backstroke, and Cohen was second only to Walker in the diving.

#### GEORGE C. SELLS, '04

George C. Sells, 55, prominent lawyer of Johnson City, Tenn., died at Appalachia Hospital, February 23.

He was the senior partner in the law firm of Sells, Simmonds and Bowman.

Mr. Sells was a native of Sullivan County and spent his young manhood in Bristol. He attended the public schools and King College, where he was graduated with an A. B. degree. He took his Law degree at Washington and Lee in 1904.

"Good Eysight in Industry" is the title of a pamphlet recently issued by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. This pamphlet consists of extracts from an address delivered before the National Safety Convention in Chicago, Ill., October 14, 1931, by Herman P. Davidson, M.D., '13, oculist of the Pullman Car and Manufacturing Corporation.

In New Orlenas Dr. Gaines made a series of talks to students of the Baptist Bible Institute. He was also the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the members' council of the Association of Commerce.

#### EARL W. BIBB, '24

Earl Wallace Bibb, assistant professor in economics at Washington and Lee University, was found dead about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in his room from a self-inflicted wound. He lived at the home of Professor John A. Graham and Edward L. Graham, where his body was found lying across the bed with a pistol wound in his heart, a revolver lying close by. He had made elaborate preparations to muffle the sound of the shot. Three letters in his room and a message to Professor Graham which indicated that he intended to end his life. He had been visited in his room the preceding night by Professor Graham, who said afterwards that Professor Bibb seemed somewhat gloomy

and downcast at the time, but not enough to arouse any apprehension

Professor Bibb was graduated from Washington and Lee in the class of 1924. During his college career he had received many scholastic honors, including election to Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa, an honor received for campus leadership. He was the

winner of the German scholarship, Vincent L. Bradford, and James McDowell scholarships. He also belonged to the Pi Kappa Pi, social fraternity. After graduation he went to New York city where he held a position and did graduate work at Columbia University. He studied at the University of Chicago last summer and had intended to return there for further study. He joined the Washington and Lee faculty two years ago.

Professor Bibb was born February 26, 1903, in Helena, Mont. His mother, Mrs. Collie K. Bibb of Warren, O., survives him and came to Lexington after receiving word of his death. Her home is now in Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Lee Chapel by Dr. James J. Murray, pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian church. Classes were suspended at Washington and Lee Tuesday in respect to his memory.

Following the funeral, the body was then placed in the Lexington Presbyterian church to await the arrival of Professor Bibb's mother and his aunt, Mrs. Kraus of Cleveland, O. His sister, Mrs. W. J. Miller, of Aberdeen, Wash., was unable to come on account of the distance. The body was taken Wednesday, Feb-

ruary 17, to Clarksville, Tenn., for burial and was accompanied by Professor Bibb's mother and aunt.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Dick Feamster, '23, was married to Miss Mary Otile Macintosh, daughter of Mr. Richard Macintosh, prominent Hollywood Boulevard merchant, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church By-the-Sea in Santa Monica, California, on the 30th of June last. Dick was attended as best man by his cousin, Wally Wales (Floyd Alderson), western picture star. Miss Macintosh is a graduate of the University of California, a member of the Alpha Delta Pi social Sorority and of Sigma Pi Delta music Sorority.

Joseph H. Edmondson, '29, was married Saturday, February 20, 1932, to Miss Mildred Duvall, in St. David's Church, Cheraw, South Carolina.

They will be at home after March 15, in Mary-ville, Tenn.

Emory Morris Abernathy, '24, was married on Saturday December 26th, 1931, to Miss Mary Boykins Harris, at Alexandria, Virginia.

R. A. Fulwiler, Jr., '25, was married recently to Miss Mary Helen Hawkins of Kingston, Pennsylvania. They will reside in Brooklyn.

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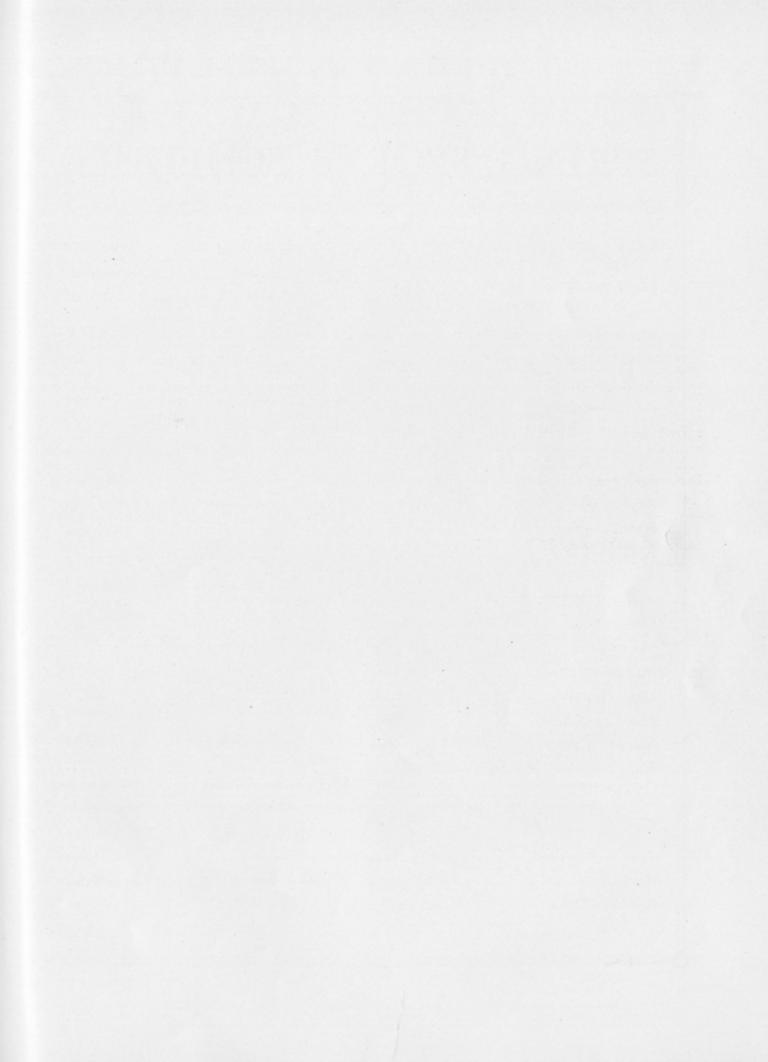
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## SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL		April 30—Richmond	Richmond
W 1 00 W 1W	NY 6 11	May 7—State Meet	Charlottesville
March 28—W. and M.	Norfolk	May 14—Southern Conference	e Atlanta
March 29—W. and M.	Williamsburg		
March 30—Univ. of Richmond Richmond			
April 1—Drexel Institute	Lexington	GOLF	
April 6—Cornell	Lexington	March 26—Duke Durham	
April 7—Cornell	Lexington	March 26—Duke	
April 12—Maryland	Lexington	March 28—Georgia Tech	Atlanta
April 14—Virginia	Lexington	March 29—University of Georgia Athens	
April 18—V. P. I.	Blacksburg	March 30—Davidson	Davidson
April 20-W. and M.	Lexington	April 16—Richmond	Richmond
April 22—Maryland	College Park	May 4Duke	Lexington
April 23—Navy	Annapolis	May 6-W. and M.	Williamsburg
April 26-Virginia	Charlottesville	May 7—Medical College of V	a. Richmond
April 30—V. P. I.	Lexington	and the second s	
May 6—Duke	Lexington		
May 9—Temple	Philadelphia	TENNIS (Tentative)	
May 10-N. Y. U.	New York		
May 11—Army	West Point	April 6—Roanoke	Lexington
May 12—Cornell	Ithaca	April 9—Virginia	Charlottesville
May 13—Colgate	Hamilton	April 15—Georgetown	Washington
May 14-Drexel (Pending)	Philadelphia	April 16Navy	Annapolis
		April 18—Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
TRACK		April 19—Lehigh	Bethlehem
		April 20—Lafayette	Easton
April 9—Maryland	College Park	April 25—V. P. I.	Lexington
April 16-W. and M.	Lexington	May 4—Richmond	Lexington
April 23—Duke	Lexington	May 6—Virginia	Lexington