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GYMNASIUM HAS BEEN REMODELED

Basketball Games Now Held There—Regular Program for Gymnastic Work

The reopening of college finds the gymnasium remodeled and fitted out as a basket ball court, with seats on the sides of the building and at the ends, the latter being protected by wire netting. For several years past the games have been played in the skating rink, at a cost, it is said, of something like \$160 per season. By the expenditure of a smaller amount the gymnasium has been put in shape to accommodate players and spectators. A considerable addition to the available space has been secured by tearing out the dressing rooms at the front of the building. The dressing room in the rear has undergone a cleaning up; the shower bath apartment has been painted and new showers added. Altogether, the gymnasium presents a vast improvement over previous years, due to the efforts of Dr. Pollard.

The Doctor has also arranged to take advantage of these increased facilities by establishing a regular program of afternoon work. From 3:30 to 5 p. m. the building will be turned over to the practice of the Varsity basketball team, which has been practicing there each afternoon since the reopening of college; from 5 to 5:30 an optional gymnasium class will be held under the personal direction of Dr. Pollard, which should be of the greatest benefit to the students in clearing away the cobwebs due to hard mental work. From 5:30 to 7 the apparatus will be in use by the gymnasium team and those who wish to try for that team. Mats, rings, horizontal bars and other pieces of apparatus are at the disposal of those who wish to use them.

The faculty formerly offered one point credit in the academic department for systematic work in the gymnasium throughout the year, and while this offer has not been repeated, it will be worth every man's while to put in an hour a day there, from the scholastic as well as the physical standpoint.

The gymnasium committee has issued a call for applicants for the gym. team, and quite a number of the old men have turned out. An exhibition is always held later in the winter, and it is stated that there is a chance of securing a meet this year. A monogram cup is given to the best all around gymnast, and medals will be given for the best work on the parallel bars, horizontal bar, mats, rings, and horse. A W. and L. monogram, with the letters "G. T." will be given to the members of the gymnasium team, as defined in the by laws of the Athletic association.

Announcement was recently received here by the friends of Rosser Johnson Coke, LL. B., '11, that he was married on Dec. 28th to Miss Hazel Long of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Coke is practicing his profession in Dallas. He was among the W. and L. alumni who witnessed the Tulane game on Thanksgiving day.

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS WITH A VICTORY

W. & L. Defeats Emory and Henry 31 to 19 in Gymnasium Friday Night—Play Rough and Fast

The basketball season was opened last Friday night with the game between Emory and Henry college, and Washington and Lee, which resulted in a victory for Washington and Lee, the score being 31 to 19. The game was marked by fast and rough play; the Varsity quint did not show the finished style and unerring passing which characterize a team which has played together for a long time. The absence of Craig, Boyd and Glasgow, who contributed so much to the success of previous seasons, might have seriously crippled the team, had their places been taken by less able players than Raftery and Miles. Hannis, Bear and Burke were last year's veterans who helped to earn a victory from the aggressive Emory and Henry quintet.

For the first time in a number of years, the basketball game was held in the gymnasium instead of the skating rink. Owing to the bitterly cold night, a small crowd was present, and the seats were ample to accommodate all comers. At 8:15 the Emory and Henry team appeared on the floor, followed shortly by the White and Blue quint. The play was snappy from the start, and within one minute from the blowing of the opening whistle Raftery had succeeded in caging the ball. Captain Hannis occasionally made use of signals in football style, which sometimes brought good results.

With the exception of occasional spurts of good playing, Emory and Henry during the first half was outclassed, the ball being frequently under the W. and L. goal long enough for half a dozen shots to be tried. On these occasions the Emory and Henry boys fought desperately, and it was usually impossible for the Washington and Lee players to secure a goal from such close quarters. When the ball was passed to the open floor, however, the shooting of the Varsity men was very effective, owing to the fact that the Emory and Henry players did not follow the ball closely and frequently left a player unguarded. The latter were forced to resort to long

passes and long tries at goal rather than close team work. Washington and Lee, on the other hand, showed something of its old style of following up and an opposing player was seldom allowed to enjoy undisputed possession of the ball.

No changes had been made in either side at the beginning of the second half, and Emory and Henry seemed to have stood the pace in good shape, for the second half was characterized by much better playing on their part. The ball was now frequently under their goal, and several trials were made at the basket before a White and Blue player could succeed in bringing it out of the tangle. Fouls were frequent, the referee's whistle frequently interrupting the play. Seven fouls were charged to Washington and Lee, against two of Emory and Henry in this half. The first score was a pretty shot by Raftery, who during this second period threw several brilliant goals, some of them one handed. Miles played a vigorous game at center, though he did not confine himself to that particular spot by any means, and added materially to the score by his throwing of fouls, securing six out of eight trials in the first half. Bear's playing at guard was excellent, as was Burke's. Saffell of Emory and Henry threw the fouls for the visitors in good style, while Bruce, their left guard, did stellar work and showed remarkable endurance.

The lineup:

Hannis	R. F.	Crowe
Raftery	L. F.	Saffell
Miles	C.	Nichols
Bear	R. G.	Logan
Burke	L. G.	Bruce

Score: First half, W. and L., 18; E. and H., 10. Final score: W. and L., 31; E. and H., 19. Goals: Hannis, 4; Raftery, 6; Miles, 2; Crowe, 1; Saffell, 2; Logan, 3. Fouls: Miles, 7; Saffell, 7.

Referee, Ewing, V. M. I.; Umpire, Owen, V. M. I. Timekeeper, J. H. Somerville, W. and L. Scorer: Peoples, W. and L. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

COMMONS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The University Commons is now under new management, Mrs. Blanton having resigned the place before Christmas. Mr. J. G. Richor of Brooklyn, New York, and Atlantic City, N. J., has taken over the management, being assisted by his wife, who for some years has managed a summer hotel at Atlantic City. Not only are regular meals now served at the dining hall, but an a-la-carte restaurant is also run, at which "everything that's good to eat" is served between meals, the restaurant being open until midnight.

Mr. Richor has thoroughly cleaned and overhauled the kitchens, pantry

and cellar, which are stocked with goods bought direct from the manufacturers, the freshness of which is thereby insured. The low prices obtained by this mode of buying, together with the fact that Mr. Richor pays no rent to the University, enables him to give the students who board there the full value of their money. He employs student waiters, one to each table, and in case of sickness special meals are served.

The restaurant should be a very popular and convenient feature, and Mr. Richor states that this service will be of the same high class, at the same low prices that prevail at the regular meal service.

UNIVERSITY OPENS WITH NEW EXECUTIVES

Rules Requiring High Academic Standing and Good Conduct

The reopening of college finds the executive offices in Newcomb Hall in charge of Dr. H. D. Campbell and Mr. John L. Campbell, Dr. Denny having taken up his duties as president of the University of Alabama on the first of the year. The executive committee of the board of trustees has made the following distribution of duties between the dean and the treasurer:

(a) The dean shall be chairman of the faculty and executive officer in all matters relating to the faculty and the student body.

(b) The treasurer shall have charge of all matters relating to the business administration of the University.

(c) The treasurer shall act as chairman of the executive committee.

Associated with Dr. and Mr. Campbell is Mr. Noble Doak Smithson, A. B., LL. B., '11, who has been appointed assistant to the dean and the treasurer, to perform such administrative duties as may be assigned him. Mr. Smithson made a remarkable record while in college, being an instructor in English and twice editor of the Ring-tum Phi. After graduating in law last June, he was connected with the Birmingham Age-Herald.

The penalty of \$3 for coming in late brought back a much fuller attendance on Jan. 2nd than might otherwise have been expected. Besides the old students, several new ones have entered. The "automatic rule," entailing removal from the University in case of failure on a certain number of tickets, acted as a stimulant, and many men who were behind in their work "got busy" and passed. This rule is reported to have operated in only six or eight cases whereas it was expected by the authorities that twenty or thirty students would have suffered.

Along with greater strictness in regard to academic standing, closer attention to personal conduct is being demanded by the faculty and officers. The following regulation was posted on the bulletin board in Newcomb Hall:

"Regulation of the faculty of Washington and Lee University with regard to intoxication:

"Any student ascertained by the faculty to have been under the influence of intoxicating liquor shall be immediately put on probation, and his parent or guardian informed of the fact; and on repetition of the offense such student shall be required to withdraw from the University."

The Athletic Council has put on sale a six dollar athletic ticket for the benefit of those men who did not buy tickets at the first of the year. A great saving can be effected by buying one of the six dollar tickets, if you have not bought the old ticket. Those who bought tickets at the first of the year can secure new ones by surrendering the old one and paying \$2.50 to Mr. Lee Ordeman.

WINTRY GLIMPSE OF BASEBALL PROSPECTS

W. & L. Expects to Have Strong Aggregation on the Diamond This Year

Although the icy grip of winter has for the present banished all thought of participating in outdoor sports, the college fans are already looking hopefully to the time when the White and Blue nine will trot out on Wilson field.

Baseball prospects are exceedingly bright. From present indications the team representing the White and Blue on the diamond this spring will be one of the best ever turned out here, if it does not indeed surpass all previous aggregations. January prospects are of course in no wise reliable, but a great wealth of material is on hand waiting for the break of spring, and this material has been tried in good company and has not been found wanting.

Harry Moran, one of the premier pitchers of college ball in the whole nation, is captain of the team. Behind his superb pitching and under his genial leadership and splendid good judgment even a mediocre team should establish for itself an enviable record. It is expected that Moran will do the brunt of the pitching again this year, but he will be seconded by several box men who are just about up to his own standard. These pitchers are all first year men in the University, but from the success they have already achieved at other places they are each expected to win many games. Malcolm, halfback on the varsity, Miles tackle in football and center on the basketball team, and Tompkins, who has done some phenomenal pitching out in Arkansas, but who here will say nothing of his own ability, are all relied on to deliver when called upon.

Donahue who caught every game last spring is ready to answer the first call for players. He will have a great deal of competition this year, however. Bone of Morgan School, Fayetteville, Tenn., comes here with an exceptionally bright prospect, as he has already played many games with several of the older members of the team who are constantly talking of his ability. Stewart of Branham and Hughes are also likely candidates, as are Beddow and Hereford of last year's squad. Stewart is also a first baseman and outfielder, and Donahue, who caught last year, can play either infield or outfield and will hit above 300.

The contest for honors on the initial bag is going to be lively. Peoples, who held down the job last year, hit poorly during the first half of the season, but showed a marked improvement in the closing games. No one can find fault with his fielding. Hopper of Bowen school, Nashville, has a good rep; Moore of last year's squad will make another fight for the job, and Miles and Stewart are sure to be tried out in this position. Of other infielders there is an abundance. Smith and Erwin of last year's team are on hand and both will land some job on the team without difficulty, although Erwin may be moved to the outfield, if Donahue is sent to short. Thornton and Raftery will be tried on third. There are also many other possibilities in the infield and it is almost certain that some dark horse will make good at short or third.

Webster, Waddill, Turbyfill, and Branaman of last year's regular outfield are in college this session

and all of them will go out for their old positions. It is understood, however, that men will be moved from other positions to the outfield, when such seems advisable in order to keep a hard hitter on the team.

Just who will coach this squad has not yet been fully determined but the name will be announced within the next few days. It is possible that a coach will be secured for the fielders and another for the battery men. For a number of years Washington and Lee pitchers have not received proper instruction; Moran and Efrd, who made such a sensation here two years ago got most of their rudiments from Bill Fetzner while they were pitching at Fishburne.

The schedule is not yet quite completed. More games and harder games will be played on the home grounds than heretofore, the schedule calling for some twenty games with teams representing the larger institutions of the Northeast. All of these games will be played at Lexington. The trip will begin about the second week in May, and will be in the South as it has been for the last two years.

TRACK TEAM WILL PARTICIPATE IN GAMES

The track men have in view three indoor meets in the next two months, the indoor games with George Washington in Washington and Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, both in February, and a meet with Georgetown at the indoor games in March. These meets should be an incentive to bring out candidates for the track team, and Manager Owen announces that all candidates should report at the gymnasium each afternoon at 5 o'clock. Those who have turned out so far were put on the pledge yesterday. The George Washington games should be especially interesting from the fact that it is probable that one of the events will be a triangular relay between Virginia, North Carolina and Washington and Lee, and it is particularly desirable that Washington and Lee show up well in the contest. There will of course be outdoor meets in the spring, which will be announced later.

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Big Tackle Will Lead White and Blue Gridiron Warriors Next Fall

On Dec. 13th, the football monogram men met in Newcomb Hall and elected J. H. Miller of Hinton, W. Va., captain of the Washington and Lee football team for 1912. The vote was unanimous.

Miller is splendidly qualified to carry the burdens of the captaincy; he has an enviable record as a player, and has those characteristics as a man which stamp anyone as a leader and make his associates glad to follow him. He may be relied upon to lead the squad of 1912 to any success which it may achieve. "Fats" has the genial disposition which is generally supposed to accompany avoirdupois, and is bound to give a cheerful aspect to the monotonous grind of everyday practice; cool, self-reliant and resourceful, he will make a sterling leader in time of crisis.

Before coming to Washington and Lee Captain Miller attended Georgetown Prep. and R. M. A., and experienced no difficulty in making the football team at both of these schools. He entered Washington and Lee in the fall of 1910, and has been on the first team squad ever since the first lineup that fall. Playing at left tackle, he soon won a name for his ability to carry the ball and to make field goals from hard angles or from the middle of the field. But it was not until the latter part of the season just concluded that he showed his ability as a line plunger. In the games against A. and M., Carolina and Tulane, his opponents found it almost impossible to stop him, and he carried the ball for five, ten or twenty yards every time he was called on. At Tulane he carried the ball half the length of the field practically without assistance, making W. and L.'s only touchdown and tying the score. At A. and M. he kicked a field goal from placement, scoring W. and L.'s only points.

Miller is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and of the junior law class.

Calyx Wants Subscriptions Now

Work has been resumed on the Calyx, and the office of that publication now presents a very literary appearance, with its litter of books and other paraphernalia that go to the making of an annual. If the editor is busy, the manager is, if possible, more so, the arrangement of business details and the collection of money requiring a great amount of time and patience. The manager states that it is necessary to let the printers know definitely within a very short time how many books will be needed; and in order that he may do so, everyone who expects to buy a Calyx this year is urged to hand in his subscription at once. There are also a number of Seniors who have not as yet paid for their representations, and as money is needed to lubricate the wheels of the machine, the management urges that these men will not wait to be seen personally, but will hand the money to one of the managers as soon as they get it, or to their class historian. Mr. Owen will be relieved of a great amount of unnecessary work if the Seniors will not wait to be seen, but will pay up as soon as they are able.

"DUTCH" ALDERSON MAKING GOOD

"Dutch" is still Dutch. So says a clipping from a trade journal, recently posted on the bulletin board, concerning E. L. Alderson, the mighty fullback of the White and Blue teams of 1907, 1908 and 1909, and captain of the eleven in 1909. Those who remember his work in football will be glad to know that he is succeeding in the commercial world, and going about his work at present with the same spirit he formerly displayed on the gridiron. The clipping is as follows:

"To have and to hold a nickname is generally a sign of considerable popularity among his fellows; this is certainly the case with the subject of this sketch, Mr. E. L. Alderson, the hustling traveler connected with the mill supply department of the Lufkin Foundry and Machine company of Lufkin, Texas. "Dutch," as he is commonly known among his friends and customers, was given his "Nick" name in college, and it has followed him ever since.

"Mr. Alderson was raised in Virginia and graduated from Washington and Lee University, and left school to enter the mechanical department of an eastern machine shop, his penchant having always been along that line. He secured some fine experience in several large eastern shops, and he moved west and associated himself with the Lufkin Foundry and Machine company about three years ago, deciding to get into the commercial as well as the mechanical end of the machine business. In this he has succeeded to a remarkable degree. He stayed in the shops until he knew everything that it was possible for him to learn concerning the things manufactured and sold by the Lufkin firm, and then he went on the road to use his knowledge and selling ability for the advantage of himself and the concern.

"Mr. Alderson is the sort of man that the average mill man likes to see come around. He is of jovial disposition, splendid appearance, and is a mighty good friend maker, and friend maker means business getter in this country. He acts as ambassador between the Lufkin Foundry and Machine company and the Southwestern customers of that concern, and it is a relationship that is pleasing and satisfactory to both."

IMPROVEMENT IN GRAHAM-LEE HALL

The attractiveness of the Graham-Lee Literary society hall has been greatly enhanced by a thorough house-cleaning and series of improvements, which are now nearing completion.

The University contributed \$100 towards the new chairs that were bought, but the other improvements were made at the expense of the society. The walls have been repapered in buff with a white ceiling, and that combined with the newly-painted radiators, makes a very pleasing effect. The carpets have been taken up and thoroughly cleaned, and new red curtains have been hung over the windows. Probably the most signal change is in the lighting system. The room has been rewired and four new Tungsten ceiling lights have been put in.

As yet no changes have been made in the Washington's hall, but that society will probably soon make improvements also.

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A DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The year 1912, besides being leap year, also has the distinction of being the time set for the election of a President—national as well as collegiate. On the occasion of the presidential election, in 1908, the students of Washington and Lee did not fail to voice their preference among the candidates; indeed, they went further: an elaborate Democratic convention was held, with delegates from the various states, which convened in the Chapel, and for the space of about three days it is said that politics so engrossed the student mind that classes suffered materially. Discussion waxed warm, and fervid oratory flowed. Several candidates were before the convention, and each had his ardent, even bellicose supporters. The ill-starred Mr. William Jennings Bryan was finally the choice of the convention, whereupon the supporters of another candidate withdrew from the meeting en masse, in high dudgeon and fiery resentment.

Why not repeat the performance this year? It will create a wholesome interest in those matters which should claim the at-

tention of every patriotic man, and may give some valuable practice in the methods and oratory of political conventions, which may not come amiss at some future day. Further, is it claiming too much to say that it may give a boost to the right candidate, and furnish him with some modicum of campaign thunder? If a number of colleges were to endorse the same man, it is certain that the chances of the "college men's candidate" would be materially enhanced.

Mr. William Jett Lauck, an adjunct professor of the school of commerce, was the moving spirit in the 1908 convention. If some professor or influential student would get behind the movement this year, when one of the most prominent names in connection with the presidential nomination is that of a distinctively college man, we feel sure that the enterprise would go through with a bang, to the edification of all concerned.

COLLEGES ON THE DEFENSIVE

The following article from the New York Evening Post, noted for its thoughtful and able editorials, gives such a broad and sane outlook upon college life, and such a true picture of how colleges are regarded by the uninitiated, that we cannot refrain from printing it. It describes a condition which is happily almost unknown at Washington and Lee, where the conscientious worker is the rule and not the exception; but it will make interesting reading, if only as a comparison with conditions elsewhere:

"How to write about the American undergraduate and keep cheerful is a secret that no one as yet has apparently mastered. Mr. Clayton Sedgwick Cooper sets out to be cheerful in the first of his college articles in the Century Magazine. But before he has gone many pages, he is whistling to keep up his courage, and toward the end he is as downhearted as any of us. Mr. William Bayard Hale in the World's Work strikes the tragic note at the start. His account of Woodrow Wilson's struggle for reform at Princeton is the story of a contest between the true university ideals of scholarship and democracy on the one hand and the snobbery of wealth and social position on the other. Mr. Hale can only groan when he thinks of the line of handsome clubhouses on Prospect avenue, Princeton, of three hundred undergraduates sheltered in these houses of display, and of the other three hundred men who may never hope to enter the delectable gates. What is to become of our Democratic institutions if the thing goes on? What

is to become of American scholarship, asks Dr. David Starr Jordan, if our colleges are to be turned into magnificent piles of brick and mortar offering all the social and recreative advantages of an exclusive country club? President Lowell in conservative phrase deplores the low esteem in which scholarship is held in our colleges. President Wilson, in more pungent words, declares that in our colleges, the side-show has swallowed up the circus. Must one be Chancellor Day to read and remain unappalled at the prospect?

"Not necessarily. There is one error, hinted at by Mr. Cooper, into which the student of college conditions falls too frequently, and that error consists taking the undergraduate at his face value; that value in the present case being really below his true worth. There is affectation in the undergraduate's pose, his swagger, his contempt for books, his violent ebullitions of college loyalty, his language, his clothes. He is a young animal in the mimetic stage, and he goes in clamorously for the established fashion. We need not accept the fraternity systems as a desirable feature of college life, but we need not take them so seriously as Mr. Hale takes them. The fraternities probably militate against the ideals of scholarship and certainly constitute an element of irritation in college life; but we are not prepared to say that they sap the foundations of the republic. We are inclined to believe that such encouragement as the fraternities offer to snobbery and social discrimination does not extend far beyond the college. It is a game that is played rather elaborately and with all the vim we put into all games, but it is a game after all, which the man, when he grows up, puts away with other childish things. Princeton's nurseries of aristocracy would be a menace, if it is true that their influence persists long after Commencement. The Oxford graduate goes out to take his place as a member of the ruling caste, and his social conduct at the university has been an anticipation of the place he was to fill. The American graduate goes out to fill a job side by side with the non-fraternity man and the non-college man, and the business of competition may be depended upon to correct undesirable tendencies towards social exclusiveness.

There is little excuse for overlooking the highly important fact that, behind the clamor of the athletic hosts and the din of social activities, serious study is being done at the colleges. President Lowell's declaration that scholarship is held in low esteem in the colleges is true only in the sense that scholarship is not the

fashion. Fashion always draws the mob to itself, whether the fashion be football or scholarship. Let scholarship, in some miraculous way become the fashion in colleges, and the great mob that today worships athletics insincerely will worship books—insincerely. The serious student is present in goodly numbers in all our colleges, and we need not waste our pity on him. His are not the rewards of thunderous applause from massed multitudes, of elective class offices, of broad newspaper fame. But, after all, the satisfaction of doing one's work is something, and the satisfaction of high standing in class is something, and the esteem of the like-minded is something. It sounds dreadfully mollicodde to suppose that there must be college students to whom a word of high commendation on a bit of class work well done must be almost as gratifying as the honor of leading a cheering section on the football field. The man who comes to college to play has always bulked larger in the public eye than the man who comes to college to study. They have the playing man at Oxford and Cambridge, they have him in the German universities, and they knew him at Paris and Padua and Bologna six hundred years ago. He is always in danger of being taken too seriously.

We do not wish so much to minimize the necessity of combatting certain evil tendencies in college, as to point out that there is no reason for taking up a hopeless attitude towards the problem. The democratic swing of the age makes it impossible that the colleges shall be converted into recreative institutions for the idle rich. This or that college may meet some such fate, but automatically the situation as a whole must correct itself. If Princeton should develop into an exclusive club for academic idlers that fact will not be long in impressing itself upon the public mind. Serious students will not go to Princeton, and the fashionable element will be left to stew in its own exclusiveness. We believe that the principle of competition is not yet so dead but that universities will spring up to bid for the custom of undergraduates who want scholarship as well as play. Oxford and Cambridge held out so long against the Democratic movement that great modern universities sprang up in the English towns. Oxford and Cambridge are now bestirring themselves to meet this competition."

This issue of the Ring-tum Phi should have appeared on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, but the unusually cold weather put the gasoline engine at the printers out of commission, and nothing could be done until the weather moderated. The delay was unavoidable, being the fault of neither the editors nor the printers.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1912

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Glover D. Hancock spent last week in Washington.

Miss Mary Roper of Petersburg, Va., is visiting Miss Neli Carrington.

Professor W. LeConte Stevens attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington last week.

Jas. N. Daniel spent the holidays in Baltimore as the guest of V. P. Sydenstricker, M. A., '11, who is now studying medicine at John Hopkins.

Messrs. John Heath, Kirk Moore, Duke Renel, Clifford Foster, Sam Maytubley, Hugh Barclay, E. L. Whitelaw, Wm. Snow, E. A. Donahue, L. R. Hanna and W. F. Milling enjoyed the Xmas holidays in Washington.

Mr. Tucker Pendleton, V. M. I., '09, who has been doing engineering work in Panama, recently stood and passed the U. S. army examinations and has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Coast artillery.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. Joseph P. McCarrom, LL. B., '10, is practicing law in Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. S. G. North, LL. B., '10, is located at San Diego, Cal., where he is practicing his profession.

Mr. Henry P. Baldwin, ex-'11, is in the real estate business in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. John C. Moomaw, LL. B., '11, has located in Roanoke, having established his law office in the First National bank building of that city.

Mr. Moncure Hope, ex-'11, is manager of "The Oysterman," a journal devoted to sea foods and allied industries, published at Hampton, Va.

BIBLE STUDY

CLASSES REORGANIZE

The Y. M. C. A. workers began last Sunday to reorganize the Bible study classes which were so successfully conducted last term at the various boarding houses and fraternity houses.

The Bible classes conducted last fall in some of the boarding houses and fraternity houses were on the whole very satisfactory. There were six classes studying the Life of Christ, and six studying the Book of Acts. About 125 men are enrolled in these classes. The leaders are coached every week by Dr. Easter and Dr. Manly in normal classes. A great deal of interest has been shown this year in Bible study and besides these boarding house classes there are four large classes in the Sunday schools of the town, led by very able Bible teachers.

The management of the Y. M. C. A. naturally feels gratified at the success of this movement, in which Washington and Lee has taken such a prominent part among the colleges of the country, and hopes that the men who have enrolled themselves, and others not yet enrolled, will finish well the work so auspiciously begun.

INFORMAL DANCE AT COMMONS

An informal but very enjoyable dance was given by some of the young men of the University last Friday night in the dining hall, in honor of the visiting young ladies and the Emory and Henry basketball team. Music was furnished by the colored orchestra.

Among those dancing were:
Miss Nelson of Lynchburg, with Harry Moran.
Miss Carrington of Lexington, with Roland Waddill.
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Chaperones: Mrs. Carrington, Miss Carrington, Mrs. Richor.

GENERAL LEE RECOVERING

A communication in the Times-Dispatch states that General George Washington Custis Lee, president emeritus of Washington and Lee University, is recovering from an injury he received recently. The clipping is as follows:
"There need not be the least anxiety over the condition of General George Washington Custis Lee, of 'Ravenscroft,' Fairfax county, son of General Robert E. Lee, who about two weeks ago slipped on the floor of his parlor and dislocated his hip, according to a statement made to the Times Dispatch correspondent today by his nephew, Colonel Robert E. Lee.

"Colonel Lee was called up over the telephone and asked the exact condition of his uncle, and he replied as follows:

"Dr. Fletcher of Fairfax, is attending my uncle, who slipped and dislocated his hip about two weeks ago. His condition at this time could not possibly be more satisfactory, and the only thing that militates against him is his advanced age, eighty years. But he is progressing excellently, and the physician says that he expects him to come around all right in time. Just at present he is of course, compelled to remain absolutely still, but otherwise is making good progress.

"I appreciate the interest that my uncle's friends have taken by many inquiries that have reached me concerning his condition, and I would be glad if you would say that there are no alarming symptoms, as seems to be understood, and that his condition at this time is in every way satisfactory."

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AN INCIDENT OF "FO DE WAR" TIMES

Mr. Alexander S. Paxton of Statesville, N. C., who got his bachelor's degree way back in '61, has an interesting anecdote in a recent Times-Dispatch, concerning the "last hazing at Washington and Lee." We will not vouch for his statement that hazing ceased on that occasion, but the story gives such an interesting glimpse of the strenuous ante bellum days at Washington and Lee, that we reproduce it in full:

"This old Scotch Irish school at Lexington, Va., in the elder days was not free from the sin of hazing. It was of a peculiar type, and never fatal in its results. The subject's door as secured with bar and rope, an a piece of lighted fuse inserted into the keyhole, filling the room with sulphurous fumes exceedingly offensive to the nasal organs. The occupant manifested his discomfort by coughing and sneezing. If he sought relief at the open window, his feelings were dampened by a bucket of water aimed at his head.

"It was in October, 1860, and the school machinery well oiled, was running smoothly. The freshmen were enjoying peace and quiet. A ripple on the surface was caused by the advent of a student from Alabama, by the name of Evans. He was a fine specimen of manhood, with the Southern fire sparkling in his dark eye. As he seemed to have an air of self esteem, it was whispered in the fusing circle that a dose of unsavory smoke might be beneficial to his lordship. His room was a corner one on the second floor of the main building, and the door had large panels that easily could be broken out. Accordingly, one night the fusing party, strong in numbers, and sure the "bird was in the cage," moved cautiously up the hall. The door was quickly secured, and soon through the keyhole the "ziz," "ziz" of the fuse began. Evans fairly made the floor shake as he stamped around and swore. The party outside was enjoying the sport, and plying him with taunting questions. But a change came over the scene. The fiery young Alabamian, securing a heavy board, dashed out the two lower panels and sprang through the opening with a long bowie knife. His tormenters saw the gleam of the cold steel, and not wishing to be carved up in Southern fashion, deemed a hasty retreat the better part of valor. Instinct, not reason, cried "Run, boys, run!" And with the gallant leader in front, away they went helter skelter down the halls. Evans—or Satan—for the hindmost. Owing to high speed and skill in turning the corners in the dark, they escaped the knife and rallied on the campus.

"It was deemed wiser to postpone the matter until a more favorable time. Said a timid member, "Let's give it up." No, never," replied the leader, conscious of his ability to take care of self. So the bolder ones swore by the doorknot, that a week hence they would "dose" him and if he again broke out, they would sieze, disarm and put him back into the room. "Distance lends enchantment."

"The week had passed, and again was heard the stealthy tread of feet moving towards Evans' door. Again the fuse went "ziz" Shouts of defiance from the hall were answered by curses from within. The pot was boiling over, and "bang" went the board against the door. Out flew the panels, and out jumped Evans with the same flashing knife, and

with an oath loud enough to be heard by the statue of Washington on the dome.

"Cowardly heels again carried brave hearts away from that glittering knife. It seemed as if pandemonium had been turned loose in the hall—the clattering of big feet and the curses of the pursuer mingled in fearful discord. Down the steps, some rolling and some jumping out on the campus, the tide poured to a safe distance from the seat of war. The cause had gone down in smoke and defeat, and peace was declared. Evans was informed that he would not be molested again. Thus ended hazing in this well known school.

"As an incident to the above, the following episode may be related: On that memorable night I was in a room on the same floor, near the scene of action, and heard the stampede. A friend came tipping into the room and whispered that Evans was hiding in a door recess watching for a victim. Ready to return to my room in another building I took my books, and with an air of innocence, and whistling a merry tune, I started for home. A mischievous fellow in the room quickly got a large stick of round stovewood and running to the head of the steps, started the stick rolling down after me. I thought it was Evans with his knife, and that it would be folly to stop in the dark to reason with a madman. Down rolled the stick, and down I went, two or more steps at a time, clearing them by a miracle, and turning the right angle of the wall in the dark at the risk of butting out my brains, I headed for the stairway of my building, with a speed equaled only by the gallant captain of the fusing squad. Rushing into my room I locked the door and sank into a chair. My roommate asked me, what in the world was the matter. I told him Evans was after me with a bowie knife, and I had made a narrow escape.

"Soon there was a knock at the door, and in a quivering voice, I asked who was there. Recognizing the voice of a friend the door was opened.

"Coming in, he asked how I got home. I replied that Evans, with his knife, gave me a tight race, but I outran him. Getting near the door, he said: "It wasn't Evans, but a stick of wood I rolled down the steps after you."

Wash. Lit. Society Election

At the last regular meeting of the Washington Literary society officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: J. A. Bowman, president; C. C. Henshaw, vice president; Brooks Mell, secretary; H. S. Coffey, treasurer; William T. Riviere, censor; P. D. Converse, critic. Under such auspicious leadership the society is expecting great things for the next three months.

Lives of poor men oft remind us honest toil don't stand a chance; the more we work we leave behind us bigger patches on our pants. Our pants once new and glossy now are patches of different hue, all because subscribers linger and won't pay us what is due. Then let all be up and doing; send in your mite be it e'er so small, or when the blasts of winter shall strike us, we shall have no pants at al.—Ex.

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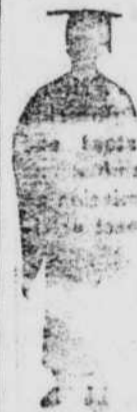
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The holiday basketball squad, composed of Captain Hannis, Bear, Lyle, Hopper, Dunlop, Miller, O'Quinn, Hogue and Glasgow, left with Assistant Manager R. A. Smith on the morning of Dec. 26, on a Christmas trip of five games. Tuesday night the first quint, composed of Hannis and Hopper, forwards, Bear center, Lyle and Glasgow guards, met the fast Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. quint in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium of that city. Owing to the smallness of the hall, the want of practice together of the W. and L. team and especially the A. A. U. rules, which differ greatly from the intercollegiate rules which the Washington and Lee squad had practiced under, the Lynchburg quint won by a score of 38 to 13. After the game the squad caught the first southbound train and after a very tiring trip reached Asheville, N. C., in time for the game with the Asheville Athletics in the gym. of the Y. M. C. A. Again the White and Blue met with a defeat of 30 to 10 and again on the following night by a score of 23 to 9.

Leaving Asheville on the 7:10 train Friday morning, the squad left for Charlotte, N. C., arriving about 1:15 p. m. By this time the team had begun to play together and had become more accustomed to the A. A. U. rules, and in the game Friday night with the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. team, both the spectators and the home team were aware that a game was being played. When the whistle blew, calling the end of the game the score stood 21 to 20 in favor of Charlotte.

In the second game on Saturday night, things started out bright for the White and Blue, the Washington and Lee quint keeping in the lead until the last of the first half, when the locals took a sprint and the half ended 12 to 11 for the locals. At the beginning of the second half the locals came in with a streak of luck that raised the score to 19 to 11. The Washington and Lee quint then got busy and from that time on showed both team work and "pep" that put the Charlotte squad to their greatest efforts combined with good luck, to keep their lead.

But the Charlotte lead was too great, and when the excitement was at its highest, with the W. and L. boys fast catching up the difference in the scores by superior skill and team-work, the whistle blew, calling the expiration of the half, and the locals again triumphed with a score of 32 to 26.

From the standpoint of the scores the trip was a complete failure, but it must be kept in mind that Washington and Lee had a new team on strange floors, and was contending under rules that are radically different from the intercollegiate rules, under which they had practiced, which rules played a vast part in the success of the respective local teams.

The players feel that with the enthusiastic support of the student body, the practice gotten on this trip, together with the display of skill and team work shown in the game with the strong Emory and Henry team last Friday night, Washington and Lee should have one of the most successful seasons ever experienced by a White and Blue quintet.



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