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GENERALS LOSE TO TRINITY AND V. P. I. TEAMS

W. and L. Unable to Check Onslaught--Cottingham Shows Up for White and Blue

TRINITY, 24; W. & L., 18

One of the Generals' hardest and most closely contested basketball game of the season was played on the local court in the Doremus Memorial Gymnasium last Tuesday evening when the Blue and White of Washington and Lee was vanquished by the same Blue and White of Trinity of North Carolina. The game tested all ability of every member of the squad since they were not only opposed by a team which gave Virginia her first defeat of the season, but their own team was shattered by sickness and injuries. Johnston was playing his first game at guard and Bethel had not recovered from the infected arm which put him on the bench early in the season.

The Tarheels had one of the best teams seen here this season and this includes V. P. I. and Davidson. Cole, their rangy left forward, played a great game and his shots were surer than those of any visitor here this year, while Hathaway gave a very pretty exhibition of guarding.

For the first half Washington and Lee proved themselves the equal of the Collegians, and when this period ended but a single point separated the contestants. But the visitors opened the second half with a rush and scored five baskets before the Generals could count. The locals then counted twice, but the lead was too great.

For Washington and Lee Cottingham and Fain showed to the best advantage, though Fox and Johnston both played well. Starling and Cole were the most prominent of the Tarheels.

The line up:
 W. and L. Position Trinity
 Fein, 4 R. F. Starlings 6
 Fox, 4 L. F. Cole, 12
 Bethel, Capt. C. Douglass, 2
 Cottingham, 6 R. G. Hathaway
 Johnston I. G. Long, 4
 Substitutions: Bryant for Fox, Fox for Bethel.

Scoring: W. and L.—Goals from the field, Cottingham, 3; Fain, 2; Fox, 2; Bryant. Trinity—Goals from the field, Cole, 6; Starlings, 3; Douglass, Long; Fouls, Long, 2.

Referee, Goodwin, W. and J. Timers, Aldridge and Williams
 Time of periods, 20 minutes.

V. P. I. 29; W. & L. 10

Handicapped by the fact that the V. P. I. warriors overtopped them some two inches to the man, the Generals lost a hard fought contest to Virginia Tech here Friday night by the score of 29 to 10. The game was really closer than the score would indicate, and its loss may be attributed almost entirely to more accurate goal shooting on the part of the visitors.

During the first half the Generals held their opponents to an 11 to 6

R. O. T. C. IS ESTABLISHED AT W. & L. BY WAR DEPT. LT. MANNING DETAILED HERE

Organization Will Probably Be Effected Next Week---Entails No Federal Service

ACTION AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING

After repeated disappointments during the past year in their attempts to have a Reserve Officers' Training Corps established here Washington and Lee finally met with success on last Thursday when President Smith received a telegram from Adjutant General McCain stating that the request had been granted and an officer detailed to act as professor of Military Training and Tactics. The officer so detailed was First Lieutenant Guy E. Manning, retired, an alumnus of Washington and Lee of the Class of 1890. Lieut. Manning is at present stationed at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, where he is acting quartermaster. He will probably arrive in Lexington within the next week and immediately assume the duties of his new station.

The granting of this R. O. T. C. to Washington and Lee by the War Department is the result of almost a year of constant effort on the part of the University. On the fifth of last April the University filed with the War Department her first application for the establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit here. This was refused on account of the shortage of officers who could be detailed to the colleges but it was stated that equipment could be furnished if the proper forms were filled out and officially presented. This was immediately done but equipment never was furnished.

On April 12th the Secretary of War issued a ruling that no applications for the establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps could be considered unless made before that date, and in response to later request has twice refused Washington

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GOV. REGULATIONS DEFINE R.O.T.C.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Washington and Lee is one of many similar organizations which have been established by the President of the United States in civil educational institutions. While this corps is government regulated insofar as the establishing and maintaining of it are concerned, and the issuing of arms and uniforms from the Federal Government, and the appointing of a United States army officer to be in charge of each corps, still there is no requirement that such members shall serve at any time in the military forces of the country.

The requirement of every educational institution in the senior division organized at universities and colleges requiring four years of collegiate study for a degree, is that this military course, once adopted, must be continued for two years, but the adoption of it is purely voluntary on the part of the student.

The following provisions of the War Department General Orders No. 49 give an outline of the purposes, organization, training, and equipment of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps:

"The primary object of establishing units of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps is to qualify, by systematic and standard methods of training, students at civil educational institutions for reserve officers."

The President is authorized to establish an R. O. T. C. upon the application of an institution which agrees "to establish and maintain a two years, elective or compulsory course of military training as a minimum for its physically fit male students, which course when entered

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AMBULANCE BOYS WRITE HOME OF EXPERIENCES

Letters from Moore and Irwin Tell of Trip abroad and stay in England

Although the Washington and Lee Ambulance Unit is not quite "over there" it is in a fair way of seeing action before long. According to the news received here in the last few days the unit left Allentown on January 9 and landed in England on the twenty-fourth. They are now in a rest camp near Winchester, England, where they are waiting for means of transportation across the Channel. Contrary to most expectations they left from Halifax instead of New York. There is no way to tell where they landed in England so the imagination has to be resorted to. The most striking things in England seem to be the number of women doing the work and the fact that very small boys are doing the part of many men.

Ralph Moore writes: "We left Allentown Tuesday, January 9, and hit land over here on Thursday the twenty-fourth. I'd like to tell you where but you can follow Dr. Smith's advice and use your common sense and guess where we landed. We didn't see any 'subs' on the way over, much to our relief, and not very many were seasick after the first few days. We had life boat drill every day, and towards the last we were ordered to sleep with our clothes on at night.

"Our section has been increased to forty-five men, of course we have some outsiders. P. Green isn't with us because he didn't get back in the section after going out for the aviation examination. T. G. Hamilton isn't because he took measles on the day before we left. We all hated it awfully as he had been with us all the time and was one of the most anxious among

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PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR GYMNASIUM CARNIVAL

Raftery Hopes to Stage Indoor Meet in About Two Week—Those Interested Should Hand in Names

First preparations are being made for a gym carnival similar to the one held so successfully last year, and Coach Raftery announces that he hopes to be able to stage a series of contests one night in about two weeks. In the meet last year four Washington and Lee records were broken, and while little practice has been had this year for such events, there seems to be plenty of opportunity for men who are inclined toward these phases of athletics.

The events which will probably be included are the following: 40-yard dash, 40-yard high hurdles, rope climb, standing high jump, tumbling, side horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, bantam weight, light weight, middle weight, and heavy weight boxing, obstacle race. All men interested are asked to hand in their names to Raftery as soon as possible.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

W. & L.	31	Hampden-Sidney	18
W. & L.	20	Davidson College	33
W. & L.	64	Va. Christian College ...	9
W. & L.	21	Elon College	19
W. & L.	32	University of Georgia ...	33
W. & L.	27	William and Mary	25
W. & L.	20	Roanoke College	21
W. & L.	18	Trinity College	24
W. & L.	10	V. P. I.	27

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 22—A. and E. of North Carolina.....Lexington

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**RACE PROBLEM IS
ASSEMBLY SUBJECT**

**Mr. A. D. Wright Pleads for
Better Justice to Black Race
in the South**

Mr. A. D. Wright, chairman of the State Board of Education for Negroes addressed a student assembly Thursday morning on the subject of the race problem in the South and the proper solution of the perplexing question. He pled for the introduction of the era of justice in treatment of the negroes, giving them opportunities for education and advancement, but, stressed the fact that social equality or social intermingling of the white and black races was entirely out of the question.

Mr. Wright stated in the preface to his talk that his object in coming here was to give information concerning the negro problem and to carry out the slogan of the campaign "15,000 in 15 days" through which the state board hopes to enlist students in the study of the negro problem.

The speaker said that as college men are rapidly taking the lead in civil life it was most necessary that they know something of the race with which they come so much in contact. "There are four eras in the development of the colored race," he said. "First came the era of slavery lasting from 1619 to the beginning of the Civil war. This period was of great benefit to the negro because without slavery in a civilized land, the negro would never have had a chance to become civilized. The second period was that of Emancipation. In this time the negroes were free but despised by the Southern whites and it was the Yankee schoolmarm who came South and helped them to a more or less degree. Then the passing of the schoolmarm brought the third era, that of cooperation. The government was beginning to take some interest in the black and boards of education were formed to teach the negroes the best ways of taking care of themselves. Following this came the fourth, now beginning, the era of justice. The negro does not want social equality but he wants justice from the courts, sanitation, and means of education.

"There are several causes which tend to keep them from attaining this end. The main one and the most important is the race hatred which frequently causes the utmost barbarity and cruelty to the negro by the whites. Lynching is the result. This leads not only to disregard of the law as far as colored people are concerned, but also to the whites, and law becomes something disrespected by the people."

Dr. Howerton spoke for ten minutes, ably seconding Mr. Wright and telling some amusing anecdotes from his many experiences. Ned Bell representing the Y. M. C. A. then added a word calling attention to the real ignorance of students of the problem, and said that classes in the study of the negro problem would be conducted by three of the professors. Cards were handed around and all those who wanted to take the course signed the cards.

J. A. McDonald '13 of Durant, Okla. was at the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Logan H. Roots and received in August a commission as lieutenant in the regular cavalry. He was for a while stationed at Douglas, Ariz. He is now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

GOV. REGULATIONS

DEFINE R. O. T. C.

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upon by any student shall, as regards such student, be a prerequisite for graduation. Provided that no such unit shall be established . . . until an officer of the army shall have been detailed as professor of Military Science and Tactics, nor until such institution shall maintain under instruction at least one hundred physically fit male students."

Regarding the organization of an infantry unit, such as will be established at Washington and Lee, the order says that "the strength of an infantry company shall not exceed 80 nor be less than 50." The professor of Military Science and Tactics is given authority in cooperation with the officers of the University to fix regulations for all orders in the military department. "The appointment of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers for units of the R. O. T. C. will be made from members of the Junior and Senior classes and from members of post-graduate courses, provided there are a sufficient number."

A regulation army officer of a rank not above that of colonel must be assigned to duty with every R. O. T. C.

"It is the duty of the professors of Military Science and Tactics to enforce proper military discipline at all times when students are under military instructions, and in case of serious breaches of discipline or misconduct to report the same to the proper authorities of the institution."

The training of the R. O. T. C. is divided into two sections, the basic and advanced courses. The first consists of two years' training of an average of three hours per week; the second may be then undertaken with more advanced and technical training, during which time the member is a regular member of the United States Federal service and draws government pay.

Provision is made for maintaining training camps for further instruction of members of the R. O. T. C. in time of war, lasting six weeks. At the end of this period, they may be commissioned.

In regard to the absences, the order says: "As the object of all training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps is to bring the largest possible number of cadets up to the proper standard of proficiency, permission to be absent, unless there are exceptional circumstances, should be granted only for physical disability. Any member who is absent from any part of the instruction shall be required, subsequently, to make up the omitted training before being credited with the number of units necessary for graduation."

The Government furnishes to each member of the R. O. T. C. the following uniform:

One breeches, woolen, olive drab, pair.
One cap, olive drab.
One coat, woolen, olive drab.
One leggings, canvas, pair.
One cap and ornament, set.
One shoes, russet, pair.

"Units of the R. O. T. C. are permitted to adopt at their own expense a full dress, dress, and fatigue uniform.

The Government also agrees to furnish guns for the R. O. T. C. if they are obtainable.

L. R. Ledbetter '12 of Anderson, S. C., was at the second R. O. T. C. at Fort Oglethorpe and received in November a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry. His present address is: 54 U. S. Inf., Chattanooga, Tenn.



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Wm. S. Honaker ex-'19 of Tampa, Fla., enlisted in the naval reserves in December. His present address is: U. S. N. R. F., Co. C, Key West, Fla.

E. F. Grossman '17 of St. Augustine, Fla., was drafted in the national army last September and reached the rank of sergeant before being transferred to the third R. O. T. C. at Camp Jackson. Address: 4th Co. Inf. R. O. T. C., Camp Jackson, S. C.

F. J. Giliham '17 of Lynchburg, Va., entered the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Myer last May. He received a commission as lieutenant in the infantry. He is now 1st lieutenant and is stationed at Camp Sevier. His address is: Hdq. Co. 119th Inf., Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

J. H. Forbes '17 of Alton, Ill., enlisted in the medical corps in November as private. Address: Post Infirmary, School of Aerial Observers, Fort Sill, Okla.

E. F. Fisher '17 of Summit, N. J., enlisted in the marine corps last May. He attended the Federal Training Camp at Paris Island, S. C., and received a commission as 2nd lieutenant. Address: Barracks 617, Co. E, Quantico, Va.

W. C. Davis '02 of Rockbridge Baths, Va., is a major in the regular army in the medical corps. He enlisted in September, 1909. He is present address is: Base Hospital, Camp Dix, N. J.

Clovis Moomaw '12 of Roanoke, Va., entered the second R. O. T. C. at Fort Myer and received a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry. Address: 318th Inf., Camp Lee, Va.

Adrian Williamson '13 of Monticello, Ark. entered the first R. O. T. C. at Camp Pike and received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the field artillery. He was stationed at Camp Pike with the Bat. E, 334 Reg., Field Artillery, but has recently been transferred to the School of Military Aeronautics, Austin, Tex.

Wm. W. Ackerly '12 of Lexington, Va., was in the N. Y. National Guard at the outbreak of the war. In July he was commissioned as 1st lieutenant in the field artillery from the ranks of the guard. His present address is: Co. B, Motor Sec., 102 Ammunition Train, 27th Div. U. S. A., Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, S. C.

C. H. Stark '13 of Louisiana, Mo., served with the French Army on the Western Front. He was injured in October, 1917, and was discharged as physically unfit for further service. He was stationed at Jouaignes, France.

Raymond Kenny '09 of Grafton, W. Va., enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps in May. From May until August he attended the R. O. T. C. at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y. He is now called a flying cadet and his present address is: Call Flying Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

R. S. Rhodes '16 of Dayton, Va., enlisted in the infantry in April, 1916. He is now a sergeant major. Address: Regimental Headquarters, 116 Infantry, Camp McClellan, Ariston, Ala.

DE. Waggoner '12 of Dallas, Tex., entered the first R. O. T. C. at Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, Tex. and received a commission as captain in the infantry. His present address is: 12th Co., 3rd Battalion, Dept. Brigade, Camp Travis, Texas.

B. T. Smith '06 of Lynchburg, Va., enlisted in the industrial branch of the navy in October. He is now chief yeoman. Address: Building 11, U. S. Naval Station, New Orleans, La.

Walter Steves '13 of San Antonio, Tex. attended the first R. O. T. C. at Leon Springs, Tex. and received a commission as 1st lieutenant in the field artillery. His present address is: 343rd Field Artillery, Camp Travis, Texas.

J. B. Arrowood '16 of Candor, N. C. entered the first R. O. T. C. at Oglethrope and later the second R. O. T. C. at Camp Jackson. His rank is lieutenant in the quartermaster corps. He is now stationed at Camp Joseph E. Johnston as student for promotion. His present address is: Jacksonville, Fla.

R. J. Bear '14 of Staunton, Va. entered the artillery of the national army in September and is now a sergeant. He is at present attending the third R. O. T. C. at Camp Lee. Address: Officers' Training Camp, Co. 6, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Roy Bryant '15 of New Orleans, La., saw active service with the British army on the Western Front before entering the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Logan H. Roots, Little Rock, Ark. In August he received a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry. He is now Regimental Intelligence Officer, Attache of Regimental staff. Address: 1st6h Infantry, headquarters Co., American Expeditionary Force, France.

John Izard '10 of Roanoke, Va., was a member of the national guard when the war broke out. He is now captain in the coast artillery, having been transferred to this branch last July. His address is: Fort Monroe, Va.

R. H. Coleman '15 of Paducah, Ky., enlisted in the aviation section of the army in December. He is now stationed at Camp Taylor. His address is: Co. 8, Recruiting Detachment, Camp Taylor, Ky.

M. M. Crane '12 of Cleburne, Tex., was a member of the first R. O. T. C. at Camp Funston, Leon Springs, Tex. He received in August a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry and is stationed at Camp Travis. His present address is: 360th Infantry, Camp Travis, San Antonio, Tex.

A. G. Fox '14 of Salem, Va., was at the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Benjamin Harrison. In August he received a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry, and is now stationed with the 83rd Div. at Camp Sherman. His present address is: 329th Inf., Camp Sherman, Ohio.

H. R. Hampton '15 of Fordyce, Ark., enlisted as private in the reserve cadet aviation section in December. He is still on the reserve training school and has not yet been assigned. His present address is: Fordyce, Ark.

J. H. Howell '06 received a commission as major in the infantry in June 1916. His present address is: 118th Inf., Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

G. C. Jackson '12 of Muskogee, Okla., was drafted into the national army in September. He is now sergeant in the infantry, and is attending the third R. O. T. C. at Camp Travis. Address: Co. I, 90th Division Training Camp, Camp Travis, Tex.

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The R. O. T. C.

Rarely have the authorities of the University been able to contribute in such large measure to the welfare of this institution as when they secured the establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Washington and Lee, and the thanks of the student body must go to all those who made this achievement possible.

The R. O. T. C. will mean much to the University, though just how much it is impossible to tell now. "What does it mean?" is the query that comes from over three hundred throats many times a day, and of course the Ring-tum Phi is expected to elucidate the question. But unfortunately, gentle reader, no one knows exactly how far the new military organization will go, or exactly what it will mean; all that is now definite is contained in the article based on Government Official Regulations No. 49, included in this issue. The R. O. T. C. is a military organization for the purpose of training men who can be used as officers in time of national emergency; and details of this organization are largely worked out separately for each institution.

Lieutenant Manning will arrive ready for business at the beginning of next week, and work will probably start immediately. The work of the Washington and Lee Provisional Training Battalion should help much in the new military organization, and of course our battalion will be used as the basis for the new unit. Drill will proceed as formerly, and will not be

any more intensive than at present, a minimum of three hours a week. The fact that the Provisional Training Battalion has been pursuing the regular infantry R. O. T. C. course will also prove of much benefit in the permanent organization, and a certain amount of credit will undoubtedly be given for work already completed.

One difference which will be most preceptible when the R. O. T. C. gets in working order is in the matter of discipline. Under the present arrangement, a variety of excuses for absences from drill are accepted, but with the R. O. T. C. the only valid excuse under ordinary circumstances is physical disability. At the University of Virginia three cuts from drill means dismissal from the University.

No one will be obliged to become a member of the R. O. T. C. unless the faculty decides to substitute it for physical education in the Freshman and Sophomore classes as will probably be done. The course once taken up, however, cannot be dropped until the two year's work is completed, and its attainment becomes a prerequisite for graduation from the University. The advantages of the R. O. T. C. in a time like this are so obvious that it seems as though any man who is physically fit to join will make a great mistake if he does not immediately avail himself of the opportunity offered him.

What are the advantages to be derived from the R. O. T. C.? In the first place comes the thorough military training which is invaluable to the man who is drafted into the national army. If there is another officers' training camp, Washington and Lee will be allowed to furnish its quota from members of the R. O. T. C. which it was unable to do in the last camp. Anyone may receive a commission as second lieutenant upon attending one of the Government's training camps for the R. O. T. C. and passing satisfactorily. And then of course there is the uniform, a large part of which is furnished by the Government, and rifles and other equipment which the University should be able to obtain.

All in all, Washington and Lee is fortunate, very fortunate, in having what very few institutions of her type and size now have,—an established Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Anarchy, and the Remedy

The student body of Washington and Lee has never demanded that the Sophomore class hold the Freshmen in too strict constraint. W. and L. men have never subscribed to brutal hazing and as a rule have given the newcomers more liberty than is to be found on most campuses. But there is a limit to all things, and verily it seems to the Ring-tum Phi that this limit has been reached. We have the spectacle of some fifteen Freshmen, who either because they have been elected by their classmates to some petty office, or through their fraternities attained some social prominence, gathering themselves to-

gether in a body known as "The Phi," a purely social organization, yet one apparently destined to reveal the hidden greatness of the Freshman class from now on.

The scheme of social honors here was settled upon long before these members of the class of 1921 had dreamed of Washington and Lee. We have the Sigma Senior society, the "13" Club, and the two Sophomore societies, and for many years they have been considered sufficient. But not so for certain members of the class of 1921, who thought that since Freshmen were not being rushed for membership to Sigma their fame must out in other directions. Why shouldn't the leading Freshmen in college get together for good fellowship and social reasons, and proclaim to the world their greatness? Why not indeed! But we venture to remark that when these same men move by the inevitable passage of time to the Sophomore class, they will not be so anxious to choose neophytes to carry on the hidden greatness of those whom it is then their duty to guide in the way they should go.

Do these Freshmen realize the step they are trying to take or are they anarchists by disposition, wanting to overturn and reverse the system of government in vogue since Adam first caned Abel? Do they think that when a man has been in college for a month or so he should be honored by a bid to a social club, thus proposing to erect an early stepping stone to higher honors in future years? No, it merely seems that they cannot wait out their term of apprenticeship, for their light cannot be hid.

If the members of "The Phi" persist in honoring themselves in spite of the opposition of the whole student body, the Ring-tum Phi can only suggest a remedy in vogue from the memory of man: let the vigilance committee wait upon these young men and render them the honor that is due from all the University.

Communication From the Management

This is an appeal for support, the kind of support that W. and L. men have given football and basketball. I am not asking that you subscribe a dollar to make the Ring-tum Phi possible and a success this year; this is by no means necessary. But cooperation and support in the way of paying your subscription money is necessary. There seems to be a fallacy in the reasoning of some that the Ring-tum Phi is a college institution for the natural convenience of the student body. In the past and present we have done all that is possible to make it so, but then it must fall back on you for support. It is your paper and you should take a pride in it. You have not relieved yourself of all responsibility when you detail the operation of the college paper to members of your student body, for they are only acting as your servants and the success or failure will not fall on them as individuals but will react on the University as a whole.

Your subscription is an obligation just as binding as any bill you owe down town, and as the Ring-tum Phi is running close to the margin this winter, that is giving as near as possible to each man his \$1.50 in value, the refusa-

of one man to pay his \$1.50 through neglect or disinterestedness robs the other fellow and the University as a whole of a high standard paper they have paid for. The cost of printing and mailing local subscriptions, not counting other expenses, leaves a profit of about twenty-cents a subscription, while on out-of-town subscriptions we break about even. Thus seven men must pay their subscriptions to meet the deficit of one man.

There is also the opinion that the Ring-tum Phi will float no matter what the year, that it has always made money and always will; but this year is well calculated to upset the best founded and regulated publication.

The support of every man is necessary; if you don't know whose list you are on just hand or mail your check to me. The alumni, both here and "over there," are looking to the Ring-tum Phi to connect them with the campus, and we can't fail them now.

JAS. E. AYDELOTTE,
Business Manager.

ACTION AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING

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and Lee as barred by this ruling, although Washington and Lee made her first application on the fifth of April.

Finally it was decided by the authorities of the University that a final effort should be made to secure this recognition for its military training and the services it has rendered the nation. With this end in view President Smith went to Washington on the eighth of February where, by previous appointment, he met Senator Martin and Congressman Flood. The three immediately went to the office of Secretary of War Baker where the complete facts in the case were presented to him. The question thereupon resolved itself into one of the availability of an officer who could be detailed to Washington and Lee. In conference with Adjutant General McCain it was stated at first that no officer could be spared. The name of Lieut. Manning was then presented to the department as an officer having been communicated with by the University and having been found willing to undertake the work at Washington and Lee. Thereupon the proposition was one of finding another officer to take up the work of Lieut. Manning at Columbus Barracks.

Col. Dalman, who has charge of the personnel of the Quartermaster's Department, was consulted and from him it was learned that the place vacated by Lieut. Manning could be filled. With affairs in this favorable condition Dr. Smith returned to Lexington, and within a very few days received official notice that Lieut. Manning had been detailed to Washington and Lee.

The supplying of ordnance and equipment rests with Secretary Baker as he alone now has power to order equipment furnished to any institution of learning. There seems every reason to hope that an order supplying the University with the necessary supplies will soon be issued.

"Wash" Celebration Is Indefinitely Postponed

The annual celebration of the Washington Literary Society which was scheduled for next Friday morning has been indefinitely postponed, according to a decision reached at an informal meeting of the society last night. The reason assigned is the resignation of both the orators for the occasion, J. D. Owens, and R. W. Lowe, and the lack of time to supply their places.

George T. Holbrook, who left college at the beginning of the term has returned to the University.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1918

Social and Personal.

A. H. Henke ex-'19 has been spending the last week in town while waiting to be called into the radio branch of the naval reserve.

Lieutenant Ewing Humphreys '10 spent the week end with his bride visiting his father, Professor D. C. Humphreys.

Lieut. E. L. Graham Jr. '11 was in town last week, and on Thursday gave a very instructive lecture on bayonet fighting to the officers of the W. and L. battalion.

Dr. John W. H. Pollard, former professor of physical education at Washington and Lee, who volunteered for service in the medical corps upon the outbreak of the war, has recently been promoted to captain. He is stationed at Fort Rodman, New Bedford, Conn.

GRAHAM-LEE NOTES

Sager is Elected President For Third Term—Question of Smoker Postponed

The Graham-Lee Literary Society held its election of third term officers at the weekly meeting last Saturday night. They were as follows: W. W. Sager, president; F. T. Cole, vice-president; A. B. Bowman, secretary-treasurer; and as members of the judiciary committee: W. F. Parker, chairman; C. P. Hanger, J. H. Smith, H. Rolston and R. B. James.

Frances Cole suggested that the society hold its annual "smoker" in the near future but after some discussion on the matter it was decided to postpone it until a future date. The treasurer, J. H. Smith then read a report of the society's assets and liabilities, and the judiciary committee made it known that E. L. Gladney, S. A. Hartzog and W. F. Hindry had been passed on for membership in the society. E. L. Gladney was initiated.

Seniors Choose Bell As Valedictorian

E. M. Bell was elected valedictorian of the Senior class at a meeting last night in Newcomb Hall, defeating J. L. McChord for that honor. Bell entered the University four years ago, and has been particularly prominent in religious and forensic work. He is general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Delta Sigma Rho honorary debating society, and president of the Circle.

Classes on Negro Problem To Be Organized this Week

As a result of the student assembly last Thursday about forty men signed up to take the course in the study of the race conditions in the South. The first class will meet tomorrow at seven-thirty, and the next one will meet at the same time on Thursday night. All those who signed the cards will be expected to be present at one of these classes, and of course any others who have since decided that they want to take the course are at liberty to start at any time.

Card of Thanks

Prof. D. C. Humphreys and the other members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity wish to thank their many friends for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy after their recent fire.

BASKETBALL SEASON CLOSES THIS WEEK

Generals Meet Trinity Tomorrow and N. C. A. and E. in Final Games This Year

This week marks the last lap of the race for the Middle Atlantic basket ball title. The major part of the schedule has been played and there remains but two games,—University of Tennessee tomorrow night and North Carolina A. and E. Friday night, to close the season for the Generals.

Trinity and V. P. I. have come and gone and each game has been a hard fought struggle, both resulting in the defeat of the White and Blue, but these games far from dampening the ardor of the Generals' hopes have only served to spur them on to greater efforts against the two remaining quints and the prospects for this week are rather sanguine.

Coach Rafferty has put his charges into rigorous training and intends to spend the entire week in the development of the much needed teamwork, and accuracy upon the part of every member of the squad. The individual instruction is finished and the development of the team as a unit is now in progress.

Very little has been learned of Tennessee and A. and E. except that the latter is represented by one of the fastest teams known in the history of the institution.

ELCOCK MADE MAJOR



Captain Walter B. "Jogger" Elcock, who for three years was head coach at Washington and Lee University and responsible in the main for the victorious teams of 1914, 1915, and 1916, has recently been promoted to be major. At present he is stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta.

George Washington Tryouts Will Be Held Thursday

The preliminary for the George Washington debate which were to have been held last night will not take place until Thursday according to a decision of the debating council. The authorities state that there is still time for and desiring to enter the tryouts to prepare a debate, and hope that more men will offer themselves as candidates for the debating team which will meet George Washington University in April.

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Such is the air service.

Warfare in the clouds has become as specialized in the past four months as that on land. It is fought in different strata by different planes. There are the tiny, tough little machines for the flashing air duels; there are the heavier, slower machines for spotting and photography; there are the cumbersome, awkward machines of great sustaining power for all night bombing trips into the heart of the enemy's country. And each requires a different type of man to guide it. Each places before America a different problem in personnel.

It is pretty easy to say what kind of man is not wanted for the air service. First of course you do not want a man who has a weak heart or lung and who might collapse at a high altitude. Nor a man who is timid or cowardly, who might lose his head in an emergency. Nor again a man who is ill disciplined, unable to obey orders, or to play his assigned role in the great team work of the skies. Each and every airman, responsible for the lives of thousands of men on the ground beneath him, the guide of the army and the hope of victory, must be as nearly perfect as is humanly possible.

This leads just to positive qualities. Besides health, besides bravery, besides conscientiousness, an airman must have brains and judgment. Brains because only trained minds can master flying, radio, aerial photography, codes, reconnaissance and the kindred sciences necessary to this new science. Judgment because all these powers in the hands of an ill-balanced mind might work a ghastly havoc among the men who are sent forward or held back on an airman's signal.

Let us not think such men are plentiful. Most decidedly they are not. They must be sought with the greatest diligence. And they are being so sought, as can best be shown by fig-

ures. Only last week the air service turned away two applicants out of every three. The safety of the country as well as of the men themselves demands that the standard be maintained irreproachable.

The one greatest of all places for real airmen is in the colleges. There indeed is the flower of the country men who having received much, owe much. The proportion of them answering the requirements of the air service should be immeasurably larger than among less favored, less fortunate men.

If America breaks the deadlock of three years through the air, if the wings of her new eagles bring victory to the world's democracies, it will largely be the college who will have the credit for of it. Already there is a great fraternity of them in the service, working as they never worked before, in this country, in England, in France, in Italy, in Egypt.

Now is the time for it will require until next summer for an aspirant starting now to become complete master of the air. The description of how a man is given his wings will be given in another official article.

GENERALS LOSE TO TRINITY AND V. P. I. TEAMS

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lead, but in the second period the Blacksburg forwards, led by Parrish and Captain Cocks, started an offensive which Washington and Lee was unable to check. In this period the superior passing of the victors also showed to some advantage, and the rangy forwards of V. P. I. were particularly adept in caging the spheroid.

For full three minutes after the game opened neither side was able to count, the ice being finally broken when Bryant dropped a pretty goal from a difficult angle, followed closely with another by Cottingham. But here the Generals halted, and two fouls by Cottingham were the only other points registered by the White and Blue during this period. Wharton led the scoring for V. P. I. in the first part of the game, getting three baskets, but he was ably seconded by Parrish and Captain Cocks.

V. P. I. started the second period with a rush, and making the most of their superior height dropped goal after goal in rapid succession. The Generals had possession of the ball practically half of the time, but for the most part were unable to advance close enough to the basket for good shots. Numerous attempts were made, chiefly by Cottingham and Fair, to cage the sphere from a distance, but practically none of these were successful.

Cottingham was the shining light for the Generals in the game, despite his inability to make baskets as regularly as usual; but all five of the Generals' fighters played a hard game.

The line up:

V. P. I.	W. and L.
Cocks, Capt.	L. F. Bryant
Wharton	R. F. Fain
Parrish	C. Fox
Thornton	L. G. Johnston
Crisp	R. G. Cottingham

Substitutions: Wrenn for Thornton.
Scoring: V. P. I.—Goals from the field, Parrish, 5; Wharton, 5; Cocks, 4; Fouls, Parrish, 1. Washington and Lee—Goals from the field, Cottingham, 2; Bryant, 2; Fouls, Cottingham, 2.

Referee, Goodwin, W. and J. Time of periods, 20 minutes.

B. McD. Krug '10 of Santo Paulo, Brazil, received a commission in the medical corps at 1st lieutenant in August. His present address is: Co. 9, Battalion 3, Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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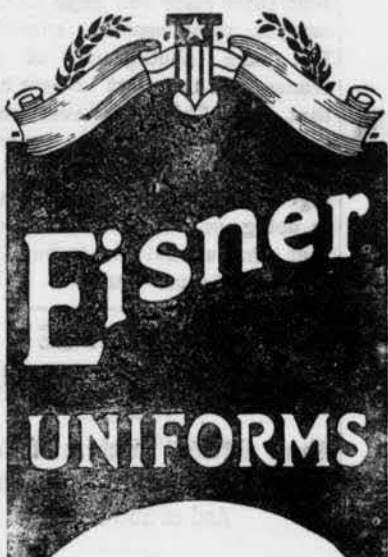
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No word has been received from White as to the time when the sales-lady will arrive with the set of proofs of the pictures taken here last month. She will most likely get here, however, next week. Notice will be given of her arrival, and students are urged by the staff to select their pictures at once in order to facilitate the most difficult part of the annual work, the securing of the half tone copy early.

The Calyx is to be bound in a flexible high grade black cover, stamped in gold. The annual is to be printed in two colors throughout, a special feature. In addition there will be four three color full page cuts, a large campus view section consisting of full page photographs of campus scenes, and the most clever art work that any Calyx has ever had. The management is soliciting subscriptions from the hundred and odd men in college who have not signed up yet, and in doing so, assures these students that the annual is to be a genuine credit to the university.

FRESHMEN ORGANIZE "THE PHI" SOCIAL CLUB

About Fifteen Members of New Club
Which is Limited to Freshmen
And of Social Nature

A new addition to the many social clubs at Washington and Lee, including some fifteen Freshman, and known as "The Phi," is well on the way of being organized. Its members state that the club is purely social in nature, has no political aspirations, and is simply a Freshman club.

For several weeks the preliminary organization of "The Phi" has been carried on, and at the present time it is not complete, so no list of names can be given out as yet. The following characteristics and purposes of the organization were given by a member of the new club to a representative of the Ring tum Phi:

"The Phi" is non-secret and purely social. It is not in competition with any ribbon society or fraternity and has no political ambitions for its members.

Membership is limited to eighteen, including not over two men from any one fraternity. Non-fraternity men are qualified. Members of the club become alumni at the end of the Freshman year and have only the right of taking in eighteen new members of the next Freshman class.

The members of this year's club do not claim any prominence whatsoever for themselves in regard to other members of the Freshman class.

"The Phi" is still in process of formation and it remains to the student body to determine whether or not its members shall be justified in continuing the club.

AMBULANCE BOYS WRITE HOME OF EXPERIENCE

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us to get across. Toby Pitts was transferred to another section, never got back. L. L. Moore is Sergeant of a Boston section, about all the rest are still here. don't know how long we are going stay in England as this is merely a camp, and we are stopping here only pass the time until transportation be arranged. This is a very la camp and we play only a small part it. Our food and barracks are very good though. Friday morning we hit here we ran upon Tommy G. He is 1st Lieut. in the artillery and Boy, we were all surprised to each other. He left that morning 'somewhere,' I don't know where.

"We have seen mills that em girls and they look pretty compe for doing their work too. They v caps and overalls and middies. I look fine as millers. There are s enlisted British girls here that cook the officers. They seem to have a time in their quarters.

George Irwin writes: "Among o places we passed through Oxford, there the British Red Cross Soc served hot coffee to us on the sta platform. Everywhere the 'wome the work,' and on the railroads e I saw boys ten years old, it looked firing and running the locomotives. true, we'd call them dinkies, even largest, in America, but we'd grown men running them.

"Well, we came back, (from se Winchester) and had 'tea', bread, cheese and black coffee. After su Hop and I walked down to the Y. C. A. where we are writing letters is just across the table here. The a piano, on which some one is pla "Good by Broadway, Hello Fran in one corner, and at the other three women (English) and three are kept very busy selling statio and changing money."

Letters have also been received Willie Hopkins and G. R. Womel They say that they are getting fine, and want the fellows in colleg write to them once in a while.

The unit is very probably in Fr by now; so the next news may be pected to tell of real action.



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