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CALYX TO APPEAR ON TIME; IS REPRESENTATIVE BOOK

Editor Writes From Camp Meade of Very Satisfactory Condition of Annual

In answer to a telegram from the Ring-tum Phi, D. S. Noble, editor of the Calyx, who was recently called to service at Camp Meade, has written the following account of the work and present condition of the year book:

Camp Meade, Md.,
May 2, 1918.

To the Editor of the Ring-tum Phi:

As editor of the Calyx, although quite a distance from Washington and Lee, I want to inform the students back on the campus of the status of the annual at the present time.

The Calyx will positively appear for sale in Lexington not later than May 21-25. This is no boast or bit of unwarranted optimism, but is fully justified by the reports from the publishers. As early as January, I sent the first sixty-four pages to press. All during February I sent weekly shipments of copy. By March 25, all copy had gone off except picture work from White which had not come and some art work. That was all cleared up before I left college, April 19, except one fraternity group which is still not sent having been again returned to New York for correction. This not delaying the annual however, as the fraternity section is Book 7, toward to the last.

This rapid shipment of copy has put the status of Calyx work for this time of the session far ahead of that of recent years. I know that last year work was being sent in April which I mailed in January.

A letter from Hammersmith Kortmeyer received today, May 2, states that their presses started on the last cup of Calyx work, the printing of the annual from the corrected plates, April 30th. Inasmuch as all the book is in the printer's hands, the proof corrected and all editorial work done the printing will be rapid and will go straight through the Calyx without hitch. Consequently the annuals will begin to reach the manager, Colonel Shoun, about May 15, and by the 21-25 will all get to him. Of course if there are any fraternities, seniors, classes or clubs who shall not have paid their fees for representation, actual distribution must be delayed until such are cleared up. So if the fellows want the annual which we editors have done such hard, faithful and constant work upon, let them see to it that Colonel Shoun's accounts are settled. In this connection, I want to pay a tribute to the manager. He has proved himself a hustler from the start and in his advertising work has done wonderfully. If the men on the campus, few as they are now, do their part as in the past, the finances of the annual will come out all right. No fees were raised this year for all of the de-

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The number in the above service flag represents part of Washington and Lee's contribution to the war, the number of men definitely known to be in the service of the country. The total is incomplete for it is very hard to get definite information about a great many alumni, and a conservative estimate might place the total number of Washington and Lee men in the military or naval forces of the government some 200 above the present figure.

DR. FARRAR TELLS OF SHIPYARD POSSIBILITIES

Outlines to Interested Students the Opportunities for Summer Work at Newport News

Dr. T. J. Farrar, who had just returned from the trip of inspection to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, gave a very interesting talk on the subject to a number of students who are planning to work in the yards during the summer, on last Tuesday night. He made the trip especially to see about the opportunities for college men. It seems that the company is more interested in getting men for permanent employment, though of course will be glad to get all the labor possible for the summer. The wages paid to all beginners in the plant is 37.5 cents per hour. There would be, as Dr. Farrar reported, a good chance for work in what is known as the moulder's loft where the patterns are first made of the different parts of the ship before the metal is cut out for the separate pieces. The work would be pleasant, under cover, and free from dust. There are also good chances for those who are pretty good carpenters, men who get from \$5.00 to \$6.50 per day. There will be plenty of things to do and so there will be no danger of one going down and being unable to get work.

As to the living expenses, board and room could hardly be secured for less than from \$36.00 to \$40.00 per

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NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER WILL BE HERE TOMORROW

Men Over Eighteen Are Eligible for Enlistment in the Navy—Requirements Pointed Out

In order to enlist men in the navy and to give information to any who may desire such, Boatswain's Mate Alvin C. Stagg of the U. S. Navy will be stationed at the local post office tomorrow and Thursday. Men between the ages of eighteen and forty-four, who can pass the required physical examination are eligible for enlistment in the navy. Undergraduate students in technical studies may be enrolled as seamen, second class, United States Naval Reserve Force, and will be called for training during the vacation months, being released in the fall to continue their studies. On graduation they will be continued in service and those desirous will be sent to the Officers' Material School at Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J., for special training. At the expiration of this period of training they will be commissioned according to their proficiency.

Men who are registered may enlist in the navy, provided they have the permission from their local exemption board to do so, which is rarely refused to any who wish to enlist.

G. L. Groover '12 of Savannah, Ga., received a commission as lieutenant in the medical corps. His address is: Military Branch, Chattanooga, Tenn.

THRILLING NEWS OF UNIT IN NOTE FROM FLETCHER

Hopkins and Johnston Sure of French Crosses—Baker Has Very Narrow Escape

The following letter from Forest Fletcher, former track coach and assistant professor of physical education at Washington and Lee, and now sergeant in the Washington and Lee ambulance unit, to Dr. Henry Louis Smith, gives a brief but thrilling account of recent experiences of the unit. The W. and L. men are clearly in the fighting zone of the great German offensive.

France, Sunday April 14, 1918.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Just a word to tell you that the W. and L. section is now on a short "reps" after an extremely busy fifteen days.

I am sorry that it is impossible to give you details but I can tell you that the entire section has the satisfaction of knowing that the past two week's work was worth all the waiting and training that has been "put up with." We all know now, just what this war means.

We carried five times as many dead and wounded in twenty-four hours as there are students at Washington and Lee. The section has been cited and at least two of the boys will receive the French war crosses. Willie Hopkins distinguished himself by his extreme coolness under heavy shellfire, as did A. S. Johnston. Both will without doubt be given crosses. Johnston's car was almost completely blown away. We lost five cars in all, but so far have not had a single man even hit. Of course there have been many extremely close calls, and to providence alone is due the fact that no one was killed.

The boys are all in the best of health and spirits, and while they haven't had a bath for three weeks they expect to "get cleaned up" very shortly. They are all more than glad to have had an opportunity for action in one of the greatest battles of the war.

Sincerely,

Sgt. FOREST FLETCHER,
S. S. U. 534 Convois Automobiles,
A. E. F. par B. C. M.

P. S. Henry Baker was cut off by a German advance, but ran his car through.

STIPES WINS VIRGINIA STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Washington and Lee, represented by Frank C. Stipes, won the annual Virginia State Oratorical Contest at Emory, Va., on Friday. Stipes subject was "President Wilson's policy."

Eight colleges were represented in the contest: University of Virginia, Richmond College, Randolph-Macon, Emory and Henry, William and Mary, Hampden-Sidney, Roanoke College, and Washington and Lee. The last time Washington and Lee won the medal was in 1913.

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increases in subscribers and the bad prospects last winter. What fees there are, however, simply must be paid if the editor and the manager are not to hold the bag for a deficit. I have no doubt, however, but that the men will see to it that all dues are paid by the middle of the month. Again let me say that Colonel Shoun in getting the advertising revenue he has certainly done a good job, particularly when it is recalled that he was not elected until January. The Colonel deserves the cooperation of the fellows. He's done his part.

As to the quality of the annual, I naturally feel a rather hesitant in speaking. I cannot, however, but feel that it is up to any part production, although somewhat smaller. The decrease in size is, however, natural, when one considers the fewer number of seniors. There were thirty some senior lawyers last year, needing about eighteen pages. This year there are only eighteen seniors, needing nine pages. No section has been cramped or crowded. The humor section has as much material as last year, only the type used is smaller, allowing less pages.

There are four full page three color plates of unusual quality. The art work surpasses that of any previous Calyx; this I state without fear of contradiction. Thank Hartley, Welch and Waugh for this. The seniors are on an attractive horizontal panel.

The Military section, new to the Calyx, includes account of the ambulance unit, picture of same, the companies, officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, and snap shots of the battalion in action.

The fraternity section is improved. On the left hand page at the top is the coat of arms. Below that are the names. Below that at the bottom is a 2x3 cut of the house. On the right hand side comes the groups as made by White Studio.

The binding is black, flexible, stamped in heavy gold. Every page has a gold border. Snap shots abound, as well as attractive drawings. I have above all endeavored in this 1918 Calyx to represent the fine Washington and Lee spirit and to remove all those features which have brought so much adverse criticism from many quarters are this year not to be found. For instance I have found better use for my pages than the bitter attacks and eortries on professor. While I have given a little space to good natured fun at the expense of a couple professors, I have not allowed any malicious or unkind attack. Surely we think more of our teacher than some past annuals would lend a stranger to think.

I hope my annual will be accepted favorably by the students. At least I have tried to do faithfully and accurately my work, helped by my associates. Dan Blain did good work in the athletic section, as Ed Campbell did in the Military. My thanks to them and the rest I take this chance to extend.

DAVE S. NOBLE.

The faculty of Vanderbilt has voted that for the period of the war, the entrance regulations in respect to fraternity initiations, be suspended and that eligibility depend entirely upon the first term's work. The fraternities welcome this action, as under this system a man may be initiated into a fraternity if he has entrance conditions. Under the old system, a man could not be a member of any fraternity if he had any entrance conditions at all.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. T. K. Young, New Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Tells of Experiences With Miners in W. Va.

Mr. T. K. Young, the new pastor at the Lexington Presbyterian church was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday evening. His topic was an unusually interesting one, in being "Mountain Experiences I have had." At the very outset Mr. Young said that he did not come simply to tell of his experiences in the mountains but that he wanted primarily to give them some idea of the need of the people there and issue to the students the call of the mountains.

In telling something of his own life Mr. Young said that he came from the land where they dig coal and that his early life was spent in sight of the still where men made their own drink and where there was no force of the government to prevent. He said that twenty years ago the men in that district had to work out their own salvation the best they could.

"One of the primary characteristics of the coal miner is his ignorance," said the speaker. He told how most of them only bathe parts of their body that show as often as twice a month. They go into their homes in this condition and soon the home is as dirty as they are. The natural result is that all kinds of living things that go along with dirt are common in the homes of the miners. They are simply too ignorant to know the necessities of a clean body. Another of their characteristics as Mr. Young lamented is the fact that they have no childhood. They possibly go to school for a while and then about eleven they go into the mines and stay the rest of their lives. In this way they are entirely deprived of the period of normal childhood. They have to take on the responsibilities of a man so soon that they are matured long before they are really ready for it. One of the greatest harms coming from this, according to the speaker, is early marriage. He said that many boys of not more than seventeen are husbands and hence have the cares of a family. A third characteristic of these people is that they have no community interest whatever. Everyone looks out for himself and for no one else.

Taking up the religious side of the question it was shown how the miners look upon the preacher as one who is lazy and who is mercenary. They think that his is not a work that requires much manhood, and are consequently antagonistic to this work.

In conclusion Mr. Young said that any man who goes among these people to work must be strong in body and at the same time must be ingenious, including of course, the love of Christ in the heart. There is a possibility that some men may be among them during the summer in their work. To those the speaker said, "If you go you owe it to Christ and yourself to take part in the Christian work and help these these people up."

Circle Elects Officers for Next Year

Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa society elected its officers for the coming year at a meeting Thursday night. F. C. Stipes was chosen president, J. R. Fain vice-president, and L. A. McMurray secretary. The society, which naturally recruits its membership chiefly from the older men in the University who have attained prominence in one or more phases of campus life, is finding its membership more and more depleted because of the war.

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W. P. Enloe '18 of Roanoke, Ala., enlisted in the aviation corps of the army in January. He was in the aviation school at Houston, Tex., and was in March transferred to school for aerial photography. His address, Dorm. 22, Care of Aerial Photography School, Rochester, N. Y.

W. R. Dodd '11 of Bluefield, W. Va., enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps in November. He is now in training. His address is: 249 Aero Squadron, A. S. S. C., Rich Field, Waco, Texas.

P. W. Derrickson '15 of Norfolk, Va., received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the infantry and is now with the American Forces abroad.

H. J. Delchamps '12 of Mobile, Ala., enlisted in the engineers corps of the officers' reserve corps and received a commission as 2nd lieutenant. He took a course of training at the American University. His address is: Western Electric Co., Offices, New York, N. Y.

A. G. Cummings '17 of Lexington, Va., was drafted last October. He is now in the intelligence department. His address is: Camp Lee, Va.

A. M. Cromwell '17 of New Orleans, La., enlisted in the infantry and now holds the rank of corporal. His address is: 141st Infantry, Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La.

W. E. Crank '15 of Louisa, Va., enlisted in the infantry in November. He had previously attended the R. O. T. C. at Fort Myer from August until November. His rank is that of corporal. His address is: 6th Co., 2nd Tr. Bat., Depot Brig., Camp Lee, Va.

V. H. Carmichael '11 of Jackson, Ga., enlisted in the field artillery in September. He now holds the rank of sergeant major. His address is: 321 Field Artillery, Camp Gordon, Ga.

W. G. Caperton '10 of Charleston, W. Va., entered the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Benjamin Harrison and received in August a commission as captain in the infantry. He is stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio. His address is: 40 Co., 10 Tr. Bn., Camp Sherman, Ohio.

J. H. Campbell Jr., '12 of Lexington, Va., was drafted last October. He attended the third officers' training camp at Camp Lee. His present rank is that of sergeant. His address is: Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

C. B. Bush '14 of Clarksburg, W. Va., enlisted in the field artillery in September. He now holds the rank of 1st sergeant. His address is: 1st Battery, Officers' Training Camp, Camp Lee, Va.

W. J. Bryan Jr. '17 of Abilene, Texas, joined the medical reserve corps in January and is now a student in medical college. His present address is: 3811 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Texas.

C. B. Bryan Jr. '11 of Petersburg, Va., enlisted in the infantry in August. He is now a private. He attended the third R. O. T. C., at Camp McClellan. His present address is: Camp McClellan, Ala.

W. H. Barclay '14 of Lexington, Va., enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps. He is now taking the training at Ithaca. His address is: U. S. School of Military Aeronautics, Ithaca, N. Y.

C. M. Carter '10 of Warrenton, Va., is with the Virginia National Guard as a private. His address is: Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala.

J. M. Bright '14 of Chattanooga, Tenn., enlisted in the naval reserve corps. He is now a member of the ensign school. His address is: Ensign School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

W. H. Brandon '17 of Lewisburg, Tenn., enlisted in the medical corps in September. His present address is: Field Hospital 324, Camp Jackson, S. C.

Horace Booth Jr. '11 of Houston, Texas, enlisted in the aviation flying section in December. He has the rank of a cadet, but has not yet been called for training. His present address is: Elks Club, Austin, Tex.

Lawrence Banks '17 of Fordyce, Ark., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Logan H. Roots and in August received a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry. He is stationed at Camp Beauregard. His address is: Co. B, 141 Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Beauregard, La.

N. D. Baker '94 of Cleveland, Ohio, is Secretary of War. His address is: Washington, D. C.

L. S. Anderson '15 of Ocala, Fla., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort McPherson, Ga., and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the heavy field artillery. He is now with the forces abroad. His address is: Field Artillery, U. S. R., A. E. F., U. S. P. C.

J. C. Ambler '16 of Hume, Va., enlisted in the hospital service and was for a while stationed at the Walter H. Reed general hospital, Wash., D. C. Now he is with the forces abroad. His address is: Med. Dep., Care of S. S. O. R., A. E. F., France.

J. B. Adams '11 of Four Oaks, N. C., attended the second R. O. T. C. at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and received in November a commission as 1st lieutenant in the infantry. His address is: Co. A., 17th Infantry, Fort McPherson, Ga.

H. C. Fisher '16 of Johnstown, Pa., enlisted in the hospital service of the army medical department and was for a while stationed at the Walter H. Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Now he is with the forces abroad. His address is: Medical Department, Care of C. S. S. O. P., A. E. F., France.

H. S. Gilleylen '12 of Aberdeen, Miss., was drafted into the national army last September. He holds the rank of private and attended the 3rd R. O. T. C. at Camp Pike. His present address is: 1st Co., O. T. C., Camp Pike, Ark.

T. McP. Glasgow '12 of Lexington, Va., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Myer and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the field artillery. He was later promoted to 1st lieutenant. He is now with the forces abroad. His address is: Field Artillery, U. S. A., A. E. F., Via New York City.

J. B. Gladney '17 of New Orleans, La., attended the R. O. T. C., at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and received in March a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the infantry. His present address is: Jackson Barrack, New Orleans, La.

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The Southern Collegian

A brief notice on the bulletin board, a brief announcement in last week's Ring-tum Phi, and the Southern Collegian for the session of 1917-18 has expired. Only three issues of the six provided for could be gotten out because of lack of funds, a condition of affairs which at once presents itself as most unsatisfactory to all, as well as most unfair to some.

For years this magazine has been in a precarious financial condition, and in the memory of the present editor the regular number of issues have never been gotten out. Always a few loyal subscribers, a few advertisers who are particularly prompt in paying their bills, have borne the Southern Collegian on their backs and paid for what they have not been receiving. Such a policy cannot but bring ruin on the credit of the magazine and irreparable harm on the business standards of the student body of Washington and Lee.

Something must be done, and done at once, for the Collegian unassisted will certainly not be able to creep halfway through another year with the financial path of college publications as tortuous as it is now. As we view the matter there are but two alternatives: either the publication of the Southern Collegian must be suspended, at least for the duration of the war, or outside financial assistance must be rendered it.

The University literary magazine should certainly be continued if possible, for it fills a distinct and neces-

sary place in the literary life of the student body. It is the only field where a man's talent may be manifested unmolested by the necessary blue pencil of the newspaper man or the editor of the annual. Literary ability, if not given a chance to make itself known, must die from lack of exercise and lack of chance for normal development, and it is in the Southern Collegian that the future novelists, short story writers, critics, essayists, and poets of the country can first find themselves. Perhaps you laugh, who read these lines, but if you have taken time to glance at the literary work of members of the student body in this publication, you will admit that often real talent is displayed, talent that needs only exercise to be developed.

Yes, the Southern Collegian should be continued if possible; the question is how? A plan for the ultimate solution of the problem has been suggested to the editor which in his opinion is most feasible; that the Collegian should be made the official publication of the alumni in addition to performing its present functions. There are many advantages to be claimed for this plan, but it can only be worked out after this old world has once more settled down to a peaceful existence, and we may well leave it as a legacy to our successor.

For the immediate future, the only feasible solution that we can see is a plan proposed by the business manager of the Ring-tum Phi and now before the Executive Committee. It provides for the temporary financial combination of the Southern Collegian and the Ring-tum Phi under a single editor and business manager, with assistants appointed to handle the separate functions of the literary magazine. The subscription price for the two publications would be \$2.25, an amount twenty-five cents less than the present separate cost, and extremely low, considering all phases of "H. C. L." The manager would be able to make much better advertising contracts, and in other ways the financial cooperation would be beneficial. In addition to this the University has agreed to allow the directory of students, which it has published for the past two years, but which was formerly a student undertaking, to come once more under the control of a man appointed by the manager of the Ring-tum Phi. The profits from this undertaking through advertisements always amounts to a neat sum.

The adoption of this plan by the Executive Committee by a temporary suspension of the by-laws, before the spring election, would practically insure the financial success of the Ring-tum Phi with no additional burden upon the student body. Why not try it out?

If the Collegian is temporarily suspended, the chances are strong that its publication will not be soon resumed. If the proposed plan is adopted, both the Ring-tum Phi and the Southern Collegian can look forward to the future with unshaking faith in their ability to weather the storm of war.

Finals 1918

Finals is an institution at Washington and Lee created, socially at least, by and for the students. It must therefore, to be a success, be supported and backed by the student body. Enough money has been subscribed to run a very economical program for Finals, but payments are due, and are coming in too slowly, according to the president of the final ball.

Have you subscribed to Finals? If not, subscribe now. Have you subscribed to Finals? If so, pay up now. Whether you are to be here or not—whether you are a dancing man or not—it is your duty to stand behind this institution of Washington and Lee. You are not called upon to give very much, but subscriptions, which are obligations counted on to make commencement week a success, are due, and must be paid.

Here's what one of Washington and Lee's most loyal alumni says in a letter from France to the president of Finals:

"A copy of the Ring-tum Phi just received, reminds me of Finals and the fact that this will be the second I have missed since 1904. Though I cannot be there to share in the fun as usual, they have given me much pleasure in the past that I feel that I owe the 'institution of Finals' quite a good deal and always desire to help along, and be represented even if I cannot be present in person.

"I am sending this letter to my office with instructions to enclose a check which will I trust be of some use. My regret is that it is not larger, but as you can imagine, I am not getting rich in this job.

"With best wishes for a most successful Finals, and my kind regards to all in Lexington and W. and L., I am,

Sincerely your friend,
 JAS. R. CASKIE."

Depletions in Editorial Staff

The editorial staff of the Ring-tum Phi has received another severe jolt in the last two weeks, three of its members having answered the call of the government for the drafted army of the fourth officers' training camp. They are A. B. Shepperson, military and alumni editor, and F. W. Hoge and D. S. Noble from the staff. B. S. Sanford, contributing editor, has recently left the University because of his mother's illness.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor of the Ring-tum Phi:

Noting your editorial in your issue of April 23rd, as regards changing the name of the Ring-tum Phi, kindly allow me to go on record as being opposed to any change whatsoever. Having been on the Ring-tum Phi staff for several years, both in a business and an editorial capacity; and having had some little to do with the general affairs of the student body during the period of my attendance at Washington and Lee, I feel that I can say that the student body, up to the year 1913, at least, and the alumni feel that the name "Ring-tum Phi" savors strongly of

Washington and Lee and Lexington, and should be retained. Call it sentiment or what you will, but the distinctiveness and individuality of the name are in favor of its not being changed.

I presume that your editorial invites such comments as are contained herein, and I thank you for the privilege of expressing myself on this point.

Very truly yours,
 F. W. McWANE
 Lynchburg, Va., May 2, 1918.

In Flanders' Field

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place, and in the sky
 The larks still bravely singing fly,
 Scarce heard amidst the guns below,
 We are the dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
 To you from falling hands we throw
 The torch—be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep though poppies grow
 In Flanders' fields.

—Written by Capt. Jno. McRae.

This poem was copied from the N. Y. Times in the American Medical Association Journal at the suggestion of Dr. Wm. H. Welch of Johns Hopkins, who said:

"I met the author a year ago in a Canadian Hospital where he had charge of the medical service. He gave me the most gripping account of the hell in which fighting goes on at the front, where he had been, that I have ever heard. The verses are so simple and direct they seem to me among the best produced by the war."

On Other Campuses

In accordance with a vote of the college body, no class banquets are being held at Wesleyan this year. Class smokers will take their place.

In the Senior statistics taken annually at Princeton, the Phi Beta Kappa key was voted the greatest undergraduate honor which a man could attain. At the same time it was discovered that but six men wear suspenders and but seven consider kissing morally wrong.

One hundred rifles of the Krag model have been received at the Georgia School of Technology, where a unit of the R. O. T. C. is to be located. The unit will probably be a Senior unit of artillery or engineering, in which Georgia Tech is prepared to instruct.

The Physics department of the University of West Virginia is being enlarged, so as to provide for the men who are to be assigned here for training in radio telegraphy. Eight thousand dollars has recently been appropriated by the federal government for this purpose.

Bethel College is raising \$50,000 as an endowment for a chair of Bible. The intention of the Bethel administration is to offer four years of work in the Bible.

Georgia Tech won on first place in a quadrangular meet between Tech, Davidson, Sewanee, and Mississippi A. and M., which was held in Atlanta recently.

Yale's minor sport teams have been notified by the faculty that they will be permitted to continue athletics next season and all have appointed captains and made preparations for complete schedules. In all these except the wrestling team graduate coaching will prevail.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, May 7, 1918

Social and Personal.

Mr. H. F. Madison of Bastrop, La., has been visiting his sons at college for the last few days.

Randolph Csbell, who joined the McGuire Hospital unit for training a few months ago, is spending a couple of days in Lexington on furlough. He is stationed at Camp Lee.

Some twenty students attended the May Day exercises and dance at Sweet Briar on Friday night. A large number remained over in Lynchburg Saturday and Sunday to look over Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Captain John W. H. Pollard of the U. S. Medical Reserve, and also known to all the older students of Washington and Lee as "Doc" the professor of physical education and hygiene, is spending a few days visiting with his wife at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Howe. Captain Pollard is stationed at Fort Rodman, Mass.

CLOSE ORDER COMPANY DRILL CHIEF WORK IN PAST WEEK

Men Recommended for Training Camps Have Left College—Promotions to Be Made

Close order drill reviewing the school of the company has been the chief event on the R. O. T. C. program during the past week. Yesterday extended order drill was given for the first time in several weeks in the fields near Cave spring, one mile from Lexington.

All of the men who were recommended for the fourth officers' training camps have gone home while awaiting the call to the colors. Lieutenant Manning does not expect to hear from the war department whether or not all those who were recommended will be appointed, for several days. The exact date of the camps and the assignment of Washington and Lee's quota is also still unknown. The withdrawal of the training camp appointees has meant wholesale vacancies among the officers of the battalion, and it is thought that promotions will be announced tomorrow. Pending the appointment of men to fill the vacancies, Lieutenants Smith and Campbell have had charge of A and C companies respectively, formerly commanded by Captain Tillar and Hansbarger, while sergeants have been serving as lieutenants in all three companies.

BASEBALL DEVOTEES PRACTISE DAILY

Baseball is coming into its own at last and refuses to be excluded as a sport at Washington and Lee, even as a war measure. Whether played as an intercollegiate contest or merely as a scrub game between two scrap teams makes no difference to the more ardent supporters of the "grand American pastime" and every afternoon, the weather permitting, some nineteen or twenty fans may be seen on Wilson Field following the ball.

The leaders in this movement are "Shrimp" Jones, Paul Larkin and Jimmy Fain, whose presence almost daily for a workout attracted others until now there are quite enough out to form the nucleus of a campus league.

DISCARD SPRING FOOTBALL

College Athletes Too Busy With Other Sports Now

Spring football practice, which has been a feature at nearly all of the larger colleges for many years, has been crowded off the athletic field by military training. At Pennsylvania, Franklin Field is taken up so much during the afternoon with military training and baseball practice that there is no room for the football candidates to work, so Coach Bob Folwell has abandoned gridiron drill until next fall.

There is also another reason why the football coaches do not find it necessary to hold spring practice this year. Nearly every student in the college is taking up one sort of athletics or another and this general participation in sports, together with military training, has all the students in such fine physical shape that special training in football is not necessary.

Folwell, Penn's coach, is enthusiastic about the football outlook for next fall. "Yale, Harvard and Princeton will take up formal athletics again next fall," says Folwell, "and this fact itself will do much to boost the game. Besides at most of the other colleges the teams will not be much below the standard and there does not seem to be such a dearth of good material as was first imagined.

"At Penn, for instance, there are any number of fellows fresh from our prep schools who can jump into the game and give almost as good account of themselves as the lads who have gone to the front. Besides it is reasonably sure that at least one quarter of last year's Varsity eleven will come back to college and with them as a nucleus, and the youngsters of last year's freshman team to fill up the gaps, there is no reason at all why the Penn eleven should not come through with as good a record as in previous seasons."

MRS. DICKSON WILL RETURN

Has Signed Contract to Beanery Next Year—Dan Blain is Manager, Tak- ing Water's Place

Every student taking his meals at the Beanery will welcome the news that Mrs. Dickson, matron of the University Dining Hall for the past year, has signed a formal contract to return to take up her duties next session. She has been called away temporarily to South Carolina.

Dan Blain will manage the Beanery for the rest of the year, taking the place of J. B. Waters, who left last week for a visit home before entering the fourth officers' training camps. Blain has had considerable experience in managing the gastronomic business, having had charge of somewhat similar enterprises for several consecutive summers.

H. B. Barton '17 of Abingdon, Va., enlisted in the engineers corps. His address is: 446 Det., 25th Reg. Engineers, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

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FRATERNITIES PAY WAR TAX

Revised Interpretation of Act Makes It Necessary for Fraternities to Contribute

The fraternities at Washington and Lee have officially contributed their share of the war taxation on clubs etc., as provided in the act which became effective last November. When the bill was drawn up it was not intended to include college fraternities but the wording was so indefinite that the most skilled lawyers could get no accurate impression of its intent and purpose. Finally Secretary McAdoo interpreted the act as applying to such social orders as fraternities though the original purpose was only to tax the exclusive and expensive clubs located in the larger cities.

Unless the annual dues are more than twelve dollars, or the initiation fee, no organization is included within the scope of the act. Therefore most of the older men in the chapters did not have to pay any tax while the "goats," if the initiation fee was more than twelve dollars, had to pay ten per cent of the fee. At a recent meeting of the Pan Hellenic Council there was present a representative of the revenue collector of this district who explained the scope of the act and the details of what was to be included in the amount taxed.

PRO. TUCKER LEAVES TO DIRECT WELFARE WORK IN SHIPYARDS

Goes to Brunswick, Ga., to Improve Labor Conditions—Will Return to University Next Fall

Professor Robert H. Tucker of the Commerce school left the University on May 1st to accept a position for the remainder of the spring and summer months as manager of welfare for the American Shipbuilding company in Brunswick, Ga. He is spending a week in the shipyards at Newport News to look over the laboring conditions at this locality before taking up his new work. Mr. Tucker's work will include supervision of housing, recreations, amusements and other conditions affecting labor in the ship yard of the American Shipbuilding company, with a view to increasing the welfare and efficiency of employees.

The class in elementary Economics formerly under Mr. Tucker, will be directed by Dr. R. G. Campbell and E. D. Campbell. The remainder of his classes have parallel work assigned for the rest of the session. Mr. Tucker expects definitely to return to take up his teaching duties again next fall.

DR. FARRAR TELLS OF SHIPYARD POSSIBILITIES

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month, leaving a not very bulky margin for those who are going particularly to earn as much as possible. Those students who have had some special training could of course secure better positions than the majority of the number planning to do the work. Probably a close estimate of what one could save daily, with prices so high, is \$1.50, not a princely remuneration to be sure, but with it goes the positive satisfaction of having a hand in the greatest undertaking to which the United States has pledged herself, ships in abundance to transport troops anxious to cross the ocean. Dr. Farrar will be glad to talk to any one desiring further information from him.



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9 P. M.—Interfraternity Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

11:00 A. M.—P. A. N.—White Friar German.
 5:30 P. M.—Dinner to Seniors and Alumni.
 7:30 P. M.—Promenade and Concert on Campus.
 9:00 P. M.—Final Celebration of Literary Societies.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9.

10:30 A. M.—Procession of Trustees, Faculty and Graduates in Academic Costume.
 11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Charles F. Myers, '97.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

11:00 A. M.—Sigma Senior Society German.
 12:00 P. M.—Meeting of Alumni Association Incorporated.
 6:00 P. M.—Boat Race.
 8:30 P. M.—President's Reception.
 9:30 P. M.—Senior Ball.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 A. M.—Concert on Campus.
 10:50 A. M.—Procession of Trustees, Faculty and Graduates in Academic Costume.
 11:00 A. M.—Commencement Exercises:
 Delivery of Prizes,
 Address Before the Literary Societies and Graduating Class, by Hon. Bainbridge Colby, Washington, D. C.
 Valedictory Address by E. M. Bell, West Virginia.
 Delivery of Diplomas.
 10:00 P. M. Final Ball.

GRAHAM-LEE NOTES

Bate Elected Final Orator in Place of Sager Who Resigned--Talk of Combining Literary Societies

The weekly meeting of Graham-Lee Literary society was called to order by the secretary-treasurer, A. B. Boman, in the absence of the president and vice-president. The first number on the program was current events, given by Carter Tyler. Next came the extemporaneous discussions by J. T. Bate and G. P. Wilson. The subject for the debate was "Resolved, That the government should immediately conscript each resident of the country who is not now engaged in military service for such other duty during the period of the war as the government seems best fitted to perform." The affirmative was upheld by W. B. Whiting and Holmes Rolston and the negative by J. C. Hobson and W. F. Parker. The affirmative were the winners.

In the business session J. T. Bate was elected as final orator in the place of W. W. Sager, who resigned. There was also much discussion about the combining of the two literary societies and the committee on drawing up a constitution for the combined societies reported that they had met with a similar committee from the Washington and that President Smith is behind the movement, having set aside a University Assembly on September 20 to arouse interest in the project. After this was thoroughly discussed the society adjourned.

Seniors at the University of Illinois are now drawing up a petition to the effect that all Seniors who have made a "B" or higher in a course should not have to take a final examination. Kansas University has already granted this privilege.

At the University of California the Senior finance committee advised the class to invest its surplus fund of several hundred dollars in Liberty bonds. The interest from this investment will be used for incidental expenses of the class after commencement.

BLOCK "I" BEGINS

EXAMS ON MAY 31

Block "I" was drawn last week by the faculty for the examinations. In the last three years "A" has been drawn three times, "D" has occurred twice, and the present lot has made "I" occur twice. Although there is some dissatisfaction at the lot, the present block seems to suit more men than either of the blocks for the last two terms.

Block "I" arranges the periods in the following manner:

I—M. W. F. 1—May 31 a. m.
 J—T. T. S. 1—May 31 p. m.
 A—M. W. F. 9—June 1 a. m.
 B—T. T. S. 9—June 1 p. m.
 C—M. W. F. 10—June 4 a. m.
 D—T. T. S. 10—June 5 a. m.
 E—M. W. F. 11—June 5 p. m.
 F—T. T. S. 11—June 6 a. m.
 G—M. W. F. 12—June 6 p. m.
 H—T. T. S. 12—June 7 a. m.

Monday, June 3, is Liberty Hall Day and therefore a holiday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons are omitted, being the third and sixth days of examinations.

The track team of the University of Texas was defeated for the first time in nine years by the University of Oklahoma. The score was 74 to 35.

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