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Archibald Henderson Heads Founders' Day Assembly Program

Versatile Scholar Will Give Address on Lee's Birthday, January 19

TRUSTEES MEET BEFORE SERVICES

Grandson of Cyrus McCormick, New Board Member, Will Attend

By DON MOORE

Dr. Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina, literary critic, biographer, historian and lecturer, will deliver the address at the annual Founders' Day assembly on the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, Friday, January 19. The topic has not yet been announced.

There will be no examinations or class meetings, but all students will be required to attend the assembly at 11:30. There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees earlier in the morning. Fowler McCormick, newly-elected trustee and grandson of the late Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the harvester and trustee and benefactor of the University, will attend. Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of the University, will entertain the members of the Board at luncheon following the assembly.

Friend of Einstein
Dr. Henderson, the assembly speaker, has been characterized as one of the most versatile scholars in American life today. He is acclaimed as an outstanding mathematician, having published two interpretative works on the Einstein theory, and is said by Einstein, of whom he is a close personal friend, to be one of the few men who fully understand the theory. His works in the field of essay and biography are also notable. In the former field his literary criticism has won him fame both here and abroad. Called a genius in the field of biography, he is the official biographer of George Bernard Shaw, and one of Shaw's most intimate American friends. He is a leading authority on American history and a dynamic public speaker as well.

Edwin Markham has written: "In the ranks of the younger generation of authors, I see against the American background of the present day no more striking figure in international culture and literary attainment than Archibald Henderson, educator, orator, litterateur and historian."

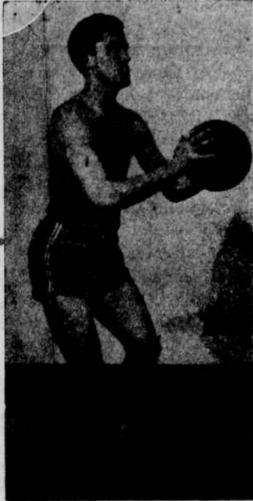
Professor at N. C. U.
Dr. Henderson is Kenan Professor of Mathematics and head of the mathematics department at the University of North Carolina. He holds the degrees of bachelor of arts, master of arts, and doctor of philosophy from that institution, another doctorate from the University of Chicago, an honorary LL.D. from Tulane, and an honorary D.C.L. from the University of the South. He has studied abroad at Cambridge University, the University of Berlin, and at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In addition to his many scholastic achievements, Dr. Henderson is a man of engaging and attractive personality. He possesses a broad understanding of and a deep tolerant sympathy for human values. He is known as one of the most graceful and fluent speakers in American life today.

Prominent Societies
Dr. Henderson is a member of almost innumerable societies, representative of the many and varied fields of his activities. He is a member and former president of the North Carolina Academy of Science, and a member of the Poetry Society of America, the American Historical Association (as well as several state historical societies), the American Mathematics Association and the Mathematics Association of America, the American Antiquarian Society, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Boone Family Association, and many others.

Books by Dr. Henderson are also indicative of the wide scope of his knowledge and experience, covering science and mathematics, literary criticism and essay, history and biography.

Court Captain



Joe Sawyers, veteran forward and high point scorer last year, who will captain the basketball team when they open against St. Johns Monday night.

Ellis, Henthorne Will Not Play in First Cage Tilt

C Average Ruling Causes Loss of Two Important Men

The Big Blue cagers will be faced with a serious handicap when they meet St. Johns of Annapolis next Monday night because of the loss of two important players from the lineup. Bill Ellis, center, and Jay Henthorne, guard, have been caught by the "C average" eligibility ruling and will not be able to compete in this first game.

Both of these men have been working out regularly with the team members since the resumption of practice after the holidays. Ellis was due to receive extensive call in these early games as a substitute in the tip-off berth. Henthorne, whose sensational work as a guard has put him up among the best trying for this position, will be greatly missed.

Although two good men will be forced to sit on the side-lines for this initial game, Captain Joe Sawyers, playing forward, will lead a squad of an even dozen players against the Johnnies. Charles Smith, veteran center, will probably start in that place with Bus Steinberg ready for substitute call. The remaining three men in place for the tip-off will be chosen from Chip Jones, Billy Wilson, Bobby Fields, and Lefty Sauerbrun. Five former freshmen, including Joe Pette, Al Pullen, Bob Middlekauf, Warren Magrath, and Jimmy Watts, are also ready for service.

Small Band of Students Bravely Holds Fort at W-L Over Holidays

Christmas was still Christmas, even in Lexington, for the handful of students who did not hie themselves home for the holidays.

Christmas night found dances at the local country club and in far off Buena Vista, with saxophones moaning and feet shuffling under the gaze of many chaperones. Buena Vista's contribution to gaiety excelled the local one in conviviality and attendance, but then they are closer to the mountains in Buena Vista.

However, the social whirl reached its giddy height at the Charity Ball, held at V. M. I. the Friday before New Year's day. Undaunted by the fact that it was colder inside the building than outside it, the orchestra bravely played on in overcoats and gloves and the dancers, warmly clad, made frequent excursions to obtain anti-freeze fluids.

Rejected Plans Await Changes After Exams

Fraternities Postpone Action on Deferred Pledging And Buying

FIRST PROPOSALS FACE REVISION

New Committees to Work On Objectionable Features

No further student action will be taken on deferred pledging or on co-operative buying until semester exams are completed.

Al Fowler, chairman of the committee of the Interfraternity Council appointed to investigate co-operative buying, stated that because of the examinations and extra work, the members of the committee would be unable to visit the fraternity houses to explain the proposed plan of quantity buying until the beginning of the next semester.

Likewise, Henry Cohen, chairman of the committee which was appointed to draft a plan of deferred pledging after the first one failed to meet with the approval of the fraternities, reported that his committee would begin work on a new plan as soon as examinations are over. Members of this committee, appointed just before the holidays, are Henry Cohen, Walter Cremin, and George Wing.

The chief objection to the recent plan of deferred pledging, according to Cohen, lay in the bidding system. There were also various other scattered objections. Because the committee was appointed only a few days before the holidays, there has been no opportunity for a plan to be formulated yet. When the plan is drafted, it will attempt to eliminate some of the objectionable features of the first plan.

The Interfraternity Council, which usually meets the first Thursday of each month, did not hold a meeting last night, but will probably meet next Thursday, Peyton Winfree, Council president, stated.

Nine Football Games Slated For 1934 List; Sept. 22 Still Open

The 1934 football schedule will list only nine games, according to a recent statement by Capt. Dick Smith.

To date, no suitable opponent has been found to augment this. Head Coach Warren Tilson has expressed his approval of the nine game schedule; however, correspondence will be continued and all applications for a game on September 22 will be considered by the athletic department.

A decision will probably be reached sometime soon in regard to the proposed double-header to be played in Lexington next year, in which all members of the Big Four would be brought together.

Calyx Proofs Due Wednesday

All proofs of Calyx pictures must be handed in by Wednesday, January 10, according to Joel Snyder, editor. On that day, a representative of the photographer will be at the "Y" room all day. Unless all proofs are handed in by that time, the photographer will make the choice himself.

Johnny Hamp Signs Contract As Fancy Dress Band Leader; Costuming To Start Tomorrow

Measurements Taken From 1:30 to 3:30 Every Afternoon at Gym

FITTINGS CONTINUE UNTIL WEDNESDAY

Van Horn Co. Furnishes Outfits; \$3.00 Rental Charge Announced

Measurements for Fancy Dress costumes will be taken in the Hygiene room in Doremus gymnasium between 1:30 and 3:30, beginning Saturday, January 6, and will continue to be taken in that room between the same hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the next week, Charley Smith, who is in charge of the costumes for the ball, stated today.

The costumes for the ball this year are being furnished by the same company which has handled them for the past few years, Van Horn and Son, of Philadelphia. All measurements must be sent in by Wednesday of next week, and it is urged that every student get his in by Wednesday afternoon if he wishes to go to the ball. No one who is not in costume will be admitted.

Smith wished especially to urge all those members of the figure who have not yet turned in their own or their date's measurements to do so immediately. This will have to be done at once if they expect to have their costumes here in time for the ball as these costumes take a good deal more time to prepare than those of the others.

Sometime during the first part of the next week, cards will be distributed to all of the fraternity houses on which each student may put down his different measurements, and his name. These cards must then be turned in to Charley Smith at the Hygiene room before Wednesday. If the men wish to order costumes for their dates at the same time, they may do so. The price for each costume will be \$3.00, payable when the costumes are received.

Lists will be sent around to the fraternity houses at the same time with the cards. These lists will give the different kinds of costumes that may be ordered. The name of the costume desired will also have to be put on each card.

Girl's measurements that must be turned in are: head, bust, hips, waist, height, and weight. Men's measurements include head, hips, height, weight, chest, waist, and inseam.

Tigers Pile Up Imposing Lead

Independent Outfit Has 150 Points; K. A. Follows With 101 1-2

Now that the horseshoe results have been computed, the Touring Tigers are leading the field in the intramural competition with a total of 150 points. Kappa Alpha is in second place with a total of 101 1-2 counters.

Leroy Hodges, Pi Kappa Alpha, defeated Dick Dunaj for the championship in the barnyard golf sport. The standings for the various clubs are as follows:

Touring Tigers	150
Kappa Alpha	101
Alpha Tau Omega	77
Delta Tau Delta	74
Delta Upsilon	72
Lambda Chi Alpha	61
Pi Kappa Sigma	57
Sigma Nu	57
Alpha Chi Rho	54
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	51
Phi Gamma Delta	50
Pi Kappa Alpha	50
Phi Kappa Psi	49
Pi Kappa Phi	45
Pi Epsilon Pi	39
Zeta Beta Tau	33
Kappa Sigma	28
Sigma Chi	25
Sigma Phi Epsilon	24
Phi Gamma Delta	17
Beta Theta Pi	16

To Lead Fancy Dress Ball



Harvard Smith, president of Fancy Dress, and Miss Dorothy Fly, Randolph-Macon senior, who will lead the twenty-eighth Fancy Dress Ball figure as Alexander III and his wife, Marie Feodorovna. Miss Fly lives in Shelbyville, Tenn., and is well known here, having attended many Washington and Lee dances.

Matmen Point Toward Meets

Two Pre-Season Victories Give Wrestlers Experience For Bouts

Having easily won its first two contests, the Washington and Lee wrestling team is now preparing for its more difficult meets with conference and non-conference foes.

In the first meet of the season against Johns Hopkins, the Generals, using one veteran and seven new men, pinned opponents to the tune of 31-5, and the following week defeated Roanoke Y. M. C. A. 34-0 with four monogram and four new men competing.

The Blue and White opened its post-holiday practice sessions Wednesday afternoon with a brisk workout. Tryouts for the freshman and varsity teams will begin tomorrow.

Every effort will be made to put on the mat the strongest varsity team possible for the meet on January 12 with Davidson college. The yearlings will be working for the Augusta Military Academy meet on the following day.

No man on the varsity is certain of a position with the possible exception of Sarkis at 126 and Bonino in the unlimited. Coach Mathis was able to get a good line on his men in the first two meets of the season which also provided him an opportunity to see how various men reacted under real meet conditions.

Harvard has enough football equipment, besides 36 tackling dummies and 300 footballs, to outfit 600 men.

No It's Not An Aerial Beacon; They're Putting Us On The Map

"It was put at that certain spot as much for the aid of the engineering department as to fulfill its own particular function," said Professor Hale Houston, head of the engineering department here, commenting on the Government triangulation station that has been built on the campus between Graham dormitory and the library.

"It will aid in checking our instruments," Professor Houston pointed out. The structure, which looks like a diminutive air-beacon set upon a wooden tripod, has caused much comment. As a part of the National Geodetic Survey's triangulation program for the country, the fundamental purpose of the permanent concrete block with the metal plate set in the top and placed beneath the tripod is to assist in the government's plan

Radio Program To Honor Lee

'Epoch-Making' Broadcast One of Two of Especial Interest Here

Two radio programs of unusual interest to Washington and Lee students, alumni and friends will be heard this month on occasions imbedded deep in the traditions of the University.

The first will be a Lee broadcast on Lee's birthday, Friday, January 19, over the Dixie chain of the Columbia Broadcasting system; and the second a special program devoted entirely to Washington and Lee from WSM, powerful Nashville Life and Accident Insurance company station at Nashville, Tennessee, a week later on the night of the famous Fancy Dress Ball.

The half-hour program from 9:30 to 10:00 p. m. commemorating the birthday of the noted Confederate general, who was president of the University, then Washington college from the close of the Civil War until his death in 1870, will originate from the Lee mansion at Arlington through the facilities of Station WJSV, Alexandria, Virginia. A drama, "The Three Swords of Lee," written by Matthew Page Andrews, an alumnus of the class of 1901, will be broadcast from the room which witnessed the wedding of the young Lieutenant Lee to Miss Mary Ann Randolph Custis.

Lawrence E. Watkin, assistant professor of English here, is preparing the material for the Washington and Lee program at 8:30 p. m. the following Friday. This is one of a series of weekly broadcasts by the Nashville station, representative of educational institutions of the South.

Decorations Plans Going Forward

Plans for the decorations for the ball this year are elaborate. Much of the work on the decorations has already been completed. It is being done entirely by the Dennison Manufacturing Co. in Philadelphia and a brand new scheme is being used.

The previously announced theme, "The Coronation of Alexander III," will be carried out. The ball will begin as usual at ten o'clock and last until three. The admission price has been set at five dollars.

Fees Are Due

Fees and dormitory rent for the second semester are payable on or before January 10, at Room 102, Newcomb Hall, Registrar E. S. Mattingly announces. The following warning was also issued: "No student shall be allowed to enter on any of his semester examinations until he has paid, or has made satisfactory arrangements for the payment of all his dues to the University."

Committee Announces Orchestra For 28th Annual Ball

BROADCAST PLANS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE

More Prominent Bands Unavailable Because Of Conflicts

By JOHN D. LOCKE

Johnny Hamp and his internationally famous band have been definitely chosen to play for the forthcoming Fancy Dress set of dances, Harvard Smith, president of Fancy Dress, announced today. This marks Hamp's second appearance at a Washington and Lee dance; he played for a Fancy Dress set some years back.

Smith admitted that this year's selection of an orchestra might come as quite a surprise to most of the students as the Hamp band had not been mentioned in connection with Fancy Dress previously, and practically everyone had been led to believe that the final selection would find either Bernie Cummins, Hal Kemp, Glen Gray, Isham Jones, or Eddie Duchin signing contracts to be here for the set. Commercial contracts, however, kept all of the above from visiting this campus, and it was found necessary to select some other band.

When the search turned to other fields, the Hamp band, popular in the Western states and in Europe, was hired to supply the music for the occasion. Smith states that this band is by far the most suitable of any of those available at the Fancy Dress dates and feels certain that every one will be more than satisfied when the event takes place.

Recent engagements for the Hamp orchestra include the most famous of all English clubs, the Kit Kat in London, Coconut Grove in Los Angeles, the Congress Hotel in Chicago, and the Mark Hopkins hotel in San Francisco. He has also played in practically every leading hotel in the western part of the United States and spent seven years intermittently making Victor records. His orchestra has also continually broadcasted on both major chains.

Smith stated that the final selection lay between Joe Haymes with a Columbia hook-up and Johnny Hamp. The great difference in the popularity and quality of the two orchestras, however, made the action of the committee the only logical course.

Another reason for the selection was given when Smith said that Johnny Hamp had guaranteed to bring his original orchestra and not one just gotten up for a trip on the road, as so many orchestras are accustomed to do.

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Students desiring any changes in their examination schedules will have to petition the Executive committee of the faculty for special permission and obtain the sanction of the instructor of the course in question, Registrar E. S. Mattingly explained today.

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EDITORIAL BOARD RUNS PAPER

For the next few issues the directing of the work of *The Ring-tum Phi* will be carried on by an editorial board headed by E. N. S. Girard. The staff appointed before Christmas will function as usual, each member attending to the duties assigned to him. This new plan is a temporary measure and is in force until some permanent arrangement is made for the rest of the session.

A GREETING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! Such is the greeting we have received on all sides since we returned from the holidays. Now is the time for prophets to go rampant with optimism and bright predictions for the new year which lies ahead of us. Now is the time when we are urged to realize that we have a blank page before us upon which to write a new and spotless record. Resolutions are being made and have doubtless been already broken by some. Every year it's the same round of sentiment and moralizing brought on largely by the headache after the celebration the night before.

In retrospect it seems, nevertheless, that the measuring worm of progress has moved a little; whether it was thrusting the head forward or dragging the tail up it is hard to tell but certainly at least one segment has moved forward; of this we can be sure and should be thankful. What lies ahead no man can predict but certainly it will be exciting. On with the dance. The crowd has assembled and the music is playing. Happy New Year!

A GOOD SPEAKER FOR FOUNDERS' DAY

The Administration is to be heartily congratulated for securing the services of Dr. Archibald Henderson, professor of mathematics at the University of North Carolina, as the Founders' Day speaker. Dr. Henderson has a wide and justly deserved reputation for scholarship in varied fields and the privilege of hearing him is one that students of the University should look forward to with great pleasure.

A man like Dr. Henderson, wise with experience and knowledge, must have a message of importance for undergraduates. For besides his scholarship he is known also for his attractive and engaging personality and his broad understanding and sympathy of human values. Such a speaker is particularly appropriate for Founders' Day when men who were outstanding for these very qualities are being honored and their aspirations and ideals made fresh in the minds of everyone connected with the University.

Again, congratulations to the Administration for getting Dr. Henderson to speak. Men of his type are worth hearing.

BAND CHOICE DISTINCT DISAPPOINTMENT

Today the Fancy Dress committee announces its choice of Johnny Hamp's orchestra to play for the 1934 Ball. This announcement, although the news has been rumored about the campus ever since the end of the Christmas holidays, comes as a distinct surprise to everyone but the members of the committee. When the drive for subscriptions was started before the holidays, officers of the set indicated that the choice would be made from among Bernie Cummins, Hal Kemp, Glen Gray, Isham Jones, Eddie Duchin, or some other orchestra of equal ranking.

Now it is announced that an orchestra of distinctly lower ranking than those named has been signed. As a result, a storm of criticism is sweeping the campus—criticism even more harsh and more widespread than the usual comment forthcoming every time an orchestra selection is announced.

Whether or not such criticism is justified is

a question. As is always the case, a great deal of the comment is being made by men who have not heard the orchestra, while those who did hear Hamp at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago this summer are divided in their opinions.

By far the greater part of the bad feeling seems to result from a disappointment at not having an orchestra with a bigger reputation rather than from disgust at the quality of music rendered. Many of those who heard the orchestra last summer give it high praise, and plaudits for the featured solisit are almost unanimous.

Officers of the set are themselves slightly disappointed that they were not able to obtain a band with a bigger name, but stand together in promising good music, which, after all, is the prime requisite for an orchestra.

It is indeed unfortunate that an orchestra so little known in this section had to be selected, particularly after the students had been led to expect a more outstanding band. But the choice has been made, the contract is signed, and nothing more can be done. So let the critics subside, for their words will have no effect. As for those who have threatened to withdraw their financial support, they should remember that it is the students who make Fancy Dress a success—not the orchestra; and if the set is to be the outstanding affair that it has been in the past, the officers must have the co-operation of the entire student body, even though the students do not agree with the committee's choice of a band.

ATHLETICS AND EXAMINATIONS WILL NOT MIX

Considerable but rather futile protest is being made in certain quarters over the athletic events scheduled just before and during the examination period. Many students who are involved in these contests believe that the time can be better and more profitably spent on their studies. The swimming team especially is put at a disadvantage; it must go to Williamsburg on Friday and not return until Sunday. All students who have tried to study while away on a trip know just how much studying can be done and just how well it can be done.

On January 12 there will be a basketball game and a wrestling meet; on the thirteenth there will be a basketball game for both varsity and freshman teams and a freshman wrestling meet, and the swimming team will be at William and Mary; on January 20 the varsity will box and the freshman basketball team will play. It may be argued that comparatively little time is spent on one game or meet, but the possibility of allowing athletic events to interfere with studies is not to be condoned. Academic pursuits should take precedence over athletics before and during examinations, if at no other time.

DEFERRED PLEDGING ISSUE MUST NOT DIE

The battle for deferred pledging is still on. Although the committee appointed to draw up a new plan has decided to postpone any action until next semester, it is endeavoring to find out the main objections to the recently defeated plan and provide the necessary changes. In this connection it may be well to point out that perhaps it is just as well that action has been postponed. The campus, as a whole, is rather fed up with deferred pledging and this is not the best time to press new measures. At the same time, however, it must be remembered that the issue is not dead, and that as soon as there is something new made public, interest will be reawakened.

The campus is definitely in favor of some plan of deferred pledging, the second vote taken at the special interfraternity council meeting showed that, but it will be difficult to formulate one that will meet with universal favor. As the only alternative there is the suggestion made in the last issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* that the administration step in and settle the matter. This seems to be the most satisfactory way of solving the problem at Washington and Lee. The fraternities are evidently at cross purposes and it may take years to bring enough of them around to secure passage of a deferred pledging plan. In the meantime, the present evil condition will continue.

At any rate, nothing can be done for the time being and it will be well for the majority of the student body to forget about deferred pledging until the question is brought up next semester when it can be fought to a finish.

The Institute of Human Relations of Yale University has published a book, "Observational Studies of Social Behavior," which discusses methods by which the behavior of individuals in groups can be scientifically measured.

A HINT TO PALTRY FOLK

How plentiful are narrow minds—

It really is phenomenal;
They cannot see that lack of breadth
Makes them infinitesimal.

They clutter up their little heads

With bigotry and superstitions,
And fail to see that fun in life

Evolves from fewer inhibitions!

—W. S. F.

THE PARAPET

By HERBERT RUDLIN

Having passed through eras of steam, eras of railroads, eras of flapperism, and eras of the air, we now march boldly through the new era of abbreviations. Everywhere we turn there is an abbreviation, and if the new craze becomes far-reaching, M. W. F.'s and T. T. S.'s will be linked with GOBO, JBHA, SAFBG, etc., to shorten and simplify the campus jargon. (A cellophane peanut to all who figure out above). But here are some bona-fide abbreviations which are part and parcel of newspaper headlines. Charlie Houston, of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, should get the thanks.

AAA—Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

CAB—Consumers' Advisory Board.

CC—Consumers' Council.

CCC—Civilian Conservation Corps.

CCC—Commodity Credit Corporation.

CSB—Central Statistical Board.

CWA—Civil Works Administration.

EC—Executive Council.

FACA—Federal Alcohol Control Administration.

FCA—Farm Credit Administration.

HOLC—Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

IAB—Industrial Advisory Board.

LAB—Labor Advisory Board.

NEC—National Emergency Council.

NIRA—National Industrial Recovery Act.

NIRB—National Industrial Recovery Board.

Oh, well, you get the idea. And more in the next lesson.

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Several Washington and Lee students remained in Lexington during the holidays, ostensibly to make up back work. But from all reports, the town proved to be fairly diverting with a couple of dances and numerous private parties served up as social fare. The big event was a "charity ball" over at the V. M. I. gym, and to give a hint of the suffering the poverty-stricken would encounter during the winter, there was no semblance of heat anywhere in the building. The orchestra stuck the edges of their instruments through heavy overcoats, played in fur-lined gloves, and gazed in forlorn cheer at the merry-making couples limping through the icy ozone in winter wraps. One K. A. found the best method of keeping warm was to do what Emil Coue did when he was a young boy, and an Alpha Chi Rho went home and stayed in the bath tub for five and a half hours "just musing," according to his landlady, who nearly went frantic throughout his quiet and leisurely bath.

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And for those who were too busy to read the daily rag during the holidays, the list of outstanding performers in the world of sport for 1933 as compiled through a nation-wide poll among editors and sportswriters, is as follows: Carl Hubbell, baseball; Jack Lovelock, track; Johnny Goodman, golf; Fred Perry, tennis; Glenn Cunningham, track; Jack Westrope, jockey; Densmore Shute, golf; Irvine Warburton, football; Max Baer, boxing; Primo Carnero, boxing. In our estimation, Johnny Goodman should have topped the list, Hubbell should be ranked fifth, and Warburton, who staged a remarkable grid comeback that few know about, should be placed immediately after him.

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There is a certain reconvered restaurant in Lexington which is proving to be a popular rendezvous for Lexington's charming debutantes, gay bounders, and socially elite in general. On certain nights square-dancing takes place, with the most talented dancers vying for the applause of the brilliant crowd of select spectators. Grace and stateliness are prime requisites of the square-dance, but sometimes the orchestra, which last

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Collegiate Opinion

WHY PRINT IT?

"When I come to the editorial page, I merely turn to page five." "I don't see why they have to print all that stuff anyway; nobody ever reads it." "Most of it's too dry. I haven't time to read the editorial page."

Yes, such are the comments overheard in St. Thomas halls! It is enough to make one stop to ponder over the several questions which bear upon such a situation. Is it the fault of the newspaper, or is it the fault of the readers? After all, why should a paper have an editorial page? Or, going more deeply, just what is a good editorial page?

A difficult situation, no doubt, since it is probable that those for whom this piece is written have already passed on to page five. Probably this editorial (if it may be called such) should be run in the Tomfoolery column—it is more likely to reach its audience.

In endeavoring to answer some of the questions put forth in the preceding paragraph, we must first consider the formation of a definition. An editorial page, in a college newspaper, should bring to you first, personal or group student opinion on topics of interest to the school and to the public in general. Secondly, it should be the outlet for student creative writing endeavors—and there should be, in every college, both creative writing endeavors and an outlet for them. More particularly, in the case of the Aquin, the editorial page is attempting to furnish an impartial guide to student reading. And now let us put our Sherlock Holmes cap on our head, our pipe in our mouth, take our magnifying glass, and try to find out what is wrong. If the editorials do not express student opinion, it is because the students are either so deficient mentally that they have no opinions, or (which is probably more likely the case) they lack initiative or ambition to put their opinions down on paper. So much for that.

With regard to creative writings, the same things may be said with this addition: Inferiority complex probably ruins more good embryonic writers than any other cause. Before you can write you must make yourself think you can. There's nothing to journalism, as Hoff says, except putting one word after another.

Very little can be said to those who not only do not appreciate good suggestions about good books, but criticize the suggestions. They probably belong in the category of those who don't want a book because they read one once.

Understand that we are not objecting to criticism; we like it! If we get criticism, we know that someone is at least reading the newspaper—but the most unkindest cut of all comes from those who say: "I don't bother to read it."

We want you to read the editorial page, and say: "That's pretty punk; I could do better myself." But don't stop there. Do better yourself! In other words, we want your contributions, your opinions, your criticisms, and your creative endeavors. Because, after all, you know, this is a St. Thomas newspaper; it doesn't belong to three or four.—*The Aquin, St. Thomas college.*

A plea that all should heed. College papers are run to serve the college community. Unless you use them they may as well be discontinued. After all there is more to collegiate journalism than the mere entertainment of those who work on the staff. Your paper will be good in proportion to your interest.

Johns Hopkins University scientists have found evidence that persons who suffer from severe colds for three years in succession thereafter seldom are bothered by the colds.

We don't know whether it's the freshmen or the hats, but the two of them together make a rather sorry combination.



Looking Back
By HERBERT RUDLIN

With all the presidents and butlers, the kings and bakers, the cauliflowerers and fried fish pickers All-Americans, best performances, and best of this and that for the late lamented year of 1933, we conceived the not so brilliant idea of presenting our selection for this and that in the world of motion pictures. Knowing well that ours is not the best nor even near the best, and remembering that a bit of argument and critical dissention is always interesting, the views of two more campus critics will be presented. Tuesday, Joe Magee will give his selection, and the following Friday a member of the faculty will present his. The following award of bouquets and brickbats will of course arouse considerable disagreement among screen followers, but who cares. Anyway, here are the crowned monarchs of the year 1933:

BEST PICTURE—Lady For a Day.

BEST ACTED PICTURE—The Private Life of Henry the Eighth.

BEST PHOTOGRAPHED PICTURE—S. O. S. Iceberg.

MOST DRAMATIC PICTURE—Gabriel Over the White House.

MOST EXCITING PICTURE—Central Airport.

MOST TECHNICALLY PERFECT PICTURE—The Man Who Dared.

WORST PICTURE OF YEAR—The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There is a definite rumor now that Washington and Lee is to have an orchestra under the direction of the "late" Johnny Hamp for Fancy Dress, the "South's Premier Social Event." If this is so, a large number of students on this campus are sorry for having been so idealistic as to suggest for the dance set several apparently mythical bands, whose tunes float over the ether waves and on phonograph records, and are lost—as far as the school is concerned—forever.

Our chief objection is the way the orchestra situation was misrepresented to the student body. At the recent assembly to collect funds for the dances, a number of bands were mentioned; but no Mr. Hamp. There was no student referendum, as suggested in this newspaper. A couple of letters to the editor and remarks by *The Ring-tum Phi* columnists were about the only public suggestions for an orchestra. But the rest of the students evidently felt that their interests would be looked after, and that a first rate "name" band—a drawing card—would be secured; at least a radio-record organization.

And then a dark horse gets the call. (Some of us heard Mr. Hamp at the LaSalle in Chicago at the Fair this summer). Where are his records? And didn't his radio days end when he started touring?

Many of us opened our mouths too loud during the recent holidays about the band we were going to parade into Doremus gymnasium. We must have failed miserably in raising the necessary money to insure what we wanted. That's about the only reason the undersigned can see for the choice.

But perhaps the music isn't everything. After all, there are some decorations to look forward to.

Yours truly,
10 Upperclassmen

Let Johnny Hamp Start From Scratch

By AL DURANTE

I guess we'll just have to dial our favorite orchestras if we want to hear them. With all due respect to Johnny Hamp, he does not fill the fondest hopes of the men who have paid for Fancy Dress. Regardless of his popularity in other parts of the country, he is a comparative unknown in Lexington and after the dance set is going to be held in this town. Because—

1933. Let us hope that this warrants a return appearance on the air in the near future.

Remember the reporter in "Dancing Lady" who was always forgetting his pencil. Well, he made his initial appearance over the radio on Christmas day and was immediately recognized as a hit. His name, which is well known to all newspaper readers, is Robert Benchley. Already a noted humorist and dramatic critic for the New Yorker, he made his debut in the movies a year ago. Playing the small part of a football announcer, done in the Roy Atwell manner, he stole the picture from the star and has been used in small parts ever since.

For those of us who are worrying the topic of H. G. Wells' first talk from London will be

"Whither Britain." This program which is the first of a series, will come over CBS at 3:30 next Tuesday.

With the Automobile Show in New York, the manufacturers are ready to spend money to advertise their cars. One of them will put on a tour of New York in which such big names as Lyda Roberta, Helen Morgan, Isham Jones, and Claude Hopkins will be called upon to entertain. This program will be heard over WABC at 8:00 on Sunday.

One of the better programs on the air, which is continuously improving itself, has decided to change its plan. Instead of the hap-hazard way of bringing in the featured stars that are used by all the other hours, it is hiring a script writer to make each star a character in a story, the local of which is the imaginary, but fashionable Clover Club. This program, on Monday nights, featuring Gertrude Niesen and Isham Jones and his orchestra, should provide good entertainment.

TRY THESE:
Tonight: Phil Harris and Leah

Ray at 9:00; Phil Baker at 9:30, and Cab Calloway at midnight over WJZ.

Saturday: Robert (Believe-it-or-not) Ripley and B. A. Rolfe Orch. at 10:00 over WEAF. Eddie Duchin at 7:30 over WEAF.

Sunday: Ethel Waters at 7:00 over WABC. Ozzie Nelson and Joe Penner at 7:30, Will Rogers at 9:00, Walter Winchell at 9:30, Paul Whiteman at 11:30 and Ted Black at 12:30 over WJZ.

Monday: Bing Crosby at 8:30 over WABC. Hal Kemp, Jan Garber and Clyde McCoy from 10:30 on over WGN.

Even if the Fancy Dress Ball won't be broadcast this year, there is some consolation in knowing that Washington and Lee will have a program on the air the night of the "premier social event of the South," WSM Nashville, Tenn., is devoting a half-hour (8:30 to 9:00) to the University in one of a series of broadcasts on southern educational institutions. Prof. Larry Watkin is preparing the material. Also a Lee program January 19 over the CBS.

Mermen Await Final Tryouts

Two Places on Relay Team Open; Williams, MacDavid Hold Others

Tryouts for the William and Mary varsity swimming meet, to be held January 13, will take place next Tuesday afternoon. A temporary lineup will be used in the William and Mary meet because the relay will be 200 yards instead of the regular 400.

Selection of the men to swim the relay is still indefinite and much shifting will have to be done before a regular team can be decided upon. Williams and MacDavid are certain of berths on the relay, but the other two positions are still open and will be filled after the results of the Tuesday tryouts.

"Strenuous workouts will have to be held in preparation for the William and Mary meet as our team as a whole is at present in poor condition," Coach Twombly stated. "Starting today all men will be put on pledge, and practice will be held daily. The meet with William and Mary will probably be our hardest meet, although Virginia and Duke are both strong this year."

Four meets beside the Southern conference meet have been scheduled for the season. William and Mary, January 13, there; N. C. State, February 17, here; Virginia, February 21, there; and Duke, February 27, here.

Freshman Coach Passes State Bar Examination

D. S. Hostetter, coach of freshman football at Washington and Lee, passed the Virginia State Bar examination on December 12 and 13 at Richmond, Virginia. Hostetter took his academic and law work at Washington and Lee and graduated in the law class of 1932.

Bill Stone, another Washington and Lee law graduate in 1932, also passed the examination. Stone resides in Stonesville, N. C.

FRONT ROW

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Honorable Mention — Stage Mother.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PICTURE—Night Flight.
Honorable Mention—Broadway to Hollywood.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE (male)—Charles Laughton in "Private Life of Henry the Eighth."
Honorable Mention — Frankie Darrow in "Wild Boys of the Road."

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE (female)—Ann Harding in "The Right to Romance."
Honorable Mention — Miriam Hopkins in "The Story of Temple Drake."

MOST PROMISING DEBUT—Margaret Sullivan in "Only Yesterday."

BEST COMEDY SHORT—Nothing Ever Happens—A burlesque of Grand Hotel.

BEST SCREEN LYRIC—"The Shadow Waltz."

Of course, the greatest disagreement will revolve around our selection of the "best picture of the year." Some will shout that the "Bowery" was best, others will vote for "Dinner at Eight," some for "Too Much Harmony," and a number for "The Private Life of Henry the Eighth." But we give top-ranking to "Lady For a Day," not for any perfection in one particular, but for its general all-around worth, to put it prosaically. It had warmth, appeal, a superb story, boasted flawless acting, and was entrancingly interesting to young and old, to sober and besotted, from beginning to end.

There will also be some Bronx cheers in the matter of best individual performances selected. Some might have put Wallace Beery on the throne because of his unforgettable characterization in "The Bowery." Others would throw the bouquet to Lionel Barrymore in "One Man's Journey," or to Dick Arlen in "Golden Harvest," or to Walter Huston in "Gabriel Over the White House." Some might say that Marlene Dietrich was better in "Song of Songs" than Ann Harding in her picture, or that Jean Harlow was better in "Bombshell," or Claudette Colbert in "Torch Singer." But we stick by ours and invite you to disagree and say why.

We failed to include in our selection two pictures because they could not be put in any acceptable classification, but some mention should be made of Lee Tracy's "Turn Back the Clock," and Lionel Atwill's "The Mystery of the Wax Museum," two excellent and remarkably original plays.

Mr. Smith is permitting his resentment against the administration to run away with his judgement.—Harold L. Ickes.

Following the Big Blue

By ANDERSON BROWNE

NOW THAT THE GLORIOUS YEAR OF 1933 HAS BEEN CAREFULLY tucked away in lavender and old lace, we think it is high time to run over briefly some of the most spectacular sporting events which helped to make this recently ended year one of the finest in national and local sporting history. Of more recent interest is the fall football season which gave to Washington and Lee a new coach and (trifely enough) a new deal in gridiron tactics. Without doubt, we feel that the splendid showing which the team made in Roanoke against Kentucky was the outstanding feat of the past year. The team went in doped to lose by 27 points upwards, but came off the field a victor in the biggest local upset in many a moon. That game was as near perfect as anything could have been, with no flaws and nary a miscue, and although the following week-end witnessed that memorable last stand at Princeton (from which no credit must be taken), we do not hesitate to place the Kentucky victory one rung above it. The effective manner in which Ralph Kercheval, all southeastern back, was stopped was one thrill very few can forget.

LONG BEFORE THE ARMY-NOTRE DAME GAME AND EVEN before either contestant in the Rose Bowl had been selected, newspaper scribes were heralding 1933 as the year of outstanding upsets. For the Generals, that year began on September 23 when a heavy, lumbering West Virginia team (with their eyes ironically set on national honors) fell flat before the light, fast attack of Washington and Lee, being lucky (and we insist, pa-lenty lucky) to eke out a scoreless tie. From then on, the Generals continued to upset teams from left to right until that final game with Maryland when the tables seemed to turn and the Big Blue, herself, fell victim to old man Dope. The World Series, whether you agree or not, was quite an upset, as every bookie in the country was offering handsome odds on the Senators, conceding the Giants something like a lone prayer. Through the season, the dope bucket was consistently kicked; kicked by Notre Dame against Army, by Georgia Tech against Duke, and right up to the season's final whistle when Columbia kicked the Stanford bucket.

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISSENTION, ALSO, ABOUT just what was the most thrilling single thrill in the 1933 season, both as for the Generals and for sports as a whole, and no one seems to agree on any one thing. Joe Sawyers' 85-yard run in the scoreless Virginia game can certainly come in for its bit, that four-minute touchdown against favored William and Mary could be cited, but we nominate the goal-line stand that the Generals put up against V. P. I. in those final minutes as our greatest single local thrill. After the score had been successfully evened up and both teams had fought through a listless third quarter, V. P. I. suddenly caught the spirit of things and proceeded to march unmoled to within the Big Blue five-yard stripe. Ray Mills and Al Casey, recognized leaders of the Gobbler attack, thrice drove into the line for all they were worth, but still couldn't get that pigskin across the final yard. Both teams, weary and dog-tired, lined up for the final thrust (V. P. I. with victory in their grasp and the Generals battling to hold a tie), and you know what happened. The hearty Gobbler fumbled, Jack Bailey recovered, and all was well in Rockbridge county.

AS FOR THE GREATEST NATIONAL THRILL, THERE ARE even more arguments. Some insist it was that blocked punt against Army that gave Notre Dame their surprising victory, another gentleman claimed that it was Mel Ott's home run in the fifth and final game of the world series, and there were even others. Mel Ott's feat is not a bad example, for it must have been a biased citizen indeed who wasn't lifted out of his seat (near the radio, of course) when the boy belter from the bayous smacked one of Jack Russell's fast ones out past the flag pole. It had the proper setting, too, with the score at 3-all in the tenth and Mel hitless all day, but it wasn't out greatest thrill. We cite that White House recipe for tapioca pudding written by Anna Roosevelt Dall in a weekly magazine above Mel Ott, and also that evening last spring in the Hollywood Restaurant when Ted Lewis passed our table and said, "Oh, hello, Jack!"

But there's even one above that, and it's provided by none other

than the old man himself, Babe Ruth. It was the all-star baseball game in Chicago this summer when the Bambino provided his grand climax to what will probably be his last season as a regular. The Babe has always been expected to do big things, but somehow in this game he hadn't gotten started. The crowd was booing and jeering as he came to bat with one man on base. The count rose to three and two and the crowd rose to jeer even more. The Babe calmly waved his arm in the direction of right field and then proceeded to sock a home run into the very section he had indicated. There were few in that stadium who didn't rise and shout, "Atta boy, Babe," after that clout. Yep, Ott's homer was a lulu, a honey, and a beauty of a thrill, but if you've ever watched a man you have always admired fitted for wings and a halo as far as sports are concerned and see his come out of it smiling, by calling his shot, you'll understand our choice. For sheer drama, that incident ranks high in memory of 1933.



WITH THE SIGNING OF HUNK ANDERSON TO COACH AT North Carolina State for the next three years, it looks as though that sovereign district is getting more than its share of the nationally known football mentors, what with Wallace Wade, another great figure, still going strong at Duke, only 28 miles distant. We are glad, however, that Hunk landed this contract, for things weren't looking any too good for the former Rockne stooge there for awhile. Not that Hunk couldn't land a job, but it was doubtful if he could get a job with as promising a future as the N. C. S. Wolfpack. The school realizes their future, also, and already plans are in line to practically double the seating capacity of the stadium. Anderson comes directly from Notre Dame, a school he has left but two years in the past (when he coached for a spell at St. Louis University), for he graduated in 1922 and went right in as a Rockne assistant. He was a guard in his playing days, being among the first "watch charm" guards that Rockne developed.

FACED WITH THE PROSPECTS OF HER BRIGHTEST SEASON in years, Princeton, according to an article by George Trevor in the N. Y. Sun, has signed up next season the simplest schedule they have ever played. Trevor compares it with feeding raw meat to the ravenous Tiger and taking candy from the proverbial baby when Princeton, the mighty, goes out on the gridiron next fall. It is all the more ironical because, while Princeton is seeking the weak-sisters, Yale, a team with little prosperity in view, is hunting out troublesome opponents. Trevor, however, is kind to the Generals and does not list Washington and Lee among the set-ups, due probably to the fact that the Tigers were tamed somewhat this past season and the Generals will have just as strong, if not stronger, a team next year. Amherst, Williams, and Lehigh are listed among the Princeton bait, although there are others, too.

THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON WILL SWING INTO A NEW round Monday evening when the basketball squad has its first taste of competition against an outsider, St. Johns. St. Johns has been the court opener for a number of years, and has always managed to provide plenty of fast competition. First here in 1930, the Johnnies didn't do so well, but the following season saw them rise to within a single field goal of the Big Blue. In 1932, the Annapolis aggregation won the game by a decent margin, but last year the Generals played one of their best games, and their first game, to down St. Johns 51-29 in a whirlwind. This game, played so soon after the holidays, will probably not show the Big Blue in their best shade of indigo, but it will be a good opener, nonetheless, for the team to get started on. If you want to look St. Johns over in advance, we recommend their game tomorrow night in '94 Hall with V. M. I.

MUMBLINGS: If someone should ankle up to you and ask for a perfect simile you could offer nothing finer than—as permanent as a swimming record. The ink never dries on a swimming record, so fast as do the boys and gals splash them off the pages. Our suggestion is that the time for all distances be placed at zero and the whole thing forgotten until somebody comes along who can negotiate any span of water in nothing flat. Judging by the manner in which the mermaids and mermen have been attacking time, such a swimmer is only five years off.

Bob Lassiter, who starred against W. and L. in the Yale game, was chosen to represent North Carolina in Rhodes Scholarship competition at Atlanta on January 8.

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THE PARAPET

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week played at the White House (the one down the road a piece), breaks into a lilting melody and the dancers timidly venture a bit of American jazz. Among the notable guests who attended Monday night's affair were the socially prominent Mrs. Maggie Mepphany, with her daughters Agnes and Oriole, Mr. and Mrs. Longhollow Crosstick, young Hobnails Harlan; Miss Nancy Filler, well-known social worker and head of the local entertainment league, and numerous others. The next big affair will probably take place tomorrow night. Tails and Tux shirts must be checked at the door.

morose minutes...with all roads leading to Lexington...and no detours until next spring...but the best way to avoid the coming-back-blues is to get back a day or two early...we tried it...plenty good tonic and plenty fun to loaf and watch the town still in hibernation...something reassuring and soothing about Lexington's quiet...more like twilight quiet than midnight stillness...but the academic roar once more reverberates through the jungle of a two weeks' loaf...and there'll be one fine stew in about two weeks...and a tasty desert in about three...cold weather throughout the holiday seemed to put a crimp in festivity record-setting...with few boasting an unalloyed good time throughout...in fact, the biggest sport seemed to be watching thermometers...with Dunaj vehemently swearing he walked three miles in 26 below weather...just a hangover, me-

thinks...a professorial air of benignity and kindness and good cheer seems to pervade the campus at present...all together, but how long will it last???...yuh have to get tough 'long about exam time, suh...

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