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Comic Mystery Chosen as Next Production For Dramatic Group

A. A. Milne's "The Fourth Wall" to Be Presented Next Month

REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK

Several Parts Have Already Been Definitely Assigned

By Graham B. Sale
A. A. Milne's three act comic mystery, "The Fourth Wall," has been selected by the Troubadours for their second production, to be given some time within the next month. This will mark the first time in several years that a play of this type has been attempted by the organization.

The thriller which made a long run on Broadway in 1928 under the title "The Perfect Alibi," is different from the average detective story in that the murder is committed on the stage. However, as in all good detective stories, the audience has the same chance as the actors in attempting the solution. The play is sprinkled throughout with many highly comic scenes.

Veterans Casted
Prof. Watkin, the director, is keeping to the plan he announced to the Troubadours at the beginning of the year. In the first he asked the more experienced actors to step aside that new material might be discovered, so seventeen new men were used in "Beggar on Horseback." In "The Fourth Wall," however, almost all the older actors will perform. Although the complete cast will not be announced until the next issue of The Ring-tum Phi, the following have definitely been assigned parts: W. W. Hawkins, George Foster, Harry Fitzgerald, Charles Mower, Albert Durante, Walter Johnston, Robert Richardson and M. A. Browne.

Author Well Known
Mr. Milne has shown his ability and versatility as an author in many stories, such as "Dover Road," "Mr. Pim Passes By," "The Truth About the Blads," and others.

The Troubadours are starting work with the beginning of this week and are expecting to have one of their best productions completed by four weeks.

Christian Council Favors Musical Assembly Idea

The committee on Christian Work, which arranges assembly programs, is in sympathy with the desire to have good music brought before the student body, according to Dr. W. W. Morton, chairman. However, he pointed out that the practicality of such a project needs further investigation.

A sub-committee was appointed last fall to see whether one assembly a year could be devoted to a musical or dramatic program.

The gymnasium is the only place large enough to seat all the students; the question is whether a musical program could be given effectively there.

Dr. Morton added, "I believe the idea deserves further attention, and I would like to talk to musically interested people about its feasibility."

IT'S NEWS TODAY

"Universe whirling in spiral," astronomer who studied here under Lee suggests. New W. and L. song by Watkin published. Mincher says he's "out to get Garner" in the conference tournament. Hawkins explains Troubs' attitude toward experimental drama.

Parapet tells how Mathis outwitted N. C. State coach. More report for debating, but Brown resigns. Frenchman to speak on world politics. Kaplan and Owings save frosh matmen from defeat.

Forty gridgers and fifteen managers report for football. Secretary-treasurer job is still open. Generals meet twice opponents this week, featuring V. P. I. boxing and basketball. Berry scores two knockouts—first in 18 seconds, next in two seconds.

"Europe Looks At New America" Subject Of Speech By Frenchman

League of Nations Official Will Address International Relations Club

"Europe Looks at the New America" is the topic that has been chosen for the lecture to be given in Lee Chapel Thursday night by M. Pierre de Lanux, under the auspices of the International Relations club. The meeting is scheduled to start promptly at 7:15 o'clock.

M. de Lanux is widely known as a lecturer and as an authority on international affairs. His position as Director of the Paris Office of the League of Nations affords him an opportunity to keep closely in touch with the European situation, and he is intimately familiar with the operations of the League.

The early hour of 7:15 has been set to avoid conflict with the varsity basketball game with V. P. I., which is scheduled to start at approximately 8:30. Plans for the meeting were made before the basketball schedule was altered, changing the date of the game from February 1 to February 8, and it was found impossible to make other arrangements. It is expected that the meeting will end before game time.

The meeting is open to the public, since membership in the club is not restricted in any way.

The last program presented by the International Relations club, just before the Christmas holidays, drew the largest crowd in the organization's history, filling the Newcomb Hall classroom in which the meetings are usually held, to overflowing. For that reason, and because officials of the club anticipate an even wider interest for M. de Lanux's address, the scene has been moved to Lee chapel.

Renken Named Debating Head

Succeeds J. E. Brown, Resigned, As Manager of Intercollegiate Team

John Renken, vice-president of the Washington Literary Society and who has had considerable experience in debating, has been named manager of intercollegiate debating, to succeed J. E. Brown. Renken is a sophomore and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity. Brown is resigning due to the pressure of other work.

On giving up the office, Brown stated, "It has been very gratifying to notice the response which has been given the editorial that appeared in The Ring-tum Phi concerning the unfortunate lack of interest manifested at the last debate tryout. Several men have since signified their intention of coming out for the team, and I think the prospect is very bright for the coming season."

Additional tryouts are being held tonight at 7:30 in room 204 of the Chemistry building. The first debate will be with Johns Hopkins, February 28, in the Lee Chapel, with Washington and Lee upholding the negative of the question, "Resolved: That the principles of the N. R. A. should be continued after the two year period provided for in the act has elapsed."

Renken announces, "I plan to emphasize the squad system of selection during the coming season. I believe that only through that system can Washington and Lee obtain the high calibre of debaters which it has had in the past."

The squad at the present time is working very hard in preparation for the debate to be held in Chicago, March 3.

Plans For Easter Dance Set Not Yet Completed

Definite arrangements for the Easter set of dances have not yet been completed, according to the latest word received from the presidents of the Cotillion and "13" clubs.

Winston Brown, president of the Cotillion club, stated that the date would be announced as soon as some definite arrangement with V. M. I. had been fixed. The Cotillion clubs of both schools are trying to plan their dates so that the two sets will not coincide.

League Speaker



PIERRE de LANUX

Prof. Watkin Writes Song For Broadcast

In the half-hour broadcast over WSM on the night of January 28, in which Washington and Lee was featured, the program was arranged by Prof. L. E. Watkin and included, with the Swing and other songs, one song written by him especially for this occasion.

Professor Watkin wrote "this song, he says, 'under the critical help of Prof. H. V. Shelley, who harmonized it and with the assistance of Prof. John A. Graham, who later arranged it for a male quartet in which form it was given over the radio.' He further said that while he claimed no special excellence for this song, the rendition over the air did not quite do it justice, since those taking part had not had time for sufficient practice."

The first verse of Professor Watkin's song is as follows:

We have seen thy columns gleaming
When the day was bright
And in mystery lie dreaming
Through the Southern light.
When the Spring comes up the valley,
Touching every tree,
Loveliest thy beauty,
Washington and Lee.

This program, which came from the Nashville station on the night of Fancy Dress, was sponsored by the National Life and Accident Insurance company as a part of its weekly broadcast on American colleges.

Former Prof. Weds Baroness

Marriage of Carl Gill to German Takes Place in Maryland

Carl E. L. Gill, alumnus and former Washington and Lee professor, was recently married to the Baroness Elfriede Von W. Poelnitz of Berlin, at Rockville, Md.

Gill, who is now a teacher at Eastern high school in Washington, D. C., his home, graduated here in 1921 with the degrees of bachelor of science and bachelor of laws. He was associate professor of economics and business administration in the University from 1924 until 1931.

While a student here, he was a member of Sigma Delta Kappa, and for four years was director of Fancy Dress. He was also a sergeant, Co. D, in the Washington and Lee Student Army Training Corps at the time of the World War.

Gill met the baroness on a tour of Europe which followed his service as commercial attache of the United States on the east coast of Africa.

Candidates for the positions of secretary-treasurer of the student body and president of the sophomore class must submit their names in writing to Ed Mincher, secretary-treasurer, before 6:00 p. m., Tuesday, February 13, instead of Wednesday, February 14, the previously announced date. The election will be held Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Executive committee.

Speaker's Career Includes Diplomacy, Journalism, War Service, Literature

Born in 1887, educated in Paris, Pierre de Lanux, who is to speak in Lee Chapel Thursday night, has made mathematics and literature his chief studies. His career has been a varied one. He was secretary of the "Nouvelle Revue Francaise," and served as a war correspondent in the Balkans in 1912, 1913 and 1914.

When the World War broke out, however, M. Lanux returned to France, where he volunteered in the ambulance corps, serving until 1916, when he was sent on an official mission to the United States in charge of liaison with Czechs, Poles, Yugoslavs and Roumanians. During the Paris Peace Conference, M. Lanux was on the staff of Andre Tardieu.

In 1923 he organized the "Comite d'Action pour la Societe des Nations," devoted his entire time to forwarding the cause of the League in France. His work was such a distinct contribution that in 1924, M. Lanux was appointed Director of the Paris Office of the League, a task which calls for coordination of French agencies for international affairs, and for supplying information to the public and the press.

M. de Lanux finds time for an active literary career as well. His "Life of Henry IV," published in 1927, was hailed by French critics as one of the most brilliant biographies of the year. Other volumes are: "Jugoslavija" and "Young France and New America." After his last lecture tour of this country, in 1931, he wrote a history of the southern states called "Sud."

In 1932 M. Lanux was made a member of the French Legion of Honor, in recognition of his work toward world peace.

Story Contest Ends March 1

Southern Collegian Sponsors Competition for Short Story Writers

The short story contest sponsored on this campus by the Southern Collegian in conjunction with Story, the new magazine devoted to the short story, will close on March 1, 1934.

All stories submitted for this contest should be in the hands of George Foster, editor of The Southern Collegian, on or before that date. Contestants may enter as many stories as they wish, but only two of all stories submitted on this campus will be forwarded to the national contest.

The judges of the contest on this campus will be two members of the English department and a member of the staff of The Southern Collegian.

The winners of the national contest will receive one hundred dollars for first prize and fifty dollars for second prize.

Oldest Alumnus Says World Is Whirling in Spiral Orbit

By Don E. Moore
Where are we going?—and how?

That is the question Dr. Ezra Z. Derr, probably the oldest alumnus of Washington and Lee, attempts to answer in a scientific treatise soon to be published, "The Spiral Versus the Elliptical Theory."

The purpose of Dr. Derr's paper is to emphasize the importance of teaching in the schools his contention that the path of the earth around the sun and of the moon around the earth is a "spiral" or open-curve rather than an "ellipse" or closed curve.

Although it has never been established, either by research or authority, who is the oldest living man whose academic ties and memories encompass the last years of General Lee's presidency, it is Dr. Derr who perhaps deserves this honor above all others, according to the Alumni office. Dr. Derr, who is 83 years old, was at Washington and Lee in 1867-68.

The elliptical theory, which the doctor-captain refutes, has been generally accepted for three centuries, although the notion that

Generals Drop Second Battle To Blue Devils

Duke Repeats Second-half Rally to Score 41-27 Victory

BIG BLUE OFFENSIVE STRONG AT OPENING

V. P. I. Gobblers, Indians Play Here Thursday And Friday

Last night, for the second time this season, Duke's Blue Devils put on a powerful second-half drive to defeat the Generals' basketball team, this time at Lynchburg by the score of 41-27. On January 30, Duke trimmed the Big Blue 41-37.

The Generals, paced by Charlie Smith and Joe Pette, who scored eight points apiece, to divide the scoring honors for the Big Blue, put on full steam in the opening minutes of the game to roll up a distinct advantage before the Devils got started. A pair of field goals by Mack and Weaver of Duke knotted the score, and for the remainder of the period the lead saw-sawed, with Duke leading 21-19 at the half.

Then, at the opening of the second half, Duke opened a powerful attack which netted them twenty points while holding the Generals to eight.

J. Thompson, Duke forward, was easily the offensive star of the game, scoring five field goals and two fouls to amass a total of 12 points. Mack, center, and Weaver, guard, each contributed eight points to the Duke total.

The Generals' inability to drop foul shots through the hoop was a handicap, as they made five out of fourteen chances, while Duke scored five out of ten tries.

Two more games are on the program for the Washington and Lee courtmen this week. On Thursday night the Virginia Tech basketball team will present a team that has met with but mediocre success, having won only from the V. M. I. quintet so far this year.

Due to the V. P. I.-Washington and Lee boxing meet Friday night, the William and Mary-Generals basketball contest will be held Friday afternoon. This game had previously been scheduled for that evening.

Washington Literary Society Chooses New Officers for Semester

Officers for the second semester were elected last night at the regular meeting of the Washington Literary Society.

Robert Cooper defeated Douglas Lund and Charles Thompson for the presidency.

For the vice-presidency, Edwin Epstein defeated Rockwell Boyle and Thomas Gialelis. Martin Kaplan was elected secretary and for the office of treasurer, James Moody defeated Thomas Gialelis and Charles Thompson. Thompson was elected censor by an overwhelming majority over Gialelis.

Net CWA Project

The local CWA office states that it has nothing to do with the enterprise, and that it will probably be six months or a year before the actual work is completed. Lack of the needed facilities that this proposed action will supply has been a dominant factor in holding up fraternity house construction in Davidson Park, according to Mr. Fenick, who thinks definite buildings developments probable when the street is finally put through.

Davidson Park, named after Mrs. Estill's family home and name, consists of fifteen acres, beginning two blocks southeast of Main street and extending east one-fourth of a mile, and has been laid out by a competent landscape architect.

Intramural Volleyball

Entrance blanks for the impending intramural volleyball tournament are due next Monday. Coach Twombly expects to start running the games off the following Wednesday and to have the contest completed before the close of the next week.

Tentative Plan Drawn Up For Buying Project

Council Meets Tonight to Discuss Co-operative Measure

PRICE SCHEDULES STILL UNCERTAIN

Lynchburg Grocers Ask That Bills Be Paid Twice Monthly

By Latham B. Weber
Although a definite price schedule has not yet been received, the Interfraternity Council committee on co-operative buying has drawn up a tentative plan pending the arrival of price lists. As soon as these price lists are available, final action will be taken on the plan.

Plans For Road Still Uncertain

Opening of Davidson Park Will Probably Be Delayed For Year

Hope that the proposed extension of Nelson street through Davidson Park would begin this winter in order to have the fifteen-acre tract of University property available for development by September was dimmed today when Mayor G. A. Rhodes informed a Ring-tum Phi reporter that it was doubtful whether the project would be completed by next fall.

Davidson Park, deeded to Washington and Lee in 1916 by Mrs. Clara Davidson Estill in return for an annuity, had originally been set aside by the University administration for the construction of fraternity houses and other University building sites. However, due to lack of lighting, water, and sewage facilities, fraternity house construction in this section has been at a stand-still.

At present, the Pi Kappa Phi and the Phi Kappa Psi houses and Prof. Fitzgerald Flournoy's residence are located on the Washington street side of the area.

Right of Way Given
The permission granted to the town of Lexington by the board of trustees of the University to construct an extension of Nelson street, more popularly referred to as "The Midland Trail," through the center of Davidson Park not only fulfills the plans of town officials for a straight-through road connection with the new Buena Vista road near the entrance of Col Alto, but is also a significant step toward making this area available for future development.

The agreement between the trustees and the town authorities provides that the town will supply lighting, water, and sewage facilities when they will be needed, according to Paul M. Fenick, treasurer of the University.

The following groups are asked to report for Calyx pictures at the designated times, Joe Snyder, editor, announced today:

- Wednesday, February 7 (In Gymnasium)
- Varsity basketball—3:30
- Frosh basketball—3:55
- Varsity boxing—4:10
- Frosh boxing—4:40
- Varsity wrestling—4:50
- Frosh wrestling—5:20
- Varsity swimming—5:30
- Frosh swimming—5:40
- Varsity cross country—5:45

Thursday, February 8 (At "Y" Room)

- Athletic Council—3:25
- Monogram Club—3:40 (All major monogram men with sweaters)
- Intramural Board—3:50
- Interfraternity Council—4:00
- Cheer Leaders—4:15
- Troubadours—4:30
- Civil Engineering Society—4:45
- Graham-Lee Literary Society—5:00

Friday, February 9 (At "Y" Room)

- 3:25—Finals Group Committee (In tuxedos)
 - 3:45—Glee Club (In tuxedos)
 - 3:55—Washington Literary Society
 - 4:10—Executive Committee (In meeting room)
- All groups must be prompt in order to maintain the schedule.

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A SIGNIFICANT TREND—POSSIBLY PROGRESS

Dr. Robert H. Tucker speaks Friday before the Association of Virginia Colleges on significant trends in the educational field. What appears to be the most recent "significant trend" on this campus, if it is worth the dignity of that name, is the increasing emphasis on curricular as opposed to extra-curricular activities, both as voluntary action on the part of students and as Administration policy.

Resignations of student leaders from athletic and non-athletic positions have been frequent recently, and the cause ascribed has been the need of time for academic work. The faculty has just made a "significant" change in the activity ruling which will make it more inclusive and easier to enforce. In most cases, reinstatement implies withdrawal from all extra-curricular activities.

This trend is, in many cases, a sensible one, representative of a more intelligent undergraduate opinion in regard to "going out" and dabbling in everything, just "to get known on the campus." Real leadership in one field is being found more valuable than attempts at everything in general, with hopes of O. D. K. in particular. It is only when advanced students are not allowed to make decisions for themselves or when conscientious scholarship degenerates into pedantic isolation that the trend becomes a backward one.

EXPERIMENTAL DRAMA WORTH A TRIAL

In the last issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* there was published an article written by a student not on the staff which advocated the organization of a group of student actors and all others interested in the various phases of producing a play, from playwrights to stage hands, for the purpose of producing experimental drama. Such a suggestion is undeniably a pertinent one. For a long time there has been a need for such a group.

The Troubadours are the established dramatic group on the campus. Due to the fact that all students who have paid their campus tax are entitled to free entrance to two productions a year there exists the unwritten agreement that the Troubadours should produce two plays a year acceptable to the majority of the payers of the campus tax. Whenever the Troubadours have attempted any form of the experimental drama, the reaction of most of the students has been distinctly adverse. The organization found that it did not pay to produce such plays, that there was always a deficit to be met, and that the money coming from the campus tax, in addition to that collected at the door, was not sufficient to pay the bills caused by the production of any form of drama not the tried and true. For these reasons it has generally foregone the undoubted pleasures of putting on a new form of play.

Bound as they are by obligations to the student body as a whole, the Troubadours have professed great interest in experimental drama, yet are not prepared to attempt a realization of aspirations at present. While the Troubadours should be the medium for the expression of all student dramatic interest, if there exists a group that feels that it can accomplish something, at least to its own satisfaction, and can be content with more modest beginnings than the Troubadours deem worthy of their efforts, there is no reason why it should not experiment to its heart's content. After all, anything these experimenters do will have to be of value only as it is of value to those who are taking part in it. The Troubadours promise their willingness to co-operate with a new group in any practical way.

Should this new group materialize, it deserves the support that any other activity that gives expression to the esthetic, intellectual, or athletic interests of any group of students deserves. It is extremely doubtful if there are enough students interested in this form of activity who have not already worked with the Troubadours to put over any such movement. Yet the well-

known Carolina Play-Makers of Chapel Hill from very humble beginnings have grown into a widely recognized group. Should there be enough students interested in such a matter they should certainly meet to discuss the practicability of such a project as proposed by the writer who broached the subject.

Several students were questioned on this matter, and all stated that they were highly in favor of such a move. It remains to be seen if there are leaders with enough ability to unify the scattered aspirations.

The Troubadour Workshop has often been suggested as a possible Little Theatre, and so it should be. But the Troubadours have found the cost necessary to renovate the building to be too large for their budget and are forced to let it remain their rehearsal room and general workshop. All effort tending toward the construction of an efficient Little Theatre will be truly constructive and a definite contribution to the working capital of the University. Here is one common aim to which all groups of the dramatically inclined can direct their attention with a lasting achievement in view.

TILSON'S "BETTER DEAL" FOR NEXT YEAR

Because what Coach Warren Tilson says about a football team's doing "as much to help the University as a good president, faculty, or student body" is all too true in the modern higher educational set-up, dependent as it is on publicity and ballyhoo, his recently announced spring training program is encouraging.

Tilson has outlined an extensive program of drill in fundamentals that will put the Generals through seven weeks of hard work and frequent scrimmage, yet "Tex" has made an special effort to avoid over-emphasis and by his frank enthusiasm seems to have given the team that self-confidence needed to enable it to make the long grind yield definite results.

Tilson is making a successful effort to increase the size of the squad, a preliminary step to the building up of a football team that is to be consistently successful. The forty-five men he expects to have out will give the Generals that reserve force they have lacked.

In not insisting that veteran players give up winter and spring sports for football, yet requiring that freshmen give first preference to the gridiron, Tilson has struck a balance between the emphasis necessary for a successful team and the over-emphasis that cannot be criticized too much. The Generals' mentor is making wise provision for the future in stressing development of freshman material.

Special attention is to be paid to building an offensive machine that will be able to score touchdowns as well as protect its own goal line, something which the team of 1933 usually bogged down on. All in all, it looks like the New Deal on the gridiron in 1933 will be replaced by the Better Deal of 1934.

MAYBE EUROPE CAN TELL US WHAT TO THINK ABOUT IT

If M. Pierre de Lanux really comes out and says what he knows when he addresses the International Relations club Thursday night on "Europe Looks at the New America" he should have an illuminating message. When Americans hardly know what to think of the "new America," it should be interesting to see what the New Deal looks like from across the ocean. The "new America" is nationalistic to the core, despite what Mr. Roosevelt would like to think about it; we are wrapped up in our own troubles and our own experiments. What attitude Europe takes to this re-asserted nationalism will be an important factor in America's foreign relations, uncertain as they are, and world politics, unsettled as they are.

Usually these "experts" are so disappointing one resolves never to go hear another, for they either do not know any more than appears in the daily press, or else do not have the courage to tell what they know. M. de Lanux is well qualified to speak; may he have a real message, even if most of the student body will be at the basketball game.

A CONTEST TO CHALLENGE STUDENT AUTHORS

There was announced in the last issue of *The Southern Collegian* a contest for the two best short stories written by students here to be entered in the contest sponsored by *Story*. This contest is one that should attract every student interested in the writing of short stories. *Story* is a newcomer to the field of magazines and is devoted exclusively to the short story; in a little while it proved its worth and is now accepted as a qualified medium of expression for the short story. The editors of *Story* have organized this contest solely for the collegiate writer and hope to get contributions from campuses over the country.

On this campus *The Southern Collegian* is sponsoring the contest. Two faculty members of the English department will act as judges. All the writers of the campus should enter a story; but they should be warned beforehand that the competition will be strong, and even stronger in the final judging. But such a contest is worthy of the pen of any collegiate writer, to say nothing of the prizes that will be awarded the winners. It is to be hoped that there will be many contributions to the local contest.

The Open Column

W. W. Hawkins, Jr., president of the Troubadours, in a letter explains the position of that organization in regard to the suggestions concerning experimental drama made in this column by a member of the student body last week.

Dear Sir:

The editorial which was printed in your OPEN COLUMN of the last issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* broached a subject which has long been dear to the hearts of every member of the Troubadours. An article in the most recent *Southern Collegian*, and this editorial comprise the only public airing of this subject which has come to my attention, yet there is no topic of conversation which has given rise to more devious plans or soaring hopes in the frequent sessions of the active members of the organization. I would like to take this opportunity to justify the seeming narrowness of activity and the "tinge of dramatic commercialism" in which the Troubadours have indulged.

There is no question but that the finances of the organization must come first in any plans made. When the campus tax was inaugurated on the campus a few years ago, the Troubadours was for the first time able to pay off debts which went back over a period of almost ten years. Since that time it has been impossible to give any production which made any money, or yet even broke even: thus the utter dependence of the organization on the amounts appropriated to it from the campus tax fund. The old custom of try-out fees has been discontinued and as only men who have paid the tax are allowed to be connected with the organization, there is not, and cannot be any financial obligation placed on those who take active part in the productions.

As is well known the plays are presented in the local theatre, which means added expense, and in spite of the generous and whole-hearted cooperation of the local manager, means further that it is seldom if ever possible to have more than one or two rehearsals of any play in the scenery set up on the stage where it is to be used. It has long been hoped that the building now used as a work shop and rehearsal hall might be converted into a practical theatre in which the activities of the Troubadours could run riot with experimentalism and original efforts of student authors, but the great expense of making anything at all useful out the building as it is now constructed has so far nipped these hopes in the bud.

Nothing could be more in line with the ultimate aspirations of the organization that to use what products of local talent prove to be within the known limitations of cost and equipment. It has been found in the past that the interest and support of the student body will not back up a program of one-act plays as it will one of full length, and the expense of producing makes it prohibitive to attempt anything that is not as nearly as can be sure-fire. There have doubtless been a number of one-act plays written by students here at school, but to my knowledge only one has ever been submitted to the organization. The single

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FRONT ROW

by Joe Magee

"Going Hollywood" numbers among its many tuneful melodies several of the best of the current popular songs, which is the main point in its favor. Bing Crosby gives some excellent renditions, Fifi D'Orsay lends enchantment, and Marian Davies is Marian Davies. During the trailer recently, this department overheard someone (evidently no mean dramatic critic) say: "Well, there's only one reason why Marian remains on the screen," which suggests Time Magazine's discreet but obvious raking over the coals.

With a three-hour wait between trains in Memphis during the Xmas holidays, this department paid a visit to "Day of Reckoning," chiefly because of Madge Evans. The result was far from gratifying, for the picture was without exception one of the worst of the year. Cheaply produced, badly acted, and inexcusably directed, it had but one saving grace—the presence now and then of Una Merkel and Stuart Erwin.

"Miss Fane's Baby" marks the first appearance in Lexington of the distinguished German star, Dorothea Weick, who attracted such widespread praise for her work in "Girls in Uniform" and her first American vehicle, "Cradle Song." Rupert Hughes is credited with the story, and shows evidence of being inspired by the Lindbergh affair. The picture is titled variously throughout the United States as "Miss Fane's Baby Is Stolen" and just "Miss Fane's Baby." Your guess is as good as mine as to what title will appear on the screen at the New on Friday. Miss Weick gives a brilliant performance, as does Baby LeRoy. Jack LeRue is good as the toughie, and Alice Brady adds a little comedy as the country lady who gets involved with the kidnapping through her nosy disposition.

The beautiful Loretta Young is the star of "Man's Castle," adapted from the best seller. At the New Saturday.

Richard Barthelmess, having been Chink, man of the world, and Southern white trash recently, is to be seen as a Red Man in his latest opus, "Massacre." This picture was something of a god-send to the poor Indians, who never quite got over being stage struck following the epidemic of pictures dealing with their race. They remained in Hollywood rather than return to reservations, in spite of the fact that it's been a long hard succession of winters with perhaps a serial now and then. Much can be said in praise of "Massacre," and a little can be said otherwise. But that it is "good entertainment" should suffice.

Return engagements: "Right to Romance," with Ann Harding; and "Footlight Parade."

THE PARAPET

By HERBERT RUDLIN

The Door That Catches Shirt-tails

Dreary days for many following the gaities of Fancy Dress. Despite denials of fantastic rumors concerning the number of students who are alleged to have fallen under the automatic ruling, there were a sufficiently large number whose enjoyment of chawlit milk at the Co-op was suddenly beheaded. All of which will sadly disillusion those ever ready dissenters in the freshman class as to the scholastic efficiency of Washington and Lee. The upperclassmen know better. But you can't argue with a freshman, believe it or not. Anyway, a majority of the fledgling cynics were from the North, and often indulged in the useless game of comparisons with certain Northern schools with eight figure endowments and a ponderous list of strict scholastic requirements that in actual balance mean less than nothing—except as an effective plan to keep such amply populated universities from becoming unmanageable and chaotic cities. Although there is no official gradings of colleges in the South, it is generally accepted that Washington and Lee stands topmost in the scholastic South. Was that a scream from the direction of the serpentine walls?

George Washington or Palm Beach?

Needless to say, the recent academic collective guillotinement provided many an episode with the usual allotment of—shall we say, a la movie parlance—potent dramah. There was the freshman who telephoned home that frigid Friday and yet his face dripped with perspiration. Or the soph who took his collegiate denouement more philosophically than others and hopped a freight for the more welcome blue of Palm Beach. Or the half-a-dozen that fifty miles away the past week-end bowed to the maxim of so and so and be merry for yesterday you flunked. Or the face of a football enthusiast when he heard that one of the best freshman guards that ever hit this section of the state had been bidden goodbye and good luck. Now he begins to get a glimmer as to the why and neverfore of football teams in this part of the Dominion.

Support Home-Town Men

That fantastic Frankenstein of Fincastle is still continuing his reign of terror among the good inhabitants of Botetourt county. His nocturnal excursions into the surrounding countryside on forbidding nights to fumigate the bedrooms of certain selected abodes with an insectant of his own preparation are beginning to appear like continued chapters in a dime detective magazine. Individuals which he is alleged to have gassed with some chemical, (there being two distinct schools on this subject, one claiming it to be chlorine, and the other standing up for formaldehyde) admit that they have never caught full sight of the playful marauder. Continued on page four

Letters to the Editor

Editor, *The Ring-tum Phi*: This is the first time for about two years or over that I have communicated with *The Ring-tum Phi* editorial department, the first time in fact since I gave an anecdote article to one of your prominent staff members to be used in the *Southern Collegian* or *Ring-tum Phi* if either could use that type of material, but to my surprise the article appeared as a letter to the editor. I trust this peculiar custom of using rejected articles in the "Letters to the Editor" column does not work the other way to cause this letter to the editor to appear as an article, though perhaps it might, for the frequent occurrence of the rather puerile writings of the above mentioned staff member indicates that he still has some connection with the publication.

But what I wish to do with this letter is offer praise rather than criticism to *The Ring-tum Phi*: praise for its outspoken editorials in the issue of January 30 on the apathy of the Washington and Lee student body toward all but liquor, women, social life, and athletics, which may be problems worthy of some thought but are not the major problems confronting humanity by any means. The attitude of *The Ring-tum Phi* seems to have undergone a remarkable change from the attitude of publications here in the past few years, when for the most part the staffs were in control of those who regarded it as rank heresy, to be suppressed at all costs if one were to suggest that this was not the most perfect student body in the world. I know of one instance when, though an article attacking the apathy of this student body was submitted to the *Southern Collegian*, it printed an article of the opposite type entitled "I Like Washington and Lee" or similar name. The submitted article was of course not printed; it was heretical. The article actually printed was a lot

of gooey twaddle by the editor-elect which appeared to have been written by taking the submitted article and arguing on the opposite side of everything the submitted article maintained. I came here with a degree from a small college which may not have the historical reputation of Washington and Lee, but which did have a lot of quite original personalities in its student body, contact with whom was refreshing. At Washington and Lee I was amazed and still am amazed to find the larger part of the student body quite bromidic and regimented, smirking at every show of originality by their fellow students. To think other than with the mass is to "shine." What we forget is that the "shiners" are the people who have caused the world to progress. I shall close with the parting hope that *The Ring-tum Phi* will continue in the future to show the same appreciation of values that it has recently shown, and will continue to deride the false gods to whom our student body bows in reverence. However, I do want to refute the statement that will be made by many upon reading this that, "He's just another disappointed politician." I got what I wanted most of the time in college and cannot kick; my fellow students might have kicked because they gave me opportunities I did make the most of, but I cannot say I did not have the opportunity. Since coming to Washington and Lee I have not sought much, as a hard professional course makes it inadvisable for me to participate fully in undergraduate activities and I would have gotten nothing if I had asked for anything, since I did not make myself known by participation in numerous activities. So having asked for nothing much I cannot be said to be disappointed if I have gotten little.

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Southern Tour Yields Matmen Four Victories

Varsity, Freshman Teams Uphold Records In Weekend Campaigns

The varsity and freshman wrestlers turned in the best account of any of the Washington and Lee athletic teams this past week-end when they made a most successful invasion of Carolina, beating both the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State.

The yearling team suffered the closest call to defeat when they eked out an 18-16 victory over the University of North Carolina. After six events had been run off, the score stood 16-8 against the Brigadiers and the only possible way of winning was for the next two men to pin their opponents. Kaplan, wrestling at 175, succeeded in pinning his opponent to make the count 16-13 and Owings climaxed the meet with a fall over his man.

Coach Mathis used a number of substitutes in the varsity-Carolina meet in order to save his regulars for Carolina State on the following night. All of these men, Taylor, R. Shively, G. Shively, and Hodges, came through with wins.

The feature bout of the North Carolina State meet was the 118-pound bout between Crew and Morrah, with the former winning by a time advantage of one minute and twenty-three seconds.

In all of the matches with State, not a single fall was scored. The fact that a small mat without a ring was used is probably the reason, as the wrestlers were able to move off the mat at will.

The varsity record after their trip to Carolina still stands unblemished with convincing victories over Johns Hopkins, Roanoke Y. M. C. A., Davidson, North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina; while the freshmen hold wins over Augusta Military Academy, North Carolina, and North Carolina State out of three starts.

The first-year men meet the Woodberry Forest grapplers this Saturday in the Doremus gym and the Greenbrier matmen come here on Monday, February 12. The varsity's next meet will be with Navy at Annapolis on February 17.

Summary of the two varsity meets follows:

University of North Carolina
118, Taylor defeated Toncor, time advantage of 8:55; 126, Sarkis defeated Darden, fall, 2:13; 135, R. Shively defeated Gholson, time advantage 2:12; 145, G. Shively defeated Hiller, time advantage 2:40; 155, H. Smith defeated Greengold, fall 7:20; 165, Hodges defeated Eiland, fall, extra period, 7 seconds; 175, Auman defeated Bennett, fall 42 seconds, second extra period; heavy, Bonino defeated Johnson, fall, 1 minute 6 seconds, first period.

North Carolina State
115, Crew defeated Morrah, by time advantage 1:23; 125, Sarkis defeated Kerr, time advantage of 7:46; 135, Nolen defeated Sloan, time advantage 1:33; 145, McLaurin defeated DeVan, time advantage 4:39; 165, Pritchard defeated Berhardt, time advantage 3:55; 175, Seitz defeated Furr, by time advantage of 1:04; heavy, Bonino defeated Cooper, time advantage 8:10.

Berry Kayoes Cadet Heavyweight With First Blow of Bout

The freshman boxing team dropped its second meet in as many starts last night when it lost to Augusta Military Academy, 4 1-2 to 3 1-2, at Fort Defiance.

The most exciting and thrills-packed bout of the evening was fought between Captain Ashley of the Brigadiers and Quarles of the Cadets. Both men stood in the center of the ring and slugged it out. At the end of the fight the Augusta rooters gave an organized cheer for each of the fighters.

Berry fighting in the heavyweight class for Washington and Lee stopped Reganto via the knockout route in two seconds with a hard right. Thus far Berry's actual time of participation in the two meets totals only twenty seconds. All the other bouts were decided by decisions.

The Summary:
118, Fallat, W. and L., decision over Clark, A. M. A.; 128, Ashley, W. and L., fought a draw with Quarles, A. M. A.; 138, Colton, A. M. A., decision over Miller, W. and L.; 148, Hauke, W. and L., decision over H. W. Wheeler, A. M. A.; 158, Wheeler, A. M. A., decision over Dustin, W. and L.; 168, Jones, A. M. A., decision over Beamer, W. and L.; 175, Bell, A. M. A., decision over Hoag, W. and L.; heavyweight, Berry, W. and L., scored a knockout over Reganto, A. M. A., two seconds of first round.

REVIEWS IN SPORT

By ANDERSON BROWNE

Frank Cunningham Surveys the "All-American" Teams; Ed Hess Named Possible Choice for Richmond; Mathis Carries on to Victory

Due to the fact that football, in all its spring splendor, is again looming forth to hold a major spot in the bright lights of distinction, we are indebted to Mr. Frank Cunningham, sports analyst of radio station WRBX, for an interesting survey he has made recently concerning the differences in the various all-American teams picked last season.

Something close to one hundred honor teams were picked throughout the country by various newspapers, magazines, or sportswriters, and not a single one picked the same eleven men on any one team. Colliers, which paid Grantland Rice for his choice, even copyrighted their story and team.

Two other magazines, College Humor and Liberty, form the basis of Mr. Cunningham's study, and he reports that only four men, Wistert (Michigan, guard), Bernard (Michigan, center), Skaldany (Pitt, end), and Warburton (Southern Cal, quarter) made both teams. Freddy Crawford, Duke's ace high tackle, was given a berth on the College Humor team, but the Liberty selectors picked some unknown Roy Dempsey of Bucknell. Fairman, a great end at Princeton, was given first choice at left end by College Humor, but he wasn't even mentioned in a list of 21 honorable also-rans when Liberty came to bat.

Beatty Feathers, Tenn's contribution to any first class backfield, was named on the Liberty squad at right half, while the College Humorers placed him at fullback. Liberty seems right at that, for Beatty very seldom found himself in a fullback position unless he was there for a drink of water or something. Jack Buckler, the main reason for the Army invasion, was honored on College Humor, while Liberty considered it nice enough to place him on the third string.

Finding a football player with a clear title to an all-American berth is just about as hard as trying to find the heavyweight champion of legitimate (?) wrestling. Most everyone who owns a football suit can now put in a claim for all-American honors, chiefly for two reasons: (1) everyone else is doing it and (2) the NRA demands that more men be put on every job. A small time sportswriter on a small time country weekly of two hundred circulation is only too glad to mention Buddy Boloni, home town star, on his all-American team in exchange for a peck of potatoes or a well-filled keg.

Ralph Kercheval, the fellow whom the Generals stopped so effectively at Roanoke a few months ago, and Bob Barclay, a North Carolina guard, were given honorable mention on both magazine teams. Kercheval was recognized primarily, we believe, because of his stellar work in the inter-sectional post-season game between the North and South.

Sotto voce: In a recent broadcast in which Mr. Cunningham was referring to the recent appointment at Yale we managed to catch the following: "If things don't suit the alumni next season, it will be all too easy to demand their pond of fish."

Ed Hess Mentioned For Richmond

The name of Ed Hess, now assistant coach down the street at V. M. I., has had his name added to the other unfortunates who are marking time with the Richmond Athletic board. They still haven't selected a coach down there, although something definite has been promised by all that's sacred by the middle of this month.

Ed Hess, however, isn't the favorite to cop this handicap race, for Bobby Dodd, once an all-American quarter at Tennessee (after the above paragraphs, we hasten to say that Mr. Dodd is not to be blamed for his position on the all-American team), is the ranking big shot. Albie Booth, whom most of you will remember as the fellow who shot Lincoln (no that was another Booth, this one shot Harvard in the back two years ago when he booted a field goal to win that memorable classic, 3-0), is also being mentioned, but the boys at Richmond feel that Albie just wants to use the Richmond position as a stepping stone to higher things and so he isn't in popular favor.

The Richmond officials declare that they are ready to meet Dodd's figure and will al-

so provide him with a suitable assistant, but that no decision will be reached for another week at least. Grantland Rice once said that "Dodd was one of the greatest backs the South has ever produced." His selection by Richmond would be a logical one, for it's about time they stopped playing drop-the-handkerchief, and finally pinned the medal on somebody.

Reviewing the Week Of Local Sports

Coach Mathis and his unbeatable matmen are fast proving that the students of Washington and Lee can be assured of a winning wrestling team, even though the prospects and material at the start of the season appeared none to bright. North Carolina University took only one match, a fall, on Friday evening, and the highly touted State boys saw their undefeated season slip into history Saturday when the Generals waded through to a comparatively easy win.

The boxers, however, didn't find things as simple and the strong Wolfpack succeeded in routing Coach Tilson's boys by a wide margin. The bouts, still, were close enough, although Eddie Mincher lost once more to his arch-rival Charlie Garner. The rivalry between these two has been fast and furious over a four-year period, and is usually looked on as one of the features of Southern Conference boxing.

Spring football opened yesterday, but since this has to be written a little in advance, we have not been able to see what the turnout looks like. The same goes for that basketball game over in Lynchburg Monday night.

Many Out For Manager Post

Fifteen Freshmen Report For Duty at Initial Spring Grid Practice

With fifteen men reporting for sophomore football manager at the initial spring football practice yesterday, it appears that the squad will be well served and the coaches ably assisted during the seven-week training grind.

These men will report every afternoon from now until March 29 and will start work again next September when the squad begins its intensive drilling and training for the tough schedule which faces it next fall.

Those who are out for the job are: John Shoaf, Sigma Nu; Tom Ripy, Phi Kappa Psi; Frank Dixon, Pi Kappa Alpha; John Tomlinson, Sigma Nu; V. C. Adamson, Pi Kappa Alpha; George Gilleland, Pi Kappa Alpha; Billy Wilson, Kappa Alpha; Ben Schull, Phi Kappa Psi; John Nicholson, Kappa Sigma; Tom Williams, Sigma Nu; Dean Van Dyke, Phi Delta Theta; Steven Lee, Alpha Tau Omega; Al Marden, Beta Theta Pi; Ken Dustin, Beta Theta Pi; L. Allen Dolan, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Boxers Beaten By N. C. State

Generals Win Only One Bout and Gain Two Draws

Saturday at Raleigh the leather slingers of the Big Blue resumed their season with a 6-2 defeat at the hands of North Carolina State. Two draws and a decision contributed the two points for Washington and Lee.

In the 118-pound class Corbett dropped his match and at 126 pounds Wally Davies lost the second bout of the evening. Lyle Moore drew with Peacock of N. C. State in the 135.

One of the most exciting matches of the evening came next when Captain Mincher of the Generals met his old rival, Garner, and again lost. However, Mincher, in order to come down to 145 pounds, had to reduce so rapidly that his effectiveness in the ring was lessened. Ed Jean lost by a technical knockout in the 155 class.

At 165, George Short scored his initial win of the year, taking Landis with ease. Martin in the light-heavy division obtained a draw, while in the unlimited class Charlie Mower, after being knocked down in the first round came back to make a real fight of it

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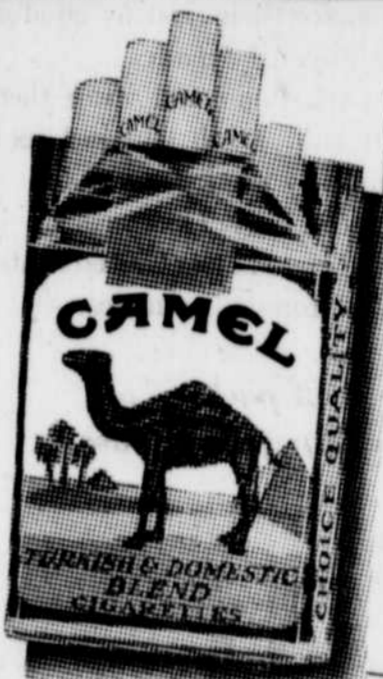
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Riflemen Meet Newark Team

First Meet Will be Conducted By Mail Against Gun Club

The Washington and Lee rifle team will open its 1934 season this week with a mail match against the Newark Amateur Rod & Gun Club, of Newark, N. J. The targets will be fired on the V. M. I. range Tuesday and Friday nights and must be in the mail by Saturday, February 10. Ten varsity, freshmen and faculty shooters will participate in the match and only the five high scores of these ten men will count in the final results.

The Newark riflemen are captained by Robert Champlin, Washington and Lee graduate. The team has been very active this season and recently shot against a picked team of English marksmen from Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Nottingham universities.

The lineup for the local team will probably be picked from the following men: Dr. Stow, Dr. Ewing, faculty members; C. W. Stull, Bowman, C. A. Thompson, Spahr, varsity members; and Carmody Shoaf, Johnson, Flint, freshman members.

Other members on the squad are Mantell, Wishnew, Porter, Allen, Fairlie, Bricker, Earley, Kelley, Thompson, Moody Magoon, Mike Davis, Donaldson, Bowman, Flint, and Cole.

The team has been holding regular practice every Tuesday and Friday nights on the V. M. I. range. There are now twenty-four men on the squad. An elaborate schedule has been completed by manager Spahr including a match some time next month with Texas Military Institute.

Short Story Contest Deadline Is March 1

Continued from page one dollars for the second. There will be prizes for the winners of the local contest; their nature to be announced later.

All submitted manuscripts must be typewritten and on one side of the paper only. The local magazine reserves the right to print any stories submitted. All stories must be written by students of this school year.

Entries will be received from campuses all over the country.

THE OPEN COLUMN

Continued from page two time this was done, the play was one of full program length and was given with popular success.

There is a suggestion in the editorial of last week that the Troubadours do not give applicants "a fair, extensive, and, above all, a practical tryout." Might I suggest to the writer of the Open Column on Friday, that by special invitation he attend the meetings at which tryouts are held next fall. Last September a group of men including some of the upperclass men in the University, were given an opportunity to read sections of plays with which the officers of the club were familiar. Originally this group numbered approximately fifty men, and it was gradually weeded out by giving the men who showed the best results a second, third or fourth chance. If the writer mentioned above feels that this process is unfair and of limited extent it is my hope that he some time be forced to listen to it. If he feels that it is impractical, any constructive suggestions for improvements would be only too welcome.

The writer's conception of the try-outs would seem to convey the idea that he felt the casts of the plays were arbitrarily chosen and that many men were not given an opportunity. Naturally the handicaps under which the organization functions make it hazardous for the director ever to entrust a man about whom he knows nothing with a difficult or elaborate part in a play and demands casting purely by the type. In the last production only one man who had ever had a major part in previous offerings was assigned to a principle role. Six men who had played only bits up to that time were used. Two of the principal parts were enacted by men who had never appeared with the Troubadours before, and sixteen men who had just entered school were included in the cast.

In regard to the same production, the members of the Troubadours felt that in presenting it they had chosen something which was not only experimental for the club itself but represented an example of some of the keenest experimentalism in the writing of modern drama. The play was entirely different in theme and treatment from anything the organization had previously attempted, and carried with it certain difficulties in production which made the performance somewhat labored. The Open Columnists play-up of the popu-

lar "barn theory" of play producing is somewhat misdirected. There is nothing more expensive than effective experiment, and he has further forgotten the Washington and Lee student's quite justified demand for certain material conveniences attendant to his entertainment.

The Troubadours pretend to be nothing more than an amateur organization. Its functions are handicapped by the absence of the "angel" so vitally incidental to all dramatic work which is intended to even attempt part payment for its existence. When that "angel" comes to earth, there will be manna in plenty for those "staring from a lack of such constructive and original work", and the Troubadours will up in arms to start the ball rolling.

W. W. Hawkins, President
The Troubadours.

The Parapet

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Delicious Delusions From Britain to Buchanan . . .

Yesterday a faculty member advanced the belief that the mysterious and invisible gasser is largely a product of mob hysteria, whose existence is to be taken with the well-known dose of salts. To support his contention he pointed out that during the World War countless natives among the rural sections of England swore unshakably that they saw a full Russian regiment marching across the country after entering from Ireland; the real fact was that there had never been a Russian regiment anywhere near Ireland, the whole thing being an imaginary regiment popularized by repetition. But nevertheless the good farmers are still sitting up with "Old Nell" across their knees, while Washington and Lee students forget all about the five hundred simoleon reward for King Kong as they near Cloverdale on the trek back.

16 to 8, So Lord Go Get Hugo . . .

Coach Mathis fights every match in which his pupils take part, and it is said that the poundage he worries away before and during a match could make a good heavyweight if added up. We wonder if the coach would have been recognizable after the freshman meet with North Carolina. The score against the Brigadiers, undefeated in five years, stood 16 - 8 near the close, and our good coach was probably on the verge of entering the ring instead of

fighting it out on the bench. But Marty Kaplan and Tubby Owings threw Carolina's stellar heavyweights to provide the Frank Merriwell finish of 18-16 and save the mental equilibrium and digestion of said Mr. Mathis.

A Lesson in Making Maniacs . . .

And to the Tarheel varsity meet on Friday night came the diligent wrestling mentor from North Carolina State. As the meet started he commenced taking copious notes on each man in the Generals' lineup, in preparation for the match scheduled with us the next night. As General after General triumphed over the Tarheel matmen, the far-sighted coach continued his exhaustive analysis, carefully noting all the individual characteristics of each of our wrestlers in action. Came Saturday night. The scene shifts to the gymnasium at N. C. State. The lineup of State is announced to the hushed audience. Then the Washington and Lee lineup. As the last name, Hugo Bonino, is announced, an eerie scream rents the quiet. For a dramatic minute the audience sits in frozen silence. Another minute later, and all eyes turn to a bench near the ring, where five junior managers are vainly striving to calm the frothing N. C. State coach who had just gone through the agony of listening to a Washington and Lee lineup which, with two exceptions, was totally different from the one he had so painstakingly studied the previous night!

Washington Society Elects New Officers

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The main feature of the next regular meeting of the society will be the installation of officers. Following this, a debate will be held on the subject, "Resolved that the principles of the National Recovery Act should be extended beyond the two year period provided for in the legislation."

Debates NRA Principles

After the installation of the officers elected at the previous meeting of the Graham-Lee Literary society, a discussion was held on the following question, "Resolved that the principles of the National Recovery Act should be extended beyond the two year period provided for in the legislation."

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The following committee was appointed to revise the constitution to meet present conditions: Charles Brickhouse, William Wilbur and Alexander Sproul.

At the next regular meeting, the society will hold a debate on the question "Resolved that Hitlerism is to the best interests of the German people."

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