

EC Selects Students For Town 'Council'

Committee Will Include Harmon, Potter, Toney; Students To Vote May 2

The naming of Jim Harmon, Walt Potter and Bill Toney as student representatives on the new Town Council-University Committee was announced by Student Body Secretary Ryland Dodson today.

An open forum will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 15 from 2-4 by student representatives of the Town Council-University committee so that all students may have an opportunity to present their ideas for discussion when the committee meets.

Other Executive Committee action included a decision to no longer permit a reporter from The Ring-tum Phi to attend regular legislative meetings of the group. In place of this, the committee decided to turn further publicity over to Secretary Dodson and one other member. Publication Board representative Charley McDowell was named to assist Dodson in this work. A delegation from the Crew requested that the EC assist them in obtaining a minor sport designation from the University. Dodson reported that the Committee has decided to do everything possible to assist the Crew.

Dodson announced further that student body elections will take place Friday, May 2 with class elections on Monday, May 6. The nominating convention will be on April 29. Members from the Non-Fraternity Union will meet with an EC member to select their delegates soon. The NFU and each fraternity is allowed one delegate for every seven members plus alternates, Dodson said.

The Executive Committee will name representatives soon to attend student conferences at Roanoke and Hampden-Sydney. Dodson also announced.

Constitutional Study Ending

Six-Man Panel Awaits Graham-Lee Proposals

With only the Graham-Lee Literary Society still to be heard, the six-man Constitutional Revision Committee is winding up its study of proposed changes to the Student Body Constitution and is preparing to submit recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Major changes expected to be submitted by the student study committee include:

Elimination of the Publications Board representative on the Executive Committee;

Changing the present senior academic and freshman law representative nominations from the present plan wherein the two groups get together to elect two representatives, to a new setup which will separate elections for these two groups into separate actions;

Removal from the Constitution of the ban on vote pledging, thus opening campus politics and "eliminating hypocrisy";

Making the vice-president of the Student Body chairman of the Finance Committee in order to assign specific duties to this now non-functioning position, and to ease the responsibilities of the student body president;

Maintaining a three-man Finance Committee but requiring non-voting members of Finance and Publications Board to attend all sessions of this group to act as consultants;

Extending the presidential appointment powers. This will mean that all names proposed for consideration by the EC will be introduced by the president. The EC, however, will hold a check on all such appointments by power of approval or rejection of the nominees. The system now in effect allows any EC member to introduce names, a system which the panel considers "too cumbersome";

Granting the Executive Committee power to amend the Constitution By-Laws by a two-thirds vote at two consecutive meetings; Changing Publication and Finance Board "Constitutions" from their

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Fall Freshmen Held to 260

Starting this month, 260 applicants will be chosen to enter Washington and Lee as freshmen in September, stated Frank J. Gilliam, director of admissions, this week.

With 500 applications on hand, possibly 225 men will be selected this month. The remainder will be chosen during the following months.

At present there are only 8 or 10 men accepted. These are men who have been in the service and applied some time ago. Mr. Gilliam estimated that requests for applications and registration blanks reached almost 5000.

SDX Abandons Varsity Show

Efforts of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, to produce the 1947 Varsity Show were abandoned last night in a special meeting called by Stan Carmichael, president of the show.

The fraternity agreed almost unanimously to Carmichael's recommendation to forego production on the show because of lack of interest and co-operation. Carmichael, who with script writer Web McLeod spent Spring holidays in Lexington to prepare the show for production, reluctantly suggested that the show be given up because of difficulties encountered with casting.

In a lengthy conference between Varsity Show committeemen and Troubadour officials it was decided that it was impossible to produce the show without personnel experience in show business. It was emphasized that members of Sigma Delta Chi are not only without theatrical training, but are kept busy with campus publications.

All male roles in the show were more than adequately filled by volunteers, but there was still a great demand for girls to fill female roles when the show was cancelled. Even a last minute house-to-house canvass by Carmichael and director Jack Lanich did not produce enough girls necessary to make the production a success.

Lanich Picks "Angel Street"

At press time this afternoon there was no official comment from Troubadour president Jack Lanich, who had accepted the directorship of the Varsity Show, but highly reliable sources stated

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SIPA To Hear ABC President

Approximately 500 high school and prep school journalists are expected in Lexington April 24-25 for the 18th annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association.

Among the prominent men who will address the students or lead discussions are the following persons:

Mark Woods, president of the American Broadcasting Company, who was involved in 1942 in a fight over freedom of speech on the air. He upheld the position that controversial subjects should not be discussed on commercial programs because the financially stronger party to a dispute would be able to buy more time. Woods has been active in developing ABC's research program in FM and television.

James A. Linen, 34, has been publisher of Time since November, 1945. He served as advertising manager of Life 1938-42 and worked with OWI during the war as head of Mediterranean operations.

Watson Davis was a civil engineer who became a reporter of science news, editor of Science News Letter, and finally president of Science Service, a non-profit organization devoted to spreading and popularizing scientific knowledge.

Harold Foster, who draws the comic strip "Prince Valiant," is a native of Canada who has been a gold prospector, north woods guide, and fur trapper before settling down to a career in drawing for newspapers.

Spring Dance Ticket Sale Is Disappointing

Lanier Urges Students To Buy Advance Tickets; Drive Closes on April 16

Spring Dance Set tickets that lagged far behind expectations were reported yesterday by Ticket Manager Ad Lanier, who estimated that only about 150 students had signed up for the \$8.00 set up to noon Thursday.

The drive will be intensified, Lanier said, in an effort to reach a goal of at least 500 tickets, before the advance subscription drive ends on Wednesday, April 16. The cost of the tickets, if bought individually after the drive ends, will be \$10.00 (Lanier said he hoped students would realize that the spring dance committee will receive only \$6.66 of the \$8.00 price of the tickets after the government tax has been deducted.)

Set President Jack Schuber expressed surprise that more students had not signed up for the set, especially since most students seem to prefer two-night dance sets and the selection of the Tony Pastor and Johnny Messner orchestras seemed to please most students.

Meanwhile, plans for the dance set progressed rapidly as the tickets, decorations, and housing committees made final arrangements for the dances.

Lanier, although expressing disappointment at the number of tickets sold, said that apparently many students who planned to attend the dances were waiting till the last minute to buy their tickets. He urged all students to buy their tickets as soon as possible from either the NFU Ticket Committee or from one of the members of the tickets committee in each of the fraternity houses.

Withers Davis, chairman of the decorations committee, said that all arrangements for the decorations had been completed with Mr. Moberley-Brian, Richmond decorator. A spring motif will be featured in the decorations.

Bill Brotherton, housing chairman, stated that, although practically all the hotel rooms in Lexington have been reserved for the dance weekend, he can still obtain rooms at private homes for the students' dates. "Anyone wishing rooms, please call me as soon as possible at 850," Brotherton added.

Vespers on April 20th To Feature Dr. Taylor

A University Vespers Service which will feature Dr. H. Kerr Taylor, from Nashville, will be added to the Spring Dance weekend agenda. The Vespers service is to be held in Lee Chapel Sunday, April 20 at 5 p.m.

Mr. J. L. Price, religious director here who made the announcement this week, pointed out that Dr. Taylor is an educational secretary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. His topic will be "The Christian's Mission in the World Today."

Mr. Price said that although a dance weekend was generally considered an "inopportune time" for a religious program, local churches have reported increased attendance during these periods in the past.

General Lee's 1861 Debt To Alexandria Shoe Store Paid By Randall; Story Is Featured In U.S. Press

The sleepy little village of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, awoke one morning during the recent vacation to find itself one of the centers of a nationwide controversy. One of their fellow citizens, Tom Randall, a student here, had become a figure of national prominence as a result of his philanthropy.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land, the nation's newspapers carried a news story reporting that Tom Randall had headed a drive at Washington and Lee University to collect funds to pay a bill for shoes that General Lee had purchased back in 1861. Lee had been unable to pay the debt owed to an Alexandria shoe store. In sending the money, \$3.45 plus 20 dollars in Confederate currency, Randall reported that he was a "Yankee who believes General Lee is the only man in history of whom no ill should ever be spoken."

Newspapers from New York to San Francisco carried the item in prominent places on their front pages. Comment on the subject

French Writers Enjoy American Comic Strips

Journalists Address Students During 3-Day Visit at University

Of the lush magazine and picture sections, expensive advertising layouts, numerous features and near unlimited supplies of newspaper, the French journalists probably envy the abundance of the lowly comic strip in our papers most.

So visiting French news representatives told members of the Washington and Lee University Lee Journalism foundation reporting classes today. The journalists spoke on the organization and problems of the press in France since the war.

Observing instruction in the Lee foundation is part of a three month inspection of state news dissemination agencies which has been sponsored by the Virginia Press association in the interests of international understanding. The two visiting newsmen, Gerard d'Orgeville and Charles Sans, were invited to Washington and Lee by O. W. Riegel, director of the journalism department.

M. d'Orgeville is the founder and secretary general of Nord France, a staff member of La Voix du Nord in Lille and an employee of the United Press Paris bureau. M. Sans holds positions as editor of La Victoire and as staff member of Republique de Sudouest, both in Toulouse, and he is a correspondent for the French Associated Press.

Serialized Novels Favored

Critical newprint and budget limitations prevent French newspapers from using enough comic strips to satisfy the public demands in France. The use of only one popular strip in a majority of the French papers does not indicate a lack of interest in the American feature discovery on the part of French readers, they explained.

Novels run in daily installments are perhaps the second feature in French favor now and they are far more popular than any of the newspaper editorials, the visiting journalists said.

The essential difference between French newspapers and their American counterparts besides the national limitations to four page editions is that the government owns and operates all production plants in France. The State stepped into the picture when all news organs which operated during the occupation were seized and disfranchised as rapidly as sections of the country were liberated from German domination.

Government operation of printing facilities which produce French newspapers presents a constant threat to freedom of the press in his native land, M. Sans warned. Only Figaro and La Croix, two pre-war papers, operate their own plants by virtue of suspension during the German occupation, it was explained.

In addition to the nationwide news wire service, most daily newspapers in France subscribe to a political party teletype news network. French journals maintain stronger party affiliations than their American counterparts.

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Leyburn Will Make Initial Appearance With Address To Student Body Saturday

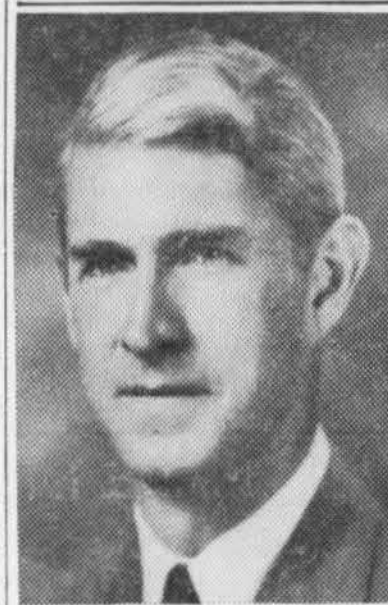
Dorm Open for Summer

The dormitory will be open for occupancy by all students during the summer session. All rooms will rent for \$40 per student for the 11-week session.

One section of the dormitory will be open to upper-classmen next fall. Rates will be the same as they are this year.

Freshmen who entered in February, 1947 (except veterans over 21), will be required to stay in the dormitory if they attend this summer or fall.

Reservations for rooms for summer or fall may be made in the Registrar's office beginning Monday, April 14. A reservation fee of \$10.00, which is credited toward the rent of the first term or first semester is required.



James G. Leyburn

Dean Will Speak At Annual Society Convocation Here

Dr. James Graham Leyburn, who will be installed as dean of the university in September, will make his initial appearance before the Washington and Lee student body when he addresses the annual Washington-Cincinnati Society Convocation here Saturday.

A professor of sociology at Yale University, Dr. Leyburn accepted the office of Dean at Washington and Lee last year and will succeed Dr. Lucius J. Desha, who is now acting as interim dean following the retirement of Dr. Robert H. Tucker in 1946.

Dr. Leyburn completed his undergraduate work at Trinity College (now Duke University), and did graduate work at Princeton and Yale, receiving his doctorate at the latter university.

The convocation will bring to the campus regional alumni chairmen of the university's Bicentennial financial program from all parts of the nation. The Bicentennial committeemen will meet with Dr. Leyburn and Bicentennial officials Saturday morning to receive an outline of program plans for regional committees engaged in the university's \$3 million fund-raising campaign.

Commemorates Benefaction

The event, one of the highlights of the Washington and Lee calendar each spring, commemorates the institution's first two major benefactions—a \$50,000 gift of canal company securities made by George Washington in 1796 and a \$25,000 fund contributed in 1802 by the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia. The latter gift was derived from individual contributions of a month's salary given by each member of a group of officers in the Continental Army.

Special invitations to attend the convocation have been sent to all Washington and Lee alumni in Rockbridge, Augusta and Botetourt counties, which comprise the area in the "upper country" originally benefited by the two early gifts to higher education.

Dr. Leyburn, whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather studied at Washington and Lee, was born in Hedgesville, West Virginia. He was professor of economics and sociology at Hollins College from 1922 to 1924 before he became an instructor in economics and social institutions at Princeton where he received his masters degree.

The son of a retired Presbyterian clergyman and great-grandson of a member of Washington and Lee's board of trustees which extended the offer of presidency of the University to General Lee, Dr. Leyburn joined the faculty of Yale University in 1927.

In 1935 Dr. Leyburn spent 10 months in Haiti studying the French influence on Negro race and culture. After five years of further research and preparation, he published his observations in a volume, *The Haitian People*, in 1941. For this work he was awarded the John Ansford annual prize for the best work in racial relations.

During World War II Dr. Leyburn served as a Lend-Lease administrator in South Africa. He is a member of the American Geographical Society, the American Anthropology Association, the American Sociology Society, the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Chi fraternities and the Presbyterian Club of Yale.

VMI Ring Dance Tonight

Virginia Military Institute will hold another of their widely publicized Ring Dances tonight featuring the music of Bob Chester and his Orchestra.

The dance, which is being sponsored by the Class of 1946-B, will begin at eight p.m. and last until twelve. The "ring figure," traditional climax of the four-hour affair, will be led by the sponsoring class president, Vaughn Maxwell will place a ring on the finger of his date, Betty Guillard.

It was pointed out that only Washington and Lee seniors and representatives of the Executive Committee are permitted to attend the V.M.I. dance.

Local Effects of National Strike Explained by Phone Officials Here

"If W&L students wish to avoid possible date mix-ups for next week's Spring Dances they should make all arrangements far enough in advance so that no long-distance telephoning will be necessary."

Such was the advice given late this week by local telephone authorities. Although some non-emergency out-of-state calls are being handled, there is an indefinite delay on them and occasionally they cannot be put through at all, the warning stated.

Handling of all local and intra-state long-distance calls was termed "normal" with emergency interstate calls listed as "approximately normal." This means that students with dates coming from surrounding Virginia girls' schools will encounter only the usual I.C.C. obstacles, but the estimated 40 per cent of out-of-state dates might not be able to notify students of travel difficulties in time to effect plan changes.

A spokesman for the Lexington Telephone Company asked that all long-distance callers explain "definitely what is the nature of the emergency" to enable operators to handle calls as swiftly as possible and to insure that life-or-death calls receive proper attention.

No direct definition was advanced as to what constitutes an emergency call. It was pointed out that this decision usually rests with long-distance operators. "Stating as accurately as possible the exact status" of the emergency calls will speed completion, this spokesman declared.

The fact that a train has been missed might or might not be interpreted as an emergency, official sources said. It would depend upon the exact nature of circumstances involved.

It was also pointed out that since the Lexington phone company is an independent concern, there is no danger of a strike

Wednesday, April 16
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. H. V. Winter—Firestone Tire and Rubber Company—College Training Program.

Thursday, April 17
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Wayne W. Thompson of the North American Companies—property insurance careers.

Friday, April 18
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. R. H. Heyen of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company—salaried positions with his company.

Tuesday, April 22
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. P. H. Yost of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.—salaried positions with his company.

Hinton said the response to the three representatives who have already been on the campus has been good. He stated that it is too early to determine job-finding results yet, but that four out of twelve men interviewed by the Vicks Company agent had been asked to submit formal applications. The usual ratio is one out of five.

Hinton said the Placement Service has compiled information on general job possibilities in a wide range of fields and that these records are open for inspection by students any time during the day.

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The Free Press

Earlier this year we had the opportunity of publically advocating absolute freedom of student publications at Washington and Lee. This means financial freedom also; and the idea still seems a good one.

Just before Spring holidays it was pointed out in the other student paper that the Publication Board representative on the Executive Committee should be removed because he represents a degree of potential, internal control over student government by the campus newspaper. Theoretically speaking the point was well-taken; but what of the infinitely more powerful pressure the Executive Committee is capable of exerting over *The Ring-tum Phi*? The Finance Committee of the EC controls absolutely the purse strings of our publications. And if the government so chose, it could make the Publications Board a virtual puppet through exercise of its veto power concerning publications appointments.

We ask that it be remembered both sides of this argument are on the level of pure theory since none of the possible cases cited have ever been known actually to take place.

Publications should, of course, be responsible to the student body; but not to the representative government. It is not true in the outside world and it should not be true here.

We ask, therefore, that the Committee on Constitutional Revision provide, along with the other proposal for removal of the Publications Board Representative, another giving absolute freedom to the student newspaper, magazine, and yearbook. Under it, editors and business managers should be removable by a referendum vote and books should be checked and kept—but not controlled—by the person charged with handling student body funds.

The matter is one not to be decided by who advocate a change, or the Constitutional Committee, or the Publications Board, or the Executive Committee. Only the student body at large can determine what the student body wants; and the only way they may assert themselves in favor of either argument is by being given the opportunity to vote on both.

Jive Me Around Again

This is neither a prediction nor a criticism. It is one man's idea of something that could and should be done to make Washington and Lee dance sets more successful.

Fancy Dress was, in one aspect at least, head and shoulders above any dance given during our two years here: It was possible to go to the dance—and dance. Number one reason for this was the smooth, danceable, and reasonably slow music provided by Elliot Lawrence and troops. Jive hounds just weren't given much opportunity to blast a hole in the crowd with driving elbows and eger, but somewhat inconsiderate feet.

All we are asking is that the orchestras be kept from playing "Hey Ba Ba Re Bop" and similar oddities more than every fourth dance. That's enough exercise for anyone in a night.

Knocking one's self out is a privilege in America, almost like freedom of speech; but not when you make twenty-five innocent bystanders suffer. Let's make this dance one without a single casualty.

We aren't asking that the music be only for the squares. Lets have jive for Spring Dances... but in moderation. In moderation.

Education Or Memory?

Today as the American university is finding certain changes in curriculum and techniques absolutely required, it would be well while in this state of flux also to consider certain seeming flaws which, though they do not demand revision, would certainly be of advantage to a majority group, the students, if they were either "patched up" or abolished entirely.

As we see it, there are altogether too many instances where the learning process is being subordinated to the development of sheer memory. In other words, it appears that some have lost sight entirely of the real function of a college education.

It would be foolish to say that retention of facts is unimportant. Learning is a combination of understanding and then remembering. But what are we often asked to understand... to remember? Will twenty lines buried deep in the third canto of "Don Juan" truly teach us anything because we have memorized them? Is our knowledge of history really deepened because we know the names of prominent authors and their works? And do we really know more about our old earth because we can describe the characteristics of rocks we have never seen and will never see unless we explore northern Siberia?

School can be both interesting and valuable; but it is far less so when long hours must be spent wrinkling the brain with things not even vaguely suggestive of real importance to the student. We are asking for the reasoning behind such methods.

In our own school there are classes, more specifically history classes, in which students are required to memorize the names and authors of books used for parallel reading. Why?

And rather than merely learn the names of important battles in say the American Revolution, why would it not be more valuable to devote that same time to learning more of their cause and significance? If that were done, names and sequence would follow naturally.

If we study an author because he is great, the natural objective of our study should be to learn why he was great. But does memorizing—and not analyzing—a few of his best lines give us that vital information?

We are not presuming to take a position of knowing what is right and what is wrong. We can only give our impression; and it is that the practise of flatly memorizing material is outmoded and inconsistent with the theory of comprehensive learning. Is there an answer—a reason—an explanation? If so we would like to ask two specific questions of anyone volunteering the answer. What is the value? When, and where, and by whom has this value been proved? Because we would like to know and believe that there are many others no less interested, it is sincerely hoped that anyone having an explanation will avail himself of the opportunity to express himself in these columns.

Letter From An Editor:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to sing my swan song in the editorial columns of the R-t-P and to make my thank you's publicly to those members of the staff with whom I have been associated this year.

Primarily, my thanks are due to Scoop Jackson and Charlie Rowe, without whose advice my job would have been much more difficult; also to Wally Clayton, whose spirit, I think, was most instrumental in helping the return of *The Ring-tum Phi* to a point approaching its pre-war status.

No news editor could ask for a more reliable assistant than Dale Johnson or a more enthusiastic one than Fred Loeffler who have now been moved up to the rank of co-news editors. I wish them all success in a job that sometimes seems thankless but gives a remarkable feeling of satisfaction when Friday afternoon comes and the circulation staff takes over.

I also thank Bernard Kaplan, whose rapid and able work in his position as make-up editor simplified my job a great deal. Bill Bien's fine co-operation on the sports page was no less valuable.

We have had our differences of opinion several times, but as my editors you and Walt made all jobs easier in the shop when you took off your coat, rolled up your sleeves and set to work with the rest of us.

I would also like to extend very special thanks to Mr. Lauck, Mr. Backus, and Joe Rowe in the print shop.

Lastly, not because I appreciate their work least, but because there are too many of them to mention by name, I owe much to the staff writers and reporters, without whom there could and would have been no paper.

FRED HOLLEY
Retiring News Editor

In Our Time...



"Remember when we thought that jungle training was impractical!"

Campus Comment

by 'Ty' Tyson

Frank Markoe Department...

Over a quiet table at the Liquid Lunch recently we were sharply reminded that some few characters are still abroad on this fair campus of ours that have not yet been given the treatment that they so justly deserved. Guys like Stan Carmichael, "Ro-



Tyson

bust Reggie" Crockett, "Cap'n Bob" Gates, and other pertinent personalities will always get their names in the paper... they're just colorful, that's all. But, the fact remains that there are others, many others, just quietly studying to be characters and waiting for the break that will bring them out of obscurity into oblivion. Just such a man is modest, unassuming, old "Frisolous Frank" Markoe, of the White Star Refinery stable.

Markoe will be remembered by some as the very romantic male lead in the Troubadour opus "The Petrified Forest" that completely captivated the beautiful Gabrielle with his poetry and innocent charm. Others will, doubtless, remember him for other deeds in the Sigma Nu lounge and elsewhere. But, we prefer to just remember him as "Fearless Frank" Markoe, the heartbeat of every girl that ever attended Southern Sem or Steve's Diner.

Glancing through recent copies of the Richmond Times Dispatch we find that there is also another Frank Markoe. In successive stories, Chauncey Durden's sport pages have brought us "Frank Markoe—the All-American Boy." To the casual reader of Durden's Dilemma it would appear that our boy Frank is a four letter man in spring sports. He is "returning letterman" on the tennis team, a "pre-war monogram winner" in lacrosse, a "returning vet" on the baseball team, and dabbles a bit in track and field... if we are to believe what we read in the papers.

A typical afternoon's activity with Markoe probably goes something like this. Promptly at 2 p.m. he is seen hurrying across the footbridge to Wilson Field, nattily attired in track pants, sliding pads, shoulder pads, and a lacrosse helmet. Under one arm is a copy of the Times Dispatch and a tennis racket and under the other is a discus, four javelins, and a fielder's glove.

Stopping at the tennis courts just long enough to win his tennis match in straight sets 6-0, 6-1, he casually tosses his racket at Fred Perry and hurries to the upper field, just in time to score the winning goal against Johns Hopkins in lacrosse. Then, amid the cheers of onlookers, he scrambles down the steps to the track below, wins the 100 yard dash just in time to put on his glove and makes a sensational one-handed catch of a hard line drive that retires the side for the ball team. Throwing a carefree kiss at the female spectators, he is last seen jogging across the bridge in the general direction of the gym for a little handball.

Personally, we're just tired thinking about such an afternoon and would be even more tired if we didn't think the Times Dispatch has gotten the press releases a little mixed up. But, we, definitely, want to go on record as saying that Frank can do all these things and more. Incidentally, it was that "more" that we wanted to tell you about, but we'll just leave that to the girls at the University of Iowa's Alpha

Delta Pi house. The ADPis now sing daily a little ditty called "The Frank Markoe Song" that was written under the stress of Fancy Dress weekend. Rumor hath it that the tune is "Jalousie," the tempo allegro, and the lyrics by Markoe.

Potshots at Random and Others

Probably the gayest vacation of all vacations was spent by the Auto Club's Hartell Toney. Toney drove down to Roanoke to board the Tennesseean for New York and made the horrible mistake of getting there slightly before train-time. One milkshake led to another and our boy Toney spent a very comfortable two or three days at Roanoke's ultra swank Hotel Big Lick... Tom Stillwell, Rut Deas, Chad Smith, and Paul Sanders vacation-joyed Fort Lauderdale and points south of the Casa Mona nitery. Stillwell, who plays golf in the low 70's (For nine, that is) was introduced to some gal named Jeanne Cline, whose only claim to fame is that she's the third ranking woman golfer in the country. We've been told that the conversation quickly got around to golf and the nonchalant Stillwell naively stated to all present that he'd like to match shots with her some time. We know what he meant... Lanky Lynch Christian of the Delta Shelter sent his intramural swimming team to Florida for a little spring training. The Sunshine State was literally crawling with Delts... "Jolly Ollie" Mendel almost didn't get to New York for the holidays. He made the mistake of taking the "Sem" train with the girls from Hilarity Hill... Beta girls from Hilarity Hill... Beta Bungalow bunglers Lewie Martin and Shabby Davidson distinguished themselves by attending the opening of the Bowie track. It seems that there was a nag in the fourth by the name of "Liquid Lunch" and the hunch was just too much for them. After the Shab had sunk everything that

There's no getting around it—the Wahoo is becoming extinct.

The tweedy fellow with the high-water cuffs, the pleasingly misfit coat, and the sterling silver hip flask is rapidly disappearing. There may be a few left over in Charlottesville at the school Jefferson built and Dudley made famous, but they are the last of a great tradition. The true Wahoo has just about had it.

Back in pre-war days the coming of Spring used to bring out the Wahoos by the hundreds; gaily dressed and bubbling over with stories of life at "the University," they spread all over the state like the first robins. The halls of the girls' schools were filled with the sunshine of their smiles and the intangible aura of the mass broad "a." Through the Spring nights came the brisk sounds of convertibles running into each other. Yes, in the good old days when Spring came the Wahoo hiked up his grey flannel cuffs betwixt ankle and knee, loosened his coat around the shoulders, and went out into the unsuspecting world.

But not this Spring. The real, genuine Wahoo is conspicuous by his absence; instead, a very normal and ordinary type of people are venturing out of Charlottesville.

As we understand it, the G.I. Bill brought to "the University" a host of uninitiated, non-Wahoo-like persons. So great was the number of these normally dressed, broad "a"-less individuals that the old line Wahoo soon began to go out of fashion. The crowning blow has come in the past week or so—Jefferson's Handy-Work has a new president. And this new president comes into office with a curious determination to allow a few Virginia boys to attend their own state university. That just about finishes the Wahoo's stroll into oblivion. Sad to say, he seems to have nearly arrived.

Back in the days when the Wahoo was in his prime, those who were familiar with his strange ways and customs used to indoctrinate the inexperienced as a sort of safety measure. The whole idea was to be able to identify not only the Wahoo but his particular "type" at a distance. Just for old times' sake, and with the hazy fear that there may be a few of them left here and there, we present what might be called a summary of the principal Wahoo types.

Probably the most prevalent Wahoo type in this early season is the *Looning or Perching Wahoo*. It is found in any girls' school parlor or sorority house and can be distinguished from the furniture in that it moves when offered refreshment. Often the species perches for days without even changing its expression. We asked our friend, the colored maid at Mary Baldwin, about a particularly fine specimen we noticed perching on a sofa once, and she replied, "He is a very nice gentleman—every morning when I dust him off, he tips his hat."

Another type that will bear watching out for is the *Party Wahoo or Horizontal Wahoo*. It could be seen at almost any pre-war social gathering, telling about the floor plan of Monticello or how Jefferson watched the construction of "the U." through a telescope. This went on until about midnight, but it was usually pretty quiet after that. The ones we used to see were dangerously likely to tell you about Edgar Allen Poe's stay at "the U." if encouraged at all.

The *Disdainful or I'm a Virginia Man, Suh Wahoo* was found mainly in its natural habitat—Charlottesville—so there's really no

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Vinson's Hit Beats Penn; W&L Ready For Saturday Game

A home run by third baseman Fred Vinson in the last inning of play Tuesday gave Washington and Lee's inexperienced baseball team a 9-8 victory over Penn State bringing to an end a hectic two hours and thirty-five minutes of play on the Wilson Field diamond.

It was the first win in four starts for Cap'n Dick Smith's team which was making its initial appearance on the home field.

Penn State scored three runs in the first half of the starting frame on three hits off Nelson Newcomb, but the Generals retaliated in their half of the inning by tallying four with a triple to Don Hillock and a homer by Dick Working knocking in the runs.

Graham Leslie, who took over the hurling chores from Newcomb in the second, was credited with the win. He gave up only two hits, but walked nine men.

The Generals, led by Vinson with three hits and Working and Frank Heinze with two each, pounded out a total of 10 hits against Penn State.

During the Spring holidays, the "Blue" was not so fortunate at it was Tuesday, for opposition teams dealt them defeats everywhere they went.

Unable to play either Trinity or Yale because of inclement weather, the Generals faced William and Mary at Williamsburg March 31 for their opening game and were thoroughly beaten 19-6 by the Indians in a contest called at the end of eight and a half innings because of cold weather.

The next day in Richmond, Spider hurlers Don Ramer and Bill Finley combined to hold the Generals, and give their team a 7-4 win.

Last Saturday, Georgetown, making good use of four consecutive hits in the eighth inning, became the third conqueror of the Blue, winning by a 5-3 score.

Captain Dick, commenting on the General's record thus far, said that the principle trouble is that the team, composed mostly of new men, hasn't had an opportunity because of adverse weather to work out, and as a result are "out of shape." "Especially is this true of the pitching," he said.

Preview

For the first time in the young season, the Generals of Washington and Lee University will take the field tomorrow as favorites. They face the Quantico Marine diamond squad which has shown up a poor second against collegiate teams around the state in recent weeks.

With one win at last tucked safely in their belts the Blue Bee-men appear ready to make an improved showing over the weekend against the servicemen and next week against three strong Dominion collegiate outfits, Roanoke, William and Mary, and West Virginia Tech.

The Marines, although entered as probable underdogs, will not be a pushover for the W&L team, according to veteran mentor Cap'n Dick Smith. At Richmond Tuesday, the Quanticos lost because of 13 errors in the field, but hit the Spider hurler, Finney, hard and consistently.

Coach Smith has not released the probable starting pitcher on the Washington and Lee mound, but Leslie has been seeing heavy duty during the week and Johnny "Lugger" Liggon is nursing a sore throwing arm. Nelson Newcomb, another starting hurler, who has had poor luck in earlier starts, has already been given the nod once during the week. Other possibilities are being considered.

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NOTICE

Dr. William Hinton, faculty secretary of the University Athletic Board, this week released the names of the appointees to the varsity managerial posts for the 1947-48 season.

David Caldwell, SAE upper-classman, will head the staff as senior manager, while John Baldwin, Phi Gam, will hold down the junior manager spot. R. B. Davenport will work with the group as alternate.

Golfers Finish Week With Win

After a loss earlier in the week to Michigan's defending Big Ten Golf champions, Washington and Lee's link team yesterday found the groove and teed off for a convincing win over Georgetown, 8-1.

Sports enthusiasts who had dismissed the W. and L. golfers as just another poor team in a field of many losers, quickly changed position and surmised that the latest win indicated the Blue greensmen might finish with a fair standing despite the fact veteran Hilton-Green was lost to the outfit in an early season move which barred him because of a low academic standing.

Gordon Sibley, veteran Washington and Lee Linksman, scored his second win of the week as he defeated the Georgetown number one man 5 and 3. Earlier Sibley had rung up the only win of a bad day against Michigan, when the Generals lost by a 7½-1½ count.

Summary:

Sibley (W&L) defeated Larrow, McCormack (W&L) defeated Powers, Kin (Georgetown) halved with Carr, McKelway (W&L) defeated McCarthy, Williams (W&L) defeated Martin, and Wells (W&L) defeated Rita.

Runners Open As Underdogs

With Warren Hobson, a miler, and Kyle Holley, 100 yard and 200 yard dash men out of action due to bad cases of shin splints, Washington and Lee's untied track team will journey to Blacksburg tomorrow to engage the Gobblers of VPI in a dual meet. Coach Harry Broadbent maintains a faint hope that Holley may be sufficiently recovered by Saturday to participate in the meet, but will definitely not risk further injury to the Chatanooga speedster by entering him in the meet should his legs still trouble him.

Hampered by lack of practice facilities, particularly in the field events department, because of the reconditioning of the football field, on which shot put, discus, pole vault, broad jump, and javelin men would ordinarily practice, Coach Broadbent makes no promises about tomorrow's meet with VPI. The cinder track has been in poor shape, too, and sprint and distance men have not had a good, cushioned, surface on which to run. Broadbent pointed out that no home meets will be held this year due to the same condition.

Little is known of VPI's track team, other than the fact that the Gobblers have had a good deal more practice than the Generals. VPI boasts an indoor track, and the weather that has immobilized Washington and Lee's spring sports practice schedule has had little effect in Blacksburg. The VPI men have been able to keep in shape on the indoor oval. This factor alone may spell the difference between victory and defeat for Broadbent's cindermen.

Netmen Take Court To Swamp SC 6-3

Washington and Lee's surprisingly strong 1947 tennis team was out to present its world famed mentor with another victory when they took to the courts this afternoon against the touring University of Michigan net squad.

Well pleased with Tuesday's opening triumph over the University of South Carolina racketmen, Coach Perry had sent his charges through a series of stiff workouts this week in order to get in as much work as possible before today's tough match with the potent Wolverines on the Wilson Field courts.

An even rougher week of practice will await the local netmen next week as they prepare for their meeting with the powerful University of Virginia Law School tennis team in another home match.

The Barristers, boasting a lineup of five former captains of pre-war varsity teams from several southern universities and colleges, will probably provide the toughest opposition, excepting William and Mary which the Generals will face this year.

In addition to the five aces already mentioned, the Wahos also boast in the number one singles spot, a prewar member of the select top twenty of the nation's amateurs. A triumph by the Perry-men in the match would probably assure them of a place among the top two or three teams in the state.

On Tuesday afternoon under an overcast sky and in a chill wind, the Generals, led by Captain Don Moxham, swept all of their singles matches for their margin of victory as they banged out a 6-3 victory over the Palmetto State Gamecocks.

Moxham, Bill Clayton and Harry Wellford all registered easy triumphs, but Ken Wilson, Jim Farrar, and Art Joseph experienced a little more trouble with their Southern opponents—but still delivered in the clutch to win.

Perry shifted his doubles combinations, and consequently the Gamecocks swept all three matches to win their only points.

NOTICE

A spokesman for the W&L athletic department declared the opening of "Be Kind To Football Players Week" starting Friday. All students are requested to volunteer services for one hour during the week picking up rocks from the newly "reconditioned" field. A serious shortage of qualified labor necessitated this urgent plea.

Board Refuses Help for Crew; Trip Still Set

Manager Wink Glasgow of the crew team stated today that the Athletic board has turned down the request that crew be made a minor sport. The decision of the board was that the sport would have to be better organized before help could be expected.

Although temporarily paralyzed by the decision of the board, the crew is still planning to make the trip to Rollins College on May 10. This has been made possible largely by donations.

The Harry Lee-Albert Sydney boat race will be held at Finals this year for the first time since the war. All old members of the two clubs are encouraged to turn out for practice.



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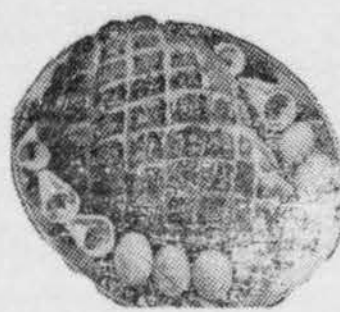
The General lacrosse men launched their 1947 season successfully last Tuesday when they turned back a powerful Penn State team in a close fought contest 6 to 5, on Wilson Field.

Both teams started slow, and the first score of the game came in the closing minutes of the first quarter, when McLeary of Penn State slipped one past goalie Bill Clements. The Generals retaliated with less than a minute of playing time gone in the second period as the Generals stick ace, Tommy Tongue, fed to Jim MacDonald for a quick tally which caught State's goalie Hollenbach away from home.

Another goal by Frank Markoe put the Generals ahead for a few minutes of the second stanza but a screen shot by Tenhula knotted the score at the half-way mark.

By the close of the third period both teams had scored and the game was still deadlocked at three apiece. In the initial minute of the final quarter the home

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Generalizing . . . by Don Moxham

Now that all the Spring sports are under way, it is like a three-ring circus out on Wilson Field.



Moxham

You don't know what to watch.

When the pitching and fielding settle down, Captain Dick is going to have a pretty fair ball club. Last year it was the same way—the Generals threw away many of their early games, but once May had rolled around they were playing the best ball in the state. The batting order is much stronger this year especially through the middle. Although last year's all-state 400 hitter, Jim Humphrey, is gone there is lots of long range power lined up there. Note—Virginia has a very fine team this season.

The Washington and Lee lacrosse team made a very successful debut in knocking off Penn State and also attracting great student interest while doing it despite competition with the baseball game. The General stickmen are rated sixth in the nation on the basis of the prep and high school records of the players. Last

year Tom Tongue was the leading scorer in Maryland, and when you say lacrosse you mean Maryland. We just hope they don't ever put that game in the intramural program.

Fred Perry's tennis team should win its share of matches this Spring. The team's real strength lies in its depth of players rather than in one or two stars. Next Thursday the team will play host to one of the strongest tennis teams in the South—that of the University of Virginia Law School. In the lawyers' lineup will be Bob Kerdasha, holder of a national ranking and former first singles player for Presbyterian; Hal Maas, last year's captain and first singles for North Carolina; Ricky Feuille, ex-UVa captain; plus two former Washington and Lee captains—Jack Mallory and Peck Robinson.

Brian Bell hit nearly 400 for Bainbridge while in service. Back in their high school days, Bell and Hillock played first base on rival school teams. Hillock, who is built somewhat like Ted Williams, was selected as first team and Bell as second team to an all-metropolitan Washington nine.

One final thought: Cy Twombly's golf team did very well against a superior Michigan team.



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I-M Briefs

By Walter Frye

The coming of the spring term finds the intramural schedule as crowded as ever, with softball, tennis, golf, track and that not-yet-completed swimming meet to be held.

The swimming meet is the first on the card. This year, we have one of the largest fields ever to participate in a water tournament. On Monday night, at 7:30, the first swimmer will splash the water and events will continue to take place until 10:30—a long evening.

All men must be available to hit the water as their heat is called off, otherwise a forfeiture will be called and points will be deducted.

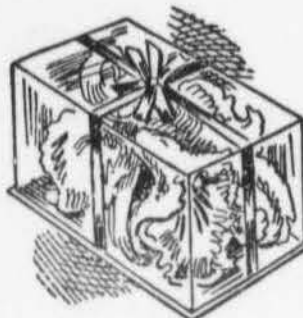
In 1942, the last year a meet was conducted at full strength, the Deltas easily walked off with the title. They must be regarded as favorites this year, as they have such fine performers as Lee Redmond, Jim Holloran, and Dan Ball available from their pre-war championship team.

Lack of interest may cause a cancellation of the gala water show which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday. Intradirector Norm Lord has kept everyone in the dark about this event, which would be good for lots of laughs anyway.

Spring Sports

Warmer weather finds many of the softball enthusiasts getting the old flipper warmed up for the season. In 1942, the Sigma Nus beat the NFU in the final to cop the softball championship. This season the Sigma Nu nine will be hard to beat, for the simple reason that "Barefoot Bob" Haley is still around to pitch for them. Bob explains his success thus: "I just throw my big foot up there, wiggle my toes and then throw my fast ball. It gets 'em every time." The intramural department would like very much to have more men volunteer to serve as umpires. At the present time, several fraternities have not submitted any names of would-be umpires.

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Baseball

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ties are Lawrence Wheeler, south-paw Walt Frye, and Bill Kellam, freshman newcomer to the squad. Aside from the pitching problem, the starting roster seems set, with a smooth-working infield showing Brian Bell at first, Dick Working at second, Frank Heinze at short, and Freddy Vinson at third, with either Radcliffe or John Bell operating behind the plate.

Provided the W&L diamonds slip past Quantico, they will be pushing for a higher notch on the state ladder when they face Roa-

noke College in the Magic City, and then return to Lexington to try for a revenge win over a cocky William and Mary nine which swamped the Generals in their first entrance into 1947 competition.

On the following Friday, Cap'n Dick will pit his men against a mystery squad from West Virginia Tech. Washington and Lee baseball administrators report that they know nothing of the mountaineers but anticipate a hard battle.

Campus Comment

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tries so hard... Incidentally, why don't we all give Spring Dances a break? Two great bands, spring has come to Goshen Pass, and it's notorious for being the best dance of the year. Even "Sunshine" Lanier has a date for this one. Don't miss it... Also, don't miss that Open House at PIKA Plaza, Friday, April 18th. The first ice cube will be thrown in at 4:30 and the hospitable PIKAs say all are invited... Want to take this opportunity of apologizing to the Briar Patch's Jean Vandenberg. Contrary to info received from "Leer" Lanier, eminent authority on Sweetbriar matters, Miss Vandenberg's daughter, She's just his niece and will definitely not become the "Margaret Truman of 1948" which makes us feel better... Spence Morten reports a Havana-ly time in Cuba over the holidays. Claims he met some senorita that makes Lina Romay look like a third-edition Latin... Why don't they start those baseball games earlier in the afternoon? It got so dark during the Penn State game that we couldn't pick Cy Young out of the crowd.

Varsity Show

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that Lanich had decided to produce *Angel Street* as the third Troubadour show of the season. If the Troubs undertake the production of this show, which has only five characters, they will probably present it during the week of May 12 to 17. In his last statement on the subject Lanich said that admission to this final play would not be covered by the Campus Tax.

Graham-Lee To Submit Constitution Plan Tuesday

Sweeping changes in the Student Body Constitution were proposed last night at a meeting of the Graham Lee Society committee on the Constitution, the changes to be presented at the Society's next meeting.

President Walt Potter has scheduled a special meeting of the group Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Student Union. In view of the importance of the proposals of the committee, Potter urged all members of the Graham Lee to be present at this meeting.

Plans now call for a meeting with the Constitutional Revision Panel, named by the Executive Committee to study the subject, Potter stated. He expects that the honorary literary group will finish its study of the problem at Tuesday's meeting.

Lacrosse

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team's attack clicked for the first time for three goals as Tommy Tongue racked up his second goal of the fracas along with Gil Brooks and Alec Hill. The Penn State ten never recovered from this scoring spree and a two point drive in the closing minutes came too late to help them.

Saturday the stickmen will travel north to face Swarthmore and will encounter Duke in Durham on the following Thursday. Swarthmore boasts a strong well balanced ten, backed by heavy reserve strength. Their tight zone defense may prove to be a hard nut to crack even though the team has been working out in practice against such a set-up since Wednesday. If the Generals come through with a victory over the Pennsylvanians, they will meet the highly touted Duke squad next, which defeated Penn State last Monday.

Reporter-at-Large

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sense in being bothered with them at all. This was the Wahoo that was always explaining that the university in question has no campus—it has "grounds." It was also one of this type who once explained to us that he was not someone, Jr. but was someone, III, and then turned on his heel and fell down a flight of stairs. We were especially intrigued with the sound he made as he bounced down—it was like a sack of old glass had been thrown down the steps.

Another species that we are going to miss is the Confused Wahoo or Wahoo in a State of Nature. This kind was most often seen walking out of strange doors mumbling something about "I would have sworn that was the Men's Room." It was another member of this general family, the Now-You-See-Him-Now-You-Don't-Wahoo, that had the sad experience with the bridge about a year ago. In his first stay at "the University" before the war this Wahoo had taken a lot of strolls across a little foot-bridge behind his fraternity house late at night. It had something to do with thinking. When he got back from the service—and it was night-time—his first act was to go for a walk across the little foot-bridge. Luckily there were some poachers on hand who fished him out of the water. The bridge had been removed in his absence.

The Friendly Wahoo or Wahoo That Wants Something is the last of the really important types. A lot of random hand-shaking and back slapping featured this species. It has been said that they traveled equipped only with bottle opener and good will toward men. One should be careful, however, not to confuse this type with the Very Friendly Wahoo who has just backed into your fender only you don't know it yet.

Hicks Resigns NFU Position

In a move which Non-Fraternity officials described as "completely unexpected," H. H. Hicks Wednesday night resigned his post as the head of NFU's Student Government Committee, successor to that organization's PAC. In announcing the resignation, Union Secretary Warren Ober stated that Hicks' letter gave no reason for his quitting. SGC Vice-chairman Al Phelps was named to take over the vacated post.

Coming at a time when campus politics for the spring elections were beginning to take form, Hicks' action left most NFU members in a state of bewilderment.

Speculation was rife among more active members of the NFU as to what Hicks' next move will be, but reliable informants say that Hicks confided to intimates that it has been suggested he run for Student Body Secretary on a ticket which will oppose the NFU's president, Bill Chipley, who before vacation unofficially threw his hat in the ring in the race for Student Body President. Hicks' intimates have said they believed Hicks resigned his chairman post in order to run for Secretary without damaging Chipley's chances in the coming election.

Most non-fraternity men approached for opinions on the anticipated withdrawal said they were undecided yet whether it would help or harm Chipley's chances in the election. Ober also announced that a three-man publicity committee has been named by Chipley at a pre-vacation meeting.

Constitution Changes

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present status as "By-Laws of the Student Body Constitution" to *Charters*. These Charters could be amended by two-thirds vote of both the Board (Publication or Dance) and the EC. Changes could be initiated by either group but would have to be approved by both bodies.

Other minor changes include transfer of present rules from the By-Laws to the Constitution and other "modernization and streamlining rules."

Sigma Delta Chi Meeting
There will be an important meeting of all members of Sigma Delta Chi Monday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. in Payne 6. President Ed Jackson announced last night. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

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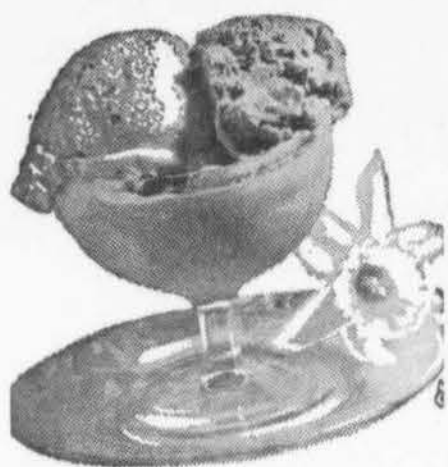
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