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9 Men Receive Final Degrees at End of this Term

All Have Completed Requirements Elsewhere; Majority in the Service

Nine men will receive their degrees from Washington and Lee on November 10, 1944, at the end of this quarter. All have completed an equivalent course at some other university, mainly in the V-12 naval program, and their applications for degrees from this University have been accepted by the faculty. Seven will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while two will be rewarded with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce.

The list of applicants for degrees is as follows:

Abner Linwood Holton, Jr., from Big Stone Gap, Va., received his ensign's commission at Northwestern University in July 19, 1944; assigned to submarine duty, now at West Coast Sound School studying anti-submarine warfare.

Henry Stansbury Ashe, from Kaukauna, Wisc., now a sophomore student in the Naval V-12 unit in the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Charles Mabin Johnson, from Birmingham, Ala., received his ensign's commission at Columbia University on August 10, 1944, at present is on sea duty.

Lloyd Hollingsworth Smith, Jr., from Easley, S. C., now in the Naval V-12 unit at the Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass.

John William Runyan, Jr., from Memphis, Tenn., at present in the School of Medicine, John Hopkins University, Naval V-12 detachment.

Barry Wright, Jr., from Atlanta, Ga., received his ensign's commission at Columbia University on August 10, 1944, and is now on duty in the Pacific.

Albert Vernon Zimmerman, Jr., from Alexandria, La., received his ensign's commission on July 19, 1944, at Northwestern University, and is now on sea duty.

Robert Bruce Quayle, from Freeport, N. Y., completed his requirements for a Commerce degree at Syracuse University.

Bertram Jett Myers, from Norfolk, Va., completed his ensign's commission at Columbia University in March, 1944, and is now on active duty in the Pacific.



Ki Williams

President of W&L Alumni Discovers Government Depository at Point of Gun

Ki Williams, president of the Washington and Lee University Alumni Association, learned that his alma mater was a secret repository for priceless Government documents, which may have included Jefferson's manuscript of the Declaration of Independence, only when he looked into the muzzle of a guard's automatic pistol, he related today.

Not long ago Mr. Williams, manager of the du Pont plant at Waynesboro, and Mayor J. W. Milner of Gulfport, Mississippi, had returned to Washington and Lee for a meeting of the alumni board of directors and were strolling about the University library. They opened the door to a familiar room and stepped within only to find their way blocked by a Government guard who drew a pistol from his hip holster and leveled it at them. Mr. Williams said, "Excuse us. We're just alumni looking around," as they backed out.

New Students in November

Mr. Frank Gilliam, Dean of Students, announced this week that the November Quarter will in all probability bring three new freshmen and three transfer students to the campus. In addition two former Washington and Lee students will return. No formal announcement of the names of these men will be made pending definite completion of their enrollment.

Managership Open

All students who are interested in becoming Business Manager of **The Columns** next quarter are asked to submit their written applications to Post Office Box 317, Lexington, stating their experience and qualifications for such a position. This is to be done not later than November 5, 1944. The move was necessitated when present Business Manager Robert Alan Worms signified that he would not be able to carry on his newspaper work.

More Casualties Among Alumni Are Reported

Wickerham, Cagle, Ash, Taylor Are Added to W&L Gold Star List

Since the last publication in **The Columns**, on September 2 of this year, of the alumni list of armed services casualties, the alumni office has received the names of six more men to add to this list.

Glenmore Murrell Ash, of the class of 1940, has been missing in action since September 28, 1943. As he has been lost for over a year the War Department now supposes him to be dead. Lt. Ash, of Lexington, Mississippi, enlisted in the British Royal Air Force after his graduation; became a pilot officer in the Eagle Squadron of the RAF and was transferred with the rank of lieutenant to the AAF in December, 1942. He was stationed in England at the time he was reported missing.

Paul Haynes Cagle, class of '47, was accepted in the American Field Service while a student here. Though he could not qualify physically for the American or British armies, he was serving as an ambulance driver for British forces in Italy when he received wounds from which he died on September 5, 1944.

Neumon Horne Taylor, who was a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and a member of the class of '41, was killed in an air combat over China, July 29, 1944. Taylor was a captain in the United States Army Air Force, serving as navigator on a B-29.

Second Lieutenant George Baker Wickerham had just completed his tenth mission for the AAF when he was killed in a plane crash

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Forensic Union Plans Complete Re-Organization

Votes by Narrow Margin In Favor of Proposal to End Golf Cap Mania

The Forensic Union will hold the most important meeting of the quarter Monday night, when there will be a general discussion of total re-vamping of the FU procedure. In order to improve impromptu speaking and to teach students how to talk on their feet, as well as to teach formal debating procedure, the Union will have a series of meetings, beginning November 13, designed to give instruction in good public speaking. It is expected that this will consist of prepared talks on the various points connected with the topic, not only by members themselves, but also by experienced faculty members. A supplementary procedure will deal with having unprepared, impromptu speeches, and debates among the students. As soon as it is felt that a sufficient foundation has been established, regular prepared debates will be held, with primary emphasis, however, on form, not content. All interested students and members should attend this important meeting.

At the last meeting of the Forensic Union, Carlos Latimer and Irving Joel spoke on the merits and demerits of banning golf caps on the Washington and Lee campus. Latimer, arguing that they are conspicuous, and anything but conventional, urged such a ban, while his opponent, Joel, brought up the spirit of conviviality and comradeship which the caps imparted to the student body, as a substitute for other interests which we are deprived of at the present time. However, Latimer refuted him by saying that such feeling might better be directed in constructive channels, such as student organizations and activities. The Speaker, casting the deciding vote, held in favor of the Affirmative, that a ban should be put on golf caps. Thus the Affirmative maintained its standing.

Tuition Payable Now

E. S. Mattingly, Treasurer, announces that all tuition fees for next quarter are payable in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, November 13, first day of the new quarter.

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Least We Can Do

The Sixth War Loan will start on November 20 and will last through December 16. Its goal has been set at \$14,000,000,000, a staggering total indeed, but a necessity. Over \$5,000,000,000 of this is to be raised from individuals such as ourselves. Just how is this sum going to be gathered from America's home front? It will be, of that you may be assured, by many ways through radio and media, through stage and screen, and through our own realization that this must be the year for an Allied victory. McArthur is on "the way back" to his beloved Islands. Already, he has established strong beach heads in the Philippines and is pushing onward to complete occupation. We learn, too, that Halsey has defeated a Japanese fleet attempting to aid its beleaguered forces facing the wrath of McArthur. We realize that the past five war loans have furnished the LST's, guns, equipment, so necessary for victory on our scattered fighting fronts.

It is only reasonable that we at the University should back the Sixth War Loan Drive to the limit. At this moment we are not in a tank trap somewhere in the Siegfried Line or pushing into Germany itself, we are not on the decks of a pitching cruiser as she hurls salvo after salvo at a Japanese fleet in the Pacific, and we are not in the rear gunner's turret fighting off the attack of German fighters. It is our lot to have been allowed to remain on this serene campus while the world goes mad about us. The very least we can do is to set a sizeable goal and "over the top" during the limited time. There are ways to do this. For example, at the start of the Fifth War Loan Drive, a unique auction at Vassar sold the services of faculty members to the various dormitories which had pooled their bids. One faculty member, a concert pianist, pledged herself to give a recital at the student house entering the highest bids. Another offered to wait on table in one of the dining rooms. We may also sponsor any number of items of military equipment which will be marked with the name and address of the sponsoring group.

The Drive is on! The slogan—Our Country is Still at War—Are You?

Show Team Time

By "Bama" and Dave Guthrie

Well, the old "Professor" is back in the swing again after a short illness with a full week of hits at the State. Starting off the week on Sunday and Monday, that man from "Boy's Town," Spencer Tracy and Signe Hassen in **Seventh Cross**. This is a war picture but one showing the plight of Germany in 1936. This is a great picture with superb acting on the part of both Tracy and Hassen. There are no windy speeches and no sensational scenes of brutality. SEE IT.

"Henry—Henry Aldrich" is back with us in **Henry Aldrich's Little Secret**. Jimmy Lindon and Charlie Smith have a secret on their hands that is well worth the time. Good comedy, a cute baby, and a good supporting cast make this a good pic. TRY IT.

20th Century Fox has done it again in the way of musicals. Their latest, **Greenwich Village**—in color—with Don Ameche and Carmen Miranda is at the State on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This pic has excellent music, a fair plot, and the greatest attraction of all—Miranda. TRY IT.

That old joke about the Lyric has been told so many times I won't bother to tell it again, but the last time I was there I heard the termites complaining about the shows. This week they will howl again. John Garfield and Ann Sheridan on Monday and Tuesday in **They Made Me a Criminal**. Garfield as the little boy born with a chip on his shoulder comes through with Sheridan backing him all the way. Very good acting but the plot just isn't any good. Try the State.

Wednesday finds the "Bad Man" of the Movies, Edward G. Robinson and Richard Arlen in **Tiger Shark**. Don't let the title fool you, this isn't about tigers but about a fishing crew who get mixed up with some Tiger Sharks. Even Henry Aldrich is better.

That man with the laugh is here again in **Gildersleeve Ghost**. Harold Peary and Marion Martin on Thursday. You all know him through Radio and I assure you this is a good comedy. Forget the exams long enough to SEE IT.

If it weren't for the last chapter of **Haunted Harbor** the Lyric would be in a bad way on Friday and Saturday. Bob Livingston and Smiley—made famous in Gene Autrey pics—Burnette in **Beneath Western Skies**. The same old stuff without any changes. DON'T.

Show Team goes traveling this weekend. The greatest picture this year, Zanuck's spectacular and timely **Wilson** is playing in Roanoke.

Men About Town...

We hit Hollins again last weekend with Brother Parsons. Taylor furnished the B coupons and Pin-nell, D. Stuart, Woodruff, Clarke, Beddow, Mosbacher, and essential equipment came along. The only thing the fellows didn't like was when old Parsons hit them for one rock apiece for the round trip. Gues a fellow has to live and eat at that. Beddow as usual wolfed some mink's date—this time it was Woodruff's gal. He gets off cheaper that way. Later we all hit the Roanoke Country Club for the festivities. Ann Arnold, D. Stuart's date, and a Psychology major at Hollins, had a tough time with Jim Boxley. "Quite a case," was her comment. The Budweiser was unusually mellow that night. Taylor was joined at the bar by a good old joker from Princeton, and after a few Buds they were seen toasting each other's schools. Some woman standing nearby started to rave about Washington and Lee when she heard "Happy Jim's" toast. They had to carry her out of the room.

Glasgow threw a stag at his Goshen "hunting lodge" for McNeill, Needham, Martin, and Johnston. The boys had quite a time in the woods. It was like Oklahoma to Martin who fitted right into the activities with an Apache War Dance later on in the evening. They say he danced with the screen door. Looks like another shaft for old Jack at Hollins, but there's plenty more fish in the sea, or as far as that goes, plenty more cattle on the plains.

Holley created a sensation at Geology Prof Tolley's reception for his classes. The little sage from near the Canadian border announced to the audience that he had proof that Tolley was directly associated with Indian blood. Tea cups clattered to the carpet, ear horns went into action, but Holley stuck to his guns. Tolley beamed and fumed. Dr. Ming tells us ye olde Prof was so upset that he rocked his charming wife to sleep that night with some limestone specimens.

Reports have it that an Egyptian will enroll at the University next semester. At present he is in the British consulate in Washington awaiting acceptance from Lexington. This son of the Nile will probably stay at the Phi Psi house, now aptly renamed International House. What with all the foreigners from Brooklyn, romantic and dashing Carlos from Puerto Rico, and Happy Holladay, there should be quite a time out that way.

A sidelight on the Hollins expedition was learned late this week when Parsons informed one of the crew that he had the car inspected at a garage soon after the arrival in Lexington. The garage man reported that a few bolts had become unfastened and might have sprung loose had the car continued on its merry way. They couldn't have been as loose as the nuts inside the car.

Carpenter has that "come hither" look in his eyes ever since he saw the bright print dress that "Betty Co-op" was sporting the other day. You'll find him in Cap'n Dick's hobby shop any day now pleading with the deb behind the counter to feature more styles. She just blushes, flashes that smile of beauty, and keeps right on selling mixers.

Mingioli burst into the Print Shop with a mad gleam in his eye. It seems that good Dr. Ming has gone into the field of dentistry, among his other accomplishments, and will welcome all brave students in need of dental repair. His latest feat is developing the film off people's teeth—competition for Ewing and Andre. What will the mad Doctor think of next?

LINE OF THE WEEK: This week the grand prize goes to Beddow—"Where have I seen you before? I've met so many beautiful girls in my lifetime that I just can't remember them all!"

Sport Sidelines

By Warren G. Merrin

Rather surprising to a number of the spectators at the golf demonstration held in Doremus gymnasium Wednesday night was the superiority of Ben Hogan over the average pro in what might be called his "bedside manner." The Mighty Midget kept the mass production of army and civilian thick-et-thumpers interested throughout with his humor, interesting sidelights, and attention-holding demonstrations.

When asked why Byron Nelson cocked his wrists less than the average dub, Hogan explained that in his youth Nelson milked the family cows each morning, and he had thus developed a great deal of power in his wrists, making it unnecessary for him to apply the same method as his weaker colleagues.

Another spectator asked Hogan what he concentrated upon when making a shot. The amiable champion greeted this with a smile and answered, "Different things. On a wood shot I concentrate on hitting hell out of the ball; on an iron shot, I concentrate on getting as close to the pin as possible."

"How high do you find it advisable to tee the ball?" was another

query thrown at the young air force officer. The answer to this was that this choice was another case that depended entirely upon the individual golfer, but in his personal instance he preferred to tee the ball in a somewhat high position, making it easier to meet the pellet in the center of the rather deep face of his driver. He added, "When I tee the ball low I almost invariably hit down on it, and you know what the result is: one of those low, rising drives that is so pretty and draws sighs from the gallery, but goes nowhere and isn't worth a damn."

A somewhat short Special Service officer seemed worried about the nearness of his hands to the fairway, so Hogan called him to

the front of the crowd and pointed out that their hands were exactly the same distance from the floor. He then called out the tallest spectator for additional comparison, and the result was identical.

A few of the interesting sidelights were: Cy Twombly, W&L gift to the golfing world, asking Hogan how he could stop shanking; Major O'Daniels getting in a few practice swings before the mat hung on the wall for the occasion and almost hitting Cy Young who had retired to the track for safety's sake; Mr. Mattingly absorbing each word in or-

der to pick up strokes on his rival; Dr. Flick who did not attend; "Colonel" Withers and his staff of press photographers merrily popping flash bulbs all over the gym; and the bevy of feminine golfers who seemed more interested than their masculine friends.

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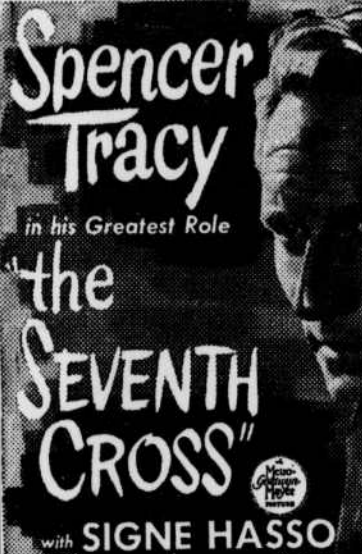
The Dean's office has announced that there will be a dinner dance given at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg this Saturday evening, October 28. All Washington and Lee students are cordially invited to attend this affair which will be held in conjunction with the VMI-Virginia football game to be played that afternoon in Lynchburg stadium.

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Alumnus Marries Here

The wedding of Lieutenant (j.g.) Helen Webster Anderson of the WAVES, United States Naval Reserve, daughter of General and Mrs. James Aylor Anderson of Richmond and Lexington, and Corporal Bates William Bryan, AUS, son of Judge and Mrs. Eugene J. Bryan of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was solemnized at the R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church last Saturday afternoon.

Bryan was a member of the class of '43 and president of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity at the University. Mrs. Bryan is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, and was formerly in the Registrar's office at W. and L.

Casualties

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in England, August 7, 1944. Lt. Wickerham, class of '38, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was a bombardier.

George Stanley Slusser, class of '46, from Raphine, Va., was reported missing in action in Italy on September 26, 1944, and has just been reported definitely to be dead. Private Slusser had very shortly before his death been awarded the combat infantry badge for meritorious service in combat.

Charles Troy Hickman, staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps, has been reported killed in action on June 20, 1944. He was 22 years old at the time of his death, and was a member of the class of '45 at Washington and Lee when he enlisted in the Army. Hickman was a tail gunner and was on duty

in England. His home is in Brownsburg, Virginia.

The addition of these six men to the casualty list brings the total number of Washington and Lee alumni killed in this war to 53. The latest tabulation on alumni in the services is 2,957.

An interesting item concerning Paul Cagle's death has just come to light through a letter received from Howard A. Brooke, an alumnus of the class of '43, who is also in the American Field Service. He says: "Forgot to tell you about 'Moe' Cagle, or perhaps you have heard. Certainly was too bad and I was awfully sorry never to have met him. I'd asked about him a lot but never could locate him. He was killed trying to rescue a friend. I was told that he and another chap were going along in two ambulances, Moe in front. Suddenly

they were shelled and the guy in back made the mistake of stopping and getting under his ambulance. He was badly hit, and Moe stopped and ran back to pick him up and was hit and killed. You've sure got to keep moving under shell fire, as a moving target is much harder to hit."

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