

# The Columns

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## Student Body Will Elect Officers Wednesday

### Lee Manuscripts Presented to W-L By Taylor Family

McCormick Library Will Add Historical Papers To its R. E. Lee Archives

Two Lee manuscripts from the Taylor Collection have been presented to Washington and Lee University and have been placed in its R. E. Lee Archives. Dr. Allen W. Moger, director announced today. They are gifts of Walter H. Taylor, III, and other children of the late Col. Walter H. Taylor of Norfolk, who was a member of Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff.

One manuscript, General Order No. 103, dated Dec. 7, 1863, when Lee knew that Sherman's catastrophic march to the sea was imminent, ordered all except necessary army duties suspended on Dec. 10, and thanked God for His mercies so signally extended to the army. Affirming his faith in Providence as he did many times, Lee supplicated, "Enable us to bow submissively to His holy will."

Indicative that Gen. Lee planned a history of the war, the second manuscript, a letter addressed to Col. Taylor on July 31, 1865, requested data about the strength of the Army of Virginia in its different engagements. Most of the battle reports had been destroyed on the retreat from Petersburg. Five days later, on Aug. 5, Washington College elected Lee to its presidency, which office he accepted conditionally on Aug. 24. His appointment as president of the college which was later to bear his name too, together with his failing strength and his abhorrence for making money by capitalizing on the story of American strife, perhaps deterred him from writing the history.

### EC Chooses Zrike as New Columns Business Manager

Robert L. Zrike was appointed Business Manager of *The Columns* Tuesday night by the Executive Committee to replace James Carpenter who resigned on March 27, but his resignation was not accepted until Tuesday when Zrike was appointed.

### Honor Roll

April 2, 1945

Beddow, C. P.  
Criminale, L. R.  
Guthrie, D. V.  
Holley, John  
Paxton, M. W.  
Rugel, J. R. (All A's)  
Williams, P. M.

### Dr. Gaines' Bible Talks Applauded

Before a full audience, President Francis P. Gaines this week delivered a series of four lectures on the "Bible as Literature." Monday evening he spoke on the story of Leah as found in Genesis. On Tuesday, his subject was Joseph, found in the same book, and on Wednesday night, he spoke on David. Thursday evening, Doctor Gaines' topic was the Ninetieth Psalm.

The series, sponsored by the Christian Council and held in Washington Chapel, was well attended by not only Washington and Lee students and faculty but also by a large number of townspeople.

### Noted Artist and Veteran Will Speak Before IRC on The Spanish Civil War

The International Relations Club will hold its second meeting of the quarter next Wednesday, April 11, in the lounge of the Phi Psi House, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Pierre Daura, who fought in the Spanish Civil War. Before coming to this country, Mr. Daura lived in Spain and France. He will give an account of that war.

At the meeting of March 29, there were three speakers instead of the one announced. Miss Fitzgerald recounted her experiences as camp nurse for the American-Arabian Oil Co., and gave a general description of Arabia and its natives. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, guests of Miss Fitzgerald, who have been stationed on Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf with the Bahrein Oil Co., told of the life in that isolated spot and of the problems which confront foreign companies.

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### Dance Tickets Sales Not Up to EC Expectations

Pine Room to Appear as Cabaret on Friday Night, Decorations Head Says

Tickets for Finals are on sale now, it has been announced by the Executive Committee. A set of tickets for both nights may be bought for \$6, and single night tickets for \$3.50. Every member of the Executive Committee has tickets to sell.

The sale of these tickets has not been very gratifying to the Executive Committee, but it is expected that the sales will pick up as the date of the dance set approaches.

Advance reports from the decorations committee, headed by Jon Rugel, seem to indicate that the Friday night informal dance will be a big success from the standpoint of the decorations. Friday night will see the Pine Room decorated as a cabaret, but Saturday night these decorations will be removed to present a more dignified air for the formal dance.

Plans are on foot for an informal dansant Saturday afternoon at the Lambda Chi house, but nothing definite has been decided.

### Former Managing Editor Of The Ring-tum Phi Dies In European Theatre

Lieutenant Deverton Carpenter, one of the more than three thousand Washington and Lee alumni in the services, has died of wounds received in the European theater of operations.

Carpenter was a member of Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Delta Chi, the "13" Club, and managing editor of *The Ring-tum Phi*. He received his A.B. degree and Certificate in Journalism at W&L in 1937.

After graduating, Lt. Carpenter had been a reporter on the Atlanta Constitution, The Nashville Tennessean, and The Richmond News Leader.

He had been serving in Radio Intelligence in England and had already been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action.

### Fight Looms for Two Offices; Kelly Unopposed In Race for President

Spring elections, which in peacetime are as lively as any national election, appear to be on the quiet side this year. Wise Kelly will run unopposed for the presidency of the student body, but there may be a little excitement in the race for the other two offices which will be filled in the election Wednesday. Two men have announced their candidacy for both the vice-presidency and the office of secretary.

An amendment to the constitution passed in 1942 provides for the election of a president, vice-president and a secretary who will serve for the summer session and the next academic year. They will appoint a committee to serve for the summer session and in the fall an election will be held to elect committeemen for the following academic year. This procedure will be followed this year.

The polls will open at 9 a.m., Wednesday, in Washington Hall and close at 1 p.m.

Kelly is now vice-president of the student body, an umpire in the intramural softball league, president of Omicron Delta Kappa, chairman of the freshman assimilation committee, member of the Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity, and a freshman law student.

Both candidates for the vice-presidency are Executive Committeemen and active in extra-curricular activities. Brown has recently been appointed as the Junior Executive Committeeman, is the acting manager of the proposed tennis team, member of the Forensic Union, member of the Phi Psi intramural team, participant in the golf tourney, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. He is a transfer student from the University of Tennessee.

Dodson has served one term as Executive Committeeman-at-large, is the speaker of the Forensic Union, member of the Lambda Chi intramural team, and a member of the International Relations Club.

Two Executive Committeemen are also running for the position of secretary. Don Marsh was appointed as the Senior Executive Committeeman recently, and is chairman of the cold check committee of the Executive Committee, member of the SAE intramu-

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## Help Clothe Europe

Starvation, disease and nakedness stalk the peoples of Europe and Asia. Students are not immune to these concomitants of war. In Europe, more than 30,000,000 persons are "statistically naked" and 125,000,000 are in desperate need of clothing, shoes, and bedding. In Belgium one family of seven shares one shirt. Crude shoes for children in Holland deform the feet permanently. In Poland, four families, living in a single, unheated, windowless room, pool clothing when one has to sally forth. In Paris, 3,000 students in the most bitter winter in years are without rooms, beds and blankets. Only 156 out of 1022 students in Honan University in China (evacuated for the sixth time in May, 1944, penniless and ill-clad) have bedding.

To provide clothing for students, the World Student Service Fund is conducting the clothing collection in the colleges during April as part of the United National Clothing Collection whose goal is 150,000,000 pounds of good, usable clothing, shoes and bedding. The collection is being conducted under the sponsorship of a National Committee. President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Henry J. Kaiser as National Chairman to head the Committee which is composed of representatives of participating agencies as well as representative national leaders of civic organizations, industry, labor, education, religious and other groups.

We at the University should faithfully contribute to Lexington's quota of 20,000 pounds or 10 tons, which is approximately five pounds of clothing per person. Particularly needed are men's and boy's garments which include overcoats, topcoats, suits, coats, jackets, shirts, sweaters, robes, and knitted gloves. The lights of learning are coming on again in a Europe that has known nothing but suffering and horror for the last five years. One half of Poland's 125,000 pre-war teachers are dead. There are similar situations all over ravaged Europe. The four horsemen of the Apocalypse are at the door threatening to destroy life, happiness, and priceless education. The success of this clothing drive will help insure all the elements of a decent world.

## Show Team Time

By Dave Guthrie

A rather better than average week is promised at the State. On Sunday and Monday Gracie Fields, the well-known British comedienne, Monty Woolley, and Roddy MacDowell appear in **Molly and Me**. Has to do with stage people and their lives, problems, loves, etc.—rather crummy plot, they say, but sustained by good casting and superior acting. **A March of Time** is also on the bill.

**Hangover Square**, another of the "Lodger" type is the Tuesday-Wednesday offering. Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell, and George Sanders make up the cast. There are several good fires, (Note to pyromaniacs) ending up with a concert hall burning down and the mad pianist playing on until he suffocates... sounds like hot stuff. **A Popular Science** feature is in the same package.

Thursday through Saturday, we finally get around to **Meet Me in St. Louis**, the color-musical with Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Judy Garland, Mary Astor, Tom Drake, and Judy Garland. At last we will hear the "Trolley Song" in the original.

Kell, eventually, every time, we get to the Lyric. Hannh-you? A rather less than average week ther this time (if such be possible). Monday and Tuesday, Martha O'Driscoll, and Noah Beery, Jr., take over in **Under Western Skies**, a western with songs.... not much action, which means only three or four chases across the desert and only two or three little murders. For real action, to compensate, we have Chapter 7 of **Zorro's Black Whip**.

On Wednesday only, a movie of socio-psychological interest... recommended parallel movie. Mary Beth Hughes portrays the love interest in **I Accuse My Parents**, a title which only PRC could pick up, having to do with the problem of juvenile delinquency, a problem which PRC seems to have selected for its own research, judging from such past sagas from the same lot, as **Delinquent Daughters** and **Reckless Age**. We just "double-dog-dare" 'em, though, to put one out showing how trashy movies (at which they themselves are expert) contribute; if they ever do, we might even go to see it ourselves.

Thursday only, the Lyric brings back **Wing and a Prayer** with Don Ameche, Dana Andrews and William Eythe, the story of aircraft carrier 'X'... same show that played at the State last November.

Of course, Friday and Saturday are jours de gloire for our sons of Rockbridge. Charles Starrett is the star attraction in **Sundown Valley**.

## Behind Closed Doors

Eighty-odd students go to the polls next week to register their electoral will in the fourth wartime election on this campus. With something less than minimum interest and the barest number of candidates, the student body prepares to fill the office of President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Executive Committee, and the spectre of active student government continues.

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Popular participation in a political campaign, as it becomes more usual in the outside world of national and international affairs, grows rarer and rarer at Washington and Lee. Interest will show itself in the average non-political student only if he is presented with crucial issues or, and this is more often the case in collegiate than in "adult" politics, with striking personalities. In the coming election, there are certainly no impending policies to be decided and apparently no dynamic politicians to lure the student body. Beneath all of this, perhaps contributing most to the school's lethargy, is the feeling that the Executive Committee and college politics are pretty much of a dead-letter at this moment; small potatoes, all in all. You do not get enthusiastic about the shadow when you believe that there is no substance.

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For the second successive time only one candidate is seeking the presidency of the Executive Committee, removing from the hands of the student body, for practical purposes, the most important office that it can bestow. Without casting any sort of detrimental inference on the abilities the incumbent President or the sole candidate in the current election, Henry Wise Kelly, this should be recognized as a very unhealthy condition. It is true that this election as no other of recent vintage has harvested a meager crop of "available" candidates. However, the fact that the highest office once again goes uncontested does not speak well for the spirit of the average upper-class man or for his political acumen, either. Everything being equal, and they could not be otherwise, Kelly, it is a foregone conclusion, will be elected. Possessing the necessary experience, he should do well at the post.

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Whatever interest or speculation concerning the election that there has been to date has centered around the vice-presidential race. A principled, issue is being erected here by Ryland Dodson, running as an independent in open opposition to what he has attacked as the "machine" which has been dominant in the University's councils in recent years. He is opposed by David Brown who, thus far at least, has not answered Dodson but has merely announced his candidacy and appears to be waiting. Both men are Executive Committeemen and therefore are not vulnerable on the point of experience. Both are well liked and well respected. This will undoubtedly be a close struggle, and should be interesting considering the small number of students. Every individual counts for so much the more and it will be the candidate who spends his time contacting the "little people," not the so-called political "influences," who will win.

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At the time of writing, no candidate had filed for the post of Executive Committee Secretary. In the end, however, we can say with a reasonable amount of assurance that Don Marsh and Robert Patterson will declare themselves fit and ready. It will be a senior against a sophomore, each drawing his support from different sections of the student body. Depending on varying winds it can be easy sailing for either one of them, or it can be tight. It, too, is an election which will be more interesting than would appear on the surface.

**General Chatter . . . .**

By "Jeff"

**Phi Psi Smothers SAE Ten 11-1**

Wednesday afternoon under a threatening sky the Phi Psi softball team romped to an easy win over the SAE's. Tom Lee, SAE captain and pitcher, pitched a good game, but the backing which he received was very spotty. Although Tom Lee gave up only a few, well scattered singles; slow rollers and Texas leaguers went for hits when they should have been converted to easy outs. At the platter, it was Tom Lee and Bob Mosbacher who were outstanding, while Pinnell and Oder were outstanding with the Phi Psi wood. The Phi Psi showed again the fine spirit and real "hustle" that has characterized their playing in every sport.

Tom Lee improved since his opening-game victory over a weak Lambda Chi team. He looked better in losing to the Phi Psi's than he did in winning over the Lambda Chi's. "The Blonde (Peroxide??) Adonis," Hamilton H. Hutcherson is still surprising everyone with his long drives to the outfield. He drives a very long ball, but thus far he has been hitting them where they are instead of where they "ain't." If Hutch can succeed in straightening out a few of his hits, they may swing him high in the RBI column.

**Lambda Chi's Edge Out SAE 7-4**

"Hap" Holladay bounced back into the win column Thursday afternoon as his team beat the SAE's 7-4. Max Dennis got credit for the win after he relieved Jim Graybeal who had relieved Holladay in the fourth. A high wind ham-

pered the pitchers throughout the game. Holladay tried using a change-of-pace pitch, but the high wind whipped it well-away from the platter. "Grin" Kaplan saved the day with a circus catch of Tom Lee's drive to short center field. Bill Burton was caught off first, and that ended the SAE bid for victory.

**Guy Yaste's Golfers Sweep Matches**

Guy Yaste thus far has led his team to victory over Pete Beddow's team in every match. The outstanding golfers of the tourney have been: Yaste, Stevenson, Beddow, Zrike, and English.

**Tennis May Return as Varsity Sport**

Dave Brown has received the go-ahead signal from Dr. Gaines and Dean Gilliam to arrange as many matches as he can with other schools. It is doubtful that they will be able to arrange more than three or four matches. Dave made a mistake in the beginning by not trying to get faculty sanction. It may now be too late to arrange matches through the proper channels.

Not all the blame for being slow should be charged to Brown, since the Athletic Association completely ignored the wealth of tennis talent that is upon our campus. It seems to us that the Association should have been more anxious than it was to bring the University intercollegiate competition. We hope that the matches will be arranged and that May 12th will find W&L sporting the scalps of some of the valley tennis teams.

Tom Lee, Art Joseph, Bill Bernard, Dave Brown, Serif Mardin, and Bill Burton are some of these who will probably make up the net squad.

**Softball Schedule**  
 Monday—Lambda Chi vs. Phi Psi.  
 Wednesday—Phi Psi vs. SAE.  
 Thursday—SAE vs. Lambda Chi.

**Standings**

	W	L	Perc.
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SAE . . . . .	1	2	.333
Lambda Chi . . . . .	1	2	.333

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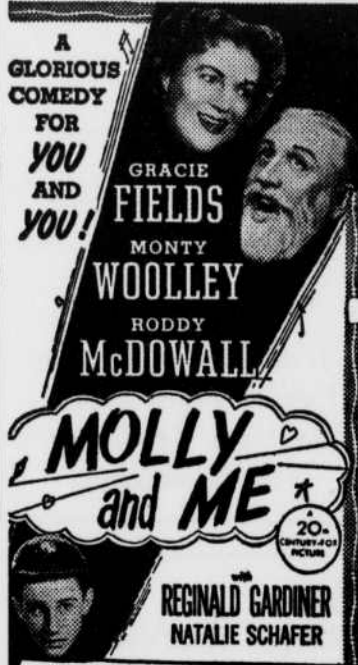
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Comedy—Popular Science

STARTS THURSDAY

**Meet Me in St. Louis**

with

Judy Garland  
Margaret O'Brien

**Artist to Speak**

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Mrs. Phillips, an Englishwoman by birth, described the Arab household and harem. Following the talks, there was a roundtable discussion.

**Forensic Union Opposes Question of Equalized College Education for All**

At the regular Monday night meeting, the Forensic Union debated the question, "Resolved that opportunities for college education should be equalized." David Brown spoke for the Affirmative, while Jim Carpenter and David Guthrie, in the absence of the announced speaker, together upheld the opposition. The Union voted in favor of the opposition by a 7-2

margin. At the next meeting, the question under discussion is to be "Resolved that the President's plan for post-war jobs for all is impractical."

**Spring Elections**

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ral team, and a member of Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Patterson has served a term as Freshman Executive Committeeman, is a member of the Forensic Union, and president of the Christian Council.

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