

Spotts To Play On West Coast December 26

V. M. I. UNDER QUARANTINE WADE REQUESTS "BABE" TO REPORT PROMPTLY

LIGHT EPIDEMIC OF PARALYSIS VISITS SCHOOL

No Serious Conditions Exist At Institutions Now.

CADETS' HOLIDAY, DEC. 29

Health Com. Williams, Dr. N. H. Frost, and Dr. H. G. Grant Investigate.

The entire corps of cadets at Virginia Military Institute is under state quarantine until December 29 as the result of the discovery of a small epidemic of infantile paralysis among the companies. This action was taken Wednesday by officials of the State Board of Health after consultation with school authorities and health specialists.

At present four definite cases are being treated, and three mild attacks are known to exist among the cadets. No serious conditions exist, however, a statement issued yesterday says, and no spread of the disease is anticipated in view of the stringent precautions taken immediately following the diagnosis of the malady.

State Health Commissioner E. G. Williams took charge of the situation several days ago, and, together with the post physician, investigated the illnesses thoroughly. Wednesday Dr. N. H. Frost, of the U. S. Public Health Service, and Dr. H. G. Grant, epidemiologist with the State Board of Health, were called into consultation, and conditions at the post were studied minutely, with the quarantine resulting.

In view of the forced confinement to the post until December 29, General William H. Cocke, superintendent, intimated that the holiday furlough of the cadets would be shifted so as to begin on that date, instead of Thursday of this week, as originally scheduled, and that the date of return to the post would probably be set later in January so as to give the students the usual mid-winter holiday at home.

The class work will continue until the quarantine is lifted, according to present plans, with examinations probably taking place for two or three days after Christmas. This will enable the usual amount of work to be taken this term, and will not work any hardship on the cadets.

Washington and Lee has nothing whatever to fear from the condition existing at V. M. I., Dr. Reid White, university physician, stated last night. There are no cases and no indications of any among the students or townspeople, and it is believed that no contact of a dangerous nature has been had between students and cadets recently enough to make any precautionary measures necessary here.

The administrative officers met with Dr. White and the state authorities early yesterday morning to consider the advisability of taking action affecting the university, but after a thorough discussion of the situation it was decided that none was necessary. Possible contacts with the infected cadets or carriers were studied minutely, and, contrary to reports circulated about the campus, the closing of Washington and Lee at this time was never seriously considered, although it was mentioned as possible in case the disease made its appearance in town or among students.

Dr. White stated that there is no cause for alarm here, and that there is no reason to believe that there is even the slightest possibility of the malady appearing on the campus. If it should do so, however, the university authorities are prepared to take steps immediately to prevent its spread and to insure the safety of the student body, even to the extent of dismissing school.

Sportsmen Flock To Florida From All Over Nation

Florida has been the Mecca for sport enthusiasts every winter for several years, and this winter the "Land of Sunshine" is preparing for the biggest invasion in its somewhat colorful history. Always there are several major league baseball teams who spend part of the winter and spring in their Florida training camps. The leaders in every branch of sport are found cavorting around, breaking old records and establishing new ones. In the realm of golf, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Joe Turnesa, Jim Barnes, and dozens of other links luminaries find their way to the Peninsular State. Johnny Weismuller, Arne Borg, Helen Wainwright and others lead the invasion of swimmers. Gar and Phil Wood, noted speed boat specialists attempt to shatter their own records annually at Miami and West Palm Beach. The leading jockeys and stable owners spend the winter months in Florida, as well as the higher-ups in the boxing profession. Greyhound racing, one of the latest wrinkles in sports of the "idle rich" is probably rooted more firmly in Florida than in any other section of the world.

Brock and Schlee, famed "round-the-world" airmen will attempt to better the endurance record for sustained flights at Daytona Beach this winter. It is also being rumored that another "mystery car" will shoot at Major O. D. Seagrave's speed record of 203.7 miles per hour, that was established at Daytona last year. Below are a few other sport events that will take place in Florida this winter that are of nationwide or world-wide importance.

International four-ball golf match at Miami.

West Florida Amateur Golf Tournament.

Palm Beach and Miami special tennis matches.

Gene Tunney's winter stay at Miami Beach.

National Horseshoe Tournament at St. Petersburg.

Miami tank swimming tests for National women stars.

Palm Beach regatta.

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Spotts' Absence Throws Jolt Into Basketball Camp

Captain "Babe" Spotts threw a jolt into the Blue and White basketball camp when he suddenly left yesterday afternoon to join the Southern Conference all-star team on their trip to the coast. "Babe" and Captain Horse Tips had been selected as alternates to make the journey to oppose an eleven composed of the stars of the Far West on Christmas Day. Spotts had not expected to go but due to the inability of one of the other ends picked to leave he was suddenly phoned for Wednesday night and left yesterday.

Coach Smith immediately rearranged his plans and had Jim Nance calling the plays from the pivot position. Jim has been "Babe's" understudy for the past two seasons and has shown considerable improvement in this time. He has Spotts' height so that he will measure up to the best when it comes to getting the tip-off. His only handicap is his lack of actual playing experience, as "Babe" has practically played two entire seasons without missing a game.

The squad will leave Sunday morning for Washington under the tutelage of Coach Smith. Captain Dick has refused to name the men making the journey until Saturday night. The only statement he would make was that he would probably take twelve men along with him. Among these will undoubtedly be White, Ebert, Nance, Howe, Eglebach, Groop, Lowry and Joynes, all letter men except Nance who will take Spotts' place at the center post. Ernie Wood, captain of last year's frosh outfit, will probably also be picked, as will McKimmy, who made the trip last year. The other places are entirely problematic with most everyone on the squad fighting it out.

The Generals will open with the Old Liners of the University of Maryland on Monday night, following this Tuesday evening with an engagement with the strong Catholic University outfit. The last clash will be Wednesday night at Annapolis against the crack Navy outfit. All three teams to be met rank

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GLEE CLUB BOWS TO LOCAL CROWD WEDNESDAY P. M.

Singers To Make Appearance In Richmond In April Of Next Year

A. D. TYLER IS DIRECTOR

Farnk Parker, President of Organization, For Present Term Practices Weekly

An enjoyable recital was presented at the old high school Wednesday night by the Glee club and the Southern Collegians. Both of these organizations are divisions of the Troubadours.

Features of the program were four selections by the Southern Collegians, and "Charmaine", a solo by J. M. Countiss. The Glee club also sang eight other numbers. R. C. Ammevman gave a violin solo.

This was the first appearance of the Glee club in Lexington this year. At present, work is being done on the program which will be presented in Richmond in April at a contest for all glee clubs of Virginia and are being etasodzedatijy etaisihrdl North Carolina. Regular practices are being held three times a week in preparation for this contest. There are 20 men in the organization.

Officers of the Glee club and the Southern Collegians are:

Ethan Allen, president of the Southern Collegians.

T. G. Gibson, business manager of the orchestra.

F. T. Parker, president of the Glee club.

A. D. Tyler, director of the Glee club.

The following men compose the Glee Club for the year 1927-28:

First Tenors: W. T. Beard, I. Grass, G. N. Nunn, H. E. Trail, R. C. Wickersham, and E. B. Wilcox.

Second Tenors: C. A. Bowes, C. P. Brown, D. N. Conn, B. C. Eastwood, B. C. etasihrdl tashararara arar P. T. Gallup, F. T. Parker.

Baritone: H. B. Busold, W. J. Durham, A. Everett, K. Smith, H. P. Stanley, and L. S. Vance.

Bassos: H. G. Beall, F. O. Evans, J. Hardwick, M. K. MacIntire, F. M. P. Pearse, Jr., and J. Williamson.

A. D. Tyler is acting as director this year.

Cardwell Only Other From Virginia; Team Composed of Seniors.

"Babe" Spotts end, left yesterday for Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he will join the all-Southern senior team under the direction of coaches Wallace Wade, Alabama, Dan McGugin, Vanderbilt, and William Alexander, Georgia Tech, and proceed Monday to Los Angeles, where the senior all-Pacific coast team will be met December 26.

This is the second consecutive year that a Washington and Lee player has been asked to the coast. Last year "Ty" Rauber, third team all-American fullback, made the jaunt.

Information came last night over long distance telephone from Tuscaloosa where coach Wade is located. Following the long distance call there came a telegram asking Spotts to report at once. The wire read:

"Want you to go to Los Angeles with team for game December 26. You would have to leave Thursday afternoon. Bring equipment, Signed Wallace Wade, coach Alabama."

Four men from the South Atlantic sector were chosen to make the trip. They are "Bick" Cardwell, Virginia tackle, McDowall, N. C. State half and Thomas, Maryland back, and Spotts.

Spotts entered Washington and Lee in the fall of 1924 from Fishbourne Military School and made the freshman football team of that year. His sophomore year he saw extensive service at end in spite of the fact that the Blue and White had three monogram wingmen back from the preceding year, two of them being three-year men. In 1926 he took over regular position and demonstrated the most superb ball played on Wilson field in years. This fall he duplicated his feats of the 1926 season—even in better form than a year ago.

In both '26 and '27 he has been placed on the all-South Atlantic team, both times by practically a unanimous vote. Last year he was second all-Southern and, and this year there was not a squad picked that did not include the name of Spotts among its select wingmen. This year the South turned out exceptionally good ends in Nash and Shiver, Georgia, Creson, Vandy, Crowley, Georgia Tech; and Spotts, Bowdin and Pickard, Alabama; Mc-

The all-Southern senior aggregation will include such stars as Speans Dowall, N. C. S.; Barnhill and Butcher, Tennessee; and many others. The squad will be twenty strong, composed of two centers, three guards, three tackles, four ends, one quarterback, five halves, and two fullbacks. The team will hold a work-out Saturday in Tuscaloosa, and leaves Monday for the coast. No practices will be held enroute, but after arriving at the "land of movies" the team will old seven practices before the battle. Signals will be learned on the train, however.

The game in no way interferes with the Rose Bowl battle on New Year's day between Pittsburgh and Stanford. The affair is supported by Los Angeles newspapers for a charitable organization, with only the actual expenses of the players being paid.

The Los Angeles game was sanctioned by the Southern Conference at its meeting in Lexington, Ky., last week.

Fancy Dress Guest Cards To Be Gotten After Xmas

Guest invitations for Fancy Dress ball may be secured immediately after the Christmas holidays, from Howard Tayloe, secretary-treasurer of Fancy Dress, or Graham Gibson, business manager. W. F. Woodley, president, requests all students who intend to have guests for the dance procure these invitations as soon as possible in order to avoid confusion.

As yet, no orchestra has been definitely chosen, but the officers of Fancy Dress are in negotiation with several bands and will announce their choice after the holidays.

Washington and Lee students do not send a great number of Christmas greeting cards.

This is the statement that follows a survey of the types of cards which are purchased at this time of the year by students of the University. Most of the comparatively few cards that are bought, are purchased from local book stores, and from student representatives of various companies.

Henry Boley, who has been a close observer of Washington and Lee men for many years, and who has occasion to watch these purchases vary with succeeding classes, says that not as many cards are sent now as several years ago.

There is, however, a tendency to get away from the conventional, plain, engraved card and buy the card which is decorated more with symbols of the Yuletide season. The gaudy type of card, which is highly decorated, and has that well-known cheap appearance, is seldom purchased by the Washington and Lee student. But formality is fast disappearing from the Christmas card of the students of the University, and cards which express more genuinely the spirit of the occasion are coming into favor.

Cards which bear the seal of the University are popular with the students, but their cost is so great that not many buy them. Those having fraternity seals are popular with the fraternity men, and most of them are ordered, not from town dealers, but from out of town representatives.

The next issue of the Ring-tum Phi will be out Saturday, January 7, 1928.

W. AND L. ROVER BOYS RISK OWN LIVES TO VISIT MOUNTAIN SHACK TO SATISFY EXACTING EDITOR

By The Gray Phantom

Shot at three times, slipping into a seething river, walking logs across raging streams, Washington and Lee's Rover boys returned from an adventure several days ago that would have delighted Horatio Alger and sent thrills of joy down the spine of Dick Merriwell.

Dick and Tom, the adventurers, left the little village of Lexington, nestled cozily in the mountains, at 2:30 P. M. standard time Wednesday afternoon. Fixing themselves comfortably into the saddle of a Chevrolet coupe, they set out to get a newspaper story for the Lexington Blare from the primitive mountains, and determination was in their hearts for the words of the editor remained in their minds—"Get that story."

After a short journey they halted at an oasis almost to Fairfield to purchase provisions. They told the proprietor of the supply station that they were going to the mountains, and that they would drop by and say "howdy" on the way back. The old man, through his beard of white flowing in the breeze, and with his corrugated brow wrinkling by even more than usual, philosophized—"Mebbe you won't come back!"

Nothing daunted, our heroes continued on. After several miles they

left the highways frequented by men and began a tortuous journey into the uplands. The road was well nigh impassable, rutted by recent rains and later traffic of wagons, and the good ship Chevrolet swayed and careened, almost leaving the road several times. Torrential, roaring rivers were forded, the spray dampening the faces of our heroes. Finally a stream was reached that was too deep to ford. A native approached the adventurers—a tall rawboned, steel-spring type of individual clad in corduroy trousers, tattered shirt, and shoes bursting with toes. "Yew-all ull never git across thatair ford, it's deep."

The heroes quizzed their acoster as to the best way to get on the opposite side. Between coughs he told them to walk up the railroad about a mile and they would find a foot bridge that they could use. As he pointed out the directions the wind blew his ragged shirt away from his body and revealed his underwear, flannel—and sewed on. With brown string probably torn from toesacks.

Dick and Tom tied their Chevrolet steed to a nearby tree and set out afoot. A mile up the tracks they came to an old factory, where the footbridge was to be found. They found it—a log felled across the

stream at a narrow point. They crossed, the spray leaping up to their very faces, the "bridge" swaying dubiously with the unusual weight.

They were nearing the object of their long journey—the hut of a delinquent mountaineer. A winding path led up the mountain before them, amongst the pine and spruce, the only life existent on the wintry landscape.

Up they mounted—doggedly following those orders—"Get that story. Jumping brooks, some babbling, some murmuring, they arrived at a low, board shanty about twenty feet long and twelve feet wide—the end of their quest. "We're here," Dick whispered, feeling particularly in-waist, formerly flesh colored, served of the mountains surrounding him.

And so they were. They studied the hut. It was divided into two rooms, one used as a kitchen, the other as a bedroom. The windows were covered with gunnysack, with the futile aid of waste pasteboard, designed to break the force of the gusty winds that drive the bitter cold amongst the mountains. The floor was crude, huge cracks admitting more chill, and an occasional hole admitting freezing drafts. No chairs were there. A stove was in the kitchen, a frying pan lying on it, (Continued on Page Three)



All-Senior Southern End

Students Are Not Sending As Many Cards As Formerly

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

OVER a hundred students have already left for their homes, and within the next few days the balance of the student body, with a few exceptions, will also leave.

With the annual exodus from Lexington the third week in December comes the realization that the holiday season is close at hand, and that the large majority of students are having their first visit home since the opening of school in September. With this realization come varied dreams of pleasures, entertainments, sleepless nights followed by drowsy days, and what have you, but withal the supreme relaxation from studies and a feeling of freedom from classrooms and library shelves probably constitutes the chief reason for hilarity.

Everybody will be happy—maybe. Providing the cup is filled to the proverbial point of overflowing, that just enough and not too much turkey is consumed Sunday for dinner, that the dances are as good as anticipated, that the "girl friend" is "friendly" in the right degree, that the new worlds are as easy to conquer as we hope, and that no one we meet is narrow-minded, it will be a real Christmas season, and one that will be the subject of the pre-exam sessions with priority over all else.

LAST NIGHT'S READING

THE reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" last night in Lee chapel was heard by a capacity crowd, and justly so.

Those attending had no cause to regret their action, and were more than repaid for the time spent listening to the program. It was one of the best of its kind given here in recent years, and Professor M. G. Bauer, the reader, and the English department, which backed the project, are to be congratulated for their action in reviving the custom, which had been allowed to lapse at Washington and Lee.

We were glad that such a large number of students, faculty members, and townspeople took advantage of the opportunity to be present, and hope that the hundreds of people who attended the reading, and the debate several weeks ago, can be taken as indicative of a renewed interest in literary activities of a worthwhile sort on the campus.

A university of the size and type of Washington and Lee should support programs of this sort, and if those in charge continue to offer attractions of the caliber of those so far given this year, we feel sure that the support of the student body will be forthcoming.

MINOR SPORT CROWDS

AGAIN the student body fell down in its support of minor sports events in failing to attend the wrestling match last week against the Richmond Y. M. C. A. in the numbers which the exhibition merited.

Last year the cry through the winter was that students were not coming out for the wrestling and boxing meets as they should, and this year the same complaint will be in order, if the first event of this nature can be taken as a criterion of the future.

And why? Anyone who attends one meet in either sport will not miss another one following, if we gauge sports fans' likes correctly, as fast action and good entertainment are always provided by personal, man-to-man combats of any sort. Only those actively engaged realize what tedious and methodical preparation is necessary to turn out a man physically and mentally fitted for the mat or ring. The training grind is second to none in the university if success is to be won.

Minor sports deserve the support of every man at Washington and Lee. Man is naturally a combative creature, and love of personal battle is one of the most inborn of all traits. The building up of one's body and the training to be able to hold one's own against a personal adversary are important for everybody, and those who go out for the team, whether they make the grade requisite to active participation in the scheduled meets or not, deserve credit, and do as much for the university in accordance with their abilities as do those who compete on teams rated as major sport entries.

CONGRATULATIONS, BABE

BABE SPOTTS' right to a place in the sun among the luminaries of Southern ends was fittingly recognized by three of the conference's leading coaches this week, when he was chosen as one of the flankmen to make the trip to Los Angeles to play on the Southern all-Senior eleven against a similar aggregation of Pacific coast stars the day after Christmas.

The student body joins with fans throughout Virginia in congratulating Spotts on his honor, and will be watching him in action the day of the big game as they have done for the past three years as he played under the colors of the Blue and White. The opportunity to play on the same team with the senior stars of the South is a fitting climax to his great success on collegiate gridirons, and his ability as an offensive threat and a defensive bulwark are almost certain to win him a place in the line-up, either as a starter or as a reserve.

Local fans well remember last year when "Ty" Rauber went with the all-Eastern eleven to the coast to play the Western stars, and made the only score for his team when he booted the ball for three points—enough to prevent a shut-out victory for the Occidentals.

Good luck, "Babe"; may the trip prove a pleasant one.

**Voice Of The
W. and L. Student Boay**

I have been watching with interest the effect of a recent communication in the Ring-tum-Phi regarding the founding of a successor to the erstwhile "Southern Collegian." I am heartily in favor of such a project and would like to take this opportunity of lauding the initiative of the person or persons who are attempting it.

On such a campus as Washington and Lee, where the true star of scholasticism burns unmarred by the "fair co-ed", where the student is isolated from the roaring world of industry and finance; where the solitude and meditation are not only possible, but are thrust upon us; it seems queer indeed that a serious literary magazine was ever allowed to die. Here if anywhere should be found the seeds of literary genius, the deep philosophical thoughts of Kants and Schopenhauers; the sharp swords of H. L. Mencken and his horsemen, and the rapier of Upton Sinclair.

I agree with Dr. Shannon that the magazine should be thrown open to both the student body and faculty, and I might add that many alumni might wish to contribute to its pages. Could we not in this way refute a portion of the stair heaped upon by educators and captains of industry in the "American Mercury?" "The Mink" is flourishing, and are there not as many Swifts and Addison, Durants and Nathans on our campus as there are Witwers, John Held, Jr., and Ring Lardners? If not, there ought to be. Let's all get behind the new magazine when it comes out and help it over the top.

Yours very truly,
A LITERARY FAN

**Washington and Lee
In the Past**

1926

Adolph O. Schs, publisher of the New York Times, has made a handsome contribution for the Lee Memorial chapel at Lexington. He has given \$1,000 toward the custodian fund for the chapel, now being raised by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and \$1,000 toward the fund for the fireproofing of the roof of the Lee Memorial chapel and Mausoleum.

1922

The February dances will mark the advent of a new orchestra to the Washington and Lee dances, and yet one which is not unfamiliar to a majority of the students—Garber-Davis. This orchestra is well-known throughout the South, and has improved a great deal during the last several months. They are now playing regularly for Columbia records.

1914

The Virginia Belgian Relief Fund would have been swelled considerably had the Belgian consul been given the support Washington and Lee offered. To aid the homeless in the theatre of the European war, Frederick E. Nolting, the Belgian consul, proposed a post season game on Decemehr 5 between the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee.

President Henry Louis Smith replied instantly that the suggestion was looked on with enthusiasm at Washington and Lee, but Virginia declined, as the authorities replied that the team had disbanded for the season.

1911

At the meeting of the Virginia Educational association in Norfolk last week, Dr. George H. Denny was one of the speakers. He defended the public school system of Virginia, and took occasion to bid farewell to his auditors, as this may be his last speech delivered in Virginia.

Dr. Denny has accepted the office of the presidency of the University of Alabama, and will give up his work at Washington and Lee at the close of the present session.

1908

The student matriculation at Washington and Lee has already reached 550. The young men come from 32 states, with the Southern states being well-represented. This is an increase of nearly 100 over the registration of last year. The large increase is due chiefly to the unusual number of young men who come from the far South.

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VARSITY AND FRESHMEN WRESTLERS TO WORK-OUT DAILY DURING HOLIDAYS

Both the Varsity and freshman wrestlers are going to workout daily during the holidays. Those who remain in Lexington will practice under the direction of Coach Mathis, and those who go home for the holidays, have access to a gym, where they will keep in condition.

Soon after vacation the Varsity will meet the strong crew from Virginia Poly. V. P. I. had the conference championship last season, and since they lost but few of their stars, they are sure to prove a real obstacle in the path of the General's matmen. Coach Mathis is not worried, however, and is well pleased with the early season showing of the team. V. P. I. comes to Lexington on January 14. A schedule is practically completed, which includes meets with all the best teams in the Southern conference.

The first team has not yet been definitely picked, though Gresham, Thompson, Davis, Tully, Sperry, Capt. Seligman and Bolton stand out in their respective weights. The candidates for the frosh are rounding into shape and a good schedule is also being arranged for them.

Churches To Have Christmas Music

Lexington churches will celebrate the yuletide season with special music, services and sermons.

The Robert E. Lee Episcopal church will hold Holy Communion at 11:45 o'clock Christmas Eve. The regular Christmas service will be held at 11 o'clock the next day.

Next Sunday night the Presbyterian church will devote to Christmas music, while Christmas night a pageant will take the place of their regular Sunday evening service. At 6 P. M. Friday the Presbyterian Sunday school will give an entertainment.

"What we may expect immediately after death" is the topic the Rev. E. B. Jackson of the Baptist church has selected for his sermon Christmas night. Christmas music will reature both the morning and evening Christmas services at the Baptist church.

Candles alone will illuminate the Memorial Methodist church Christmas night. Christmas anthems, duets, solos, and a short talk composed the service. The Sunday school will give an entertainment Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Greta Garbo, John Gilbert In New Show

Great Garbo and John Gilbert's new picture, "Love", which has only recently been leased will be shown at the New Theatre on February 3 and 4, immediately after Fancy Dress. This picture, considered the culmination of these two performers' osculative genius, has aroused comment throughout the country.

Produced by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, it is a picturization of Tolstoi's world famous novel Anna Karenine. It is now showing at the Embassy theatre in New York, where critics have highly praised the work of both artists. Sherwood, cinematic critic of "Life" said of this picture, "The acting of both Miss Garbo and Mr. Gilbert sustains a pitch of emotion throughout this picture in a manner which might be briefly described as 'Hot and cold passion always on tap'".

The Gray Phantom

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half filled with corn mush, and filth. Dick ventured into the bedroom, a bedroom in which a family of nine slept in two pseudo-beds. The effusive odor of bacon, anciently fried, and the permeating smell of human bodies, squalid at best, rendered the shanty repulsive. The beds were gunny sacks, stuffed with rags with a ragged quilt thrown over them, stained with tobacco juice, grease and grime.

Outside again the air seemed fresh to the adventurers. They were touched—deeply so, and combined their financial resources to leave a quarter on the edge of the stove, perhaps to furnish a hungry mouth with a bite or two.

As Dick and Tom started back down the winding path a figure approached them—the pitiful figure of a typical mountain girl. On her head she wore a checkered hat. Upon her back a checkered coat. A short-waist, formerly flesh colored served to half hide her body; and a blue skirt, gray, half-darned stockings and leather coverings, once bearing the name of shoes, completed the appearance. It was at the sight of her that Dick and Tom realized that perhaps they shouldn't have entered the shanty in the absence of its owners.

"What were yew-all a-doin' up at my house?" 'the half clad personage asked—half suspicious—half curious.

"We're just looking around," Dick explained, "because we intend to bring some Christmas gifts up to your house some time soon. It's getting colder isn't it?"

"Yes, sir," was the confidential reply.

"How does your family support itself?" "Dick questioned; his nose for news serving to submerge his sense of modesty for the present.

"Oh, we been shuckin' corn—me an' my old man, but we'll get thru tomorrer." The noise of Tom's pencil scratching a note on the back of a letter was the only sound that broke their silence.

"What are you going to do then?" Tom asked, remembering from his two months farm experience that it doesn't take months to shuck corn.

"Oh, I'll pick the hickory nuts before they fall to keep them from getting bruised," she admitted. She stopped suddenly. And continued, "Yew-all better leave here before my old man gets here. He'll think yew are tryin' to steal the kids and is liable to take a shot at ya."

Darkness was falling rapidly. Our heroes were hungry furthermore. And decretion is ever the better part of valor. They started back down the path. Ere they had traversed a hundred yards they saw approaching them the figure of a bearded mountaineer, gun in arm, and dragging a sack, evidently containing corn. Remembering that they had no time to waste on explanations Dick and Tom ran up the mountain side to avoid meeting the mountaineer.

But the eye of the wiry mountain being had already spotted them. "Hey—yew—stop!" he roared.

But our heroes ran on and on, slipping in the leaves that covered the mountain like a protecting blanket, but jumping up again to climb

upward, ever upward. A crack of a rifle, the whistle of a bullet increased the speed of the heroes as it landed not thirty feet from them.

They had escaped—whole! They speedily crossed it, sliding down the opposite side, as two more shots sounded on the still twilight air.

The Yuletide season with special traced the bank of the river back to the log, half hidden in the obscurity of the darkness. When they had almost reached it Tom gave a cry as a portion of the bank gave way and he slipped into the water but his companion, ever alert, pulled him back to solid ground. They continued on to their machine, which stood faithfully awaiting their arrival.

"Well, we got a story," said Dick, several hours later, "and we got our dinner too—so I'm happy.

"Thou art ever a disciple of thy stomach," significantly parleyed Tom—"But it was a good story, and worth being shot at, and falling into the river to get."

And this is the story the boys brought back. If you desire to follow the Rover Boys in more exciting adventures, read this column regularly, for they are ever alert and adventurous.

SOUTHERN COLLEGIANS NOT TO MAKE XMAS TRIP

Graham Gibson, business manager of the Southern Collegians, announced that the band would not be able to take a Christmas trip due to the inability of three members to accompany the orchestra. Gibson was forced, for this reason, to turn down several contracts that had been offered him for the holidays.

The Collegians will play for the last time this year at the Elk's Charity ball tonight. This dance will be given in the City Auditorium of Roanoke.

After the members of the band return in January, they will start preparing and arranging music for the spring dances and the European trip which they will take next June.

Next Assembly To Be Held Founders Day, January 19

The first holiday after the Christmas vacation comes on January 19, Founders Day. The principal event of the day is a general assembly to be held in the Doremus gymnasium.

The matter of a speaker for the occasion has not yet been settled, but President H. L. Smith expects acceptance of his invitation from a prominent eastern speaker within the next few days.

Besides the assembly, there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees during the afternoon, and a banquet in the Episcopal Church basement in the evening. The banquet is given as a personal commemoration of General Lee's birthday, and is therefore especially for Confederate Veterans of all wars, however, including the late World War, will attend.

The holiday comes between the first and second block in the semester examination schedule. Examinations will be resumed Friday, January 20, and will end Monday, January 30.

Cheers For Christmas Freshmen All To Be Happy

Three cheers for Christmas and the New Year! The freshmen will be happy in more ways than one, and for a certain reason.

With the coming of the New Year, the much hated caps will be discarded in favor of the new and serviceable sailor hat—one which has a wide brim, and may be turned down to shed the rain, snow, and to keep the ears from freezing.

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PROF. BAUER FEATURES THE CAROL SERVICE

Glee Club Sings; Lee Chapel
Radiates With Christmas
Spirit.

A charming entertainment was given under the auspices of the English department in Lee Chapel last night in its presentation of an evening of Christmas carols. The programs was directed by Dr. E. F. Shannon, and the atmosphere was in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

Professor M. G. Bauer's reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was the main feature of the evening. The reading was given in two parts, while the Glee club sang carols between readings.

Written in the charming and pleasing style of Dickens, the "Christmas Carol" touched the hearts of the entire audience. The main thread of the story was how Scrooge, a crabby old business man who scorned happiness and cheer, was taught the real meaning of Christmas by the ghost of his departed business partner. A spirit of real Christmas cheer is aroused in Scrooge's heart, and the old man brings the story to a joyful close as he dines with his nephew on Christmas day.

Three carols were sung by the Glee club, with the accompaniment of Professor Shelley on the organ. These were "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Good King Wencelas", and "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen". The songs were in harmony with the development of Dickens' story.

The chapel seemed to radiate with sincere Christmas spirit. Cedars and various evergreens were artistically arranged on the platform and throughout the interior. Three white candles in each window sent out a warm greeting to the wayward wanderer. On the platform, nine red candles burned with a soft yellow glow that lent beauty and charm to the atmosphere. Portraits, pictures and Confederate flags added color to the scene. Only the soft light from the candles were used. A faint scent of cedar prevailed in the chapel, and gave harmony to the background.

Students, townspeople, faculty members, and V. M. I. officers comprised the audience that filled the chapel to its capacity. More than 400 enjoyed the carols, which suggested the approaching Yuletide.

The program for the evening was: Organ prelude—Professor Shelley. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"—Glee Club.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"—Glee Club.

Reading of first part of Dickens' "Christmas Carol"—Professor Bauer.

"Good King Wencelas"—Glee Club.

Reading of second part of Dickens' "Christmas Carol"—Professor Bauer.

"God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"—Glee Club.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Audience.

Organ postlude—Professor Shelley.

Those who acted as ushers were: C. A. Strahorn, J. M. Shackelford, and Jack Stewart.

Sportsmen Flock To Florida Clime

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Miami Beach golf tourney.
Major league baseball training campaign.

Each of these events have become fixtures in the Nation's sport calendar, all drawing the leading stars of their class.

The international four-ball match and the other links events annually attract the leading professionals of the golf world.

Tennis at Palm Beach and Miami bring Tilden, Alonso and other international racquet figures South.

As for baseball, indications are that Florida is to see many of the big league baseball clubs in its midst. The New York Yankees will be at St. Petersburg while several other squads are planning another training grind in West Florida.

Spotts Is Absent On Maryland Trip

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with the best in the East and the Blue and White will have to show some brilliant work to win. Captain Spotts' absence will undoubtedly be felt to some extent but with the men showing the fight and teamwork exhibited at yesterday's practice there will not be a noticeable difference.

The weather man promises that Christmas day will be clear and cold throughout the mountain section of the South Atlantic states.

Sale of Cigarettes Doubles in Six Years

The Bureau of Internal Revenue publishes data concerning the quantities of the several tobacco products manufactured. The most striking item in these data is the increase in the number of cigarettes manufactured in registered factories especially in recent years.

The number in 1926, as based on monthly tax reports of stamp sales for that year and from products made in registered factories exported tax free for the fiscal year 1926, reached the total of 92,336,336,402, nearly double the number manufactured in 1920. The cigarette output of all registered factories and bonded manufacturing warehouses in the United States in 1926 was approximately 99,000,000,000. During 1926 there were 9,539,335 cigarettes exported, thus leaving 90,000,000,000 for consumption in the United States. And this number does not take into consideration those made by the smoker from loose tobacco of which no data are available.

YULETIDE SEASON GRIPS WASHINGTON AND LEE'S CAMPUS

Winter . . . sullen, brooding skies . . . bare silhouettes of trees against those skies . . . dead leaves burning with a haunting odor . . . smoke curling from the chimneys of cozy homes . . . a chattering squirrel dispensing justice in his little domain of acorns . . . cold, biting, numbing, bitter cold.

A campus . . . fond farewells . . . voices, suffused with laughter . . . parting words . . . words of good will and best wishes . . . the boys . . . anticipation of a pretty face . . . ruby lips . . . big, tender, brown eyes . . . smiles . . . goodbyes . . . tears . . . a deserted campus, devoid of life . . .

Bottles . . . effects . . . broken bottles . . . wild dreams . . . a cigarette with a blue wraith of smoke curling upward from its glowing end . . .

Home . . . Mother . . . Dad . . . everybody . . . happiness at last.

The Yuletide season has come to Washington and Lee. Some have already left for home. Others go today. Some go tomorrow. All are effervescing with good spirits. Kind words are spread to everyone. A tinge of regret at he thought of separation from the boys temporarily halts the flow of perfect bliss.

All are looking forward to good times with mother, with dad, and with—her! ! Dancing, happiness, parties, joy, more bottles, are all overflowings from the cup of two weeks bliss that awaits us. Books—discarded, forgotten . . . hurrah!—And then—when it's all over—back—to exams! But now—Christmas is here—the season of joy and of merriment. Let's take the road to good times!

Varsity And Frosh Boxers Stop Today

The varsity and Freshmen boxers close their practice tonight until after the holidays. The work up to this time has consisted mainly of preliminary practice with light daily workouts.

On Wednesday, January 4, practice will start again, and the Varsity candidates will begin in earnest to prepare for the Virginia match which will be in Doremus gymnasium January 14. This leaves but ten days for preparation, and stiff daily workouts will be held to get the boxers in trim for the hardest and most important match of the season.

The prospects have been considerably brightened with the addition of Price Holland in the 115 or bantam-weight class. Holland is inexperienced, but is exceptionally fast, and is expected to develop into a clever boxer. It is hoped that Spotts will be able to come out for the heavy-weight class after his return from the holiday game on the Pacific coast.

HOLDING LIBRARY HOURS

Throughout the holidays the general library will remain open from eleven to twelve each morning with the exception of Sundays, and the Mondays of December 26, and of January 2. This arrangement gives for vacation, as only one remains in the library at a time, and during the four days mentioned above all get holidays.

Thirteen In Hospital

There are now thirteen students confined in the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Eleven of these while the remaining two have slight cases of grippe. Unless complications develop all of them will be able to go to their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Number Of Mink Greeted As Greatest Success

Vividly full of the holiday spirit and resplendent in Christmas colors, the "Christmas Number" of The Mink made its appearance on the campus Wednesday afternoon.

This, the third issue of this year's Washington and Lee's humorous magazine, met with a decided successful reception and has been declared by the Student Body to be "one of the best yet."

Taking for its theme the spirit of Christmas and the holidays, The Mink followed this in its contents to the nth degree. The majority of the art work and the literary material dealt solely with this subject, and followed the theme uniquely and very smartly indeed.

The cover was drawn by Leonard Glover. Art work by Frances French, Frances Guthrie, Bill Munford, Dud Carr, Jack Ecker, Duncan McConnell, and A. P. Bondurant featured the issue. A wealth of reading matter in the form of poems, sketches, stories and jokes filled the space between the snappy art work very interestingly. Special Christmas designs, borders, and illustrations enlivened the pages of the magazine and left not a dull moment in the whole 28 pages.

The editorial page, which glowed with colorful phases and skilful writing, was one of the features of the issue.

George S. DePass, business manager of The Mink, announces that the issue has been in great demand among students and that the news stand sale has been large.

Wilton M. Garrison, editor-in-chief of The Mink, announced today that the "Fancy Dress Number" would be the next issue to appear. This number will appear during the mid-winter rdances, one day before Fancy Dress Ball. Contributions will follow the theme of the dance, costumes, masquerades, etc., and it is requested by the editor that they be sent in early before examinations begin.

DEBATERS NEGOTIATING

B. J. Wagner, manager of the Debating team, announced that he is now negotiating with Randolph Macon Women's College for a debate to take place in February. The subject of the debate to be argued is: Resolved, that co-education is a failure.

The W. and L. team will take the affirmative, the side which it defended against the English team last month. The Randolph Macon team also debated with the English invaders, and are considered to have one of the best women's debating squads in the country.

Not more than two hundred students, at the outside, are expected to attend classes at the university Monday and Tuesday, if records of past years can be taken as a criterion.



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If judged by excuses given at V. C. meetings, the Freshmen class has a very large percentage of men who need medical attention. The popular diseases and distemperments are of a very wide extent, ranging from indigestion to weak hearts.

One man had had six inches taken out of his large intestine, so, according to his reasoning, he was ineligible to a beating. One lesson will probably be sufficient to show these offenders that "Maladies of the body may prove medicines to the mind."

A majority of the cases brought to the attention of the V. C. are those of "gross freshness", and in failing to obey the speaking custom. Some freshmen also, have a tendency to stay out too late at night, and to lose their caps, both offenses being liable to prove very costly.

Most offenders plead "Not Guilty" to their charges, having no recollection at all of such an act.

However, freshmen may enjoy peace of mind for a while, for the next meeting of the V. C. will not be until after the holidays.

Needy Families Given Baskets

Both fraternity and boarding houses have given liberally for those in need and poor families at Xmas. There has been an unusual large sale of Tuberculosis Xmas seals, and each fraternity and boarding house has agreed to provide a basket for Xmas dinner for some poor family of Lexington.

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