

CONVENTION TO BEGIN MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 3

Flames of a National Convention Will Flare to White-hot on W. & L. Campus

GYM FLOOR WILL BE MARKED IN SECTIONS

Each Delegation Placarded and to Have Assigned Plans; Ring-Tum Phi Extras

From three o'clock Monday afternoon until the final nominating vote sometime Tuesday, flames of a democratic national convention will flare to white heat on this campus. Verbal battles over a wet or dry platform plank, and over the candidacy of Al Smith as opposed to at least eight other candidates who will be nominated, are coming. Convention plans are now complete. It will open for the first session Monday afternoon at three. The second session convenes at eight o'clock that night, and the final session convenes at nine-thirty Tuesday morning. Every student has been placed on one of the state or territorial delegations. Chairmen have been appointed to lead each delegation and start the oratorical fireworks with the nominating speeches. Also each chairman will notify the students who are on his delegation.

The gym floor will be marked off with placards for each delegation. Placards carrying names of the state or territory each delegation represents will rise above the seated delegates, while ranging around and above the convention floor up in the gallery the hundreds of townspeople and visitors from nearby cities who have signified their intention of attending will be placed.

Three extra issues of the Ring-Tum Phi announcing results will appear during the convention. The first comes out Monday night, the second Tuesday noon, and the third comes out Tuesday night. The regular Wednesday issue will appear on Thursday.

Following are some of the presidential candidates who will be nominated: Jim Reed of Missouri, Al Smith of New York, Sen. Pat Harrison of Mississippi, Gov. Ritchie, of Maryland, Sen. Fletcher of Florida, Sen. George of Georgia, Carter Glass of Virginia, Sen. Walsh of Montana, former Secretary Meridith of Iowa, and Sen. Pomerene of Ohio.

Proposed platform issues expected to well-nigh dead lock the convention are: a wet plank, an anti-intervention in Nicaragua plank, and a plank favoring the League of Nations or the World Court.

Procedure will be modeled exactly on that used during the last Democratic National Convention which met in New York City in 1924. As a model there will be used an elephantine volume, "Complete Records of the 1924 Democratic National Convention" which gives stenographic reports of everything that happened. (Continued on Page 4)

Past Conventions Have Been Scenes Much Enthusiasm

If the National Democratic Mock Convention to be held in the Doremus Gymnasium Monday afternoon and Tuesday of next week keeps up the work done by the previous mock conventions, it will prove interesting. Much interest has been shown among the students and visitors during these conventions, and much "politicizing" has been done by the various factions to get their favorite nominated.

It has been stated by those who have witnessed the national conventions, that the mock conventions held on this campus are exact replicas. Rallies staged by different sections, wild enthusiasm displayed at the mention of a favorite, shouting, stamping, tin horns all add a realistic touch to the sessions.

There are voluminous records of the last four conventions held; in 1908, '12, '16, and '24. No convention was held in 1920 because of the unsettled conditions on the campus, not enough interest being shown to make a success of the project.

On the whole, the conventions have been remarkable in the fact that the convention of 1912 was the only one in which the candidate chosen by the students was not the one chosen later by the national convention. In this case Judson Harmon, of Ohio, received the nomination over Woodrow Wilson, who later won the national nomination.

The convention of 1908 was held in the chapel on May 4 and continued for two sessions. The first (Continued on Page 4)

Orchestra Lands A. M. A. Contract; Sullins Pending

The Southern Collegians will play at the Easter dance of Augusta Military Academy on Friday, April 27 according to T. G. "Toot" Gibson, business manager of the Troubadours.

Negotiations are now pending with Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia, and in all probability the orchestra will play for Sullins at the May Day dances on May 4 and 5 there.

Sullins heard the Southern Collegians while they were in Bristol during the Troubadours' Easter trip. They were much impressed with the musical output of the orchestra and at the close of the show gave Manager Gibson a bid for their May Day dances.

The Southern Collegians are now in better form than ever due to the smoothness acquired by their continuous playing on the Easter trip.

Latest observation of university styles by experts of Men's wear and the Daily News Record, authoritatively style publications, indicate hats worn by American undergraduates this spring will have high, tapered crown and narrow brim.

President and Business Manager of the Troubadours During 1927-28



"TOMMY" THAMES

"Tommy" Thames, who has been President of the Troubadours this year, personally directed both the Thanksgiving and Easter shows. Thames is a member of Sigma Chi, Pi Alpha Nu, "12" Club and the Calyx and Mink staffs.



"TOOT" GIBSON

"Toot" Gibson, to whom the financial affairs of the Troubadours this year have been entrusted. Gibson is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, White Friars, Cotillion Club, is manager and director of the Southern Collegians, and assistant manager of the 1928 Fancy Dress Ball.

1928 Troubadour Easter Play "Butter and Egg Man" Rated High By Virginia Papers

By W. M. Garrison

Echoes of the success of the Easter-week trip of the Troubadours of Washington and Lee University, who presented "The Butter and Egg Man" in four prominent Virginia and Tennessee cities last week, are still being heard through the medium of the public press of these cities and two states.

The play, which was chosen by the Troubadours to be this season's production for the annual Easter show, was a comedy in three acts. It was produced by special arrangement with Samuel French of New York, and special scenery and costumes were used in the play.

The first public performance was given Tuesday afternoon in Lexington at the New Theatre, where it scored a complete success before a large holiday crowd.

Playing in East Radford, the first city on the tour, on Wednesday night, the play again scored a hit. The East Radford newspapers had the following to say of the show:

"The Troubadours of Washington and Lee University, gave a successful presentation of 'The Butter and Egg Man' in the auditorium of the Radford State Teachers College on Wednesday evening. In spite of inclement weather they played to a full house of sympathetic and appreciative auditors. Seldom does a college group or any group of amateurs present such a finished performance."

"The acting was not only remarkably good, but also each actor seemed to enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of his part. The humor was clean and carried the audience on a wave of mirth from the raising of the curtain to its final fall. Even those parts in which men acted as women were naturally interpreted and elicited admiration from the spectators."

"The Southern Collegians, Washington and Lee's famous college dance orchestra, played between acts. The performance was sponsored by the Bee Hive, the Radford college annual. Immediately following the show, the cast and members of the orchestra were entertained by the annual staff in Madame Russell Hall."

The second stand on the tour was played in Marion on Thursday night. The "Marion Democrat," edited by Sherwood Anderson, famous author and novelist, carried the following snappy review of the show: A good sized audience saw the presentation of "The Butter and Egg Man," a play by the Troubadours of Washington and Lee University on Thursday night at the Court House theater while the formal opening of the new Marion Hotel and the revival meeting were (Continued on Page 4)

HONORARY FRAT DEBATORS DOWN JOHN'S HOPKINS ON NORTHERN TRIP

The Washington and Lee Debating team, represented by B. J. Wagner, manager, D. Sherby, and R. O. Morrow, defeated Johns Hopkins and lost to American University on its northern trip week ago. The local debaters met Johns Hopkins, Friday, April 13, in Baltimore, and were awarded the decision by a 2 to 1 vote of the presiding judges. The question was, Resolved, "That the United States should abandon the practice of armed intervention in Latin America." W. & L. upheld the negative against Norman B. Gardner, Jr., W. Rigby McDorman, and Paul L. Cordish, of Johns Hopkins. 50 attended the debate.

The Washington and Lee debaters, next, met the American University team before 250 spectators in Washington, D. C. on Monday, April 16. W. & L. upheld the affirmative side of the question, Resolved, "That American private investments in foreign countries should not be given military protection by the United States government." American U was represented by Hugh W. Speer, W. Willis Delaplain, and Roland M. Rice. Mr. Frank F. Nesbit, a well known Washington attorney, was judge and decided in favor of the Capitol team. Dr. George B. Woods, Dean of the college, was presiding officer.

The American U. debate was the last meet of the season, and the last intercollegiate debate for Wagner who has been a member of the team for three years. Morrow and Sherby will both be back next year.

Trackmen To Race Richmond Today in Fourth Dual Meet

The Varsity track team will meet the University of Richmond there today in the fourth meet of the season. 20 men made the trip with Coach Fletcher and Manager Harrison. The team left yesterday making the entire trip in automobiles as the university bus was not in running condition.

The Spiders usually put out their strongest teams on the cinder path and the Generals should meet some stiff competition in the Capitol city this afternoon. Although the Richmonders lost many of their star runners by graduation last year—such as Sharp, Martin and Fleming, they still have their big asset in Coach Dodson who is considered one of the South's great track coaches.

The men who made the trip and their events are:

- 100 yd. dash: Sandifer, Grashorn and Barclay.
- 220 yd. dash: Sandifer, Grashorn and Barclay.
- 440 yd. dash: Backus and Simmons.
- 880 yd. dash: Backus and Sutton.
- Mile run: Brock and Parker.
- 2 Mile: Nance and Butler.
- High hurdlers: Reardon, Patterson and Hood.
- Low hurdlers: Jones.
- High jump: Sandifer and Pilley.
- Pole vault: Pilley, Pomeroy and Coker.
- Broad jump: McFarlin, Sandifer, Bank, and Eberhardt.
- Discus: Fisher and Painter.
- Javelin: Janney, Reardon and Martin.
- Shot put: Fisher.

P. D. E. Officers For Next Year Elected Morgan President

Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic fraternity, in a meeting held Thursday afternoon in Newcomb Hall, elected the officers of the coming year. Allen Morgan was elected to succeed Bob Powers in the office of President. Morgan is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity and a candidate for the position of Business Manager of next year's RING TUM PHI.

Frank Gilmore and Tommy Thames were elected vice president and secretary respectively. They are members of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Louis Powell, Phi Kappa Sigma and Richard Beaton, Kappa Sigma will fill the offices of treasurer and scribe respectively.

Jim Salinger, candidate for Business manager of the Mink of next year, was the only man pledged at this meeting. Following the election of officers, Peyton Harrison gave a report on the national convention of the fraternity which he recently attended.

VIRGINIA GAME POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT RAIN

Coach Smith Juggles Line Up in Endeavor to Present Strongest Combination

TWO RIVAL CAPTAINS GET MOUND DUTIES

Paul Folliard Pitching For Washington and Lee and Stevens for the Cavaliers

The baseball game with the University of Virginia, scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed until Tuesday, according to Graduate Manager R. A. Smith. Inclement weather and wet grounds were given as the reason for the postponement.

The Cavaliers played V. P. I. yesterday in Blacksburg and completely routed the Gobblers by the score of 21 to 3. The Cadet hurler were at their wildest and the three who saw service issued 15 free passes.

Virginia touched the three V. P. I. pitchers for 19 hits, three of which were homers. It was one of the most one-sided games ever played in Blacksburg.

The Virginia squad will spend the rest of the week-end in Roanoke and, according to the manager of the Dutch Inn, will arrive here Monday night.

The two rival captains of the two great rival teams are slated to oppose each other from the hurling mound, Captain Folliard tossing them up for the Generals with Captain Stevens doing the flinging for the Cavaliers.

On the eve of the battle Coach Smith juggled his varsity around so that he might present the strongest combination to the Virginia crew. Eglebach was shifted from his old job on third base to the shortfield berth, while Tuggle was changed from the infield to alternate with Hickman in the right pasture. Lowdon and Slanker completed the outer defense with White and Spotts taking care of the first and second sacks. Warthen occupied Eglebach's former station at the hot corner. Tips is still on the hospital list which means that Jones will complete the battery with Folliard. The Cavaliers are scheduled to present the same line-up which faced North Carolina last week although Coach Neale has kept his plans secret for several days.

The tentative batting order for the two teams is as follows:

- Virginia
- Bowen, cf
 - Cardwell, 3b
 - Levey, rf
 - April, c
 - Close, 1b
 - Byrd, ss
 - Sloan, 3b
 - Randolph, 2b
 - Stevens, p
- W. & L.
- Slanker, cf
 - Spotts, 1b
 - Eglebach, ss
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Woman's Club of Lexington Presents "Candida" In Waddell High Auditorium

By Bill Hill

Candida. A Pleasant Play by George Bernard Shaw in three acts. Presented by the Woman's Club of Lexington at the Waddell High School Thursday night.

A self-sufficient parson innocently feeds a loving wife on his talent for preaching—his rhetoric—his stale perorations, until the purple veins and crown of stars of a poet bring to the Reverend an appreciation of love.

The play depicts the domestic life of a typical London pastor of the late nineties. The Rev. James Mavor Morrell, in all his self-sufficiency, is made master of a castle of indulgence by Candida, his dutiful wife. And the Reverend settles down to a spoiled existence amid his manuscripts and his wife's attentions.

A poet enters—Eugene Marchbanks—he of the curly, ruffled hair—the delicate features—he who paints dreams upon a mist. Through the poet's attentions to Candida the Reverend Morrell learns that love to a woman is something more than slicing onions and filling lamps with paraffin oil.

The motivating force that moves the characters through about two

hours entertainment is a woman's maternal urge, aroused by the sense of a weak poet's need, and to him she gives her pity as she would give her shawl to a shivering beggar. And pity is a phase of love. In this Candida is spiritually immortal.

About the spiritual revelation is woven a thread of comedy supplied by the "cigarred" father of Candida, and Morrell's secretary, Miss Prosopine Garnett.

H. L. Mencken has declared—"Shaw's 'Candida' is one of the most subtle domestic dramas ever written—not excepting those of William Shakespeare."

Beneath the sleeping exterior of Lexington, real dramatic talent has been lying dormant, for Thursday night it sprang to life and made Shaw's characters really live.

Mrs. Janet Lambert as Candida, projected into the role the natural character of a faithful wife, with a finesse and ease that marked her interpretation as real art. Her naivete made a fine background for the dramatic technique of Marvin G. Bauer, as Marchbanks, the poet and

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Modern Girl Pays Cost of Courtship; College Boys Male Gold Diggers

Are the American college youth and his elder brother becoming male gold-diggers? Has sex equality reached the point where a girl has to pay more than her escort for the privilege of having a date?

The answer to both questions seems to be "Yes" in some youthful circles at least.

At Columbia University a group of girls have formed an "anti-dutch date" club whose members are pledged not to accept dates on which they must pay half the cost. And now comes Shirley Ann Stone, business girl, who declares in the May issue of Smart Set magazine that it is the modern girl, not the man, who carries the bigger part of the expense of courtship.

Loans Money to Men

"Not only do we have to pay intangibly in pride and self-respect, and pay the larger part of our salaries for the smart dresses and hats that are so necessary, but we must pay today for our own dinners, our own theater tickets and taxi fares," she says. "What's more, I'd hate to count the times I have loaned money to men, never to see it again."

The modern youth who walls about the high cost of courtship, asserts

Miss Stone, doesn't consider the cost to the girl of the appearance he demands of her. For example, if she goes out for the evening her clothes will cost \$250 or more, hair-dressing and other aids to beauty \$50 or more, a pair of stockings, good for one or two evenings of dancing, \$3, and so on. "It costs a girl today often more to have a date than it costs a man and incidentally, more and more men are seeing to it that it costs them very little," she avers.

Men Not All to Blame

But she doesn't blame her boy friends entirely. The average popular boy is spoiled in college by girls who are willing to pay for his company, she admits.

"As to taking a girl to a dance, why should he when just the fact that he is presentable is sufficient to admit him to almost any debutante affair without cost?" her Smart Set article asks. "The supply of partners is at low eb at the debutante affairs and good-looking youths are in demand. Almost any well appearing man can gain admittance to even the supposedly exclusive affairs. If he can't manage it openly there are usually other ways. Gate-crashing is a common pastime. At any rate he arrives."

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We are always glad to publish any communications that may be handed to us, but no unsigned correspondence will be published.

CONVENTION—SPEECHES—INTEREST

MONDAY and Tuesday will see the men on this campus put upon their mettle regarding their knowledge of national political affairs, the practical workings of a nominating machine, speech-making, noise-making, and a number of other functions intimately connected with the preliminaries of our "democratic" form of government.

Some men will make fools of themselves by their actions on the convention floor. Others will add to their prestige here by proving that leadership has been rightly bestowed upon them, and that they are capable of handling crowds and conducting their particular phase of the convention in good order.

The convention will be a success. Twelve men, each a student on the campus for several years, were picked by the executive committee to serve as the national committee, with the duties of doing everything necessary to insure the smooth opening of the meetings. This committee has done its task, has apportioned candidates, arranged for the formal calling together of the delegates, perfected detailed arrangements for the comfortable distribution of the delegates throughout the gymnasium, and is prepared to turn the convention over to the student body as soon as the delegates perfect their organization.

From now on, the degree of success which the convention enjoys is dependent upon the individual interest and activity shown by students in participating in its organization, its deliberations, its arguments, its nominations and platform decisions. All previous gatherings have been successful. The final nomination has been the same, with one exception, as that reached in the regular convention in the summer.

Students will enjoy the holiday from classes Tuesday. They should not, for their own selfish welfare, if it is necessary to appeal to that, take the suspension of classes as an excuse to do nothing all day. Every man should spend his time on the convention floor. Every man is on some delegation, and will have an active part to take in the sessions. Real good will result for each man attending if he is present in the right mood, and, unless we miss our guess, there will be fire-works, entertainment, comedy and exhibitions of some of the neatest "politicking" seen here since the 1924 convention, when several hundred delegates withdrew from the floor shortly before midnight of the final day, only to return an hour or so later and start the swing which finally nominated John W. Davis.

Attend every session of the convention. Take an active part in the decisions within your own delegation and on the floor at large. Stimulate interest in your associates, and prepare for speeches, noise, and a gathering as Doremus gym never experienced before.

SPRING—CLEAN-UP SEASON

SPRING has descended upon us definitely and irrevocably. Robins have long been wheeling and flirting about in profusions; the "squeedunks" have long since taken to marbles; but robins are notorious fools, and many of the kids have the sniffles for being likewise. Never-the-less, spring is surely with us; for Lexington civic pride has been dragged from its winter lethargy and is once more rampant. The town housewives are taking daily dozens in front yard hyacinth beds. Rubbish bonfires are sending lazy, white curls skyward. Paint brushes are slopping and splattering promiscuously. Why, even the village chief of blue-coats has temporarily forsaken the spoor of Bacchus amongst our fraternities for a frantic orgy of yellow paint and "no parking." Yes, spring is here!

The elements of mystery are now marshalled, and our modern saga may now proceed. It is reported that plans are on foot to hold Finals banquet on the new bridge. This means, of course, a fine bridge with beautiful approaches. In our mind's eye the vision is complete. In our imagination, as we dream in the sun on the front porch, it is already June and Finals time. The campus is a fairy land of green by day and silver by moonlight. In our imagination!

And only too soon Finals will be upon us. The campus—is it to look as at present? The fraternity houses—will they be prepared to receive their many visitors? The town—will it be Lexington for Finals?

The campus needs policing; the fraternities need the accumulation of winter trash removed; the town needs a spring cleaning. Mrs. R. B. Ellard, corresponding secretary of the Lexington Woman's Club, has charge of the publicity end of Lexington's Cleaning program, and is asking the co-operation of the students of Washington and Lee in making this a clean and a beautiful, as well as a historical, town. We, together with V. M. I., are the town's drawing-cards.

PROHIBITION IN CHICAGO

THE ST. LOUIS Post Dispatch in an editorial thus explains the shocking lawlessness in the Republican primary campaign in recent days in Chicago.

"They (prohibitionists) took the liquor business out of the hands of the state and the government and turned it over to the worst element in every community. For regulation and license, which could be controlled by the authorities, they gave us bootlegging, moonshining and a great underground traffic which has filled all the big cities of America with gangs using bombs, sub-machine guns, sawed-off shotguns and automobiles.

"Before prohibition the underworld in Chicago and every other big city sustained itself upon petty crimes and slender resources. Prohibition changed all that. It filled the coffers of the underworld and gave its leaders the audacity and power of capitalists. That is what is the matter with Chicago."

The Philadelphia Evening Leader speaks in much the same vein, saying:

"All the residents of Chicago know that the shootings and bombings that disturb their peace and influence their elections are traceable to rival gangs with political affiliations, which are in a state of almost perpetual war for control of the liquor traffic and the stupendous profits that may be wrung from it.

"It would be idle to assume that similar wars aren't being fought out furtively in innumerable other cities. The stake in these conflicts is always the same."

COMPARATIVE STANDING OF FRATERNITIES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 1927-'28

Fraternity	Average
Phi Delta Theta	79.613
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.521
Alpha Chi Rho	78.407
Phi Gamma Delta	77.643
Pi Kappa Alpha	77.303
Sigma Chi	76.335
Sigma Nu	76.139
Alpha Tau Omega	76.054
Kappa Alpha	76.031
Beta Theta Pi	75.619
Delta Tau Delta	75.457
Lambda Chi Alpha	75.441
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.314
Sigma Phi Epsilon	74.263
Pi Kappa Phi	73.978
Zeta Beta Tau	73.409
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	73.175
Kappa Sigma	72.831
Phi Kappa Psi	72.800

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President's Paragraph

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EDISON'S OPINION

As the foremost living American Edison was asked to indicate the qualities leading to success, not including health and integrity which are taken for granted.

His written answer was, "Intelligence, Imagination, and THE WILL TO WORK."

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GOLFERS PREPARE FOR DUKE MATCH

The Generals golf team is going through daily workouts under the direction of Captain Lanier in preparation for the coming match with Duke University, which will take place on the Lexington course sometime in the last week of April.

Following this match, the Generals encounter the strong team from William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Captain Lanier is at present trying to arrange matches with the University of Virginia, to be held in Lexington and one in Charlottesville. Washington and Lee was able to defeat Duke handily in Durham, N. C., recently. William and Mary is at present undefeated and is certain to prove a formidable foe on its home course. Virginia, from all reports, appears to have an excellent team.

Owen Named as Head Of Cotillion Club

Bill Owen was elected president of the Cotillion Club, and Howerton Gowen was elected secretary-treasurer at the meeting held last night in Newcomb Hall. Owen succeeds Rhydian Latham, this year's president, and Gowen will fill the place of Owen, the present secretary-treasurer.

Owen is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, White Friars, "13" Club, and was a junior manager of baseball. His home is in Clarksville, Virginia.

Gowen is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, and is from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. He is a sophomore.

A financial report was made by President Latham. The club will probably sponsor a dance the Saturday following elections, but thus far arrangements are tentative.

The Gray Phantom

The scene is the motion picture theatre. Across the silver screen Uncle Sam's polo team contends madly with that of John Bull. The breathless audience leans forward—the seats creak with the shifting of weight forward. The moment is tense. The score is 7-5, with the Tommies in the lead. Two goals are necessary to tie the score, three will win.

From away back in the theatre comes a firm voice—enthusiastic, well meaning and clear as a bell.—"Gee, if it was only just before Easter those rarin', tearin', contortin' Americans could take just one and it would count double just enough to tie the score."

FRAT HEADS MEET TO DISCUSS CAMPUS POLITICAL IMPROVEMENT

The chapter heads of the Washington and Lee fraternities met Thursday night with the Executive committee of the Student Body to find some means of improving the political situation on the campus.

W. J. Dorsey, vice-president of the Student Body, who presided over the meeting, said that there would be another meeting sometime after the coming elections for the same purpose.

Miller and Plummer Delegates To S. C. S. G. Convention

E. H. Miller, president of the Student Body, and W. A. Plummer are attending a conference of the Southern Confederation of Student Governments.

Miller is to address the conference on the subject of bringing the Southern Confederation into the National Confederation. The two Washington and Lee delegates left last Wednesday and are expected to return on Sunday.

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William and Mary to Be Hosts to Virginia Academy of Science

The Virginia academy of science will hold its sixth annual meeting at the College of William and Mary, on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. Washington and Lee will be represented by a large delegation. The following papers will be read:

"First Course in Psychology as a Preparation for Advanced Courses," by Dr. Wm. M. Brown, a member of the Academy Council.

"Deflating the Contents of Chemistry Courses," by Dr. L. J. Desha

"The Periodic Fruiting of Dictyota—an Acquired Character," by Dr. Wm. D. Hoyt.

"The Contributions of Gauss to Astronomy," by G. Waldo Dunnington.

"A Brief Survey of Sedimentary Petrography and Its Scientific and Economic Possibilities," by Marcelus H. Stow.

"The Geology of Iron Mountain, Missouri," by Col. Edward Steidtmann, of V. M. L., the chairman of the geology section of the academy.

Besides the above David H. Wice will go as a representative of the Biological Society; Robert P. Carroll, instructor in biology and S. T. Magann, assistant in education and psychology.

There will be two rooms set aside with exhibits, and also a number of entertainments for the delegates, including trips to the restoration area, Jamestown and the Dismal Swamp. On Saturday afternoon Williamsburg Confederate Memorial Day Exercises will be held in Bruton Parish Church yard. The College of William and Mary will act as host at a dinner on Friday evening, to be followed by a general session at which President Chandler will deliver the address of welcome.

State Oratorical Try-Outs Thursday

Try-outs for the Virginia State Oratorical contest will be held next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in 105 Newcomb Hall, Professor Marvin Bauer, debating coach, announced yesterday. The contestants will be permitted to present a speech on any subject they desire, not exceeding 2,400 words. The contest will be held later in spring in Richmond. Professor Bauer urges all students who have interest in debating and public speaking to tryout.

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Engineers Discuss Suspension Bridge

The regular meeting of the Custis-Lee Engineering Society was held last night in Reid Hall. A paper was read by J. G. Newman concerning a suspension bridge now in construction at Bristol, Rhode Island. In a discussion Professor Lyle stated that R. V. Milbank, '27, past president of the society, is in charge of the anchorages on this bridge. Following this there was a talk on "Traffic Control" by H. L. Williams, Jr., J. B. Ecker, president of the society, led a discussion on this subject following the talk.

Plans were discussed for visiting nearby cities and studying various manufacturing plants in them from an engineering view. In addition to this the society keys and membership cards in the American Society of Civil Engineers, with which Custis-Lee is affiliated as a student chapter, were distributed to new members.

Frosh Game With Virginia Postponed

Captain Eddie Parks Davis, freshman coach, announced last night that the Little Generals baseball game against the Virginia freshmen outfit, which was scheduled to be played at Charlottesville this afternoon, has been postponed. This postponement will enable the Little Generals to pick up some pointers this afternoon when they watch the clash between Coach Smith's outfit and their old rivals, the Virginia Cavaliers.

Coach Davis' freshman outfit has been somewhat handicapped by being forced to have somewhat limited practices up until the spring holidays. With spring football and varsity baseball taxing the playing space on Wilson Field the Little Generals were forced to wait every afternoon until the varsity bat-wielders went home to supper. Since then Coach Davis has made rapid progress with his men and expects them to make a good fight for the state championship.

Convention Called "Laboratory of the Democratic Party"

"I don't think Smith will get it." "Well, I do. The Southern states will fall in line when they hear the music."

Thus they are talking in over, pro and con in Lexington today.

"The laboratory of the democratic party," is what the mock convention which meets at Washington and Lee university here Monday might be called. Four times have the students held the convention and three times have they chosen the candidates later chosen by the national party.

All last week telegraph wires were busy helping students determine how their respective states wanted them to vote—how they were instructing regular delegates to go to Houston. All week long they have been searching into the Records of 1924 which tell the procedure of the Democratic party four years ago in New York.

When the first session opens at 8 o'clock today, placards will rise above the floor of Doremus gymnasium indicating the state delegations just as they will later in Houston.

If this convention follows the tradition of other years, there will be grand eleventh hour rallies and stampedes. This is the history of the 1924 Washington and Lee Democratic convention in which John W. Davis was nominated after overcoming the leads of McDoo and Smith, nearly an exact model of the subsequent meeting in Madison Square garden.

SWINK POLICE CHIEF DURING KING'S ABSENCE

No word has been received from H. B. King, chief of police of Lexington, since last Thursday concerning his recovery from a recent attack of appendicitis. Chief King was in Roanoke two weeks ago when he was suddenly stricken with a severe attack of appendicitis which necessitated an immediate operation. The last report was that Chief King was slowly recovering, although he would not be able to resume his work for another week or more.

In the absence of Chief King, Sergeant Swink is acting chief of police.

High Schools Sent Merit Examinations For S. I. Press Asso.

Copies of the examination in the Individual Merit Contest are being sent to the principals of the high schools throughout the South who have already registered delegates in the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, meeting in Lexington, May 11 and 12.

This examination consists of 15 questions on the practical application of journalistic principles of high school publication work. The examination was composed by Professors R. B. Ellard and H. M. Thompson, of the department of Journalism. The winner in the Individual Merit Contest will receive books contributed by Virginia authors as a prize in this competition. Among the authors of this State who have attained prominence as writers are: Susan Glaspell, Ellen Glasgow, Sherwood Anderson, James Branch Cabell, Morris Markey, Harold Vinal, and James Rutherford Franklin.

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Glee Club Will Go To Richmond May 4

The Washington and Lee Glee Club will go to Richmond on the fourth of May to compete in the Virginia intercollegiate Glee Club contest. The contest will last for two days. It is sponsored by the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Each club will sing one song separately, and their college song. There will be three songs sung by all the glee clubs together.

The personnel of the club will be composed of 24 students; Miss Emily Penick, accompanist and Dr. Henry Shelley, director.

Four or five practices will be held each week, according to Pratt Brown who has charge of the club during the illness of President Parker, and it is of the utmost importance that each member be present at every rehearsal.

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VA. AND TENN. PRESS PRAISES TROUBADOURS

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 running as rival attractions. It was a good play and between the acts there was a lot of fine dance music by the University Orchestra.

"The delegation of girls from Marion college seemed to enjoy both about equally and the orchestra leader did about as much acting as the players.

"For one thing the play gave Marion a swell notion of New York theatrical slang. That is what 'The Butter and Egg Man' is, a collection of wise cracks strung together on a pretty flimsy plot. Most of the cracks went over and got a good laugh.

"The Washington and Lee boys who played the girl's parts certainly held up their end of the program. Their burlesque had everything, even the motions. The rest of the players had a job keeping up with them but managed it well."

The Southern Collegians who accompanied the troupe and played before, during and after the shows, also pleased the Marion citizens. The "Democrat" had the following to say of them:

"The opening of the Hotel Marion, on the evening of Thursday, 12th, was a huge success. A great dinner was served in the large dining room of the hotel and while the guests, to the number of more than a hundred, ate a delicious dinner, they were entertained by music furnished by the Troubadours Orchestra of Washington and Lee University.

After the dinner at the Hotel Marion the other evening the tables were cleared away, the orchestra boys came back from the show at the Court Square Theater and there was a dance to which the town turned out.

Corking dance music, pretty women. The evening seemed to suit everyone, young and old. The hotel opening was a real success."

The best and last performance of the entire trip was made to a large audience who filled the Virginia High School auditorium in Bristol on Saturday night. The play was sponsored by the Fort Chiswell Chapter of the D.A.R., and the Sullins student body was present en masse. The Bristol "Herald-Courier" carried on Sunday morning the following review of the show:

"Washington and Lee Troubadours scored one of the biggest hits they have ever made in this city with their presentation at Bristol, Va., high school last night under the auspices of the D. A. R. of 'The Butter and Egg Man'. The comedy sparkled with wit and was marked by particularly good acting on the part of main characters.

"Joe Lehman, played by A. B. Collison, was laboring under the delusion he had a world beating play but alas, the cash was not there to produce it. Finally he and his partner, Jack McClure, played by J. A. Collison, find a Butter and Egg Man, Peter Jones, of Chillicothe, Ohio, played by S. F. Hampton, whose grandparents left him \$22,400.

"The play was a flop but Jones, educated somewhat, roped in Oscar Fritchie, played by G. R. Holden, and bought Lehman's interest and turned the show into a howling success. Threatened with a suit for plagiarism, he is confronted by Lehman and McClure, who seek to buy back the play. They do, at \$100,000, and Peter proves that others than people from Chillicothe, Ohio are is over he is attempting to let his partner, Oscar Fritchie in on a hotel deal.

"The acting of A. B. Collison, W. A. Plummer, W. P. Battle, and S. F. Hampton was particularly good."

WOMEN'S CLUB GIVES PERFORMANCE OF PLAY

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 T. A. E. Moseley, as the Reverend Morrell.

Each role was performed creditably,—and each performer had his turn at producing sparkling interpretations. Mr. Fitzgerald Flournoy, as Candida's father, brought many laughs, especially in his repartee with Mrs. Juanita Bauer, as Morrell's secretary. And the work of C. E. L. Gill, as Morrell's curate, is distinctly praiseworthy.

At times during the play several parts were over-acted, detracting from the naturalness of the interpretations and occasionally drawing attention to the wrong side of the stage. But, all in all, a very good performance, and certainly worthwhile.

Music was furnished between acts by Henry V. Shelley at the piano and Richard C. Ammerman with the violin. The cast of characters was so follows:

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 pened during that "brawl of 1924." Most of the speaking throughout the sessions will be done by the various chairmen, but any delegate on being recognized by the convention chairman will be allowed a five minute speech.

Each state delegation will vote as that state has instructed its regular delegates. Those from some states will vote as a unit while from other states they come uninstructed in which case each delegate votes as he pleases.

Some 718 votes will be distributed among the state delegations in the following number: Alabama 18, Alaska 5, Arkansas 14, California 40, Colorado 9, Connecticut 11, District of Columbia 5, Canal Zone 5, Florida 9, Georgia 21, Hawaii 5, Idaho 6, Illinois 54, Indiana 23, Iowa 20, Kansas 15, Kentucky 20, Louisiana 15, Maine 9, Maryland 12, Massachusetts 27, Mississippi 15, Montana 6, New York 68, New Hampshire 6, Nebraska 12, New Jersey 21, New Mexico 5, North Carolina 18, North Dakota 8, Ohio 36, Oklahoma 15, Oregon 8, Pennsylvania 54, Philippines 5, Porto Rico 5, Rhode Island 8, South Carolina 8, Tennessee 18, Texas 30, Utah 6, Vermont 6, Virginia 13, Virgin Islands 2, Washington 11, West Virginia 12, Wisconsin 20, Wyoming 5.

The complete program for the convention follows:

MONDAY
 Convenes at 3:00 P. M.
 Called to order by president of student body.

Election of temporary chairman. Committee on rules and resolutions appointed.

Credentials and platform announced. Keynote speech.

Election of permanent chairman. Adjournment.

Reconvened at 8:00 P. M.
 Address by permanent chairman. Reports of committees—adoption of platform.

Nominating speeches for president. Adjournment.

TUESDAY
 Convenes at 9:30 A. M.
 Remaining nominating speeches. Balloting.

Nominating speeches for Vice-President. Balloting.

Appointment of committees to notify nominees. Adjournment.

The students who have been appointed as state chairman follow:
 Alabama, W. H. Fields, Jr. Alaska, C. L. Witherspoon. Arkansas, W. P. Ritchie. California, "Tips" Gwaltney. Colorado, G. L. Warthen. Connecticut, J. D. McHugh. District of Columbia, H. C. Rand, Jr. Canal Zone, J. J. McGinnis. Florida, R. C. Latham. Georgia, W. A. Ward, Jr. Hawaii, E. L. Smith. Idaho, J. T. Lowe. Illinois, W. B. Lott. Indiana, F. C. Proctor. Iowa, D. B. Watts. Kansas, R. E. Kepler. Kentucky, G. O. Clark. Ohio, Henry P. Johnston. Oklahoma, J. P. Lowry. Orgeon, M. Seligman. Pennsylvania, W. J. Dorsey. Philippines, J. Kaplan. Porto Rico, R. A. W. Ramirez. Rhode Island, Albert Steves. South Carolina, John Bell Towill. South Dakota, A. B. Morgan. Tennessee, J. H. Edmondson. Texas, J. L. Lancaster. Utah, W. W. Whitehead. Vermont, McRee Davis. Virgin Islands, W. W. Palmer. Virginia, R. B. Campbell. West Virginia, Jerry Collins. Wisconsin, Cooper Turner. Wyoming, W. P. Warfield. New York, B. J. Wagner.

Reverend James Mavor Morrell—T. A. E. Moseley.

Miss Prosperpine Garnett—Juanita Bauer.

Reverend Alexander Mill—C. E. L. Gill.

Mr. Burgess, Candida's father—Fitzgerald Flournoy

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PAST CONVENTIONS DISPLAYED INTEREST

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 session was taken up with electing a temporary chairman, and drawing up a platform. The duties of the temporary chairman were to outline the issues of the campaign in his speech. It was decided to adopt the unit rule of voting, that is, each state voting as a unit. A two-thirds majority was needed for a candidate to be nominated.

At the second session, W. M. Grubb was elected permanent chairman. The permanent chairman was the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and was also to be the chairman of the National Executive Committee for the next four years. W. M. Johnson was elected secretary.

The nominations were opened with the names of William J. Bryan, by the Nebraska delegates, J. A. Johnson, by the New Yorkers, and E. W. Carmack, by the delegation from Tennessee. There was much enthusiasm during the balloting, and many demonstrations took place. In the midst of the proceedings the Johnson leaders bolted and the main convention nominated Bryan for President and Charles Culberson for Vice-President.

The first two conventions were held in Lee Chapel, but in 1916 the scene was the then new Doremus gymnasium. Since that year all the conventions have been in the gym which affords more seating space though hardly as good acoustics.

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