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SALUTAMUS!

New men and old men—Gentlemen:
The RING-TUM PHI, an expression of the student body, is cordially glad to have you at Washington and Lee.

To some, it is the meeting again of old friends; to others, it is the making of new ones, a new environment. To both, the same opportunities are offered through this old, historic institution, rich in its many traditions.

No attention need be urged upon upper classmen about the working of Washington and Lee's nationally-known honor system. Every student knows well its function; he has grown as a human factor in its continuing success. To those entering for the first time, the RING-TUM PHI wishes only to say that it is the dearest possession of students and institution alike. In a very short time, new students will grow to treasure it as has every incoming class.

In the Lee Memorial Chapel, shrine to General Robert E. Lee, lives the spirit of the South's immortal leader in war, in peace, and in education. His spirit is a vital living possession of Washington and Lee, of Dixie, of America. The Chapel signifies a spot which becomes tenderer in our hearts as the years roll by.

Most of us are here for four years, some more, some less; some from the rocks of Maine; some from the palms of Florida; others from that area between the Atlantic and the Pacific. Washington and Lee has a most cosmopolitan aspect—with all its students striving for the same end—education with practical idealism. Students from North, from South, from East, from West are one and the same; they grow to know each other, to understand each other. We are a "Melting Pot," a "Melting Pot" which unites selected men from nearly every state in a United Union.

"30"

"For when the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name He writes not that you won or lost but how you played the game."

A smiling face, a congenial, lovable fellow, a campus leader, is gone.

A boy who entered Washington and Lee in the fall of 1925, destined to become a leader on the campus and whose record here promised distinction in later life, will not return. He died June 28, after an operation.

Keenly is felt the loss of Tommy Thames, student, gentleman, actor, athlete. Such a pity it is to lose a student like Tommy—just reaching his prime in life.

Man comes for a purpose; upon completion he is called "home." Though it is hard to lose this type of young man, it is consoling to realize how well he fulfilled his mission and how deeply his memory is engraved in the hearts of his comrades.

To his parents, his fraternity brothers, his many friends, the RING-TUM PHI extends a deep-felt sympathy. We feel his loss as a thoughtful contributor to our columns, as an absence of a person with fine uplifting ideals, and as a removal of a clean warrior.

AUGUST HARPER'S MAGAZINE

The following articles appear in the August Harper's Magazine: "Is Western Civilization in Peril?" Charles A. Beard; "The New Radicalism," Raymond Gram Swing; "Foundations, Universities, and Research," Harold J. Laski; "Temperature and the Fate of Nations," Ellsworth Huntington; "Take Your Children to Europe," Cornelia Stratton Parker; "The Sense of the Future," Katherine Fullerton Gerould; "Marriage and Love Affairs," M. D. and Kenneth MacGowan; "The Olympic Games," John R. Tunis; "Music at Midnight," Muriel Draper and "Going to Europe," Edward S. Martin. Fiction by Katherine Mansfield, Zona Gale, McCready Huston, Ben Ray Redman and Wilbur Daniel Steel. Poetry by Ruth Fitch Bartlett, Sterling North and Mary Elizabeth Robinson. Lion's Mouth contributors—David McCord and Philip Wagner.

"COLLECTING"—By BOHUN LYNCH

"Collecting," by Bohun Lynch, is the latest volume in the "Pleasures of Life Series," which is edited by J. B. Priestley and published by Harpers. This little book will be published August 10th. Fifty thousand copies of "Reading," by Hugh Walpole, another book in the series were recently purchased by "The Book of the Month Club" to send out with the organization's compliments, to its subscribers.

A FORWARD STEP

Washington and Lee takes a forward step this year in adopting the longer business day. For several years colleges all over America have been dropping the old 9 o'clock system and substituting the new schedule now effective here.

Wholeheartedly, we approve the change and congratulate the administration. Soon everyone will accustom himself to the lengthened program and realize that it is best for both University and student. Allowing a selection of electives, less restricted by conflict, it also provides time for more classes by limiting the number of students in any one group. This affords an opportunity for more personal contact with instructors, a thing heretofore impossible in many of the crowded courses.

Besides being a step toward more classroom instruction, it has the indorsement of all athletic coaches. A two-hour period between noon meal and the beginning of practice promotes greater athletic efficiency.

Students, proud of this institution, should be glad the University has made this move and should co-operate in every way to make it most profitable.

W. & L. AND V. M. I. FRIENDSHIP

Contrary to the general consensus of opinion among the incoming classes, there exists no feeling between the cadet corps of the Virginia Military Institute and students of Washington and Lee.

Today there are no two schools anywhere that work as smoothly with each other as the two institutions in Lexington. Administrations, athletic departments, and student bodies, all work together, working toward the same end, though not competitively.

It is not an infrequent thing to see Washington and Lee students rooting and cheering for the Flying Squadron in the same section with the Key-dets; nor is it to witness the Key-dets pulling for the Generals.

True it is that there once existed feeling between the two schools, but that was in years gone by. Only the old alumni of the institutions remember such unpleasant relations.

The RING-TUM PHI feels no need of mentioning this to old students, but we wish to take this opportunity of correcting an untrue, malicious impression held by some new men.

NEW TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Lexington's new traffic ordinance at first may appear rather drastic to many students owning automobiles, but after a second thought will find the rules now in effect have greatly remedied congested conditions on thoroughfares. The ordinance was not enacted until after obtaining approval from the state highway commission.

Heretofore it has been impossible in most instances for students to find places anywhere in the business section to park, but with thirty minute limits such inconveniences have been eradicated. Before adoption of the new rules many townsmen would park cars on the main streets early in the morning and leave them until late afternoon, thus forcing anyone wishing to do a minute's shopping to seek parking on back streets.

With the present system there is always available space on the most prominent streets. Double parking will thus be avoided in taking on passengers, which means a speeding up of traffic.

For the benefit of students the RING-TUM PHI is running elsewhere in its columns the new ordinance.

THE NEW RING-TUM PHI

This issue of the RING-TUM PHI marks another milestone in the history of the publication. It has grown from a five column paper to seven.

We have adopted the make-up in use by many of the large dailies, and are adding new features in an effort to give Washington and Lee one of America's leading college papers. The RING-TUM PHI is your publication and we shall strive to make it all that you might expect.

AN OZARK HELEN

"Cindy," a novel by Rose Wilder Lane about an Ozark Helen, a red-headed orphan who is held as a "bound gal" by the Greenwood Gang of night-riders, and the war which they started in the Ozark hills of forty years ago, was published during August by Harpers. Mrs. Lane says that in "Cindy" she has tried to prove that realism is not necessarily ugliness and that a good book need not be dull. She has tried to make "Cindy" entertaining and exciting without sacrificing realism or literary quality.

BY the WAY

Which is the more valuable—four years in college or two in jail? Clifford H. Barnes, 22, recently released from the Connecticut penitentiary, says that a man can get more out of jail,—if, he makes good use of his time and learn a trade while he's there.

Proof? Sure, Barnes says he learned the trade of linotype operator while in prison and has been offered a job paying two dollars a week more than John Coolidge gets as clerk for the New Haven railroad—and John had four years in college. Quod erat demonstrandum.

Have you seen the sign in the delicatessen window?—"We don't know where ma is, but we have pop on ice."

A freshman, one blase senior tells us, is a fellow who thinks he can get through college without cracking a book.

Parties get rough in Georgia—according to this want ad from the Albany Herald:
LOST—Thursday night near auditorium, flesh colored silk knickers. Telephone 613. 15-1t.

A visitor has inquired why all Washington and Lee cars have Al Smith tags on them? Shall we say that our own president is named Smith or will the truth be known?

The difference between a "he" and a "she" told in poetry by the Journal of the American Medical Association. Hear Ye!

"I can't conceive," she archly cried
Wherein you men can longer pride
Yourselves from female rivals free
For surely we have grown to be
Your peers in every human stride;
"That is a truth that none may hide;
So why you men will not decide
To recognize the new degree
I can't conceive.

"Now 'entre nous' won't you confide
And tell me true, all jokes aside
What difference the world can see
Between your manly self and me?"
"To tell you truly," he replied,
"You can't conceive."

A miss is as good as her smile.

One reason some folks criticize college is because they think college courses include very little dry Greek and very much wet SCOTCH.

Standing of Fraternities For Second Semester of 1927-28

Fraternity	Average
Phi Epsilon Pi	77.752
Phi Delta Theta	77.614
Pi Kappa Alpha	77.612
Phi Gamma Delta	77.196
Delta Tau Delta	76.683
Alpha Chi Rho	76.541
Kappa Alpha	75.981
Sigma Chi	75.765
Sigma Nu	75.406
Alpha Tau Omega	75.392
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.124
Zeta Beta Tau	74.391
Pi Kappa Phi	73.613
Lambda Chi Alpha	73.498
Phi Kappa Sigma	73.472
Beta Theta Pi	73.308
Phi appa Psi	73.142
Kappa Sigma	71.571
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	71.544
Local	

Arcades 81.876

Standing of Fraternities For The Session of -927-28

Fraternity	Average
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.124
Phi Delta Theta	78.045
Phi Gamma Delta	77.445
Alpha Chi Rho	77.146
Pi appa Alpha	77.139
Sigma Nu	75.924
Kappa Alpha	75.769
Delta Tau Delta	75.636
Alpha Tau Omega	75.420
Sigma Chi	75.276
Lambda Chi Alpha	74.902
Sigma Phi Epsilon	74.275
Beta Theta Pi	73.773
Pi Kappa Phi	73.707
Zeta Beta Tau	73.443
Phi Kappa Psi	73.333
Phi Kappa Sigma	73.138
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	73.033
Kappa Sigma	72.090
Local	

Arcades 81.148

HONOR ROLL

June 5, 1928

Archer, G. F., Jr.	session
Armstrong, J. P.	2nd sem. and session
Bade, F. E., II	2nd sem.
Battle, W. P., Jr.	2nd sem. and session
Bealer, H. E. R.	2nd sem. and session
Bear, C. S.	2nd sem. and session
Bowes, C. A.	2nd sem. and session
Brown, L. A., Jr.	2nd sem.
Butler, H. H.	2nd sem. and session
Carr, G. H., Jr.	2nd sem. and session
Clapp, R. E., Jr.	2nd sem. and session
Cohen, M. H.	2nd sem. and session
Eberhart, D. C., Jr.	session
Ecker, J. B.	2nd sem. and session
Eiband, A. J.	2nd sem. and session
Goldstein, J.	2nd sem. and session
Gordon, P. J.	session
Haller, R. J.	session
Hardwick, J. H.	2nd sem. and session
Harvey, A. M.	2nd sem. and session
Hawes, N. E.	2nd sem. and session
Hinton, W. M.	2nd sem.
Jahncke, H. G.	2nd sem. and session
Kaplan, J.	2nd sem. and session
Kaplan, M. H.	2nd sem. and session
King, L. W.	2nd sem. and session
Lewis, C. I.	2nd sem. and session
Lockett, J. L.	session
Luria, W. J.	2nd sem. and session
Lynch, J. P., Jr.	2nd sem. and session
McKimmy, J. D.	2nd sem. and session
Magann, S. T.	2nd sem.
Marshall, W. H.	session
Martin, W. T.	session
Miller, E. H.	2nd sem. and session
Neel, H. B.	2nd sem. and session
Norman, W. C.	2nd sem. and session
Pierpont, A. W.	2nd sem. and session
Powell, L. F., Jr.	2nd sem. and session
Reed, J. D., Jr.	2nd sem.
Reis, M. J.	2nd sem. and session
Roberts, J. R.	2nd sem.
Sanders, I. T.	2nd sem. and session
Shackelford, J. M.	2nd sem. and session
Soldan, L. H.	2nd sem. and session
Stearns, T. P.	2nd sem. and session
Wice, D. H.	2nd sem. and session
Williams, J. H.	2nd sem. and session

Unique Course In Journalism Offered Here

The Lee Memorial School of Journalism, according to all available data, is the only school in the country to offer a course in news reporting that is developed to supplement and employ knowledge that the student may gather from his text books in economics, psychology, sociology, political science, etc.

This class will be taught by Mr. William L. Mapel, a new professor, who has organized the course to take up for definite study the federal and state court systems employed in the United States. In order to make this court organization more understandable a chart of all United States courts is being prepared for class use.

Assignments will be given at specific times for reference to information that the student should have obtained from other courses in the department of arts and sciences.

The sidewalk and curb on the corner of Jefferson and Washington streets is being repaired this week by the town force. The work is the result of a complaint made by M. S. McCoy regarding the flooding of the streets in that section during heavy rains.

Dr. Gibson Gets Call to Richmond

Will Leave Old Post to Become Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church

Reverend Churchill Gibson, familiarly known to the students as "Parson," has accepted a call by the vestry to become rector of St. James' Episcopal church, at Richmond, according to information received last night. Dr. Gibson succeeds the Rev. C. Freeland Peters, D. D., who resigned early in the summer to become canon of the Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Gibson, who is widely known throughout the state, was for ten years rector of Lee Memorial Church of this city. He resigned last year to become rector of St. Mary's church in Ardmore, Pa., which charge he leaves to go to St. James.

For four and a half years before coming to Lexington Dr. Gibson was connected with mountain mission work in Luray and thru-out Page county. He was also with the army overseas for six months during the World War.

Dr. Gibson is an alumnus of Woodberry Forest, University of Virginia and Virginia Theological Seminary.

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