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## NEW SESSION OPENS WITH OVER FOUR HUNDRED FRESHMEN ENROLLED

Freshmen Hear Lectures on Honor System and Are Entertained at Dance and Reception

ORIENTATION SUCCESSFUL

President John Stewart Bryan Delivers Inspiring Address at Convocation in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

The 243rd session at William and Mary is now well under way and students are settling down to study with a feeling that this will be a very happy and profitable year for them and for the College.

Registration for the semester is about 1150 with 500 of these freshmen and transfers. The registration of these students occupied nearly a full week but was one of the smoothest in years. The spacious administration quarters in Marshall-Wythe Hall were a great help in this respect.

The freshman class, which is one of the best in the history of the College, reflects the great care that the administration used in selecting it.

As the freshmen registered each one was assigned to a faculty advisor; each one was greeted personally by President Bryan; and Professor Lambert, Dean of Freshmen, directed the orientation process. By groups they were given lectures on the Honor System at William and Mary and on the use of the library. Also by groups they attended picnics in Matoaka Park, and a dance and reception was given to the whole class by the College. Through the management of the R.K.O. Theatre each freshman was given a free admission pass to see "China Seas."

President Bryan spoke to the class in Phi Beta Kappa Hall at which time he welcomed them to William and Mary, explained the spirit of this old institution, and gave them some valuable advice.

The new session was formally ushered in on September 26th with a Convocation in Phi Beta Kappa Hall which was preceded by an academic procession of the faculty and seniors.

At the convocation all new members of the faculty and department heads, who were seated on the rostrum, were introduced to the audience by Dr. D. W. Davis, head of the Biology Department and now the senior (Continued on Page 4)

## DEDICATION OF STADIUM HERE ON SEPTEMBER 21ST WAS COLORFUL EVENT

Honorary Degree Conferred on John Lloyd Newcomb, '00, President of U. of Virginia.

September 21st was a day that will be long remembered at William and Mary not only for the blistering sun that made football almost impossible and poured its merciless rays down on the 6500 people who went out to see the football game in the new stadium, but for the good will and cheer that attended the visit of the University of Virginia football team and its backers to this campus for the first time in history. And heading that delegation was a loyal and distinguished son of William and Mary, John Lloyd Newcomb, '00, who had come back for a well deserved honor from his Alma Mater, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, conferred for the first time by the College upon another distinguished alumnus, Thomas Jefferson.

The exercises conferring the honorary degree on Dr. Newcomb and the dedication of the new stadium were attended by many distinguished citizens of this State and of Maryland. Included in the group were the Board of Visitors of both Virginia and William and Mary, the governor of Maryland and his party, and Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, editor and author. President John Stewart Bryan entertained them at a buffet luncheon at the president's house, the home of every president of William and Mary from the Rev. James Blair to Mr. Bryan.

Hundreds of William and Mary alumni came here for this occasion. It was almost a Homecoming Day crowd. Unobserved, but probably one of the most interested of this group was Mr. Jackson Hepler of Blue Spring, Alleghany County, Virginia. He entered William and Mary in 1888, the year Dr. Tyler became president, left in 1890 and this was his first visit in 45 years.

The restaurants and drug stores on Duke of Gloucester Street were crowded all day. State traffic officers handled the traffic to perfection (Continued on Page 4)

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues ..... \$3.00  
Contributing Membership .. \$5.00  
(Includes Flat Hat)

Life Membership ..... \$50.00  
A form is enclosed for your convenience in becoming a member of the Alumni Association. The College needs your support through the Association. In turn you get many benefits including news of the College, news of Alumni, and historical matter pertaining to the College, which will be found in the Alumni Gazette each month.

Free with your membership—Etching of the Wren Building and the Alumni Catalogue.

## MR. J. A. SALLE RECALLS HIS OLD CLASSMATES

Fifteen Men of Col. Ewell's Period Held Reunion Here in June 1933.

The deep and abiding love of William and Mary alumni for this ancient and venerable institution is one of the College's greatest assets. This feeling is a well known fact in the College world and no where is this intense love and veneration stronger than among that living remnant of thirty odd men who were here under Col. Benjamin S. Ewell. In June, 1933, Alumni Day was dedicated to these men, the living and the dead. Though the living were scattered throughout many states, fifteen responded to the call and came back to William and Mary. Letters came from many others who could not get here.

Prominent among those who came back was J. A. Salle, who took his A.B. here in 1881, the year the College was closed for a period of seven years during which time Col. Ewell would drive into town each fall from his farm nearby and ring the College bell summoning phantom students to a phantom session. Mr. Salle met here on that occasion, Carter Beverly Harrison of Lenoir, N. C., a classmate whom he had not seen for 52 years. They had a room together for the reunion and sat late into the night reminiscing. The Drewry Jones mentioned in his letter below was A (Continued on Page 3)

## MR. BRYAN WELCOMES STUDENTS THROUGH F. H.

The following cordial greeting to new students entering William and Mary this session was issued by President John Stewart Bryan through the Flat Hat, the students' weekly publication.

"I am grateful to the Flat Hat for the opportunity of using this effective means to welcome the new students to the College of William and Mary in Virginia for the session 1935-36.

"Let another's lips praise them and not thine own," is a piece of advice that was old before Solomon, and therefore I shall offer no praise for William and Mary in advance, but this I think I can say with due moderation: Any College that has stood for nearly two hundred and fifty years and has such a record in the past and such a faculty and student body in the present is entitled to the reputation and the power that belong to the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

A communication from Edward B. Monier, '13, in which he enclosed his dues for membership in the Alumni Association, reveals that he is store keeper at the Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg, Penna. Mr. Monier (Continued on Page 4)

## HOMECOMING DAY BRINGS V. M. I. TO CARY FIELD ON NOVEMBER 2ND

### DR. SWEM, LIBRARIAN, RETURNS TO DUTIES AFTER 4 YEARS ABSENCE

Has Completed and Published Virginia Historical Index Containing Over One Million Page References.

Dr. Earl Gregg Swem, librarian of the College since 1920, returned here in September after a four years leave of absence to resume his duties as head of the library. During his four years absence, Dr. Swem has completed a monumental work in compiling and publishing the Virginia Historical Index. This work is in two volumes, large quarto, and contains 2200 pages. There are 1,300,000 page references in the two volumes. Nine pages are devoted to references in various publications to the College of William and Mary.

The late Dr. J. A. C. Chandler was greatly interested in this work and arranged for Dr. Swem's leave of absence from the College. Dr. Swem did most of the work at the Library of Congress in Washington.

Prominent in backing this publication from the beginning were Mr. John Stewart Bryan, who succeeded to the presidency of William and Mary at Dr. Chandler's death and extended Dr. Swem's leave of absence a year ago, and Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway.

While preparing the Index Dr. Swem also edited the William and Mary Quarterly and was in constant touch with and directed the College library.

Dr. Swem's work as librarian here has been outstanding. The number of books in the library when he came here from the Virginia State Library in 1920 was 18,000 which number has been increased to 95,000.

Dr. Swem is intensely interested in the history of William and Mary and realizes the need of someone writing this story which would be practically a history of the United States. His idea is that a documentary history of the College should first be written and then the story of the College written from this information. The collection of documents pertaining to the College, letters and other material (Continued on Page 3)

Indians Have Won Two Out of The Last Three Games But Expect Hard Battle.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED

Alumni Will Present Henry Billups With Watch, Chain and Bell Through Col. John W. Wright, '95.

The program for Homecoming Day, November 2nd, is practically completed and a large crowd of alumni are expected for this annual event.

The game with V.M.I. is, of course, the central attraction of this occasion but there will be other events on the program that will appeal to those who come back here for that day. The game should be a thrilling one in every respect. It will be the first time V.M.I. has ever played on the Indians' home grounds and both teams should be in mid-season form. William and Mary will be thinking of the defeat at Norfolk last year and V.M.I. will be trying to repeat. That feeling will insure plenty of thrills for the supporters of both teams.

The first football game between William and Mary and V.M.I. was played in 1905 when Dr. George Hankins, now living in Newport News, was captain of the W. & M. team. There have been fourteen games with V.M.I. altogether and they have twelve victories to W. & M.'s two. But since the two teams renewed relations in 1932, after a lapse of thirteen years, William and Mary has won two of the three games. A win on November 2nd will give William and Mary complete ascendancy in the new series. The outcome of the games between 1905 and 1919 can be forgotten now that V.M.I. and William and Mary are battling each other on more even terms.

Before the game, which is scheduled for 2 p.m., the College will serve luncheon for all alumni. It is hoped now that this event will take place in Matoaka Park along the waters of Lake Matoaka. The College is building recreation houses on a beautiful point in the park that makes out into the lake and it is an ideal place for an alumni outing of this kind.

After the game the alumni will gather in Phi Beta Kappa Hall where Henry Billups, janitor and bell ringer at William and Mary for forty-seven (Continued on Page 3)

## News of William and Mary Alumni C. I. Cary, '05, in Florida Legislature

Miss Mildred Slater, '31, of Toano, Va., is teaching in Halifax County this session. Miss Trittie Ware, '26, of the same town, will teach at West Point, Va.

A. P. Elliott, who took his A.B. here in 1919, his M.A. the following year and his Ph.D. at Columbia in 1932, is teaching English at Louisiana State College, Lafayette, La. He visited William and Mary in September.

Wm. Hundley Mercer, '27, of Whitestone, Va., was married in September to Miss Mary Lou Woods of Roswell, New Mexico.

Miss Vi Martin, '33, has been appointed librarian at the Collegiate School in Richmond for this session. She held a similar position at New Castle, Va., last session. Miss Martin

recently became a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

Miss Jeanette Ives Kessler, B.A. '32, member of Kappa Delta Pi, was married at her home in Newport News, Va., on Friday, August 23rd, 1935, to Mr. Wm. Malcolm Bauer of Evanston, Ill. After a trip to Bermuda, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are residing in Evanston. Mr. Bauer, who is instructor in the Department of Engineering at Northwestern University, has an M.A. from Harvard and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

## More Than One Hundred New Association Members Since May

Contributing Members  
Marion Zuydhoek, '33; Bailey J. Locher, '08; E. Randolph Vaiden, '29.

New Annual Memberships  
Elizabeth Weston, '35; Mary Edwards, '35; Cameron E. Ogden, '35; Gregory G. Lagakos, '35; Fred R. Hynson, '05; J. Tyler Ellis, '07; Mildred Hodgson, '35; Maxine Kanter, '35; Richard Clements, '35; Dr. W. W. Merrymon, faculty; Nicholas Shearon, '35; Earl Robertson, '35; Doris Robinson, '35; Hallie Dill, '35; Eleanor Martin, '35; A. W. Bohannon, '98; Bruce Mainous, '35; Elizabeth Robinson, '35; James Mallon, '35; Alfred B. Caring, '35; Murray Polsky, '35; Dorothy Chamings, '35; Frank N. Watkins, '25; Charles B. Fuller, '35; Sue Stickle, '35; Sumner Paisner, '35; Bruce Kent, '35; F. E. Graves, '16; E. Hugh Smith, '04; E. B. Broad-

water, '18; Frank W. Cox, '26; J. M. Davis, '10; Eleanor Holferty, '34; Frances Gilliam, '35; Ruth Engle, '35; Virginia Clementson, '35; Mrs. Cary Pennington, '33; R. Vollie Richardson, '35; George L. Weinbaum, '35; Joseph P. Pollard, '35; Carol Stetson, '35; James A. L. Mathers, '35; Jessie C. R. Lee, '35; Mary Oewel, '33;

Mary E. Moore, '33; M. F. Torregrossa, '09; Jane Gilmer, '35; Mary F. Shreve, '35; Helen Addis, '35; Albert F. Nurnberger, '35; Elise Barnes, '35; Andrew Barden, Jr., '35; Frances M. Lamar, '35; Anne Nenzel, '35; Mrs. Kenneth A. Clow (Cecelia Thomas) '35; L. Parker Buck, '35; Winifred Hunter, '35; Agnes DeBusk, '35; Rev. W. B. Lee, Jr., '12; Leona Yoder, '35; George Bishop, Jr., '35; Ralph S. Nestor, '35; Helen F. Simpson, '35; Ralph W. Stambaugh, Jr., '35; James Wear (Continued on Page 4)





