

BRIGHT FACES, HOPEFUL FUTURES

New Semester Brings Vitality, Concerns to Chesapeake University



MADISON, VA—In an annual rite that seems more appropriate for spring than autumn, a new academic year has begun at Chesapeake University, bringing with it hopes, anxieties, dreams, and fears of an eager new generation. The University, which has received international attention in the past weeks due to Professor Luceri's unexpected discovery of the lost Andree Expedition (see accompanying article), has added a number of new classes to several departments for the new year. In the school of accounting and business administration, the classes of auditing, mathematics of accounting, credits and collections, and accounting (first year) will be attached to the regular course, which include individual attention in accounting subjects and practical work in preparation for the C. P. A. examination in commercial law and economics.

The secretarial and commercial courses will be enlarged also. The full course, hereafter, will be composed of bookkeeping, Gregg system for shorthand, speedwriting, typing, English with a view to commercial and

shorthand requirements, business letters, spelling, penmanship, advertising and salesmanship.

The reason for this expansion is unexpectedly high enrollment. According to Phillip Purvis, Dean of Admissions, "It's quite astounding in the current economic conditions, but by the middle of summer, many classes had already filled with preregistrants; expanding programs was the only way to fulfill our charter's pledge to serve the public. Fortunately, the changes being made this year had in fact been planned for the 1931 academic year and some of the groundwork laid. The board simply decided, and I think it was wise of them to do so, to accelerate their plans."

The university has once again received criticism in some quarters for continuing to offer the controversial Parapsychology 404 class. But Dean Purvis defends the course. "It's completely scientific," said Purvis. "[Course instructor] Professor Mannington is respected in the academic and scientific community, and widely noted as an aggressive debunker. The course is about serious inquiry, and not, as some claim, some sort of lurid scheme to drive up student applications."

Student Achievement, Safety to Be Top Priorities, page 4.

BISHOP'S BRIDGE BURNS

LANCASTER COUNTY, VA — The covered bridge that once crossed the Rappahannock four miles upriver of Madison is no more. During yesterday's thunderstorms—outer remnants of the hurricane that caused so many deaths in the Dominican Republic last week—the aging structure was struck by lightning which burned the roof and most of the decking and timbers. This leaves only four covered bridges still standing in the Commonwealth.

Thought to have been built around 1750, only the central stone support and the approaches now

exist. Lancaster County Sheriff Latham has closed the road. The destruction of the wooden parts of the structure revealed a curious symbol decorating the stone of the still-standing central support, of unknown meaning and origin.

Originally Bowen's Bridge, after the prosperous farmowner who built it, folks later began calling it Bishop's Bridge. Locals say that the bridge has attracted lightning strikes. The structure had lately grown so decrepit that the County closed it to horses and wagons. Little-needed these days, the bridge probably will not be rebuilt.

THE PROBLEM OF THE SMALL BANK

CHICAGO, IL (George E. Anderson, A.P.)—Bank suspensions in the United States for the first half of 1930 have been the largest in number and in the amount of deposits involved for any initial half-year period in the history of the country. The total of deposits involved is greater than in any other half-

year period. The failures number 474 and involve deposits of \$207,978,000. In number they have exceeded only in the last six months of 1926, when total suspensions were 587, although deposits then involved were only \$174,027,000.

Small Banks, page 4.

SCIENTIST WHO FOUND DEAD EXPLORERS TO RETURN FROM ARCTIC

Prof. Luceri Bringing Artifacts, Photographs as Well as Bodies

NORWAY (Sept. 1, A.P., Aftenposten Boat Heimen at Skjaer Island, By Wireless)—Professor Bartolomej Luceri, Assistant Dean of Sciences and Humanities at Chesapeake University, told the Associated Press today how two harpooners, seeking drinking water on bleak White Island stumbled on the grim solution to the mysterious disappearance 33 years ago of the Andree aerial polar expedition.

Leader of a joint U.S./Norway exploration mission, Dr. Luceri reached this Arctic port today in his expedition ship *Bratvaag* with the bodies of Salomon August Andree and one of the two men with whom he set out to fly over the North Pole in a balloon.

When the *Bratvaag* reached White Island last month and dropped anchor among the icebergs under its bare stone mountains and its great white peak, walrus were seen disporting in the frigid seas and harpooners were at once put to work. Taking their catch ashore, the majority set about preparing the walrus for food and

two were assigned to search out a stream of drinking water.

Tin Can Is First Clue.

These two walked along the great white silence until their eyes fell on a discarded tin can that seemed so foreign to the desolated landscape they looked farther and saw a brown mound. They investigated and found the mound to be a canvas boat, half-buried in the snow. In the boat was a boat hook. This they picked up and examined. On the shaft of the hook they read the inscription, "Andree Polar Expedition, 1896."

And so, awed and almost unbelieving, they knew that they had found the belated answer to one of the most spectacular riddles in all the history of exploration.

"It was with strange feelings," Dr. Luceri said in a statement to the Associated Press and the Oslo Aftenposten today, "we stood on the beach where the brave Andree and his men 33 years ago ended their last polar wandering."

Bodies Are Found Near.

As soon as he was apprised of the harpooners' discovery Dr. Luceri and the other officers of his



Professor Luceri, M.D., Ph.D.

expedition went to the place where the boat lay, a worn sledge beside it, and then they let their eyes circle about for what they must have both hoped and dreaded to find.

Their search was not long. Not many yards from the boat and sledge was found a body—if indeed a skeleton in the fur garb of an Arctic explorer may be called a body—laid between two mounds of earth and partly covered with small stones. So had the last rites been observed by the survivor or survivors for one member of that gallant crew.

Leader's Body Missing Head, page 2.

GIRL PUTS ARM UNDER TRAIN TO END IMPULSES

MADISON, VA, Sept. 7 —Because she thought her right arm was "destined to murder," Alta Fickle, 20, shoved her arm under a racing passenger train here yesterday, and the wheels amputated it above the elbow.

The girl expressed no regret as she lay in Madison-Rappahannock General Hospital tonight. Physicians said she was suffering mainly from shock. "I had terrible impulses to kill or harm, even my best friends," she explained. "They centered in my right arm."

MAN KILLED AS SHOTGUN EXPLODES BY ACCIDENT

REGINA, VA—Michael J. Herriot, 69, of Regina, near Madison, was killed accidentally when a shotgun he was carrying exploded while he was out investigating a noise in his chicken pen. He stumbled and fell, the jar causing the gun to discharge. The load entered his body above the heart.

He is survived by his widow, two brothers, James A. Herriot, of Regina, and Theodore J. Herriot, of Fredericksburg, and one sister, Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Richmond.

DEADLY CHASE THROUGH MADISON

Elderly Gentleman, Child Killed in "Joyriding" Incident

MADISON, VA—It was like a scene out of a crime thriller, or from the headlines of the New York or Chicago papers, but it happened here in sleepy Madison. Police conducted a chase through the streets of our town in pursuit of the car that hit and killed Mr. Arthur Hawthorne, 65, as he crossed Cornwall Ave. After speeding through many city blocks, the fleeing car spun around a corner too quickly and smashed into a wall. The driver, Joseph Dooley, was killed in the crash.

All of this would be enough cause for alarm, but the reckless driver in question was but 13 years old. Needless to say, the car was not his. He had stolen it from where one Brian Pritchard had parked it.



This is a tragedy on many levels and while our hearts go out to the dead boy and his family, our sympathies are with Mr. Hawthorne and his bereaved loved ones. Witnesses claim they saw Joey—as he was commonly called—smiling and laughing just before he hit Mr. Hawthorne, and that he continued to laugh even after leaving the poor man dead on the street.

Dooley was a student at Windmill Point Elementary School.

New Car Price Cuts Reduce Used Car Prices

Sales down, more job losses feared. Business, p. 12.

Cab Calloway to Play Madison

Famed "Hi-de-ho Man" appearing at The Cannery later this season. Society, p. 24.

Find Chessie!

Search for the serpent in our baffling brain-teaser, p. 32.

