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COMES SPRING

Spring has once again returned to the campus and with it that old familiar ailment—spring fever. Evidences of this can be found in almost every area of campus life. In the classroom students may be found looking longingly toward the outside world or else lost in a series of day dreams. On the campus girls may be found enjoying nature to the utmost. Our rooms see very little of us these days.

Let's not allow spring fever to get us down. It has been noticed that noise and unrest in chapel have seemed to be increasing instead of decreasing. Remember the chapel is a place of reverence and not to be taken too lightly. This also follows through in the dining hall and other places. True, you want to shout to the world how glad you feel to see sunshine after so much rain, snow and cold weather. There is a place to do such but it happens not to be the chapel.

Classes seem to be a thing to be avoided instead of a place to be present frequently. The library finds itself rather deserted these days. Let's recall that one of the things we came to Bennett for was an education. One way of achieving this goal is to attend class and receive all the knowledge that the faculty so ably offer you.

Another evidence of spring fever is constantly complaining about something. Nothing seems to offer satisfaction. We complain about everything without once offering a suggestion as to how the situation could be bettered. You complain about every little thing including the paper. The paper staff realizes its shortcomings and we gladly accept all suggestions offered. If you have an idea of how your paper can be improved submit it to the editor or some other member of the staff. So let's stop complaining about everything and set about to make or suggest changes.

Let's try to overcome that dread disease that so affects so many college students. We shall strive to attend classes regularly, keep quiet and listen attentively in chapel and stop so much complaining. Spring has been said to be the most beautiful and enjoyable season of the year. Let's really enjoy it.

The Inquiring Reporter

Question—Was it a wise political movement on the part of Wallace to establish a third party?

Answers—No, I don't think it was politically wise, but I do think it was a good move. Some Democrats are behaving like Republicans, and vice-versa. We voters do not know where to turn. This third party will force the other two to take a more definite, clear-cut stand on the vital issues now confronting us. Henry Wallace has, if no more, been of some assistance in forcing the issues. Therefore, I think it was a rather strategic move. Anyway, I think Mr. Wallace's real aim is for 1952.

—Dorothy Pearson, '48.

I am an ardent admirer of Henry A. Wallace. I think he proved to be a great administrator as Secretary of Agriculture. His political ideas in regard to world peace, domestic issues, civil rights, are sound. Whether it was wise to establish a third party will depend upon the success of the party. The political results in New York's selection of Congressman Isaacson seems to prove that a rallying of

the liberal forces in the United States is still possible.

—Dr. R. K. Karfiol.

The third party has created an interesting situation which has especially affected our two major political parties. I feel that not only the Democratic party whose power has received the greatest threat will reconsider its policies, but the Republican party will also find it necessary to make its platform more appealing to the common man. I don't believe that Wallace expects to win this election. I cannot say how wise it was to establish a third party at this time, but I feel that it will prove to be very revealing, because it shall perhaps show just how vital his policies and his methods of achieving them are to American life.

—Eleanor Barnwell, '49.

To me, this appears to be one of the uppermost questions in the minds of the American people today. In my mind, there are several reasons why I feel that his behavior is timely. However, there are

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SYLVIA VIEWS THE NEWS

Pessimistic is the word that best describes the world situation today. Everywhere diplomats speak of peace while their countries prepare for war. Eetter world, "lasting peace," and "World Brotherhood" are just so many obsolete words. The phrases of today are reminiscent of five or six years ago. Today's hit parade include such words as "World military conscription," "III World War," and "National Defense." It seems only now to be a question of when or how soon before the crucial moment becomes a reality and we are plunged headlong into another completely unnecessary war.

The question crossnig the minds of the people of the world today is not a vague idea but a stronger and stronger forboding of evil to come. Is there going to be another depression, and is the depression almost upon us, is the cry. Last week when the grain market dropped so drastically, people really began to sit up and take notice. Things are almost ripe for a depression. France, in order to compete on world markets, has reduced the value of her franc. This if it could be taken by itself, would mean little. The danger, though, is that the merchants of the other country will be obliged to lower the value of their own currency to keep pace with the French. If the European powers lower their currency we also in the United States will be forced to lower ours. A depression would most likely follow on the heels of the panic that would probably break out immediately after such a step is taken. It is hard despite the far flung consequences this French movement might have, to blame the French people for their action. A country of hungry people will go a long ways to taste food once again; and who can really blame them. The United States would help them, but perhaps the French people would like to be free to make their own choices in all things. Perhaps they prefer to go without too much bread for the safety of their souls.

The Democratic party headed by President Truman seems to have split the "solid south" because of a certain pamphlet. It is really amusing to see what lengths the southern reactionaries will go merely for the negative pleasure of keeping Negroes out of worthy jobs. Governor Cherry of North Carolina, was among the southern delegates who decided this last week. I say congratulations to the Democratic party, and orchids to President Truman for standing his ground. While some believe this move on Truman's part a quick move to strengthen his platform for the November elections, the withdrawal of southern support has not made him back down.

As time for the Presidential elections comes around, it is a good thing for those especially who are old enough to take an active part in the proceedings to notice closely the national news. Now is the time when vague but wonderful sounding arguments and platforms are put forward. A discerning eye and an alert mind will help the voter make the right choice in November. Let us keep awake and be really useful citizens.

New Plans For Student Elections

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tive. If you have any suggestions, please see that they get to some member of the cabinet as soon as possible. We are counting on you to make this years elections bigger, better, and more effective.

—STUDENT SENATE NEWS.

READER'S RETREAT

THE MONEYMAN

By Thomas Costian

Fifteenth century France is brought alive in this thrilling tale of love, history and intrigue. This novel is woven around a true historical happening although certain liberties have been taken by the author. With the same unique style as in *The Black Rose* the author makes history really interesting.

The story revolves around Jacques Coeur, the Moneyman. Born of very poor parents, Jacques Coeur becomes the wealthiest person in France. Being among the first to foresee the potential wealth of commerce between countries he becomes history's first great merchant prince. By building trade between France and the Levant he amasses the greatest wealth ever to be obtained by a private person.

Although he is the wealthiest person in France, Jacques Coeur finds that he is about the loneliest. Since he is of humble parentage he is not accepted by the nobility and because of his wealth his own class of people avoid him.

In the early fifteenth century when France finds that she is about to lose the war with England King Charles VII calls upon Jacques Coeur to help him. Jacques Coeur gives to France all his great genius and part of his great fortune in making victory possible. Not only does he help the King in war, but he also handles many of his personal affairs. When Agnes Sorel, the King's mistress, dies it is he that selects the young and beautiful Valarie for this position. Thus begins one of the greatest tales of love and intrigue ever to be told.

After the war is won, many of the important members of the court who are deeply in debt to Jacques Coeur conspire against him. Jealous of the popularity that he has gained during the war, the noblemen poison the King's mind against The Moneyman and thus cause him to lose all of his fortune and the position which he has gained for himself. Although he has given the best of his life to France, Jacques Coeur finds himself in the end a broken and sadly disappointed man.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Each Congress begins on January 3 of the "odd" years, and continues for two years? Special sessions are at the call of the President.

The notorious Gretna Green marriages were performed by the village blacksmith, as a rule, although the tollkeeper, ferryman, or any other could officiate? Runaway couples only needed to declare their wish to marry. This practice ended in 1836, when the law of Scotland required one of the contracting parties to reside of Scotland three weeks prior to the wedding.

Many lives were lost in the early part of the war because many servicemen did not know how to swim?

The Great Barrier Reef lying off the northeast coast of Australia is the largest mass of coral in the world? It extends twelve hundred and sixty miles and is still growing.

The North Pole is not the coldest place in the Arctic Circle?

The Netherlands, though no larger than Massachusetts, is eighth in world trade?

The first Olympic games were held in 776 B. C., by the Greeks?

The Nobel prizes are awarded under the will of Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist and engineer, who died in 1896?

Races are divided into four groups: Caucasoid, Mongoloid, Negroid, and Australoid.

The same golf was played by Charles I and James I, and their golf balls were made of leather covers studded with feathers?

A patent is an exclusive contract between the United States government and the inventor, for a term not exceeding 17 years?

—The Livingstone.

FACULTY CLOSEUPS

Our esteemed honoree this month comes originally from the neighboring town of Winston-Salem. Here she received her early education prior to her entrance to Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, North Carolina. Her education progressed at Palmer long enough to equip her to enter Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As an honor student, she was awarded her A. B. degree in Romance Languages from Radcliffe with English as her minor.

In addition to her attainment in the field of literary arts, our instructor also possessed a "hidden talent." She showed the first signs of her talent in a dance recital at Dr. Brown's junior college. Her skill in dance was so exceptional that she led the dance group at Radcliffe. Coming upon the realization that this was her major interest, she proceeded to study further and secured a Master of Arts degree in dance. As though this were not enough, she continued her study at Bennington Summer School of Arts in Vermont, and attended also, Jacob's Pillow Dance School in Lee, Massachusetts.

Later, she received the wide acclaim and admiration as only enraptured audiences can give. She danced in the auditoriums of A. & T. College, North Carolina College, Alabama State College, Prairie View College in Texas, Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and St. Paul Polytechnic Institute at Lawrenceville, Virginia.

For the United States Army she willingly gave of her services by performing at a benefit recital at Camp Meade. She was the first Negro to have charge of recreation in the Navy Department in Washington.

It is said that knowledge is of no value unless someone profits by it. Feeling that there were others who should be taught and inspired to dance, she taught at Tuskegee Institute, Howard University, the Y. W. C. A. in Springfield, Massachusetts, and in her own dance studio in Washington, D. C. All this she did before coming to Bennett.

In truth, "The Dance" was not the only major interest she acquired from Palmer Memorial Institute — she met her husband there. He is now instructor in the Physical Education department at North Carolina College. Of course this article would be incomplete if you were not informed that our instructor is also the mother of little Wozzo Elizabeth, now all of two years old.

In case you haven't guessed by now, our honored instructor is none other than Mrs. E. A. Williamson.

While the Bennett girls were enjoying the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Williamson was taking a dance course under Martha Graham of New York. She took this course so that she may be better prepared to teach the Bennett girls the modern dances with the newest, easiest, and best method. Speaking of great things in store for us, girls, she expressed the hope of some day seeing "The Dance" offered here as a major. She also hopes for its ultimate separation from the department of Physical Education to take its rightful position as a definite fine art. All the forms of dance she hopes to teach—ballet, folk dances, creative, and choreography. A lecturer too, she will exemplify this talent in her demonstration on modern and tap dance before the school year is up.

Indeed, we definitely have something to look forward to.

Virginia Jeffries Attends BKX Confab

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Miss Jeffries, of the three different chapters to present papers, brought forth the problem of isolation of lecithin from egg yolk in which she pointed out a new method of isolation. This new method of isolating the phospholipid is of particular interest to students in Organic Chemistry who study the fats and waxes.