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HATS OFF AND HEADS DOWN

- HATS OFF to the football team for a successful and exciting season.
- HATS OFF to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, our newly weds.
- HEADS DOWN to those students who always find it necessary to cheat on exams.
- HATS OFF to those seniors graduating this quarter.
- HATS OFF to Dr. Davis for reorganizing Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society.
- HEADS DOWN to those students who overcut their classes.
- HEADS DOWN to students who act like small boys and girls when in the dining room.
- HATS OFF to the Lyceum Committee for the concert held December 10, 1955.
- HATS OFF to the Veterans Club for the program in the observance of what is now known as Veterans Day.
- HEADS DOWN to those who either lose or over-keep books from the library.
- HATS OFF to the Language Arts Class for their display of charts for Book Week.

—Marie Riddick

IT PAYS TO BE ALERT

Living in such a dynamic world as we are today, it is necessary for us to be familiar with the laws that govern and protect us.

A recent incident involving an STC student inspired me to write this article. It seems as if the student was asked by the bus driver to move to the back of the bus on which she was riding. The driver's point was that Negroes were supposed to ride in the back. He explained to her that it was illegal for them to ride in front. The student defended her rights by saying, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission law, passengers are not to be segregated when riding interstate. Although she was threatened, she refused to move, and rightly so, so she won her point.

I submit this example because it shows the importance of being alert; there might have been an injustice committed.

Perhaps the bus driver was not aware of the law because it had not been enforced. But with the recent decision made by the ICC, there is reason to believe that such legislation will be enforced in the future.

—Marva Thomas

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

The Library Technique Class sponsored the celebration of Book Week by setting up eight displays in the library, all of which centered around the National Book Week Theme, "Let's Read More." Each display had its own Captain and each Captain spoke of his display in assembly on Wednesday, November 16.

The displays were: "Caldecott and Newberry Medal Books"; "Science, The Magician"; "My Reading Design"; "You Never Graduate From The Library"; "My House of Books" which was made with book covers; "Books Everyone Should Know"; "Journey To Distant Lands"; and "Harvest of Books".

Most of the books on display were Children's books. The class stressed the fact that we should read more children's books since we should know the books we want our pupils to read.

On the table of science books were found many books in the field of natural science, chemistry, and other basic science books for children and adults. The science display also showed the recapitulation of plants.

You Never Graduate From The Library featured books for children and adults, books for Appreciation of art, music and science.

The Harvest of Books featured reference books and other books for the sixth grade.

There were enough free materials for everyone. They included pamphlets from the Children's Book Council, Book marks, a list of the Caldecott and John Newberry Medal books, and reprint articles from Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.

LET'S READ MORE

All over the country in educational institutions ranging from elementary to college level, observed National Book Week by promoting the significance of the theme: Let's Read More.

Here at our College, charts and freezes were on display, as well as interesting and attractive books. Library displays along with a very informative Assembly program presented by the Library Technique Group emphasized the importance of reading.

Students participating in the Assembly program were Pauline Bryant, Mary Pailin, Odessa Johnson, Gladys Trotman, and Robert Bryant.

Much was gained by the college through the observance of National Book Week.

Y.M.C.A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Y.M.C.A. held its first meeting of the quarter Tuesday, December 6 for the purpose of electing new officers. As a result of this meeting, the following members were elected as officers for the 1955-56 school year:

George Goode, president; Joseph Purvis, Vice-president; James Leathers, secretary; James Whitaker, treasurer; John Bias, corresponding secretary.

As a tentative project the Y.M.C.A. anticipates a joint fellowship meeting with the Y.W.C.A.

—John Bias

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carols have been written for all seasons of the year, but those sung at Christmas time have become so well known that generally when we speak of carols, we mean Christmas carols. Many of our oldest carols have no known history, but even before the Christian Era, songs of this type were sung. They are the expressions of happiness of some forgotten person. Saint Francis of Assisi is said to be one of the first to make singing of Christmas carols popular, by having the story of the first Christmas enacted and accompanied by a sermon and singing.

Christmas Songs become even better known through the mystery plays, in which characters dramatized scenes from the Bible. At first, these songs were sung between acts and later were woven into the plays.

Many years ago, a part of the holiday season was the singing of Christmas carols by groups of people going from house to house. The stern Puritans forbade the singing of these happy songs, but anything so loved by the people could not die.

—Curtis Twine

PRIDE and PREJUDICE

In Mississippi two men were recently found not guilty of the kid-nap murder charge involving a fourteen-year-old lad who was alleged to have whistled at a white woman.

In Franklin County, North Carolina, a seventy-one year old Negro woman was thrown out of a church because she was "not welcome".

In Georgia, the governor of the state tried to have a football game between Georgia Tech and the University of Pittsburgh cancelled because the Pittsburgh team had a Negro on it.

All of these actions have been initiated by men who are supposed to be intellectual standouts. Surely all of our actions are not perfect, but we as decent humans should let our actions be directed toward an ideal conception of life. When men begin to murder, resort to brutality, and utter public statements proclaiming racial superiority, they cannot be called intellectuals, but merely creatures on the prey trying to exalt their own pride and prejudice.



CHRISTMAS DAY

It's Christmas! Christmas everywhere!
Hear the music in the air,
See the smiles on children's faces,
As they rush to find their places
Round the christmas tree!

Let us bless and praise the Lord,
For this holy day.
With loud hosannas let us sing:
"Glory to the new born King
And to the earth be peace."

—M. L. Parker

THE CARE OF THE BOOKS

by A. A. Greenlee

With most people books are just a bundle of printed pages bound between two covers; however if one would stop to think of the enjoyment, pleasure and the vast amount of knowledge obtained from books, there would be a more appreciative attitude toward them.

Books are like children in more ways than one; in early life and in their response to care and attention. The book's early life will be happier, its maturity longer, its final disappearance more distant if, like the child, it has found its lines cast among kindly and sympathetic friends and parents. A parent takes every measure to be sure that his child is clothed warmly and well fed. Like the child, the book should also have persons, not always the parent or owner, to make sure that it is properly protected and started out in the right direction; but just as the child, should be dressed carefully for going out into different kinds of weather, the book should also be prepared for use in the same manner.

First comes the opening of the book. Well, opening books is nothing more than opening books, is it not? No not so. Much harm has been done to innocent volumes by careless or thoughtless indifference when opening them. The reader who really cares for books will put the book on a table, the back down and the fore edges up; will open the front cover, then the back; will open a few pages next, from the back and front alternately, pressing firmly but gently along the inner margins of the pages, thus lessening the danger of breaking the binding between the sections.

If a book is started out in its life being properly opened, that in itself is one guarantee that its life will be longer. After all, books are our most valuable friends, and should be treated as such. Since their printing, books have been our most valuable means of knowledge, and it is wonderful that even today with all the competition of records and radio, television and motion pictures, the book has kept its precious character.

A book is somehow sacred. "A tyrant can kill and maim people, can sink to any kind of tyranny and will be hated, but when books are destroyed, the ultimate in tyranny has happened." This we can not forgive. People automatically believe in books. This is strange, but it is true. Messengers come from behind the controlled and censored area of the world, and they do not ask for radios, papers or pamphlets; however they invariably ask for books. They believe in books when they believe nothing else. Therefore it behoves us in this land of liberty and freedom to cherish, care for and protect our books.

LET'S ALL
SUPPORT THE
PIRATES