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PARAGRAPHS

Guilford has accomplished another feat that will, no doubt, go down in history. At least, she was the first to score in the new Greensboro stadium.

The Technician force will take a day of rest. Professor Robertson's class in advanced Journalism has generously been granted the pleasure of getting out one issue of the Technician a term.

Prof. J. Franklin Davis has been nominated and elected by all chapel attendants as "official tail-puller." Woe unto all ye over-time speakers!

Duty: A pleasure which we try to make ourselves believe is hardship.

A worth while discovery: It doesn't take much to prove a truth. It is only a lie that requires great argumentative ability.

We frequently hear that someone is as ugly as a mud fence. Probably a good application in many cases, but who in this modern age can recall of having ever seen a mud fence?

It is reported that a famous New York beauty has disappeared. Perhaps she washed it off.

Trouble seems to be an hallucination that affords a sweet satisfaction to the possessor.

And justice is a system of revenge where the State imitates the criminal.

The annual "clean up" season is beginning now in Cox and Archdale hall. Electric cords in many of the rooms are now sagging with freshly laundered socks, etc. And the dust and cobwebs have been shaken from the brooms which have been standing in the corner for the past year. If the question is asked, "What is the big idea?" a broad smile creeps across the countenance of the inhabitant, then the reply, "Gosh! but Thanksgiving is a 'heck' of a lot of trouble to us boys over here!"

Government Or Mob Rule?

In More's fantastic "Kingdom of Nowhere," the wonderful Utopia, all questions of labor, government, society and religion were settled by simple justice and common sense. Unfortunately, modern civilization has not yet developed such perfection and our greatest statesmen write that a well organized government is essential for unity and harmony in every community and also for the settlement of our social problems.

No one on the face of the statement would deny that some kind of government is necessary. But action speaks louder than words, and there are those who by their deeds challenge this statement every day. They are willing to concede the doctrine to be good until the government interferes with some of their own or their personal friends' whims and caprices, then suddenly their whole viewpoint changes.

They are then willing for the whole structure of organized society to be threatened with the loss of government in order that they as individuals may suffer no inconvenience.

An eccentric man once arranged guns in his smoke-house in such a way that when the would-be thief opened the door he would be shot. After explaining the scheme to a neighbor he was asked if he was not afraid of killing someone. He replied, "It will not be I, they will be killing their own damn fool selves."

There is an element of truth in his statement, although the writer doesn't approve of this method of bringing about justice. In greater or less offenses the same principle holds true. They who, with their eyes open, deliberately violate their own laws and the laws of their fellow men should do so with the full determination to take their medicine like a true sport, if apprehended.

The attempt by emotional outbursts or tantrums to influence a governor, judge, jury or other authorities to surrender to the anti-social member of society should meet with no success.

Law should be impartially enforced. This is the crying need all over our land today. It should be the ideal of every magistrate and officer of the law; furthermore, it should be the ideal of every citizen, but to point out that we have not reached perfection, in obtaining the ideal, and to argue that for this reason, this one or that one should be allowed to disregard the regulation without suffering the stipulated penalty reveals a very loose and puerile method of thinking.

It may be added further that it is truly astonishing how mob psychology dominates the minds of Americans today and how mob leaders defy certain stands taken by the official representatives of society, when they flatter themselves into believing they are capable of running a community. And, strange to say, this spirit is not limited to the uneducated but is prevalent among college students who supposedly represent our best element. One wonders whether this fact itself is not a challenge of the efficacy and worth-whileness of our entire educational system.

A secret has been defined as a thing we give others to keep for us.

University Gift

Mr. Kenan's gift of \$275,000 to the University of North Carolina strengthens one's belief that the outstanding American business man is without an equal in clear vision and enlightened liberality in public benefaction. It must have required patient study and painstaking investigation to convince the donor of the wisdom of this gift.

Public benevolences are a form of investment for the benefit of others, though they sometimes raise difficult problems.

It is not surprising that the greatest institution quite naturally attracts the largest and most spectacular gifts. Their very size and importance advertise them and their needs. There is perhaps no reason to doubt that the large benefactions accruing to them are wisely laid out. In fact, there is rejoicing in their good fortune, but at the same time one wishes that one might hear more often of substantial endowments to the smaller colleges.

It has been truly said that the small college and not the great university is the backbone of higher education in the United States. It is quite evident that the type of work done in the two types of institutions overlap but neither covers the field of the other. In the highly specialized studies, athletics and graduate work the small denominational college cannot compete with the large university; but in laying the foundation for a liberal education, character building, human contacts and in fitting a student for life rather than a job, the small college has no rival.

What the small college lacks in building, extent of campus and equipment it makes up in personnel. Its very smallness encourages individuality rather than the standardization of which we hear so much today. Human contacts are closer. One is not overwhelmed by the choice of course, complex social life and highly organized administrations.

Essentially a college is a group of teachers and learners. Where there is a teacher like Mark Hopkins on one end of the log and a pupil like James A. Garfield on the other there you have a college—the kernel of the institution of learning.

Public benefactors who can give \$275,000 to an institution of learning are perhaps very few. However, there are others who can give smaller donations and we hazard the opinion that if these men would make a careful study of the smaller colleges, availing themselves of accurate information as to the quality of work being done, they could lay out their money just as shrewdly and as beneficially as their bigger brothers. And the little college will be thankful for the gifts.

"It's the same old South," says the Detroit News. "Josephus Daniels has written a long apology to a prominent citizen whom he had inadvertently called a Republican."—Greensboro News.

We see by the paper that vaudeville will soon celebrate its 100th birthday. It is said that many of the original jokes and hundreds of their children and grandchildren will attend the celebration.—Chicago Daily News.

College Debating League

Saturday, November 20, representatives from several colleges in the state will meet at Guilford to discuss and will probably organize an Intercollegiate Forensic League.

The need for such an organization as this becomes more and more apparent every day. At present each college has its debating council which arranges the debates for the year. Before deciding definitely upon the time, rules and regulations, judges, and so forth for each debate, weeks of time are wasted and many unnecessary letters are written.

Such conditions as these are very unsatisfactory and constitute one of the chief reasons for intercollegiate debating taking a back seat. Athletic organizations have taken the American colleges by storm at the expense of forensic and literary work, which is conceded to be more essential to the life of any college or university than are athletics.

Surely athletics fill a vital place. However, that is no reason why debating should resign in order that athletics may reign.

It is evident that debating and public speaking must become organized if they ever expect to resume their popularity. It is not certain just what action the representatives will take Saturday afternoon, but it is fairly certain that debating in North Carolina colleges will be placed on an organized basis. A committee will probably be appointed to draw up a number of queries from which the different colleges will make a selection. A method, no doubt, will be adopted for determining the time at which the various colleges will meet in contest.

OPEN FORUM

TO GUILFORDIANS

After reading over the Guilfordian yesterday I felt a loneliness to be back at Guilford, for a little while. The spirit that pervaded the whole paper was a spirit of "doing something." Somehow there was a glamor about the paper that I did not feel when I was on the campus. I am glad indeed to hear that there is to be an annual this year.

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I feel that an annual will do much for Guilford. I am glad to hear of the work of the Gospel teams also.

While I am not at Guilford any longer, I am still interested in her progress in every line and sincerely wish her the greatest success in the work of this year.

GENEVA HIGHFILL, '26.

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