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SOCIETY DAY FORECAST

Preparations are being made by the two literary societies of Chowan College for the annual Society Day which will be celebrated on February 21. There will be a basketball game, a reading contest and a debate between the Alathenian and Lucalian Societies.

For several reasons, this event is looked forward to with a great deal more than ordinary interest. Three years ago, the two societies bought a silver loving cup to be given each year to the society winning in the debate. A provision was made whereby the society winning three years in succession was to become the permanent owner of the cup. For two years, the Lucalian Society has held this cup, although the Alathenians have fought a hard fight each year. The contest bids fair to be even closer this year than formerly. The debaters who have been chosen are well-balanced, each having merits of her own.

The Lucalians will be represented by Mary Lou Jones and Wilma Ellington, with Mary Lou Martin as alternate. Mary Lou Jones will be remembered by her debate last year. She and her colleague won the silver cup. She is unusually quick, and knows how to put her ideas across to her audience. Wilma Ellington was the alternate last year. She is a deep thinker and can be depended on to give strong arguments.

The Alathenian speakers will be Margaret Lawrence and Mary Whitley, with Isla Poole as alternate. Neither of these speakers has debated before, but their society is expecting great things of them. Margaret Lawrence is graduating in three years, and is carrying an enormous amount of work in order to do so. As a debater her chief characteristics are a keen sense of humor and ability at repartee. She never misses an opportunity to "slap back" at her opponents. Mary Whitley has a style truly all her own. Her air is one of complete indifference, but back of her unconcerned face is a mind very much concerned. She is going to give her opponents a hard fight.

The readers for the day will be Inez Parker of the Alathenian Society, and Bettie Walter Jenkins of the Lucalian. At a glance it would seem that the Alathenians have the advantage here, because Inez is a graduate of expression while Bettie Walter is not. However, it will be remembered that Bettie Walter won the medal for the best debate last year.

The captain for the Lucalian basketball team has not been elected. The Alathenian captain will be Anne Downey, who won the title, "Best Sport," in 1927. Neither society has chosen its players yet.

Following the debate, which will be the last of the contests, a reception will be given in honor of the various contestants, to which a number of the friends of the college will be invited.

CHEWING GUM

It is said that the chewing gum industry is the third largest in the United States. From the number of smackers one sees on every hand, we judge that this must be true.

Someone has said that the only difference between a cow chewing her cud and a girl chewing gum is that a cow looks thoughtful. There is also another difference: a cow chews quietly.

There are a number of girls in Chowan with whom chewing gum has become almost an obsession.

What a terrible habit to form! A girl may be beautifully dressed and possess perfect manners, but if she chews gum, she cannot be classed as a cultured lady.

There are some who say that gum has its place. If it has a place, where is it? Most assuredly it is not in public where others are annoyed, and surely not in private where one's own meditations are disturbed. At any rate, there is no place in Chowan for chewing gum. Nevertheless, the fad has reached disgusting proportions. One goes into the library for a quiet hour of study and is unable to concentrate on account of the noise of gum being chewed. In the dining room, one can find dozens of brown wads under the tables, and the girls who serve are annoyed by finding gum in the spoons, on the knives, etc.

Girls, let's make a New Year's resolution to cut out the chewing gum habit, for nothing would lift Chowan girls to a higher level of culture than the elimination of this vulgar habit.

FREEDOM IN THEORY ONLY

"I believe in freedom of opinion, but . . ." That everyone accepts freedom in principle, although most of us reject it in fact is the thesis of an article by Miss Suzanne LaFolette in The New Student for November. "Both peoples and governments, when it comes to the test, will accept freedom in principle and repudiate it in fact; the former because they understand their own interest, the latter because they understand their own interest perfectly," writes Miss LaFolette.

"The right to pursue one's own good in one's own way of course implies the right to decide for oneself in what one's good consists," the writer continues. "That is a right which almost no individual is ready to concede. No person, probably, doubts his own ability to decide such matters for himself; and almost none is willing to concede the same liberty to other people . . ."

"What one may justly marvel at a little, perhaps, is the confidence in their own opinions which those who advocate any forcible regulation of human conduct must necessarily possess; and one marvels the more because they are often among the most enlightened members of the community. Such a self-confidence, carried to the point of an attempt to substitute force for persuasion, amounts to sheer arrogance. One wonders to what end humanity has made its bitter struggle to escape from the chains which its own fears and superstitions have helped to forge, if those in a posi-

tion to profit by that struggle and to continue it, fail so signally to understand its implications. One does not associate arrogance of opinion with true cultivation. A cultivated mind is an open mind, and an open mind is by its very nature the reverse of arrogant." —The New Student.

SOME WAYS TO STUDY FOR EXAMINATIONS

The value of examinations has been thoroughly tested, and it seems that it has been proved that examinations are the most efficient means of clinching a course. However much students may deem them a nuisance, as yet, no better method has been discovered to accomplish the desired results.

When a student becomes a freshman in college, she should be able to realize to some extent the ability and limitation of her mind. She should be able to tell for herself how she is best able to review the field she has covered to refresh her memory and clinch the facts in her mind.

Some students, though, may never have learned how to use a period of review. They probably have never realized that examinations might be made something other than a series of night-mares. They have never thought about a means of making a clear, connected review of the material covered.

Outlines on the text covered will give a clear, co-ordinated review; the idea of putting most important things first will help clear the subject matter in the student's mind. Other students might get the most out of re-reading the text carefully and underlining the most important facts. Other minds require definite facts in sentence form are suggested for this answers in concise and direct sentence form are suggested for this type.

A course may be made more valuable by a thorough, consistent review. Every real student realizes that cramming is unnecessary, but that systematic review is needful and helpful.

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN" Alumnae Column

The Chowan community extends sympathy to Mrs. Aaron Rascoe (Lizzie Gillam, 1873), in the sudden death of her husband at Windsor, N. C.

Mrs. G. W. Simpson (Lelia S. Jackson, 1887), has written of an enthusiastic meeting of the Chowan Club in Norfolk.

Miss Hilton Jones, who has had an operation for appendicitis recently, goes next week to her school at Tazewell, Va. She visited Chowan on January 3.

The following alumnae visited the college during the Christmas holidays: Mrs. Henry B. Edwards (Jewell Askew, 1926), who is teaching at Shelby High School, Shelby, N. C.; Miss Ella Mae Parker (1927) who is teaching at Dillon, N. C.; Miss Nancy E. Parker (1926) who is teaching at Rocky Mount; Miss Eva G. Gary (1921), head of the music department of Blackstone College, Blackstone, Va.; Miss Elizabeth Watson (1926) who teaches near Creedmore, N. C., and Mrs. Bruce Carter (Thelma Draper, 1926), of Raleigh, N. C.

Legume hay provides the best roughage for dairy cattle and such hay is easily produced on the average North Carolina farm.

C. A. Sheffield, formerly county agent of Davidson County, is now assistant to the director of the extension service at State College.

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Chiffon velvet in another of its most fascinating developments—the evening wrap. This time we have it in a luscious rose shade, embellished and weighed down by an elaborate border of cut steel beads on the tabbed edge of the wrap and the long cape that hangs gracefully off the shoulders. The collar of the wrap is a simple shawl treatment of self fabric, and silver pumps matching the bead trimming are worn with the costume.

It would seem that a clever modiste could easily reproduce this model—and that some of the gift bonds received from indulgent families might well be used to finance this attractive gift.

Then You'll Want An Evening Cap

Caps of silver lace, silver spangles, gold lame and bead embroideries—with an evening purse to match—are the very latest in Paris—and the first reproductions are just making their appearance here. Molding closely to the head, these trifles are most effective.

New Evening Colors

Sophisticated are the names of the new evening shades which take on "cordial" tones. Creme de menthe, chartreuse, orange curacao, crepe de cocoa and apricotine are among them—vividly suggesting just what their names imply!

For the Back-to-School Suit Remember that the one exception to the feminine-fashion vogue obtains in the realm of the jacket

Groping

By Albert T. Reid



suit, where one may go back to the boyish theme and have smartly tailored lines and a tuck-in blouse, scarf tie or four-in-hand and a quite mannish buckled belt. These trim little ensembles are particularly fortunate for the school girl's clothes collection.

Twenty tons of marketable cabbage from one acre is the record with this crop so far reported for 1928. Well prepared soil, a good variety of cabbage and balanced fertilization was responsible for the good yield.

Farm machinery that is properly stored under shelter and is well oiled and repaired, will be ready for the rush of work next spring.

Physical exercises for 20 minutes a day have been made compulsory in all schools of Costa Rica by recent executive decree. A special department for the training of teachers in physical education will be organized.—School Life.

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