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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The annual campaign for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals has been launched locally.

The average person does not have to be canvassed to give to this noble cause. It is with the spirit of Christmas that he gives willingly and freely to an institution that at this time of the year does its best and finest work. It is seldom that a person canvassed neglects this wonderful opportunity to help those in need.

You will, perhaps, give many gifts this Christmas season, some of them very expensive and very beautiful, and many of them appreciated so much, but none of them will show a better and truer Christmas spirit than the purchase of a dollar's worth of Red Cross Christmas seals.

HERE'S TO THE SCRUBS

"Beneath the glamour of success," says Coach Bob Fetzer, "in athletics, as in all phases of life, there is always a story of struggle and hard work." He illustrates the statement with an account of the splendid work of the second string men on the Carolina football squad during the recent highly successful season.

There is something for us. We have been singing the praises for victory in glowing terms of that splendid outfit of varsity material, and as is usually the case, we almost entirely forgot to give proper credit to the men that made the varsity team what it was—the scrubs. "No team is stronger than its scrubs." Those men that never get in a game, but who stand the gaff and stick with their betters during a season in which they, themselves, get no moss, are responsible, in no small measure, for whatever degree of success the team makes.

The Tar Heel congratulates the scrubs.

DOCTOR CHASE HAS AN ATTACK OF FLU

President Chase has been ill since December 2 with influenza, but is up now although unable to leave the house. He returned from Raleigh last Friday week and was to accompany Dr. T. J. Wilson to New Orleans to attend the Meeting of Registrars held there last week, but was forced to go to bed on Saturday and has not been out since.

C. A. Hibbard, associate professor in the English department, was initiated as an honorary member in Sigma Upsilon national literary fraternity last Sunday night.

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE.—This column is for the free exchange of opinion among our readers. Use it if you have anybody to kick or anything to praise. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the author; no anonymous communications will be published.

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:
In the awarding of credit for the successful year that Carolina has just passed through in athletics I am afraid that the student body and alumni have greatly overlooked one man who has played a big part in the building up of the teams that have given us four championships in one year. That man is Dr. Lawson, the man who looks after the physical conditioning of the teams. His job is no small one, as every man on the football field will tell you. It is a very inconspicuous one from the grandstand, for he never carries the ball, but his work has a part in every play that is run. "Doc" spends countless hours on the field and in the gym treating our injuries and looking after our physical condition. Every man who was on the football squad had "cussed" his hot towels, alcohol rubs, and castor oil, but we all thank him for the condition that he kept us in. We know that our successful season was largely due to the physical condition of the squad. Only one man during the entire season was kept out of an important game on account of sickness or injury. Randolph was out of the A. and E. game on account of a "charliehorse." This is a record that no other team in this section can boast of. After the Virginia game Coach Campbell said to Dr. Lawson, "If I had had you to look after the conditioning of my men, I would have had a 25 per cent better team."

Dr. Lawson gets no salary for this work; he does it simply because he loves Carolina athletics and can't help putting everything he has into the game. He began it many years ago when he became the best all-round athlete that ever wore the blue and white, and he will keep it up as long as he lives, because it is a part of him. Every student, alumnus and friend of Carolina owes Dr. Lawson a vote of thanks and appreciation for his loyal service. We are all for you, "Doc."
GRADY PRITCHARD.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:

In the news columns of this issue will be found an article touching on a reform to be put into practice after Christmas at Swain Hall. This proposed reform has two very real sides, and I shall attempt to discuss both of them.

I first heard of this coming change from a student-waiter at Swain, who was worrying a very great deal about how he was going to make ends meet if he had to pay one-third of his board after Christmas. The idea of it went against the grain at once; it seemed a contemptible and an unjust bit of hair-splitting. The self-help waiters who talked to me about it told me that they put in at least as much as twenty-one hours a week at Swain Hall, for which they receive their board. They said that they have to work like very demons every minute of this twenty-one hours; and goodness knows they do! Each man has to keep food supplied to eighteen voraciously hungry students. After Christmas the idea is that the food will be brought in on carts instead of carried "a la main"; and the waiters will wait on two tables, twenty men, instead of eighteen. Thus the number of waiters needed will be slightly lessened. However, the full number of waiters is to be kept, working slightly less time each than now, and each is to pay one-third of his board.

Now, the men who work at Swain Hall are the most needy men on the campus, and were selected on that basis. One of them said to me: "If I have to pay one-third of my board bill after Christmas, I'll have to stop school at the end of the winter quarter." And he meant it. Of course he wouldn't have to stop. Carolina self-help men have a reputation for doing the impossible; but in the name of Heaven, why should this extra burden be put on him, and on the 50 other waiters at Swain Hall? They have their budgets made out for the year; this extra tax is going to hurt, and hurt where the weak spot is.

Swain Hall has the self-help waiters by the dinner pail, and they can neither do nor say anything. A student said to me: "They treat us any way up there. . . . That's my only way of going to school, and I can't afford to be fired." What of it if the men will do only

fourteen hours work a week, instead of the present twenty-one? (And twenty-one is a conservative estimate, from some of the statements I have heard.) Sixty hours work a month—fourteen hours a week—is worth \$22.50 worth of Swain Hall board.

This fall Swain Hall has been boarding about 600 guests and fifty waiters, taking in, in round numbers, say, \$13,000 a month. The food has been as good as any boarder could reasonably wish. Why can't the same number of men be boarded on the same amount of money from now on? The Swain Hall management says that it wants to improve the food and service and must cut down on overhead expense. And just here let's take up the management's side of the case.

In the first place, the managers of Swain Hall are self-help men themselves, and are thoroughly in sympathy with the waiters. They do not wish to collect this extra board merely because they can do it, but because they are striving earnestly to improve Swain Hall in every possible way. That's the whole idea. But, I suggested, if food and service is to improve, why tax the waiters; why not the boarders, charging, say, \$22.75 for board instead of \$22.50. I argued that such a little increase would mean hardly anything to each boarder, but a tax of over \$7 a month to the self-help men will work a real hardship. Such an idea seemed hardly fair to the managers; but they put forward this counter-suggestion, which seems feasible. They said: "Why not let the men at the tables pay for the better service and better food they will get by giving 30 cents a month each to the waiters. This need not be considered a tip at all, but rather a payment for service, and it would save the waiters a very real burden." And that is a good idea. I sincerely hope that, if the planned system does go into effect, the boarders at Swain Hall will take up this suggestion. I, for one, am going to board at Swain Hall after Christmas, and I shall be willing to do my share of this.

That's the case on both sides. There is justice in Swain Hall's action. The managers are thoroughly in sympathy with the waiters. Yet it is unbearably hard on the men to have this tax sprung on them in the middle of the year. If such a system had been put into practice in the beginning, or if the management would only hold off until next fall, it would not be so bad.

I, for one—and it seems that any man with less than an iron heart in his body—would be willing to forego the slight improvement in food that such a system would mean. To give up, say, one dish of apricots a week, or something so, in order that fifty needy men might be spared a real hardship! Of course Carolina men would be willing to do that! If they wouldn't then I'm ashamed to be a Carolina man!

Yet, the management does not seem inclined to revoke its decree. The thing is still an inexorable yoke, awaiting the self-help waiters. Swain Hall is a students' boarding house, depending on student good-will for its life. Certainly, if student opinion expresses itself against such drastic reforms at this time,—expresses itself through resolutions, publications, organizations, etc.—it will be heeded.

To sum up then, Swain Hall waiters are, after Christmas, to pay one-third of their board in order that the full number now employed might be retained. The money thus gained—proportionately a tiny drop in a big bucket—will go to the improvement of food at Swain Hall. This measure, then, will be a hard one on the waiters; and of little benefit to anyone. It cannot be averted by waiters' protest; student protest CAN make itself felt. If the decree DOES go into effect, the students can show their sympathy by paying a fee for service to the waiters; a fee of 30 cents each per month, which will practically pay the difference in the waiters' board.

This really is a serious proposition, for it affects a large number of men. Let us hope that the Swain Hall management can find some way out of this severe injustice to the waiters, at this time of the year, other than the firing of some of the men they now have, or the effecting of their plan to charge the waiters for board. And if no way out is found, let's help the waiters with 30 cents a month. It is something, but not very much to us—to them it is salvation!

J. O. BAILEY.

FRESHMAN DEBATING SOCIETY SHOWS SURPRISING VIGOR

To the Editor of The Tar Heel:
Containing only forty men, the Freshman Debating Society has, during the past quarter virtually controlled
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Be Sure

To Put Your LAUNDRY SLIP in your BUNDLE before sending it to . . .

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U. N. C.

WHEN YOU VISIT DURHAM BE SURE TO EAT AT

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American Shoe Shine Parlor
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The Goody Shop

UNQUESTIONABLY IT FEEDS YOU BETTER



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READ THE ADS—IT PAYS!



Eclipse of the sun

THIS is the month when the sun is . . . one, and we mortals draw greater warmth and sustenance from that homely provender—mince pie.

It is the warmth of the holiday spirit, which causes human hearts to glow when temperatures are lowest. Mother's cooking—the family united—Christmas trees and crackling logs—what would this world be without them?

In promoting the family good cheer the college man's part is such that modesty often blinds him to it. It would hardly occur to the glee club man to sing over the songs of Alma Mater for the still Dearcr One at home.

The football man would scarcely suspect that his younger brother is dying to have him drop-kick for the "fellers".

The Prom leader would not presume to think that among those sisters who have been waiting to share L's agility at fox-trot may be his own sister.

And in general, college men would scorn to believe that any conversational prowess they might possess on books, professors or campus activities could possibly interest a certain Gentleman Who Foots the Bills. But just try it, all of you. The welcome you get will warm the cockles of your heart.

This suggestion, amid sighs as they look back across the years, is the best way a bunch of old grads here know of wishing you "Merry Christmas".

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