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PARAGRAPHS

It won't be long now—Graham Memorial building has real doors in the front!

Trouble never comes single-handed—Chapel Hill streets and sidewalks are undergoing their annual fixing and N. C. State wallops us like that!

Another thing we have to be peevish at N. C. State College about is its newspaper, the *Technician*, calling Petty's Cheerios the *Carolina Cherries*.

Add to the startling news of the day: "Raleigh Has Night Without Burglaries."

A radio official reports that the world needs 10 times more receiving sets than it now has, but we hope he doesn't want any more broadcasters.

Hounded man can be arraigned in court for almost anything nowadays. Last week an autoist was fined in Greensboro for tooting his horn at a girl.

"Hillsboro Was Once Home of Big Factories," headlines a daily over a story about the capital of Orange. Seems like Hillsboro is one of those with a past.

Latest report from the Balkans: President of Greece is severely wounded by a would-be assassin; Carol's hopes from Rumanian throne begin to fade.

"My shopping is over, not because I want to quit, but because my money has run out," Ruth Elder told her friend. And Mary Anne stopped shopping for the same reason.

Wake county vagrant refuses to eat—which seems to jibe to a t with the McLeanian policy of economy.

Big Bill Thompson, now at odds with King George, attempts to found at "America First Foundation" with 10 bucks per head initiation fee. Well, we are glad the midwest is to have this venture and not the south.

PERFORMANCE OF CHEERIOS ALLEVIATE DEFEAT

One bright thing stands out above all in the contest between N. C. State and the University in Raleigh, Saturday. This was the performance of Petty Waddill's Cheerios. Two hundred and fifty lusty, loud voiced cheerers added the pepper and cheer to the game even though the Wolfpack was flying high, wide and handsome towards a heavy score victory over Carolina.

Credit for the splendid cheering of the group cannot be heaped upon one man. It should go to Chief Cheerleader Petty Waddill, his assistants and the 250 men composing the group. The organization travelled to Raleigh on the special train and occupied a section of seats in the middle of the west stand. The Cheerios marched

upon the field between the halves of the game and formed the letters N. C. S., sang the state song; and then with quick movement, the ease and orderliness of which evinced thorough drilling, they formed the letters N. C. U. and gave the Carolina song and yells.

The Cheerios have received much praise for their work, all of which they deserve. The organization's feat at the Saturday game also drew much comment that reflects credit on the University and the cheerers. The Tar Heel congratulates Petty Waddill, his assistants and the Cheerios. May the good work continue.

HANDY REVOLVER AN INSTRUMENT OF MURDER

The story, you have heard more than once. The details may vary, but the result is always the tragic same. A young attorney is dead, killed by the accidental discharging of a revolver; his sister, who held the revolver when it fired, is prostrate with grief.

The Charlotte attorney came home drunk; hell-raised; beat his wife, it is reported. Then he turned on his sister, who procured a pistol that had slipped from under the pillow of the bed. She fired. Before the fatal shot was fired they struggled for nearly an hour, the police told the news reporter. The officer relates that it was one of the most desperate fights ever staged in Charlotte.

What would have been the results of the night's drunken struggle if the revolver had not been so handily convenient to the sister when the brother approached her? When the brother advanced on her, the story runs, she grasped the pistol which had slipped to the floor. Then the death contest took place, during which the revolver accidentally discharged and killed the man. No effort is being made here to deny that the sister had every right to be protected from her drink-crazed (as he was termed) brother. It is told that he had already severely beaten his wife. The sister was justified in thinking that her turn was next. Hence she sought protection. But better a hundred whippings and slaps than a homicide!

The revolver was easily had and offered some protection. But the protection resulted in death, when the results would have been far less dire and tragic if the pistol had never been put in play. The presence of firearms often gives the situation an unwarranted dangerous appearance and causes a high state of emotional excitement which too often brings tragic results.

The handy revolver is more often a potential instrument of homicide resulting from an excited person misled by thoughts of self-defense!

OUR TEAM

(D. D. C.)

Believing that thoughtful criticism is never out of place, the writer offers the following as his analysis of the football situation here.

The material from which this year's team is made is obviously weak. It is unquestionably true that good football teams must be founded on a few experienced players. So despite the fact that several Carolina players have learned to play commendable football since their entrance here, they cannot be expected to withstand the attack of seasoned veterans. Consider the small number of prep school stars we have here. They are few indeed. Though we may congratulate the candidates for the team on their progress, we must also shed a tear for coaches so handicapped.

How do other teams in the state meet this situation? It is said that most of them could be justly charged with evading the rule against hired players. Perhaps Carolina might answer to that indictment. But the deplorable fact is that even if our alumni are so unsportsmanly as to subsidize athletes, they are not employing the best players. Thus we find that whether our team be semi-professional or thoroughly bona fide, it is weak in either role.

The second factor in recent defeats seems to be the incompatibility of Southern players and new systems. Temperamental and sensitive, the sons of Southern colonels are unused to the machine methods which have produced a great team like that of Notre Dame. Such Prussian discipline presupposes the use of experienced, stoical players who readily submit to dictatorship. Such is not the disposition of our team.

The loss of team spirit seems to be the result. Individual confidence is gone, and the group is a joyless machine. Boyish love of sport has yielded to grim determination. In short, Robt. E. Lee's brilliance seems to be congealed into Grant's dogged precision.

So deeply impressed are some students with the rule of the coaches that they report its rigor with amusing exaggeration. One friend actually advised us to avoid all references to

the football team in these columns, saying that the coaches were men of iron, Fawney that. And we had thought that the team belonged partly to us.

A final reason has to do with the wholesome attitude of the University toward athletics. Football is fast gaining dominance here, but it is yet uncrowned. This means that players do not flock to this institution to become its stars, for they know that the resultant laurels are fewer than those given at Georgia Tech or Yale. In addition, the University, despite the generous headlines of state papers and the never-dying memories of 1922, candidly has no reputation as a power in football circles.

The first defect can be eliminated by closer attention to the methods employed by other schools in getting their prep school stars. The seeming failure of the coaches to leave room for individual spirit and pleasure can be remedied by them or others. It is to be hoped that the third reason for our defects, a real virtue, will never vanish. For Carolina is in no way to under-value football. The trouble lies with other institutions which exaggerate the importance of filling a stadium with enthusiastic alumni.

Whatever the past troubles of the Tar Heel gridmen, they still have four games in which to prove their mettle.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY—

8:30 p. m. Tar Heel office. Meeting editorial board.

7:30 p. m. Episcopal Parish House. Meeting of the Philological Club. Dr. U. T. Holmes will present a paper on "Medieval Bestiaries."

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p. m. Venable Hall Auditorium. Moving pictures. "The Story of Alloy Steel," "The Manufacture of Steel Sheets and Tin Plate."

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This service charge is not peculiar to The Bank of Chapel Hill at all. Most cities over the State have been working under it for quite a while and every Durham bank put it in force several months ago.



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