

LATIN AMERICAN VOLUME ISSUED BY LOCAL PRESS

The Life Of Miranda Is A Romance With Southern Setting.

A foremost student of Latin-American history, William Spence Robertson, a workman with a reputation for painstaking and exhaustive labor, has written a book for the University Press. The first copies of his work, *The Life of Miranda*, were received here last week.

Appearing in two volumes, it is most attractively bound and printed. The illustrations include over thirty excellent portraits of Miranda and many of the world figures which he encountered in the course of his extraordinary career.

Following a policy that it has adopted in publishing other valuable works, the Press will offer a special edition of the book, of which 90 copies will be for sale, signed by the author. Printed on Alexandre Japan paper, the copies are bound with imported sheepskin parchment and buckram sides.

The Life of Miranda teems with the glamor, romance and high adventure fiction, and has, still, all the authenticity and clarity of facts that Professor Robertson's careful research and arrangement of subject matter can give it. A statement from the officials of the Press gives a lively account of the book in brief, revealing a bit of the lively human interest that predominates the tale:

"It would be difficult to imagine a more spectacular or romantic career than that of Francisco de Miranda, Precursor and Knight-Errant of Spanish American liberty. The years that spanned his career include an era which for revolutionary changes is unique in the history of the world. He took part in the struggle for the independence of the United States, in the French Revolution, and in the emancipation of South America. Scarcely a personage of his time did he fail to meet or captivate, apparently at first sight, and his travels took him all over the world.

"Not the least interesting part of his journeying was his tour of the United States, of which, like most of his experience, he kept voluminous records. Arriving at a strategic moment—the close of the Revolution—he obtained passage for the Carolinas, landing at Newbern, where he admired Tryon's Palace, complained that his rest was disturbed by huge insects and frogs, praised the mockingbirds—and traveled on.

"In his progress up the coast he met the leading lights of Charleston, of Philadelphia, of New York. Washington invited him to dine and was somewhat unfavorably written down in the diary as of "demeanour circumspect, taciturn, and inexpressive, but a suave manner and great moderation make it endurable." In New York he met Alexander Hamilton, too, and—alas for the poor Colonel—Colonel Smith.

"All this time Miranda was attempting to spread the flame of liberty to South America by enlisting in its cause the soldiers and statesmen he met. But little official encouragement came his way, and he went on to England, toured Europe with Colo-

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Mr. Boss Hill Delineates Life's Odyssey For Feature Writer

(By J. P. Tyson)

"How are you Mr. Boss Man, how are you today? Got anything for me. Any clothes to be mended, any pants to be pressed?" Thus you are accosted by a dignified gentleman with a very dressy black derby hat. Now you have met one of the outstanding characters on the campus, Mr. Boss Hill.

Boss' life story reads like that of one of Horatio Alger's heroes. Boss was originally from Scotland and from there he and his parents journeyed to and settled down in Hillsboro, N. C. His life was that of an ordinary youth until he reached the age of seventeen. Then young Hill became infected with the wanderlust germ. At that tender age he shook the historical dust of quaint old Hillsboro from his soles and went to Birmingham, Ala. He arrived there with 35 cents in his pockets and he says that he lived on that sum for two weeks. After a two weeks' loafing spree he got a job as a clean-up boy in a tailor shop.

He there learned the tailor trade and has stuck to it ever since. After an eight years' stay in Birmingham he then went to the University of Richmond. From there he wandered to the Navy Yards at Norfolk, where he worked for a while. Soon becoming tired of Norfolk he immigrated to Camp Jackson. From there he went to Baltimore where he obtained his masters degree in a Hebraic tailor shop. After a short stay in Washington he got the "Tar Heel blues" and came home to Durham.

He spent twenty years at Trinity college and then decided that Carolina was "the place." Boss has been here nearly two years and says that it is the best place yet. At present he is working on his Ph. D.

He is married; has no near relatives; and, with the aid of his wife, runs an altering and repairing shop on East Franklin street. Although Boss is completely satisfied with Chapel Hill he wants to follow the example of the Carnegie athlete and go to the Pacific Coast, where, according to his assertion, he has an uncle who is the president of a large and well known university. This uncle has offered Boss a pretentious home on the campus if he will but come renew family ties and turn out a neater crew of collegiates. Boss is at a great loss to know whether to go or not.

Although Boss is of pure Scotch blood his name is just plain MacHill without the Mac. He says that of the two things that his mother country is famous for, he prefers the jokes second best. His favorite writer is Peter Dawson, who writes his name on tall green bottles labeled "Purest Produce of Scotland."

Boss says that he likes a derby because it is a mark of his profession, and, too, he says that it is much more formal.

All great men have a hobby—some collect rare books, some hoard rare old manuscripts and some gather Indian relics, but Boss' hobby and vocation is gathering unpressed and torn clothes.

Sophomore Picture In Front of Library

The group picture of the sophomore class for the Yackety Yack will be taken this morning in front of the library at chapel period. Please note the change in place from the law building to the library. This will be the only picture of the class taken.

Editor, Yackety Yack.

Diseases Declined In County in 1929

Reportable communicable diseases declined in number in Orange county during 1929, according to Dr. S. A. Nathan, county quarantine officer.

Whooping cough and German measles headed the list with 79 cases each, 75 per cent among white children. Syphilis cases numbered 44, chiefly among negroes. Gonorrhea cases were 14 in number, nearly all of them white.

There were 20 cases of diphtheria, 3 of pellegra, 22 of scarlet fever, 22 of chicken pox and but one case, that of a negro, of small pox. Influenza, which became a reportable disease in October, has numbered three cases since that time.

Debate Squad Meeting

The debate squad will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7:30 in 201 Murphey hall. Dean F. F. Bradshaw will address the squad on the subject of modern science and its relation to theistic faith, this being the subject which will be debated in the coming debates with Emory and Georgia Tech. The team will be selected February 6.

Glee Club To Give Contest in Durham

The University glee club will appear in concert tomorrow night at 8:15 in the junior high school auditorium in Durham under the auspices of the Durham high school music clubs.

The group appearing will consist of 35 men, including those members only recently added.

As in previous concerts, Professor Nelson O. Kennedy will offer two groups of piano solos during the program.

Included among the selection to be sung by the glee club are the three songs to be used in the national contest. They are: the 1930 prize song, "Hark! Jolly Shepherds" by Morley; the Carolina choice song, "Ave Maria" by Arcadelt; and the new alma mater, "Hark the Sound" by Arthur Edward Johnstone.

U. D. C. To Entertain

Mrs. G. K. G. Henry announces on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy that that organization will entertain the public Saturday at the Carolina Inn with a benefit bridge and dance from three to five o'clock in the afternoon and from eight to twelve o'clock in the evening.

Tea will be served at five. Admission for the afternoon portion of the program will be fifty cents, while the evening entertainment will cost a like amount.

Dancing, a fashion show, vaudeville stunts, and other forms of entertainment will be offered in the evening.

Arrangements for attendance can be made with Mrs. Blanche Patterson before Friday night.

Dr. McKay To Speak

Dr. R. W. McKay of the McKay Urological Clinic of Charlotte, will speak to the medical society of the University in Caldwell hall Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. His address will be of much interest to those students who expect to enter medicine as well as to the medical students. Everyone is cordially invited. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Hypnotized Student Gets Into Trouble

It seemed, according to the psychology lecturer, that a student in a far away college had learned hypnotism, and had practiced upon his roommate, finally achieving such proficiency that a snap of the finger would put the subject into hypnotic coma.

"You have just come from your class. The professor lectured upon . . . phases of the atomic theory. I'll read you the points he made. He told a funny story about the Pullman porter who didn't understand the law of gravity. Frank Finker was late as usual, and John Duncan dropped his book in his hurry to reach his seat . . . the prof ran short of chalk and sent Mike Ryan after some," said the roommate of the dazed student, carefully.

An hour before the preceding one-sided conversation had taken place, the humorous-minded hypnotist, walking to the campus with his roommate, had put the latter into a hypnotic state, hidden him in the basement, attended his class, made careful note of the proceedings and narrated them to his subject, and then, after instructing him to forget that he had been hypnotized, brought him "out of it."

The erstwhile absentee, who hadn't any cuts to spare, received a notice from the office of the registrar asking about his absence on the preceding day, and the climax of the story takes place in the registrar's office where the argument staged there has become a classic.

Der Deutsche Verein

Dr. Caldwell of the history department has consented to make a short talk before the members of the German society on the "First German Hero." Dr. Caldwell, according to R. S. Matthews, is an entertaining speaker and his talk should be interesting especially to students in all German classes; all are urged to attend. A part of the meeting will be given over to a short musical program with the singing of German songs. There will be group singing for those who care to participate. After this refreshments will be served closing the meeting. The society will assemble in the regular Kiwanis room in the basement of the Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30, January 24. Visitors are welcome and everyone is requested to arrive on time.

Coker Elected to Office

Professor R. E. Coker has been elected an associate editor of a new biological publication which is to be issued, beginning January, 1931, by an agreement between the Ecological Society of America and Duke University. The publication is to be known as Ecological Monographs.

Commencement Plans Show Change In Date Of Alumni Gathering

NATHAN REPORTS ON DORM STORES

Dormitory agencies, from the standpoint of the city health department, are in fair condition, says Dr. S. A. Nathan, who inspected all the college dormitories Wednesday.

Three of the agencies were using sandwich toasters, and another was preparing hot drinks for sale. Instructions were given to discontinue all cooking, since fire regulations prohibit it.

About half the agencies were not swept and dusted properly, and in many of them empty soft drink bottles were found. These collect ants, and orders were given that they be removed.

Dormitory radiators and walls were not properly cleaned, says Dr. Nathan, who suggested more care in this matter. No vermin whatever were found, the report concluded.

Dean Rankin of Duke To Speak In Goldsboro

Dr. Robert S. Rankin, assistant dean of the graduate school of Duke University, will be one of the principal speakers at the school of citizenship to be held in Goldsboro next month, according to announcement yesterday by Mrs. Mary O. Cowper of the League of Women Voters and Morgan Vining of the University extension division, who are arranging the program.

The school of citizenship will be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the League of Women Voters. The meetings will be under the auspices of the league and the extension division.

Dr. Rankin will address a joint session of the two groups on Tuesday night, February 11, in Goldsboro. His subject will be "Election Laws in North Carolina." Demonstrations of the new election law will be another feature of the same program.

Dr. Rankin is regarded as an authority on government, and is especially interested in the state and local units. He won his A. B. degree at Tusculum College and his doctorate at Princeton. At Duke he is associate professor of political economy and assistant dean of the graduate school. He is the author of numerous articles on political science, and has addressed a number of organizations on this and allied subjects.

Sketch Club May Organize Juniors

The Sketch club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, 412 Rosemary lane. A costumed model was used as the subject for drawing.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 29, at the same place. The regular monthly discussion of American landscape painters will be resumed at that time, the subject being "Winslow Homer."

Members of the club have been seriously considering the formation of a junior sketch club. Inasmuch as there is no art taught in the schools of the community, such a club would be especially beneficial to the children, it is believed.

Class Reunions To Be Held With Alumni Day Monday, June 9.

GRADUATION DAY JUNE 10

New Schedule Is Effort to Secure Larger Alumni Attendance at Annual Exercises; May Hold Open Air Exercises In Kenan Stadium.

Plans for commencement, although not yet complete, have received several changes from those of the past five years. The exercises will extend from Saturday, June 7, through Tuesday, June 10, this being a specific change from prior "week-end" commencements, which opened on Friday and closed on Monday.

President Chase suggested this alteration to the alumni board with the view of procuring a larger alumni attendance at the graduation exercises with the alumni day set for Monday instead of Saturday. The suggestion was recently accepted by the faculty.

There will be ten graduation classes in reunion at commencement this year. In addition to the eight classes, composing two college generations as regulated by the Dix plan, there will be a meeting of two additional classes.

The Baby class, of 1929, will have its first reunion at the University then. The officers of this class are: Bowman Gray of Winston-Salem, president; Walter Spearman, former editor of the Tar Heel and now a student at the University of Lyons, France, secretary.

There will be the regular meeting of the class which graduated 25 years ago—the quarter of a century reunion—which will call together the class of 1905 this year. Judge N. A. Townsend of Dunn is president and W. T. Shore of Charlotte, secretary.

The Dix plan, which provides for the convening of four consecutive classes as one college generation, will bring together this spring the graduates of '14, '15, '16, '17 and of '95, '96, '97, and '98.

The secretaries of the various classes, together with the commencement marshals appointed by W. T. Shore, president of the alumni association, constitute the reunion committee. There is a meeting of the committee to be held in the near future for the purpose of planning the details of the reunions.

So far no place for holding the commencement exercises has been decided upon. Since the completion of Memorial hall in 1895, all graduation exercises have been held there. But the condemnation of this structure by experts late last fall necessitates the choice of another place. Open air exercises in the Kenan Memorial stadium are being considered.

The program of the Commencement exercises is as follows:

Saturday, June 7—Class day; senior exercises.

Sunday, June 8.—Baccalaureate sermon.

Monday, June 9.—Alumni day; general alumni meeting, alumni luncheon, and alumni ball.

Tuesday, June 10.—Graduation exercises.

The commencement speaker has not yet been selected.