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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

One has to take chances in life.—Princess Ileana.

The Judge Parker Confirmation Battle

With the subcommittee reporting favorably to the senate judiciary committee on confirmation of President Hoover's nomination of Judge John J. Parker for associate justice of the Supreme Court, supporters of the North Carolina jurist yesterday won the second major skirmish in the interesting political battle being waged over the appointment.

Opposition to Judge Parker is intense on the part of the American Federation of Labor officials and the organized negro vote. President Green of the labor forces has urged President Hoover to withdraw Judge Parker's nomination because "he has shown judicial bias against the working people of the country and that, if confirmed, he would carry to the court views and opinions hostile to labor."

A memorandum issued by the department of justice Sunday seems from this distance to have pretty effectually spiked President Green's guns. The labor prexy is basing his campaign against Judge Parker on the latter's decision in the proceedings against the United Mine Workers several years ago—the famous, or infamous, "Yellow Dog" case. This disputed decision was a case appealed by the mine workers from a district court decision granting an injunction in the suit brought by the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal and Coke Company of West Virginia. President Green complains that Judge Parker upheld the "Yellow Dog contracts," articles of agreement between employers and employees by which the latter subscribe not to join a union while under contract.

But the department of justice memorandum has rather definitely absolved Judge Parker

from charges of bias in arriving at this decision. Quoting from the memorandum: "There does not appear to be a point decided in the Red Jacket case on which Judge Parker assumed to exercise any independent judgment or opinion. In holding the contracts valid and that peaceable efforts to induce the non-union men to break them were properly enjoined, he merely quoted rulings to that effect in the Hitchman case. Nowhere are pressed or indicated any personal views about any of these questions. He had no freedom of judgment on any of them; he was bound by the decisions of the Supreme Court, which he could not refuse to follow."

The negro opposition has been practically dropped by the forces fighting the Parker confirmation. It is fortunate for the Republican party in North Carolina that this point has not been pressed—otherwise the Republicans would have stood a splendid chance of losing all of their recently-gained prestige in this state. It has been demonstrated on innumerable occasions that North Carolinians, both white and black, do not take kindly to the injection of the race issue into political controversies. And there have been no real indications that Judge Parker has ever exhibited bias against negroes in his decisions or in his statements, public or private.

North Carolinians are being treated to something which they have been denied for almost a decade—the spectacle of a native of this state engaging as the central figure in a major conflict within the Republican party ranks. The Parker political battle is a heated affair, and the fact that the judge is a resident of Asheville and an alumnus of the University makes it especially interesting hereabouts. Chapel Hillians in particular are "whooping it up" for the judge. Confirmation of his appointment would boost the stock of the administration at Washington considerably in these parts—and it could stand quite a bit of boosting.

The Exaggeration Of The Talkie

No one can deny that the vitaphone has lifted the art of the silver screen to a much higher level than it was formerly credited with. The motion pictures now put before the public are, on the average, of a considerable better standard than the old silent versions of love and intrigue and romance and adventure. One has only to mention such recent successes as "Anna Christie" and "The Taming of the Shrew" to reveal the heights of the dramatic and the comic to which the ambitious producer may now aspire; then there is the sensation of a year ago, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," the brilliant dialogue of which delighted the theatre goer who had become satiated with slap stick.

But one of the outstanding weaknesses of the talkie is the gross exaggeration of which they are sometimes guilty. This is especially noticeable in the pictured scenes of the Southland, the Dixie of romance and tradition. In the scenarios dealing with life below the Mason Dixon line the energetic directors and producers have overreached themselves, and as a consequence the dialogue of these charmingly idyllic pictures of existence in the southern states is so distorted as to become laughable. Several good motion pictures and a number of mediocre ones have been ruined by the lavish use of "Ah's" and "youall's" and "suh's" in an obviously affected drawl supposed to be a life like imitation

of typically slow, honeyed speech as it is spoken in the south.

Mary Pickford in "Coquette" was a little noticeable for the affectation of her speech, but the dialogue of some of the other characters was grotesque. Perhaps John Mack Brown once spoke as a native Alabaman but Hollywood has ruined him until now he sounds like the laziest and most illiterate darkie. And so it goes on, with Hollywood fondly imagining itself to be in the right; and southern audiences continue to laugh good humoredly at the indistinct mouthings with which they are being bombarded.

There is nothing like color to make any kind of production realistic, or at least in keeping with the surroundings in which it is laid. But color should by all means be authentic, and the sooner people in other sections of the country learn that there is really no appreciable difference between the speech mannerisms of the south than their own, the quicker the disillusioning process will be over and another perfectly good tradition will have been laid quietly to rest.

—R. H.

Lenten Season Daily Devotion

Tuesday, April 15—"Evil Its Own Destroyer."

(Read Luke 10: 17-24) Key Verse: "I beheld Satan falling as the lightning from heaven."

Meditation: "When Faust asked Mephistophles who he was, Mephistophles replies that "he was part of a power that was always willing evil but always doing good." His efforts were constantly being defeated by the more powerful spirit of goodness that dwells in this universe. Shakespeare's tragedies are based on this idea. Giant evil deeds are always coming back upon the heads of the transgressor. Evil is never finally victorious. It has within itself the seeds of its own destruction. The moral order of the world is too much for it. There is a backbone of righteousness in the universe. The presence of evil in the world is frequently cited as an argument against faith in a righteous universe. But evil that is ever being destroyed by itself, and defeated by the power of good, becomes a mighty argument for faith.

Prayer: O thou refuge of the human spirit, help us to rest in the unclouded sense of Thy conquering righteousness. Thou art mightier than all evil. Thy strength is within and behind our feeble efforts, making our weakness a part of Thy might and a share in Thy final victory. Amen.

VIRGINIA STUDENTS STORM MOVIE SHOW

A spectacular though probably unsuccessful demonstration was carried on last Wednesday night by the students of the University of Virginia, in which a thousand or more boys paraded the streets of Charlottesville and stormed the Jefferson Theatre as a protest against admission charges to the playhouse. The crowd that blocked Main street for more than an hour and plastered the front of the theatre with eggs when they found it guarded by police, would not return to the University until they were asked to do so by President Edwin A. Alderman of the University and the theatre manager.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Woodrow Wilson, then governor of New Jersey, by the University in 1911.

Merely Meandering



john mebane

The identity of the "Copy Cat," a certain feline columnist on the N. C. C. W. *Carolinian*, was revealed at a banquet recently held for the members of the staff of that publication. It is reported that when tea was served instead of milk a mew was heard from one end of the table followed by the indignant protest that tea was for women and weaklings and that contented cows were the country's greatest assets.

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S. & S., two gentlemen who write a column in the *Duke Chronicle*, have given up puns in order to lend their column to propaganda for the extinction of bean blight or something of the sort. Which is an excellent thing to do since puns have been banned from polite society. The last time we attempted to pun, it was on a horse. And, needless to say, we got a kick out of it.

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Horses just don't have a sense of humor.

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Bill Horney, who wears a mustache, and who won a race the other day, wishes to communicate to some lady friends of his through this column

(which he assures us is read by the majority of students at N. C. C. W., Meredith, Bryn Mawr, and the School for the Blind). The following is Bill's statement of his grievances: "Having noticed last week-end a young lady on the campus of the North Carolina College for Women, I approached her and asked her if she would like to take a little outing with me that night. And, as she was accompanied by two friends, out of sheer goodness of heart, I asked them along. Having obtained a favorable reply, I promised to meet them on the corner of Tate Street at 8 o'clock. I was prompt and faithful in arriving at the suggested corner, and it was not long before the trio showed up with blushes and excuses (the latter being a favorite device of that sex). They said that they were unable to go with me owing to the fact that they were compelled to return to the campus in ten minutes, which, whether or not it was a true statement, was nevertheless a sad one as I had already set my heart on treating them to a short talk on the constancy of woman. Grieved as I was at this shattering of my hopes, I was yet more grieved when the young lady whom I especially admired made no apologies to me. Now I would like to ask you is that right? If the aforesaid young lady would like to communicate her apologies to me, I shall be glad to have her do so at any time in the near future." (paid adv.)

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We sincerely regret the fact that Bill has lost his faith in women. But Bill, being a track star, should have known better before this: he's been on enough laps.

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But a man who kept his faith as long as Bill should be congratulated as well as condoled.

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Quite honestly, though, this column is non-partisan and will be glad to receive communications from either sex, the columnist reserving the right to censor before publishing.

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However, communications about this columnist, in particular, will be accounted slander if possible.

REMINISCENCES

From the Tar Heel Files

By Howard M. Lee

Twenty-Five Years Ago:

The Geological department of the University received a car load of valuable specimens of minerals, rocks and ores from all parts of the world by way of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The Phi society went on record as favoring the resolution "That the manufacture and sale of whiskey should be a government industry."

The swimming pool in the Bynum gymnasium was filled with water for the first time.

It was announced that Dr. Alfonso Smith, professor of English at the University, would deliver before the commencement address before the graduating class at N. C. State in June.

Ten Years Ago:

The Playmakers selected the cast for their two new productions: "Dod Gast Ye Both" and "The Belle Buoy."

The Chemical Inspection crew of the University returned from the North, where they visited a number of northern industrial plants.

The varsity baseball team lost four, tied two, and won one of the seven games played during the week.

Five Years Ago:

The Tar Heel was not published on account of the Easter holidays.

Coney Away

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coney, are attending the Library Breakfast given in connection with the North Carolina Social Service Conference meeting in Charlotte today. From Charlotte they will go to Atlanta where Mr. Coney will transact some business in connection with the library. They will return to Chapel Hill Saturday.

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Dyer To Hold Music Contest Next Year

H. S. Dyer, head of the University department of music, has been appointed local chairman for Chapel Hill by the Atwater Kent Foundation which sponsors a national radio audition each year.

Mr. Dyer will hold a local contest for musicians desiring to try out next September, the district contests will be in November and the national finals in December.

Any singers between the ages of 18 and 25 are eligible for the contest.

The winning tenor this year was Edward Kane, now living in Greensboro, who was awarded a scholarship in addition to a prize of \$5,000.



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