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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The educated man is a man with certain subtle spiritual qualities which make him calm in adversity, happy when alone, just in his dealings, rational and sane in the fullest meaning of that word in all the affairs of life.—Ramsay MacDonald, quoted in the New York Times.

Concerning The Future

One may well say that the future of the University will be determined in the June primaries, for the men selected at that time for the legislature will hold the power either to continue the University on its present plane or to reduce it to "just another University." Never in its long history has the University faced a crisis as serious as at present. Even during the reconstruction period when the University was closed and its reopening a matter of conjecture was there a more critical condition existing.

At that time the crisis was caused by the philandering and extravagance of a corrupt and wholly unfit legislature. Conditions are different now. A state administration bent upon reducing operating expenses without regard to the ultimate cost to the state, is slowly starving the University to death. A budget bureau with merciless precision, is extending its tenacles until the struggle to maintain life will be useless.

We can do nothing to relieve the immediate danger. But we must safeguard the future at any cost. Those who profess to have the interest of the University at heart should exhaust every effort to preserve it from the jaws of a tax-relief-at-any-cost legislature. Only those far sighted and open-minded candidates, whatever their party affiliation, should be considered as fit for the law-making body of this state. Those who seek relief with utter disregard of the future should be defeated. The question remains. What are you going to do about it?

There was once a time when the neighbor dropped in for a call instead of calling in for a drop.—Louisville Times.

Away With Hazing

Considerable commotion has been raised by the State College freshmen this year over the wearing of the traditional red cap. A vote was taken by the student body last fall upon the point, but a measure abolishing the cap was defeated by the slight majority of 13 votes. Odd as it may seem, the rising sophomores are still against this distinction between the frosh and their superiors. Leaders of the class are expecting to bring this issue into the limelight again this fall and have high hopes of permanently abolishing the customary caps.

Hazing is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. A glimpse of the change in relationship between college freshmen and the old men during the last several years establishes this fact. Brutal treatment of the freshmen is practically obsolete, the minor forms of initiation are bound to follow. Many fraternities as well as secret societies still adhere to the ancient forms of punishment, but they are following more and more the trend toward abolishing physical suffering. The rest will follow naturally.

The point is this: when a man comes to college, he is making his first really serious step in the direction of manhood. His first year in college is apt to play a major part in the kind of a man that he will be. There are enough trials that he will have to stand without the unnecessary ones of humiliation and subjugation that devices of freshmen distinction entail. In short—we are heartily in agreement with the stand that the freshmen of State College have made this year, and hope that other colleges having like systems will act in a similar manner.—H. D.

At The Crossroads

Verily, the University of North Carolina is at the crossroads. Just which way to go is the problem which the legislature handed down to University officials when it effected the recent cut in appropriations. Shall the University of North Carolina take a back seat because of inadequate funds, or will we, the students, supplement the meagre state appropriations until such time as the state again gets "on her feet" financially?

It is indeed a regrettable fact that the people of the state of North Carolina put other things ahead of education. That this is the case, however, there can be no doubt in the light of the action of the legislature over a period of the last year. Citizens of this commonwealth should be willing to reduce funds for luxurious pleasures in order to foster and promote the work of this university, but this is decidedly not the case. We cannot go ahead at our accustomed rate without adequate funds, and the appropriations for next year are very obviously inadequate. Assuming that we would not tolerate our alma mater's being forced to take a back seat because of financial difficulties, a temporary raise in student fees looms up as the logical solution to the problem. But upon close examination we find that this outlet is in reality a blind alley. Many students have dropped out of school since the opening of the present collegiate year for financial reasons. A raise in student fees would cause many more to withdraw, and would thin the ranks of next year's freshman class. This line of reasoning, which seems plausible enough, deals a death blow to the idea of increasing student fees. The harmful results of such an increase—decrease in next year's freshman enrollment and withdrawal of many upper-

classmen—invalidate its execution, for there would be no appreciable increase in the aggregate of student fees. At the same time fewer students would enjoy the benefits of a college education.

In the erection of a two thousand dollar house we may use the periodical plan; that is, we may build half of it one year and then build the other half two years later when we have earned the other thousand dollars. The house will be as good as if it had been built in a month's time. But not so with a university. A year's decline, or even a year's standstill for any reason, will bring about harmful results, the eradication of which will require a decade. Some solution to the present forked-road situation must be found. BUT WHAT?

We join the editor of this publication in asking, "Where are we going?" We add another interrogation: what manner of legislature have we? With respect to the University situation there seems to have been so little thought in that body of late that the introduction of any product of the thinking process would be decidedly out of order.—J. C. W.

Readers' Opinions

CAROLINA SONGS? WHERE ARE THEY?

According to the records, this University enjoys the name of being the oldest state university in the entire nation, dating from 1795. During the long and progressive history which the institution has enjoyed since that eighteenth century date when its doors were first opened to aspiring young Carolina, tradition of many and varied kinds have been built into the records.

But where are the songs which must have been a part of this traditional experience? A state with such a wealth of folk-lore can hardly be thought to be devoid of song-lore. The pride of past generations must have found expression in alma mater songs of dignity and of levity. Where are these songs? Since coming to the University last September I have had no less than twenty requests for Carolina songs. Publishing houses are anxious to utilize original school songs in collections now being compiled. Requests from this source have been many.

In addition, individuals who are interested in the history of the University are constantly writing for copies of a "Carolina Song Book." The answer is always the same: "There probably is such a book but the writer cannot suggest where it might be found."

If such a collection of song material exists, the department of music would appreciate hearing about it. If none exists it is time talented people combine their efforts to produce such songs as soon as possible.

HAROLD S. DYER, Dept. of Music.

County Health Statistics

The total number of births in Orange county during the year ending in 1929 was much larger than that for the year 1928, and also larger than the death rate, as the records show that 221 have died in Orange county during 1929 and 438 have been born.

Dr. Nathan also reports that no one died in the county during the year of 1929 from typhoid fever, small pox or measles. The other reports are as follows; one death from malaria fever, four from whooping cough, three from diphtheria, sixteen from tuberculosis, five from pellagra, and thirty-five infant mortality deaths.

REMINISCENCES

From the Tar Heel Files

By Howard M. Lee

Twenty-Five Years Ago—

The Tar Heel was not published this week on account of an early commencement.

Ten Years Ago—

The Philanthropic Assembly adopted a new constitution which replaced the one that had been used for a century.

The Order of the Grail was organized by a group of students to promote a better spirit and a closer contact between the members of various schools.

Mr. Jefferson Bynum left the University to accept a position on the geology staff of the Humble Oil and Refining Company of Fort Worth, Texas.

A contract totaling \$132,500 was awarded to the John T. Salmon Company of Durham for the erection of a new dormitory on the campus back of South.

Carolina won the State championship in baseball.

Five Years Ago—

The Chapel of the Cross Episcopal church was dedicated. This edifice had been built by funds contributed by William A. Erwin of Durham.

The Alpha-Lambda chapter of the Delta Sigma Pi international honorary commerce fraternity was installed at the University.

Dr. H. W. Chase went to Washington with Senator Simmons to extend an invitation to President Coolidge to attend the semi-centennial celebration of the reopening of the University.

THREE MEN LEAD RELIGION FORUM IN GERRARD HALL

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liefs, he stated that for a person's faith not to be a superstition it was necessary that it be based on reason.

Mr. Douglas, giving the points on which the religions differed, stated that the first question was, Was Jesus the promised Messiah? "The next difference, and the one that is most important, is the question of whether Christ did or did not establish one church," said the speaker. It was the speaker's opinion that if He did establish one church, then this one was the Catholic church.

In regard to the question of salvation he stated that it was the Catholic's belief that any human created by God could be saved, and that he would only go to Hell by willfully sinning. Speaking of some of the other misunderstandings he declared that the Catholic church claims the right to translate the Bible as it sees fit, but this does not hinder a scholar from having his own translation.

"Purgatory," continued Mr. Douglas, "is a place of temporary punishment for those who are not bad enough to go directly to Hell and not good enough to go directly to Heaven."

He closed by saying that since all of the represented religions were of the same fold, he hoped that they would have such an opinion in their connections with each other.

Russell Speaks Last

The last speaker was Dean Elbert Russell, who spoke for the Protestant faith. He described it as a religion of individualism in that all of its members were allowed their own opinions and their own ideas.

The speaker declared that the Protestant, while accepting the Bible, differs from the Catholic in that he allows the Spirit of God to enlighten his mind so as to get a clearer translation of

the Scriptures.

"By means of keeping his eyes, ears, and mind always open," said Dean Russell, "the Protestant is ever open to new ideas that may come up and in this way he may have a truer knowledge of the divine progress."

He concluded by saying that the Protestants believe that they can honor God most by using the facilities that He has given them to the greatest good.

Following the three talks, numerous questions, asked by the audience, were answered by the speakers.

Editor Of New York World Approves Of History Collection

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Mr. Bowers says that the simplest task will be to get books and pamphlets having a place in a distinctively southern collection. Then a collection of the publications of the various states, the biographies of southern men and women, memoirs, autobiographies, local histories, and southern contributions to literature must be gathered. Another necessity will be the files of southern newspapers.

The unique feature will be to scour the south for letters, diaries, unpublished actions of organizations, social, commercial, religious, and fraternal, which are invaluable to the historian in picturing the times.

There are a number of collections of the sort proposed here throughout the country. There are a number in the east. With its collection of material on the northwest, the Wisconsin Historical Society has done a great service for the student of the northwest. For the middle west, the Burton Library in Detroit has done the same. In California, the Bancroft collection furnishes material on the Spanish occupation of the Pacific coast.

The University of Texas furnishes material about Mexico and the southwest. Unless the plan is realized, Mr. Bowers assures that the student of the south will have nowhere to go. By means of the above instances, the New York editor proves that the idea is not novel. He goes on to prove that the University's plan is not new, but only a plan for expansion; for the library now has 40,000 bound volumes dealing with North Carolina and contiguous territory and numerous family collections. In addition to these manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and newspapers, something else is needed; that is money. It has

been coming in from many sources, but much is needed.

In conclusion, Mr. Bowers asserts that the program of collecting material is in keeping with the rapid strides the south is making in the way of progress. "It seems absurd that a section so enormously rich in the statesmanship of her leaders and in her inspiring contributions to the creation and building of the nation should have failed so signally in reaping the reward of her enterprise and genius on the pages of history." A great percentage of the people of the United States have never known the historic splendor of the south. Now, if the south will cooperate with this enterprise, and it is possible only through cooperation, her place in the sun of history will be assured. And finally, if this enterprise is successful, it will win the admiration and respect from the scholarship of the nation.

Judge Parker's Defeat Not Due To Democrats

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The speakers were continually interrupted by questioners and this only aided in making more fierce the fight that both sides were making to gain votes for or against the bill. The meeting was well attended, and brought to the minds of old members the pictures of the Di and Phi in past years when the two literary societies held a more important position on the campus.

At this session, which is the fourth since the revival of the old custom, the Di Senate was host to the Phi and therefore the officers of the Di were in charge. President Rector presided, K. C. Ramsay was clerk, J. M. Little was critic, while H. Wood held the position of sergeant-at-arms in the absence of McB. Fleming-Jones.

Before the discussion on the Parker question was opened, the banquet committee of the Di announced to the Di members that the plans for the banquet had been placed aside indefinitely.

Farmer Undefeated

A victory over Hollis Hand, Princeton ace, last Saturday gave Charley Farmer, Tar Heel sprinter, an undefeated season record. Beating such stars as Ed Hamm, who set southern records in both 100 and 220 yards in 1928, Sandifer of Washington and Lee and Hand of Princeton, the flying Tar Heel sophomore has won every sprint race he has entered this season.

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