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PARAGRAPHS

Dr. Hedgpeth speaks on colds. Ids thad dso?

Maybe if not enough money is raised to send the delegates to Geneva—how about the Rose Bowl?

Note to Lewis dormitory: Who will get their ping pong table from Bing about the time Kate Smith gets the moon over the mountain.

Concerning Every Student

Up pops the Charlotte Observer with a sage observation on state finance in its relation to education:

The last legislature figured that the revenues from taxes for highway purposes would bring in around \$16,000,000 and set its road appropriations accordingly.

This was relatively the same amount that was appropriated for public education, evidently, the mind of the assemblymen being that these two major functions of state government should be financially geared to the same spending tempo.

Actually, however, the revenues for roads ran up to nearly \$22,000,000—\$6,000,000 in excess of expectations, while, of course, the allotment for schools had to remain stabilized.

The Observer goes on to make mention of the fight that is going on for this surplus among the other spending agencies of the state. Which is all well and good, in spite of the hesitancy to express itself pro or con that is apparent in the Observer's position, or lack of it.

Almost in the same editorial breath, though in a separate editorial, by the way, the Charlotte paper points out University alumni will occupy 43 per cent of the seats in the Senate (including "Sandy" Graham), and 30 per cent of those in the House. Which means nothing whatsoever, except that we are glad to learn that University alumni are so prominent in state politics.

Notwithstanding this pardonable pride, in regard to the latter observation we are tempted to let loose a loud "So what?" that will make the atmosphere of Chapel Hill shudder with temerity.

We students are too much inclined to accept the status of North Carolina education as something irremediable. It is true that no amount of what is usually referred to as "concerted student action"—in more concrete terms little short of a verbal assault on the General Assembly and a mental siege of the capitol—will help the situation any. But students of the University can use their influence in a modest way to maintain the University's position in the eyes of the state.

From the figures referred to at the head of this column, it is evident that a re-adjustment of appropriations is pending for action of the General Assembly when it meets in January. The University, through Dr. Frank Graham's plea before the advisory budget committee, has already made its application—or breathed its prayer—for an increase in appropriation. Naturally, however, every other spending institution supported by the state is doing the same. But the thing that concerns every student in a small way would be for him to show by action, word, and thought the worth of the University to the state. It is entitled to a fair break in the next biennium.

Less Red Tape

By virtue of the decision of the general faculty last Wednesday afternoon, a change will be made next September which will affect profoundly the courses of study offered by the school. For one thing, the choice of subjects will be greatly simplified by the "6-6-6" plan. Too long has the matter of choosing courses which will eventually add up to provide one with a diploma been a source of much brain-cudgelling, hair-pulling, and perusal of the catalogue.

The new division of courses of study into four major topics is a noteworthy change. For a long time, the catalogue has been somewhat haphazard in its arrangement, difficult of comprehension, and a most inconvenient source of information. We hope that, under the new arrangement, it will be simplified.

If this end is achieved, it will be a long stride forward for an administration notoriously involved in a labyrinth of red tape. But we still are awaiting with bated breath the news that a method of registration has been devised which is more efficient and more time-saving than the one in use at present.

Spanish Custom

Upon hearing of the classification, under the direction of F. C. Hayes of the Spanish department, of an historical dictionary of old Spanish proverbs, our fancy was struck by the apparent relative importance to the Spain of old of the subjects dealt with.

While God was undoubtedly an important word to the Castilians, goddess apparently carried more weight, for, according to our figures, 25 per cent of the proverbs in one of the old books was devoted to the subject of women, while only 20 per cent of the time was spent thinking about God. On the other hand, much to our astonishment and disbelief, that subject of mystery, love, was exceeded in its low percentage only by that question of even greater mystery, death.

It looks as if we are all brothers under the skin after all. Although we hate to admit it, it might seem that these maxims would represent the trend of thought of man the world over, and ever though it hurts our masculine pride to say it, woman is evidently the power behind the throne. Man's great desire to have some power greater than he to look up to and to worship, is represented by the importance of God in these old proverbs, and finally, man's conceited willingness to talk about himself is shown by the fact that his subject is third in importance.

Such pseudo-philosophizing needs an O. Henry's ramifications. Anent Spanish proverbs, when all's said and done, our favorite—was it Pancho who said it?—happens to be the most comforting of thoughts: "It all comes out in the wash."

Practical Quotations

The Daily Californian brings together two quotations—let no man put 'em asunder, splendid examples as they are of two diametrically opposite viewpoints on the much-scraped-over principle of, What is a college education? Compare them silently, for they need no comment:

President Robert G. Sproul: "Their [universities'] job is to open the minds of men and women and develop their powers to think, to give them knowledge of truth and the processes by which it is found, so that they may become informed and reasonable human beings. Leave them alone to do that job well and the future of America will be assured."

Senator Huey P. Long: "This is my university [referring to L. S. Uey]. I'll throw anybody out who utters a word against it. There'll be a new editor of that student paper tomorrow if they print anything against Huey Long. I'll expel a thousand students if necessary if anything is done against me. I've built up this university. It's my school. I don't want any criticism of anything I do."

If there is one thing that a college education should teach anybody it is humility. That is one of the first things that the true scholar learns, his meekness born of awe before the mass of human knowledge. For the ordinary student, his humility lies not so much in things not yet learned, as in the lesson of humbleness that the great forces at work in education have produced and will continue to produce. His humility is a product of the realization that what he comes in contact with is so much grander than himself that such an attitude is only fitting before it.

Huey Long's statement—"this is my university"—is the rash of the country lawyer breaking out in him. Unfortunately for Huey, even if he had by any stretch of the imagination any claim to "his" university, the very forces that he claims to control will defeat him in the long run. The university and all that it stands for are infinitely greater than Huey and his kind, who claim "an extraordinary time" as the pretext for the stifling hold that they seek to maintain. After Huey's, Dr. Sproul's statement is a welcome emetic.

DR. GEORGE WILL ATTEND SESSIONS

Anatomy Professor Leaves Next Week for New York.

Dr. W. C. George of the department of anatomy will leave next week for New York City to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research.

Dr. George was elected to membership in the corporation a few years ago when the station was recognized and endowed by the Rockefeller Foundation, the colony of Bermuda, and the British government.

The Bermuda station is one for research in the fields of general biology and oceanography. Control of the properties and policies of the station is vested in an international group of scientists and public citizens called the "Corporation," of which Professor E. G. Conklin of Princeton University is chairman and Professor Herbert W. Rand of Harvard is secretary.

Graham Will Speak At Campbell Event

Buie's Creek, Dec. 14.—President Frank Graham of the University of North Carolina has accepted the invitation of Campbell College trustees to be present at the Founder's Day program here January 31, in connection with the formal inauguration of Campbell's new president, Leslie H. Campbell, who last spring succeeded his founder-president father, the late Dr. J. A. Campbell.

After a memorial program honoring Dr. Campbell in the afternoon, and the inaugural banquet in the evening, Dr. Graham will speak as a representative of the University of North Carolina.

Infirm:

Blair Holiday, Warren Walker, Barney Bannon, J. F. Blue, Benmuth Spivey, T. D. Burnett, W. F. Clark, Dorothy Douglas, Lillian Wynne, Frances Burch, Hester Campbell, J. R. Raper, W. N. Everett, C. B. Hinnant, C. W. Peele, Sterling Brown, Nancy Flanders, Stuart Melvin, Walter Buffey, C. T. Rawls, A. W. McKay, Lou Taylor, and H. L. Mitchell.

MATH TEXT USED IN 19 INSTITUTIONS

Drs. Lasley and Browne Receive Publishers' Praises.

Nineteen colleges throughout the nation have adopted the University freshman mathematics book by Dr. John Lasley and Dr. E. T. Browne, members of the math department here, it was announced yesterday by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, the publishers.

The schools which have adopted the book, "Introductory Mathematics," are Brooklyn College, Bucknell University, Chicago Junior College, Colgate University, Duke University, New York University, University of North Carolina.

University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, Pomona College, Teachers College of Columbia University, Temple University, Limestone College, Wilkes-Barre Junior College, Guilford College, Carroll College, Wesley College, N. C. C. W., and Lincoln High School.

The publishers praised especially the sections on linear equations, determinants, and homogeneous linear equations. Commending the sound, logical organization, the publishers congratulated the authors on their selection and balance of material.

SCHENCK TO BE INITIATED INTO LEGAL FRATERNITY

Vance Inn, University chapter of Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity, will initiate Judge Michael Schenck of Greensboro, recently appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, into honorary membership January 5 at 5:15 p. m.

The initiation will take place at Manning hall and will be followed by a banquet at the Carolina Inn.

Invitations have been extended to lawyers throughout the state who are alumni of the fraternity, and many are expected to attend.

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Russell's Attendance At Geneva Conference Seems Assured

(Continued from page one) school the latter part of January when he will report the work of the conference to the student body. He will co-operate with campus groups in the continuation of the peace movement on this campus.

Council Gives Approval
The Student Council has approved Russell as the representative of the University at the conference.

Contributions by students and others interested in the peace movement can be made at the office of the manager of Graham Memorial, on the first floor. A person wishing to have a student call for his contribution may telephone the manager's office.

Members of the finance committee of the local anti-war conference are also contacting individuals for contributions and urge that the remainder of the necessary fund be raised at once.

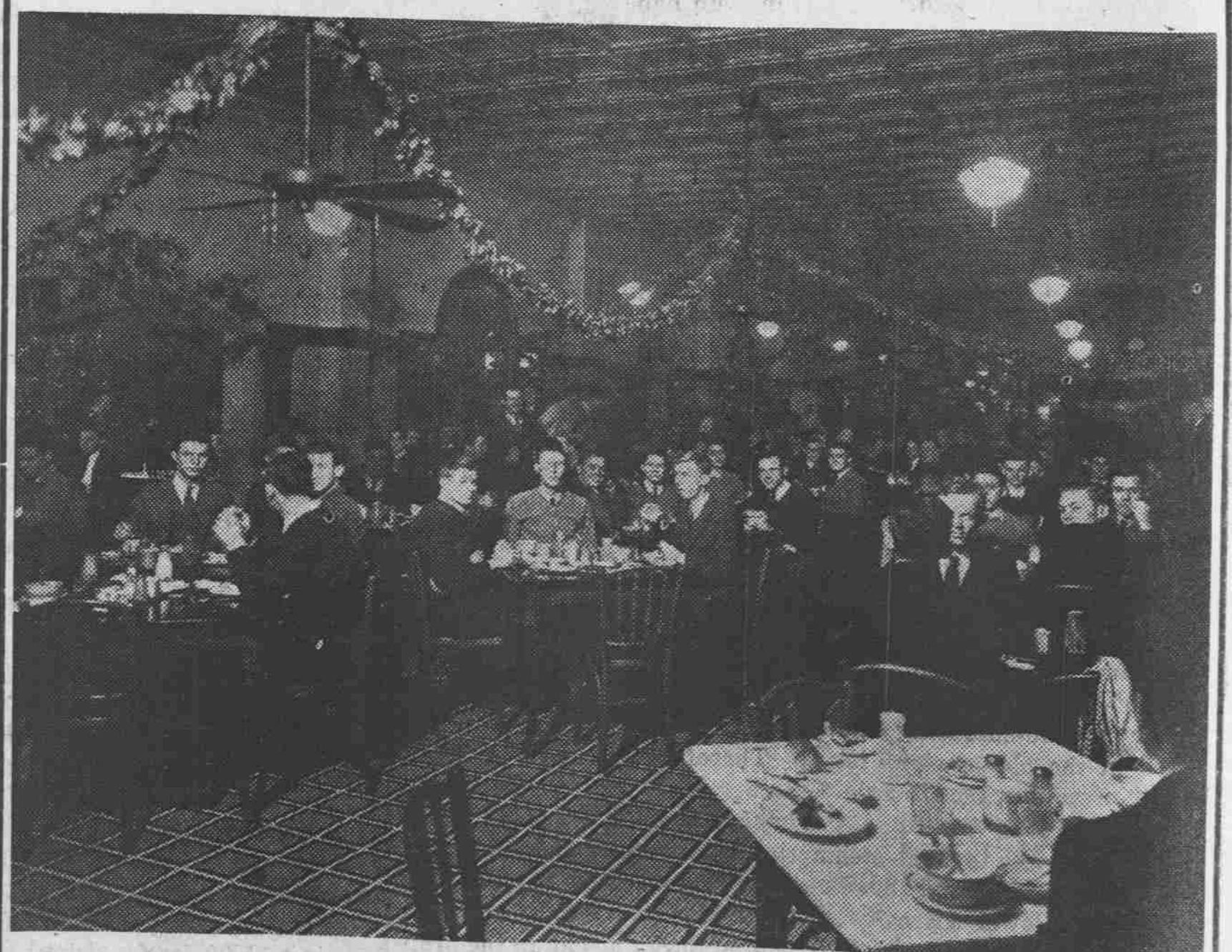
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