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### PARAGRAPHS

"Journal Carries Faculty Writings." Which, no doubt, were a mite heavy.

Dr. Lederer told us why Germany had a dictator, but we still can't figure out why they've got Hitler.

Pledge Gilmore says, "I do not know Why only God can make a tree. Of this one thing I'm hopeful, though—May God keep His monopoly!"

### Student Questions

Thus far the student turnout for the program of the Human Relations Institute has been on the whole gratifying. It has been our observation that the students were sincerely interested in the various presentations from the platform. But in the seminars the student participation has been slightly less intense. And one suggested reason is that the students have not always had a chance to get a word in edgewise. Faculty members and outside observers have sprung questions at the conducting authorities with alacrity but on the whole students have not registered much of an opinion or an inquisitiveness.

That they have not had the chance is, of course, not the only reason. Most students, no matter how well versed they are in a subject, are hesitant about popping a question with so many authorities in their presence. Consequently, many questions are either left unanswered on the students' lips or asked after the session, which is both inconvenient to the leader and retarding to the Institute seminar program.

We can only suggest that more students who attend seminars because of their interest manifest this interest by asking those questions which will help clear up any point in doubt. We daresay the student will find the opportunity of doing this just as easily as the faculty member if the question is previously formed and ready for delivery. That faculty members are more advanced in a subject than the inquisitive student is no reason for the student to eschew his personal expressions in the form of questions. After all, the institute is for mutual education and we imagine the speaker gets as much of an idea of what the public thinks of his theories from a student's question as from one asked by an authority in the field.

### Greyhounds Are Coming

We have not given up hope for the poor Greyhounds in their fight to get a hearing before the state utilities commission. For some reason or other we believe that sooner or later the Atlantic Greyhound Lines is going to run a bus through Chapel Hill, with Raleigh on one end of the line and Greensboro on the other.

The Durham chamber of commerce, we understand, is doing a noble job in cahoots with the Carolina Coach Company and have been feeding the Greyhound attorneys lobster out of season, or something, so that they repeatedly have stomach-aches and other minor disabling infirmities. But even the best of us slip up and maybe the hearing will be granted, after all.

In the meantime, the Carolina coaches go blithely crashing from Durham to Chapel Hill.

### Remnant of Baby Days

There was a time when fraternities depended on a good deal of mystic flubdub to maintain their prestige as secret orders. That was in their infancy. Now, however, the fraternity stands alone as having a definite place on the American campus.

Still, our so-called hell week persists—a remnant of those pap-and-teething days that is as infantile as it is ridiculous.

Only two fraternities we know of have had the insight to recognize that fact. The initiations of the rest of them vary in degree, but most still retain the prevalent custom of paddling, with all the childish trimmings.

There is a lot to be said for the two non-hazing lodges' move in giving up all kinds of horse-play as a feature of fraternity life that detracts from its purpose and significance. Our interest, however, is confined to seeing the fraternities make the small sacrifice of paddling. Let them keep the harmless sort of stunts, but not the unconscionably stupid habit of paddling their pledges. No justification of it has ever been shown, for there is none.

Fraternities, to be sure, are not the only organizations guilty of following this unreasoning convention. The social orders of the sophomore class, for instance, useless as they are, help to perpetuate it. But it is not too much to expect that these would follow the example of fraternities once they showed they were in earnest about abolishing paddling once and for all. Sooner or later, it must be done.

### Negroes And Juries

The Supreme Court of the United States has granted two alleged Negro assaulters another chance at freedom and upheld once more the right of every accused citizen to an impartial jury trial. The Supreme Court decision reopens the Scottsboro case on the grounds that in the two previous trials Negroes were excluded from the juries and the "due process of law" clause thus violated.

The case will be tried for the third time in the state courts of Alabama, if the state authorities choose to continue proceedings against the seven Negroes who are accused of having attacked two white girls on a freight train. Since 1932 has this case dragged itself out in the courts of the state of Alabama.

The existence of such flagrant violations of the Constitution is a travesty on American justice. While we sit and discuss interracial relations, members of a race comprising ten per cent of the population of our nation are denied the rights which are guaranteed all in the sacred Constitution of our country. Of course, the situation has been corrected by the action of the Supreme Court, but it is deplorable that there should be such a situation for the Supreme Court to correct.

### Roots of Dire Evil

A feature story in yesterday's issue of this austere newspaper informed the campus-at-large that one Charlie Gilmore, '38, had, as part of a fraternity initiation, counted all the trees on the campus and found that there were 2,164 trees over two inches in diameter.

While the incident itself looks somewhat insignificant and pleasant enough in itself—albeit somewhat irksome for Pledge Gilmore—there is nonetheless a great deal of significance attached to it by campus cognoscenti, who, in keeping with their policy of staying in couurant with news of all sorts, read only last week in the departmental journal of the biology department, "Amoebae, Just Amoebae," sometimes known as "Apollo Delphikos, Zeitschrift fuer Allgemein lebens—u. Kulturstudien," that—and here comes the point of this editorial, hot from the Underwood—the Census Committee of the Friends of Dogs, Joyce Kilmer, Arboreal Research, and the Princeton Library (an obscure campus learned body) had completed in March a count of the campus trees and found them to total 2,165, no less.

The Census Committee numbered among its members three professional tree-counters; on the other hand, Mr. Gilmore, whose total our more astute readers will notice was one in number below that of the committee, tells us that his family has been intimately connected with trees from time immemorial. Since the result of either investigation could not be doubted with an open mind, it is obvious that one of our trees has within the past two weeks been lost, strayed, or stolen.

Obviously, the effect of this discovery will reverberate over all the campus. Its repercussions may mean anything, and an investigation must take place at once; furthermore, anyone who cannot present a cast-iron alibi should be jailed at once.

When we lose a slice of the budget, it's bad enough. But when we begin losing our trees—Heaven forbid... we're sunk. For the sake of our trembling souls, we suggest that Mr. Gilmore make a re-count. He might have erred before.

### Looking Backward

One and Five Years Ago  
 Today in the Files of  
 the DAILY TAR HEEL.

April 3, 1930

Though wells are being sunk near Havelock in the eastern part of the state, Dr. Collier Cobb repeats insistently, "There is no oil in North Carolina"... 584 drinkers and 380 non-drinkers decide for repeal in the DAILY TAR HEEL prohibition poll... Gas installation for Chapel Hill is probable... And politics?—A fellow named Harper Barnes is running for sophomore Student Councilman.

April 3, 1934

"Boss" Hill, well known tailor, is sick at home and asks students to call by for their pants... Graham Memorial reports a profit of \$124 for the preceding six months... "In the spring a young man's fancy"—for campus poets meet with Phillips Russell... Meanwhile, says a headline, "FERA Employees Fertilize Trees."

### Woman's Glee Club

The weekly meeting of the Woman's Glee Club will be held from 5 to 6 o'clock this afternoon in Hill Music hall.

All girls expecting to take part in the spring concert must attend all these meetings.

It is very important that all members be present on time, since pictures will be taken for the Yackety Yack.

### Infirmiry

The following students were confined in the infirmiry yesterday: M. K. Kalb, Robert Van Sleen, W. F. Clark, Abol Hussan Fotouhi, David Wishney, Eleanor Lockhart, Mary Ross, E. A. Novich, James Idol, and O. R. Yeager.

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### Banquet for Sze

The alumni of Cornell University have arranged a banquet for Dr. Alfred Sze at 6 p. m.

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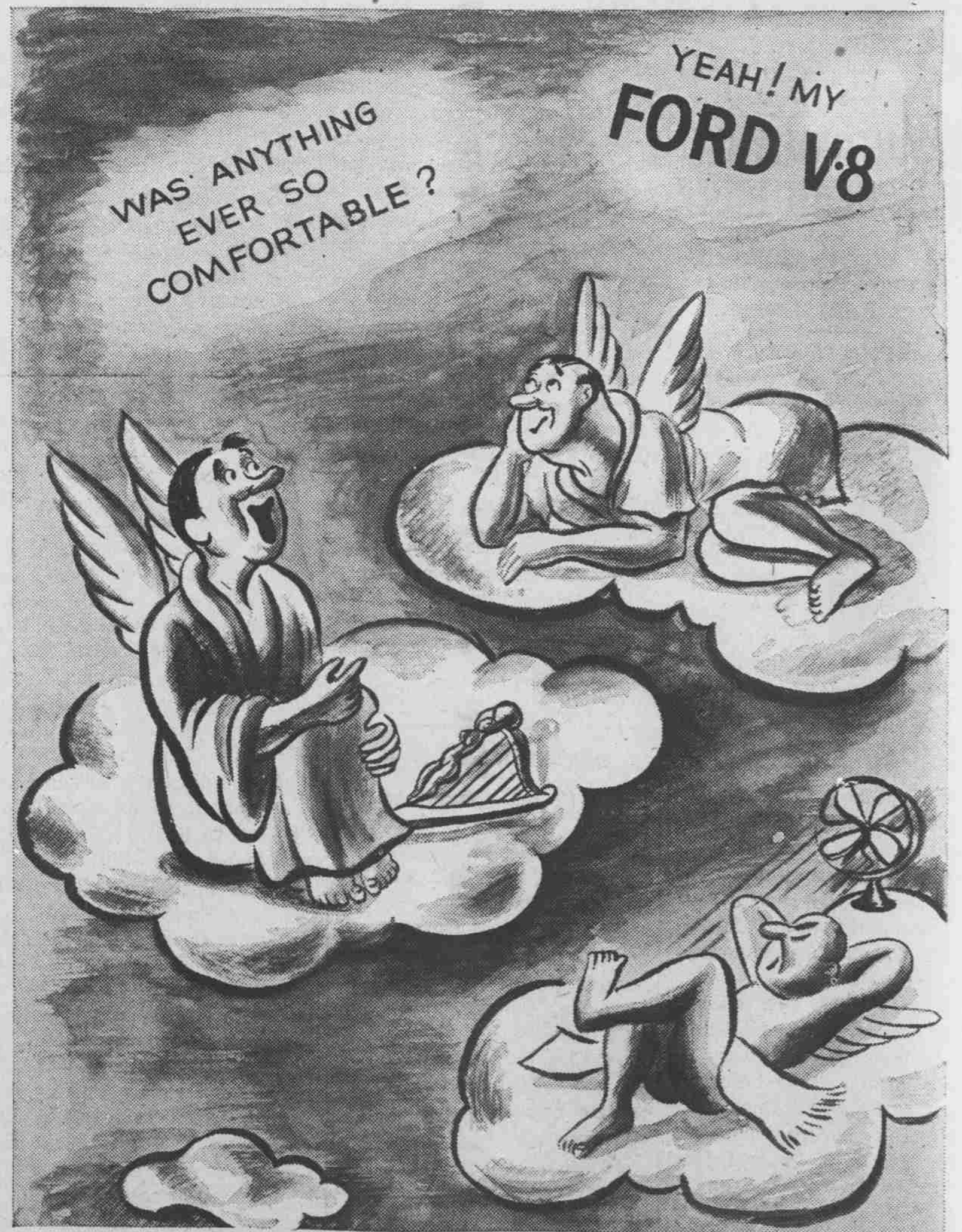
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