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#### An Example to Follow

Summertime may be an out-of-the-ordinary time to bring up such a thing as Carolina's springtime debating tournament, but since summer school harbors quite a few pedagogues, it seems, on second thought, quite fitting:

In the institution of debating UNC ranks, figuratively speaking, in the Middle Ages.

As the set-up now stands, each high school is placed in a tri-

angle and must win both the negative and the affirmative sides of the question: winning being based on the decisions of judges -some trained and some not trained. Usually the judges are teachers in the school where the debates take place. No one can expect these teachers who have had no debate training and no instruction on the query to judge fairly. The winners picked by these judges are allowed to go to Chapel Hill's tournament where each team progresses independently of the other. On the second day of the contest all the surviving affirmatives are placed in one hall and all the negatives in another. The state champions are selected by a process of elimination. Then the winning affirmative meets the winning negative in the final bout for the cup.

What do we gain by segregating the negatives from the affirmatives? According to modern debate methods, no speaker is allowed to have any definitely prepared speech except the first affirmative—all else is refutation of what went previously.

Haven't the powers that arrange those grueling weeks of oratory heard of the new trends in public speaking; i. e. panel discussions and such? If not, we should like to refer them to colleges very progressive in those lines - Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, and Northwestern University.

Three years ago Wake Forest inaugurated a tournament system that outshines Carolina's so far that some of NC's leading schools don't bother to enter the triangles but spend most of their energies preparing for the very constructive seminar at the feet of law profs and students at Wake Forest where debaters are encouraged to think extemporaneously and talk conversationally.

True, the NC Handbook verbally bars all canned material, but how is it to be avoided when in the semi-finals the negatives are so completely oblivious to what their opponents are saying? Debating is argumentation, and students enjoy doing it the natural way. After all the object of all this is not the training of parrots, but the training of thinking individuals who can employ sources and quotations only when they further their own thoughts.

Another characteristic which causes a medieval atmosphere about UNC's debating tournament is the judging system. Judges have become fast in the Morphean arms before some debaters ever began to speak.

Why shouldn't they be bored? After all most of them haven't studied the query, having been too busy in their own respective fields.

When the debates are judged, the winning side is never told why it won or the losing, why it lost. The judges at Wake Forest are law students and professors who take time to point out strengths as well as weaknesses in the speeches.

The school which won the state championship in the Wake Forest tournament last spring couldn't have gotten to first base in Carolina's antiquated contest. Why? The speakers (except the first affirmative) had no definitely prepared speeches but integrated their thoughts to fit the argument of the moment. (Their training in extempory speaking gave them finese and poise which is not to be found among the "old school" of memorization.)

Is Carolina smugly going to ignore the fact that some other cup might be more valuable than the Aycock?

Is Carolina going to realize that there is an NC Forensic League that is backed by coaches from the best city systems who are out for a definite revamping of high school debating?

Is Carolina going to continue behind a cowl of self-complacency permitting only those teams which win in the triangle to enter the state contest—when some losers in the larger systems are far superior to winners in smaller systems?

We can't afford to seem out of date in the eyes of the high schools of the state.-L. N. M.

### **ENROLLMENT**

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Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming not represented.

The total out of state enrollment is ROOMS 431, a figure which is less than half of the 943 North Carolinians registered in the second summer session.

courses at the University all are from Administration was "pleased" with the Spanish America with the exception housing situation in Chapel Hill.

Rico. dents are registered in the College of been designated as clearing house for Arts and Sciences. 416 were regist rooms.

tered in the school of Arts and Sciences, 85 in Commerce, 346 in the General College, 311 in Graduate School, 18 in Law, 91 in Medicine, 31 in Pharmacy, shire, New Mexico, Oregon, South 40 in Social Work, and 40 in Library

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ated by Administrative heads. Arm-Of the nine foreign students taking strong indicated yesterday that the

of one enrollee from Shanghai, China. The survey revealed that no room-The remaining eight make their homes ing house or private home had inin Puerto Rico, Cuba, Honduras, Vene- creased rents. "People of Chapel Hill zuela, Brazil, and Argentina, there be- should be thanked by every student ing two students residing in Puerto for the cooperation they continue to

give." The charted tabulation in accordance Results of the survey will be used with the divisions of the University in- for classification of available rooms dicates that a preponderance of stu- in town and Armstrong's office has



"Tough luck, old man-my money's all in nontransferable War Savings Bonds."

### Undone Victory by Paul Komisaruk

When William L. Batt was here last winter he made the blunt statement that Germany would not capture Moscow. Less than two weeks had elapsed since he had left the shadow of the Kremlin after conferring with Joseph Stalin, and England's Lord Beaverbrook on American and British aid to the forces of the Red Army.

A large, expansive man with an easy-flowing, unaffected method of talking straight at you, Batt said, "When I left Russia, German forces were a hundred miles from the capital. I made a five dollar bet then that they would never take Moscow. From all reports they are even closer now. I am still willing to make that wager." It wasn't much of a wager for a Philadelphia millionaire, but still, he wanted to know if there were any takers—and at the time there were none. Perhaps he was making the stakes deliberately low to ease some arm-chair general into an easy bet. But more out of respect for Mr. Batt than for what his small audience actually believed, he had no takers.

It was strange hearing this perfectly dressed, high-powered American business man talking of Joseph Stalin, describing him as "a simple, straightforward, stalwart man . . . with the simple appearance of a country farmer . . . the real leader of the 180,000,000 Russians."

What surprised Mr. Batt most were the demands of Stalin. He described the plight of the Russian Army as desperately in need of guns, tanks, planes and other war materiel. Yet he claimed that Stalin, " . . . even though grasping for straws like a drowning man was exceedingly modest in his requests for aid. He knew

ACROSS

1-Fit for cultivation 6-Kind of fabric

11-Venture

12-Emulate

14-Naval officer

what to ask for, and he knew what he could get."

Batt was one of the most courageous prophets on the Russian scene. He did not underestimate its importance, or minimize its intense seriousness. But when he spoke he spoke freely and honestly without emotion and without rationalizing what he saw into broad unhealthy generalizations.

Last week Batt went to the fore for Russia again. Present Situation

Now holding a leadership post on the War Production Board, he was in a more favorable position to discuss the present plight of Stalin's armies. Also, he could draw on his own knowledge and experience of Stalin and the Russian people.

When Washington - Merry - Go-Rounder Drew Pearson voiced a fear that the Red Armies, beaten back beyond all hope of victory, would make a separate peace with Hitler, WPB William Batt remembered what had been told him while bombs fell near the Kremlin and declared that he was utterly confident that the Russians still would be fighting effectively next Winter and that "the overwhelming credit (in winning the war) must go to the soldiers and people of Russia, and to them alone."

He continued: "We Americans can never know exactly what this gallant Russian fight has meant to us and our country, but I ofttimes wonder where we and the British would be today had not the Russians fought as they had."

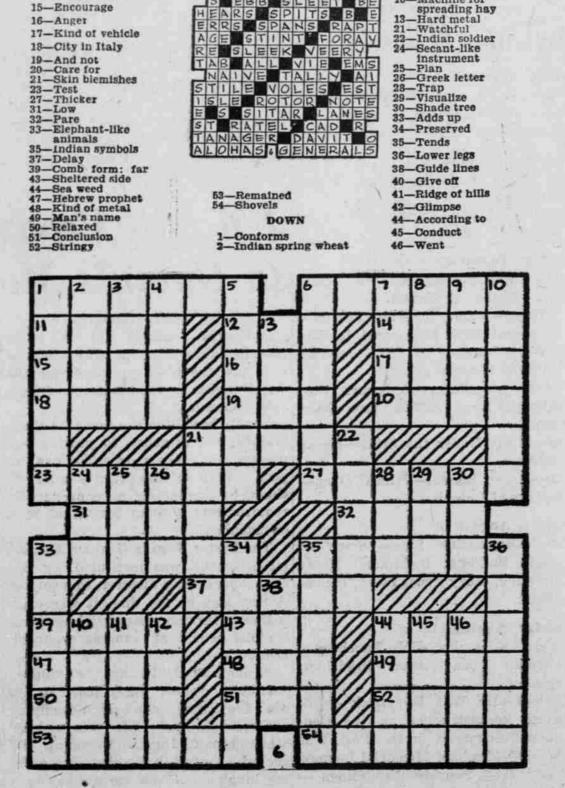
William Batt won a five dollar bet on Moscow. As a prophet he is well worth considering. Especially so, since he is a prophet who has most of the facts.

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Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



## Keep In Touch

The majority of the campus was set back on its heel last week with the announcement that Holly Smith and Butch Neaves had been married since early July. . . . the reason for the broad grin on Bill Loock's face is the fact that Roberta Dortch is back with us and him this session. . . . Virginia Hartshorn's sad expression

is due to the fact that Frosty Long has departed. . . . Alec Parker had more than his hands full Monday afternoon when he had to officiate a ping pong match between Jane Welton and Bunny Turner, both of whom he has been courting of late. Jane won the ping pong match. Alec is still unattached. . . . Boo Boo Carr is doing nobly in his efforts to make this a non-partying session. . . . since this colyum first spread the rumor of Randy Jennings' engagement, she claims that she has been stagnating in the Chi O house. We feel a bit honor boundabout the whole thing, so if any of you boys would like to help clear our conscience, drop around and see her.

Squire Davis is getting a rep as a gun totin' fool by those who know him. He almost has a rep as a dead gun totin' fool too as a result of an escapade Wenz'dy afternoon. Bill Smoak came into the Squire's room and quite accidentally almost shot his head off. The bullet lodged in the door post a scant six inches from his head. The following morning Squire scared the houseboy almost white when he aimed his automatic at him and fired. Luckily it was loaded with a blank and did no more than burn his face. . . .

The Chi Phi's will be losing the rep that so many of them have worked so hard to get this summer. The heavier drinkers seem to be leaving school. . . . the Jam Session at the Union tomorrow night promises to bring out the best in campus and cadet musicians who have been idle thus far this summer. The prime scare at present is that some very cute, sweet, un-hep little girl will come up and ask, "Can you boys play 'My Devotion'?" That tune by the way, seems to be sweeping the country as well as the campus. Even Tommy Wadden is trying to sing it which must prove something or other. Another of the new hit tunes is the

"Mad About Him, Sad Without Him, How Can I Be Glad Without Him Blues." Dinah Shore's recorded version on Victor is tops. . . . speaking of tunes, the paratroops have recently adopted a theme song, "I've Got Nerves That Jingle Jangle Jingle." . . . as Charlie Nelson asked the other night, "Do you work at the munitions factory or are you just a chain smoker?" . . . Moo Cowhig really went on the warpath Wenz'dy night when he tried his best to get into a fight. His intended opponents ranged from Boo Boo Carr to John Sasser and also included Joe Green and Grimsley Hobbs.

## Churches

Religious services will be held Sunday at the following churches:

Episcopal - 304 East Franklin Street-Rev. A. S. Lawrence, pastor: Holy Communion, 8 o'clock. Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock. Twilight organ recital 8:30.

Catholic-F. J. Morrissey, chaplain. Services held at Gerrard Hall at 6:15, 10 o'clock, and at 10:45.

Jewish-Daniel Daum conducting services to be held at Graham Memorial, 11 o'clock.

Lutheran-Rev. Henry Schroder, Durham, pastor. Services are conducted in the West parlor of the Methodist Church.

The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and United churches will have a Union service at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock. Rev. Aubrey Todd, pastor of the Sanford Congregational church will be the guest minister. John Thomas, President of the University YMCA will preside and Mrs. Phillip Schinhan will be in charge of the music.

#### Cabs Exchange Rides for Tires

ERIE, Pa. (UP)-Two Erie taxi companies have evolved a unique plan whereby they agree to barter cab service - for the good tires of customers' cars. The two concerns advertise they will give credit of more than 75 per cent of the cash value of all good tires turned over



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