

On Being Informed

There's another duty we all have—another duty besides the one to victory. It's been pretty well neglected lately. There was a lot of talk about it last year at this time, but it's died down now.

The duty of being informed is the one I am talking about. We all have to know what's cooking in this world of ours, not so much the changes on battlefronts, but the changes on idea fronts. Those ideas aren't so important now, it seems, what with the frenzied struggle for victory. But when this is all over, when the boys come marching home again, then the ideas will be the most important thing in the world.

Because that's when these ideas will charge the air. That's when the great peace table will rustle with hundreds of papers, each with an idea written on it. That's when the world—and we have all found out lately that when they talk about the world it means you and me, not an abstract people—will be cured or murdered, depending on which of the ideas is predominant. So when you and your congressman vote on the peace, you'll have to know something about these ideas. Because if you vote as our fathers did, we'll be murdered. You remember that our fathers voted against Wilson because a lot of Congressional politicians said he wasn't any good, not because they didn't believe in his ideas.

So watch yourself. When somebody comes to speak at Chapel Hill, somebody who knows something about one of these ideas, go listen to him. You won't be doing it for yourself any more, or just because you might be curious to know what a Communist looks like—you'll be doing it because if we win the war, it will be your responsibility and mine to see that we get a better deal than we did in 1919.

It's another duty—to ourselves and to our people.

Tomorrow

... the DAILY TAR HEEL publishes the results of an investigation of rooming conditions in towns. The investigation deals with all phases of living conditions in Chapel Hill, and the data has been compiled from information received mainly from data-blanks filled in and returned to us at Freshman Chapel.

On Thursday the results of an investigation into dormitory living shall be presented.

The compiling of this material took several weeks—longer than was first anticipated. It will contain much pertinent information, will bear much close scrutiny.

Retreads

By Stuart McIver

You can't tell me the younger generation isn't plenty zippy these days. All of you, I know, have had dealings with little Guy, salesman for the DURHAM SUN, aged nine, markets his papers with all the skill of a professional con man. The other night I was eating supper in the Sandwich Shop when I felt something prod me smartly in the short ribs. I looked around and there was Guy.

My "Hello, Guy," was drowned der a torrent of "come on, buy a paper, please, come on, You haven't bought one in a long time." Realizing the trouble that lay ahead for me, I adopted the stern, aloof attitude, and explained to the lad that I had a paper back in the room.

"Read about Errol Flynn," he suggested slyly.

"I've read about Errol Flynn," I replied, handing him a nickel for the paper he knew I was going to buy all the time.

The way the nine-year-old sells papers to a defenseless chap like me comes under the head of statutory larceny.

"You can't break the rules," Doc Lawson told Don Atran and me last Saturday afternoon. "We've been using these rules for ten years and you just can't break them."

Don and I didn't want to break any rules. We just wanted to play a round of golf at the Chapel Hill course. "We have both been here four years and we thought it would be a good idea to play just once

before we left. So last Saturday morning we rounded up a set of clubs and headed into eastern North Carolina. We walked until we could hear angry Nazi golfers cursing the sandtrap they had landed in.

Then we ran into the Doc and were declared 4-F as far as his course was concerned. The idea of the whole thing was this. Two players using two sets can move much faster than two players using only one. When the fairways are crowded—and I never yet saw fairways that were crowded—such groups can hold up the game for other players.

But it just so happens that Doc Lawson told me the week before, in another connection, that attendance at his course was off 75 per cent. Even the gophers and moles had left. Still he kept the rules made when the local links bristled happy golfers.

That is the best illustration I've ever come across of what it illustrates.

The other afternoon in a game of kickback I misjudged a punt and ended up out at Hogan's lake, talking to my good friend the Ram. No kidding, you have no idea how gashly the horny chap looks.

His markings irritate me. We can all overlook the fact that his coat has gone zoot on us. Many of us have been pained before by the appearance of peroxide on hair that we thought could not be profaned. But what is so rough about this ram business is the way the State colors have been placed up in front.

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Covered the surface
- Specimen model
- Take opposite side
- False wings of birds
- Property right
- Vends
- Mister (abbr.)
- Youth
- Literary composition
- U.S. secret police (abbr.)
- Toward
- Dispose of
- Obscure
- Real
- Pert. to poles
- Nice discernment
- Type of cheese
- Demise
- Pustule on skin
- Occasional
- Shove upward
- A negative
- Kin for hops
- Part of digestive system
- Irish sweetheart
- Weight (abbr.)
- Acidity (pl.)
- Athletic group
- Religious discourse

DOWN

- Cloth about neck
- Narcotic
- Copied
- Heavy weight
- Plural ending
- Course of meal
- Fruit dish
- Confederate
- Genus of mice
- Place (abbr.)
- Greek letter
- More weird
- Anglo-Saxon serf
- Era
- Boneless meat
- Declare
- Litt up
- Sudden motion
- Glass with triangular sides
- Shirtwaists
- Done
- Christian festival
- South-African Dutchman
- Anger
- Wanderer
- Fair-haired person
- Religious image
- Microbe
- Wine cup
- Egyptian god
- Railroad (abbr.)
- Greek letter

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Shadows

Elections Over, And There's Talk of A Double-Cross

By Paul Komisaruk

Two disturbing factors have come to light in the past week concerning the school amendment to the constitution, and both of them have the unmistakable odor of the double cross.

If these two incidents are at all indicative, the voters of North Carolina who were steam-rolled into passing the amendment with the promise that it would be corrected have committed a grave travesty on justice, and on themselves.

Two Incidents

The first of these "incidents" comes from the campus, and if at all true has a wealth of discouraging significance. It is just a snatch of conversation, a phrase that was picked up out of the air. But it comes from a source that is undeniably responsible and it is supposed to have occurred on election night, when the outcome of the vote was generally a foregone conclusion.

One of the stalwart backers of the proposed amendment was asked: "Now that this amendment has passed, you really don't expect to make the necessary amendments to the amendment that were promised, so that the law would be set 'right'?"

The answer: "We never expected to make those changes."

The outright brassness of that reply is amazing. And if it is at all correct, it means that the people were duped into voting something into the state constitution that was admittedly bad. More, the people were duped into turning the control of education into the hands of men of business and finance, and out of the control of teachers, where it rightfully belongs.

The second factor occurred four days after the election, and was not too hard to anticipate. A "revolt" started in the state legislature against revising the present amendment as promised by the Governor. "We frankly oppose any modifications to the amendment as it now stands," one state senator is reported to have said.

Aside from the fact that many state senators want the control of education in the hands of business rather than educators they object to the modifications for two reasons. First, they argue, and strenuously, that the Governor had no right to commit the legislature to action before the legislature met. And so on that count, you can expect Republicans to react unfavorably to the Governor's proposals, even though they stand to gain if the amendment be corrected. It would simply be a case of party politics out to get the governor at their own eventual expense.

Second, a number of democratic

senators will oppose corrective measures because quite obviously the governor proved there was an inherent weakness in the bill when he proposed future modifications. Because they would approve of education in the hands of big business men, and because they would lose face by modifying the bill, their opposition will be a potent force.

That makes it look as though the men who pushed the bill through and banked on the governor's promise that it would be corrected have taken the long way around, and may be left in the cold.

But the issue is far from unimportant. As they well know the future of education in the state may depend on the present amendment being corrected. This is true especially in war time.

And so to them falls a tremendous task that will test all their resources, strength and integrity. They must see to it that the corrections are not allowed to die in legislative debate, or be burdened with cumbersome riders. They must keep the issue constantly alive, fighting for the corrections incessantly, seeing to it finally, that when and if they can get the vote to the people in two years time, the faults written into the law are unalterably removed.

That is an almost overwhelming job, and free education will stand by to judge the final outcome.

By Mail ...

To The Editor:

During last Sunday night's Session at Memorial Hall some rather startling exhibitions of talent appeared in the audience. Not only did the students show their skill in the manufacture and handling of paper airplanes and in the use of flashlights, but they also demonstrated the extent of their maturity by whistles, jeers, boos, and hisses.

By this they showed that they really don't want to be entertained, but prefer to entertain themselves. It seems a shame to waste the time and ability of those who are trying to make the program a success. If such juvenile conduct continues at the next session we think these fine programs had best be discontinued.

Such conduct by members of a war-time student body, shows that they don't deserve to be in college. If this is true, then those people

NYA AND COLLEGES

Contrary to some opinion, college students can still get considerable aid from the National Youth Administration.

The NYA appropriation for this school year was cut from \$11,000,000 to \$7,000,000—but the amount available to each student remains the same as it was before Congress trimmed the agency's sails.

However, no aid is forthcoming for students who aren't enrolled in courses which aid successful prosecution of the war. Courses which so qualify are designated by college administrative officials.

A minimum of \$10 per month and maximum of \$25 may be earned by an NYA student, although the Washington office of NYA is putting up a battle in Congress for a maximum of \$35-\$40 a month. The idea is that now, if ever, competent students should be given every opportunity to develop skills desperately needed in war time.

Money No Object

Old economic garb no longer fits the shape of things. As the war so glaringly demonstrates, money is beside the point when it comes to mobilizing the real wealth of a country to fight a war. Take the case of the gold miners who were recently removed from their jobs by the WPB but are placed in zinc, copper and other mines.

And take that abused phrase, "but what about the public debt?" We have come to recognize that "public debt" is not necessarily a "bad" phrase. For a public debt is not only a debt (bad word) but an investment (good word). And a big national debt isn't something we owe outsiders; it's in the family, a part of a government which is the people themselves.

From the trend of thinking among Washington economists, it's a good bet that during the war and the post-war period, the national budget will be used as a balance wheel for the nation. When times are good, the debt will be whittled down through taxation; when they are bad, taxes will be reduced and money taken from the treasury to get us out of our doldrums. Which is nothing unusual. It's only that we've taken it so hard in the past.

According to these same Washington economists, we may expect a period of one or two years immediately after the war when inflation pressure will be terrific. As one of them put it, "We'll be swimming in a tremendous lot of cash," i.e., the money we're laying by now.

To arrest this expected boom, the

Nation Observes Today 167th Birthday Of U. S. Marine Corps

By Sim Nathan

One hundred and sixty-seven years ago today, the Marine Corps, older of America's armed forces, was first authorized by Continental Congress.

The Marines had actually begun to form the previous spring, but with the establishment of the Navy, in the fall of '75, the Congress found necessary a regular organization of Marines. In less than a year, a detachment of those Marines took part in the expedition against New Providence in the Bahamas, where also occurred the first fight in the history of the regular navy.

The Marines have fought in every war of the United States. During their 167 years, only five years have elapsed when the Marines did not participate in warfare. In the Battle of the Barbary States in 1805, the Marines bombarded Tripoli, and during the Mexican War, led the storming troops to the Hall of the Montezumas—from these two fights came the most familiar words of the Marines' Hymn.

As in every other battle throughout the 167 years of Marine history, the corps is fighting now in the four corners of the world with the same stamina and sacrifice and esprit de corps that made justly famous the defense of Wake Island.

Across the nation, throughout the world, we salute the United States Marine Corps.

who feel that colleges should be discontinued for the remainder of the war may be right.

Sincerely,
Madison Wright
Don McKinney

CAPITAL & CAMPUS

A. G. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

government will hold down buying power, through taxation and by withholding some of the war bonds we're buying so furiously now.

Because people will have a lot of money to spend in the post-war period, there will be a big boom in heavy industry. It has been estimated, for example, that there will be an immediate market for 9,000,000 automobiles, which manufacturers have said they can turn out inside a year.

Education Elsewhere

A nationwide bayonet exercise, sponsored by the Japanese Students Athletic Association, was held on the isle of the rising sun recently. Premier Tojo contributed a trophy to "encourage the spirit of students under wartime conditions."

Education in Vichy is taking a new slant. Students are being placed in four categories according to their physique, with mental qualification a side issue.

Reports are that only one of every 500 schools in North China is in operation, the others having been removed to the interior for military reasons. As a footnote, it is pointed out that Japanese is the primary language taught in North China's remaining schools.

Plans are under way by the Toho motion picture company in Japan, and an unidentified Chinese film company, to make a screen version of the rise of the Chinese puppet government for Chinese consumption.

(You can make a Chinese look but you can't make him see.)

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