

Commentary

BY ROBERT HAM

IRC Elects Officers

New officers for the International Relations Club were elected at their March 12th meeting. Bob Armour is the new president, succeeding Maurice Bowen. Hun Dou Park is vice-president; Alice Robbins and David Growman are secretary and treasurer respectively; and Linda Fisher is custodian of the scrapbook, and reporter.

Dean Robert Davenport will speak to the next meeting which will be on April 8.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS MEET

Maurice Bowen represented St. Andrews at the South-East Regional Conference of the Association of International Relations Clubs. The conference was held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, February 28 through March 1. The theme was "Southeast Asia."

At the opening session, the students heard an address by Dr. Kurt F. Leidecker, professor of philosophy at Mary Washington, the topic being "An Introduction to Southeast Asia." Also heard was a lecture by Mr. H. E. Yuad Lersrit, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Royal Thai Embassy on "Southeast Asia and Its Relation to the World."

"Political and Economic Aspects of Southeast Asia" was discussed by Mr. John S. Thomson, Intelligence Research for the Far East, U.S. Department of State.

There were also a number of social and business activities.

Prof. Williams In Series Of Concerts

John E. Williams, professor of organ at the St. Andrews Conservatory of Music, was presented in recital Sunday, March 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville.

Professor Williams will be part of the regular concert series at Averett College, Danville, Va., this year. He will play in Danville Tuesday evening, April 7.

Professor Williams will give his last concert of the spring on Friday evening April 24, at 8:00 at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C.

Girls..! Another Leap Year!

There's a certain saying that a girl's special prerogative during Leap Year is to propose marriage. Confirmed and non-confirmed bachelors should be advised of their legal rights in this matter. No court in the land will make them say "I do" to a proposal.

No one quite knows how this quaint custom came into being — it was lost in the rush. According to one old tale, in about 1200 it used to be against the law in many countries for a woman to "woo" a man, but some liberated ladies henpecked officials into suspending the ban on Leap Year as a starter.

Within that legend, it is said that Scotland in 1228 passed a "lepe yeare" law permitting maidens to "hae liberte to bespeke ye men she likes." Unless the pathetic victim could make it obvious that he was already betrothed, he could be fined for not accepting the proposal.

This fact applied to present day attitudes would prove to be rather disastrous. It is hard enough for a girl to "chase" a boy until he "catches" her, much less if she tries to catch him! The only feasible way for a girl to propose to a man and have him accept today would be to literally stuff him in a laundry bag and drag him to the nearest female Justice of the Peace. (She, of course would comply since she knows the strain placed upon the woman in this competitive world of "Cat and Mouse.")

But before you jump into something you might later be sorry for, girls, take a look around at the selection of males today -- Would it really be worth all the effort which you would undoubtedly exert in the grand attempt?

ALMOST

It's almost as difficult to live within an income today as it was to live without one in the early Thirties. — Minneapolis Star.

SO CHEER UP!

Any person who is always feeling sorry for himself should be. — The Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald.

Will Mumbling Americans Ever Learn To Speak Correctly?

BY CAROL PRIVETTE

American people have a "special language" of their own. The language is a conglomeration of slurs mumbled from a lazy, closed mouth. Americans can understand each other, but foreigners to our soil have difficulty in translating the strange sounds emanating from the American mouth.

"Saturday Review" published an amusing little guide for foreign tourists visiting American soil. The Magazine staff came up with some interesting American equivalents for everyday words and phrases. "Saturday Review" indicates that foreigners would fare better by using their equivalents than an English dictionary.

FRENCH	GERMAN
Qu' est-ce que c'est que ca?	Was ist das?
Attention!	Achtung!
jambon et oeufs sur le plat	Schinken und Spiegeleier
il est chiq heures	es ist halb funf Uhr
comment allez-vous?	Wie geht's Ihnen?
mesdames	Frauen
messieurs	Herren
1' Europe	Europa
1' annee derniere	letztes Jahr
SPANISH	AMERICAN
Que es esto?	Wazzat?
Cuidado!	Wunchawatchet!
jamon y herevos fritos	hammen ex
las cinco y media	sapast five
como esta usted?	How ya doin'?
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