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"Life, Liberty and The Pursuit of Happiness"

The role of our educational institutions in maintaining and preserving the rights of humanity in a Christian democracy is indispensable and far-reaching.

Our democracy is based on a Christian philosophy that is over 2,000 years old. History reveals that it has been threatened many times. Today it is being challenged by Communistic tyranny. The result of the recent case of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Prince-Primate in the Catholic Church of Hungary, has proved that there is a growing need for understanding the ways of Communism and its attempt to undermine and destroy our Christian views of life. Only through education is this possible.

I believe that the courage and tolerance of Cardinal Mindszenty should be an example to those of us who accept the responsibility of maintaining our truly democratic way of life. The Communists have been successful in this attempt; we must, therefore, prepare for a more drastic attack that may endanger other lives.

Let us hold firmly to those rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that cannot be destroyed by political tyranny.

Mr. S. P. Dean, a Great Great Man

Leola E. Hill '52

Mr. Simpson Pope Dean is one of the men destined to serve humanity in a way far beyond the call of duty and pass on unappreciated and almost unrecognized by those he served. To see him walking down the streets, gaunt, tall, and clumsy looking, one would never dream that behind that blank, expressionless face there did exist one of the keenest and most practical minds of our day, supplemented by a sympathetic and generous nature.

Born in South Carolina, the old-

est of eleven children of poor parents, he realized some of the hardships his people were facing. His early life was spent on his father's farm, and later in various occupations as he worked his way through college.

It was after Mr. Dean decided to become a minister and teach that he arrived in Columbia, North Carolina, some eighteen years ago to become the principal of the three-room Negro grammar school. The location of the school and the economic conditions there so appealed him that he decided to reject the position and leave. Some kind fate intervened to prevent his leaving; thus began a new day for the Negroes of Columbia and of North Carolina.

After a few days in Columbia, Mr. Dean decided that something had to be done about the school. A high school was badly needed for all the graduates of the elementary school, except a few, were not able to go away to high school. By his persistent effort, and largely with his own funds, he improved the landscape and caused to be built a modern school building that has a scholastic rating equal to any in eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Dean continued his education through summer study at Columbia University, New York City. There he became interested in "Cooperatives." He was anxious to practice a cooperative form of living among his people in Columbia, for he realized that therein might lie the solution to some of their economic problems.

In Columbia, a little later, he successfully established a Credit Union, which is a banking system on a smaller scale. He followed that by locating it in several other towns in North Carolina.

Word began to spread as to how this man had relieved the pressure of a poor class of people. It became known that through cooperatives and his individual effort, every Negro, practically, in Tyrrell County became a landowner. Modern homes were built in the rural areas as well as in the town. Several homes were saved, at the last minute, from mortgages that became due. Mr. Dean was finally recognized as one of the foremost men in the cooperative movement, receiving requests for assistance from all over the country. Among such letters were requests from British Columbia and the West Indies; and one from a stage director of Twentieth Century Fox in Hollywood, who in turn purchased a share for two of his children. Some of the greatest organiza-

tions of the United States recognized his efforts; and many magazines, newspapers and books carried his story. He was finally chosen to promote cooperatives throughout the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Dean progressed rapidly and won the praise of many outstanding people during his short period in his new job. All too soon, however, it became obvious that this man, who had worked ceaselessly under adverse conditions for eighteen years, was ill—seriously ill. A strange malady threatened to deprive him of his greatest gifts, his power of speech and his brilliant mind. Having become delinquent in these two vital assets, he became inactive.

That was less than a year ago, and already the people have forgotten. Now, he walks through the streets of Columbia tall, awkward and bewildered. Those who know him stop to speak and pass on without knowing what he is trying to say. There are others who remember him as a great man who solved a situation in a greatly impoverished area.

As I look at him, I wonder if the curtain is really ringing down on this man who is only in the middle of the act, and who could play an even greater part in time.

Cottons Are Having A Heyday!

Mildred Stephenson '49

Spring is approaching fast, and all kinds of cotton frocks will be worn. Girls, take a tip from me!

There are many things that college girls should know—not only know, but practice. If they do not, then the Home Economics Course has been a failure.

What looks worse than clashing colors, gay plaids, stripes, flowers and dots in combination? I do not know that they should be used together, except in a home made quilt! Some girls seem to know this, while others will never find it out. What is wrong? Girls who have completed high school and are now enrolled as college students are expected to know better.

If some of our plaid coats and checked suits, along with the flowered blouses, had their choices, they would certainly not be seen together. The flowered blouse would have for its mate a plain skirt; the plaid coat would do likewise. The checked skirt would have an ordinary, plain sweater or blouse. Believe it or not, girls, it is true.

One day in class a fuschia skirt and rust coat were in combina-

tion. The instructor spoke of a great clash and wondered who would die in the battle. Noticing more closely, she remarked, "Maybe the rust coat; it is on top."

When you make your cool, afternoon skirts of flowers or stripes, try a plain, cool blouse of harmonizing color, or a white one which can be worn with almost anything, and at any time. When these stripes, "prints," "plaids" and "plains" are out for their spring frolic, do not try them all in one day. Wear one today, the other tomorrow, and so on. You will like them better.

College Honors Founder On Fifty-First Anniversary

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by Dean Shure, and after the singing of the Alma Mater Mr. A. S. Powe said the benediction.

A pilgrimage was made to the grave of Dr. Moore, and a wreath of white carnations was placed there.

The Founder's Day services were largely attended by alumni and friends.

E. Harold Mason Addresses Assembly

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kind of person that men would respect and obey. Lincoln did the little things well. He reinforced the large desires with small things until, at last, he became one of the greatest men in our nation. Another great character was an instructor of the speaker whose faith and courage caused her never to give in until the job was done.

"If," Mr. Mason said, "you do some things you do not want to do, you will some day stand in the places where you want to stand."

In closing, he admonished the students to go out from the institution with something in their souls that they want to share.

Hi Schools Hold Dramatic Festival And Workshop

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High School of Powellsville, North Carolina.

The directors and casts met for conference with Mr. Bolton, after he had made brief remarks to the audience. This phase of the program proved the most stimulating of all efforts to make dramatics educational for high school students of Northeastern North Carolina.