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IN REVIEW

Today the United States faces one of the most critical periods in history—some have called it the most critical—we submit for the serious consideration of all an editorial by Milton Bronner, editorial writer for the NEA.

Over 99 years ago, the booming of cannon, the rattle of machine guns, the killing of men and women with all their hearts hoped that a war to end all wars had come to a sudden and dramatic stop. The German military machine waved the white flag, and the time for peace was at hand.

It was only later that people began to count the full costs of victory. So it is that each Armistice Day since the first has been for thoughtful men and women a grave one when they felt more like praying than cheering. It was a prayer that peace might continue to bless this nation, that never again would it have to drink of the foul and bitter cup of war.

Hence, Armistice Day, 1941, has more than its usual tragic overtones. Once more the world blazes. Once more freedom trembles. Once more the German military machine overruns defeated states. Once more even the most determined pacifist feels danger drawing ever closer.

It is, therefore, fitting that President Roosevelt has designated this armistice week as civilian defense week and has indicated the theme should be that the only effective answer to total war is total defense. It is not enough to build a navy or air armada and train an army.

The following week is to be devoted to arousing all to a sense of the pressing need for civilian defense, and the specific ways in which each may participate. England's experience has taught that civilian defense fights fires, clears up the wreckage left by bombs, takes care of the wounded and dying, and aids in the shelter of those who take refuge below ground. This kind of work cannot be improvised. It requires patient training. Only thus can effectiveness be secured, so that, if war comes, order may be maintained, panic avoided, damage minimized and suffering eased.

Everybody is called upon to take a share in this task. There is no time or place for laggards or shirkers. The citizenry owes this debt to itself and to those who made the armistice of 1918 possible.

Today there should be a re-education to demonstrate we are not fair-weather Americans. On this day of remembrance, when the shadows are lengthening and the storm seems ominously close, each of us should say:

"I am ready. Tell me my duty and I will do it. This is my high resolve. I can do nothing less."

As Mr. Bronner points out: the American people feel more like praying than cheering today. But they stand united and determined to see to it that freedom shall not pass from the face of the earth. The prayer itself is not solely for the preservation of democracy for America without war but for peace throughout the world. But if peace without war is not possible the American people will not forget the four words so familiar to the boys who fought in France: "They Shall Not Pass!"

SNIP AND SNOOP

Honorary Cheerleader: Seymour Goldblum, for the splendid job that he did at the Catawba game, helping with the cheering. And did you know that Prof. Schultz was looking over his roll book t'other day and found a boy's name that he hadn't seen but once before. He opened his eyes very wide and said, "Oh this is that guy, Zurliis that I have been formally introduced to but really and truly I never have seen the guy."

Boy, was that plane convenient out on front campus . . . why isn't it made a permanent fixture?

What girl on campus is trying to drown her sorrows? And maybe we oughta' PUD something about Vivian in this time too.

Spencer, North Carolina was a popular young city the week-end of the Catawba game . . . get Perk and Bean to tell you about it.

Russell, I hear was continuously asking of everyone, "Pardon me, but are you one of the Smith girls?" Until one day . . . he found her.

Ruby Lee has a real diamond, . . . but so did Jack Gardener 'til he gave it away.

Notice the smiles that Murphy, Stephens and Tripplett are wearing this week . . . boys are just that powerful!

If you hear the strange wail of a pup around on campus . . . you'll know that it is Agresta in the "dog-house" again.

In-a-word description of Lila Budd, at present; HANK-ering . . . Why didn't we all know that Comer could sing so well before? Maybe he is bashful but he really won his audience down in the reception hall one night singing "Oh Johnny." . . . Get Helen Yarborough to do the "drunkard's tap routine" for you . . . it's good! . . . Lizzie admits at last that she is in love.

Is "Chick" in love with Hoyt or no? Ask "Lady", Goldblum or Askins! Then come tell us the startling news.

JUST BOUNCING ALONG

Dr. French and Mr. Hyde
The cold gray dawn was just breaking up the reign of night. All was quiet in the town of Elon College, even Ladies Hall, and Oak Lodge were now only masses of silence.

A man slips out of a house, through a yard, into a garage. Suddenly shrieking sounds are heard, which are promptly muffled. A man's voice is heard muttering, "There is no use crying and huggingling, I am going to kill you. You needn't look at me that way. I know, I have sworn that I would kill you on three other occasions; but this time I mean business. I am not waiting to count three. You will make a juicy, and beautiful corpse, after the right degree of cremating."

A heavy thud is heard as if an axe had been swung. A sickening cry comes from the garage. Then the man boldly walks out of the garage; blood is dripping from his hands. He looks relieved. It is Dr. French, saying, "A little water will wash me of this deed." His final words as he went back into the house were, "When God said 'Thou shalt' not kill, he couldn't have been referring to our Thanksgiving Turkey."

You have just read the results of letting one's pen and imagination just go bounding along together. Of course, the plot, characters, and locations used were entirely fictional, and any similarity to faculty names and actions in real life, are purely coincidental.

Elon Military Training
On the Elon campus, we have an aggressive group of students who diligently and ambitiously practice military maneuvers daily. They are rapidly becoming master strategists, highly efficient in "blitzkrieg" warfare. Much of their success must be attributed to their persistent untiring, dogged determination; and the insensitivity of their feet.

A Contribution to National Defense
Undoubtedly Elon's "blitzkrieg" specialists will be a material contribution to this country's fighting forces if they will charge on the battle front with the same spirit and vigor displayed by them on the campus.

The Who, What, When and Where

You did not know about these military maneuvers on the Campus? You must be deaf, blind and in love at the same time, or cat off campus. Their actions are no military secret. They fall in at the sound of a bell instead of a bugle. Unlike Uncle Sam's boys in mock warfare, this is the real "March" on our campus. It is called the "hunger march", and the battle grounds are centralized around the dining hall door. They prepare for action about five minutes before meals, and are commanded by such able leaders as Casey, Schmidt and Pee Wee Huntley. Their goal is a seat on the first shift. Little Pee Wee contributes his success to good re-inforcements from the rear, centrifugal force, and being a victim of circumstances.

The Vegetable Stuffings

Before everything laying around is stuffed into that Thanksgiving turkey we had better get our Onions & Onion throwing over with.

Orchids to the draft board, Uncle Sam, or whoever enabled the president of our Student Government, Louie Adair to return to Elon to finish his senior year. This paper, the debating team, as well as the Senate, all would have missed the hardworking, unselfish, spirit of Adair.

Onions to any student hypocritical enough to attempt to get credit for attending church on Sundays by slipping a card in and not attending.

Orchids to Ivan Ollis and the other fellows and girls who crawl out of bed early enough Sunday mornings to attend voluntary student directed Sunday School Classes.

Orchids to the alumni for the stadium which made possible more home-games, and more college spirit.

Onions, these are being given to Tom Smythe, to be consumed after dating hours for his hiding of a young ladie's shoe and then forgetting where he had hid it. Even Mrs. Johnson joined the posse who dug up five shoes in an attempt to fit Cinderella.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Editor:
Most of us have finally come out, and really got behind our team. We now know what can happen when school spirit gets on the loose. The results are sure worth the little energy we put out, and we get a lot of fun out of it too.

Now come on, the rest of you who haven't caught on, and get on the wagon, and keep things rolling. We still have some more games to play you know. The team needs you and your support. Let's get behind them and push. Most of us are doing it; now let's all do it as a body, and show them what can really be done at Elon.

The spirit that has been shown at recent pep rallies and at the last two games has been much improved from the spirit shown at the beginning of the year. But there is still room for improvement. If you will continue to have the spirit that you showed at the pep meeting before the King game on Thursday night, we will all have the right to be proud at the end of the season for we can feel that we have aided in helping our team go through undefeated within the conference.

A Supporter

INQUIRING REPORTER

Do you think that the boys and girls on a college campus should go "Dutch"?

Minnie Belle Frye: I think that boys and girls should go "Dutch", because we are all here for the same purpose, which is going to school and we all have approximately the same income.

Betty Bell: Yes, I think boys and girls should "Dutch". As a rule boys don't have much more money than girls and turn about is fair play.

Mary Hill Byrd: Yes they should "Dutch". If the boys are in my position they are always nearly broke and can not afford to spend too much money.

Becky Griffin: Everyone in college should go "Dutch", I pity the poor boys who have to foot the bills.

Louis Adair: Yes going "Dutch", is a phrase which refers to something which has never been put into practice, or even put to a test. The boys fail to mention it for fear the girls will be insulted, and the girls never mention it for fear of making the boys feel cheap. Therefore it seems to me now that most agree that it is a good plan, that the girls should issue a proclamation with signatures of every girl stating that they refuse to go other than "Dutch" and stick by their game. I'm confident that this method would increase the number of those couples dating and be greatly appreciated by the boys.

Joe Stevens: If it takes "Dutching it" to make an evening a success I believe that it is a good thing, providing that there has been a complete understanding between the boys and the girls. On a campus where everybody lives on an allowance (maybe) it is a good thing.

Helen Yarborough: I certainly think the boys and girls should have dutch dates in most cases, the boys don't have any more money to spend than the girls and their expenses would be out in half by dutch dating. After all we want to be an asset to our dates not a great expense.

Marjorie Hunter: A pretty good idea because the girls have as much money as the boys have, but why ask me?

Edna Barrier: I used to take my boy friend once in a while when I could find one.

Bernie Daher: After all the boy's money is gone then the girls still have theirs. They are both on the same paying basis . . . I believe in it . . . but don't print that!

Ray Kern and Betty Elder: There is a time and a place for everything. All the time and any place.

June Murphy: Oftentimes the boy is financially embarrassed and I think that it is a good idea. However, I think that the girl should know the boy very well before she offers.

Millicent Brittain: I think that you should to a certain extent . . . Heck.

Amerith Nichols: My "Nichols" are just as good as his so why not help him with the burden.

Summey, Shook, Hanser: Don't know anything cute to say but their expenses are just the same as ours so why not?

LIBRARY NEWS

This week we are going to be different. We are not going to pick on a book few people are reading, and try to get some interest. Instead the book we are bringing forward is one that has already found many pleased readers, but deserves still more.

The book in question "Random Harvest". It is the first novel by James Hilton in seven years. Most reviewers say it is his finest book, surpassing his "Goodby Mr. Chips" and "Lost Horizon."

Random Harvest is a story of a man "who was". It takes place in England in the years before the present war.

So many of his readers have liked it, that there is no further description here, so you can enjoy the pleasure of finding for yourselves as they have this touching story and feel the magic of its words.

She is English, but she knows how to write a novel that appeals to Americans and its no other than Angela Thirkell, the Authoress of "The Brandons."

Brandon, the heroine if there is one, is one of her most engaging creations. In spite of having a grown-up son and daughter, she cannot help attracting men of all ages, who are apt to express aloud to her, but never get as far as declaring their feelings because she never understands what they are saying. Old Aunt Sissie at Brandon Abbey, dangling before her relations her fortune that no one wants, is a real and alarming person, and the romance of her long-suffering companion, though slight, is touched with sympathetic skill. Young Mr. Grant, oppressed by his intolerant mother and his devotion to Mrs. Brandon has our exasperated sympathy until his thoughts are turned elsewhere. Altogether as diverting a set of characters as Mrs. Thirkell has an excellent antidote to crisis of any kind.

OPEN FORUM

Torches flared, everybody yelled and the band played on. And the pep rally held before the Catawba game can truly be called one of the biggest successes of the year. All the students met at the front door of the gym and from there went to give several cheers to the team who were in skull practice. Afterward there was a parade to the field and the students really held a pep rally that will not be forgotten soon. A huge circle was formed around the bonfire and every person there proved that he was behind his team. We want to thank every student for his whole-hearted cooperation both at the pep meeting and at the game. The spirit shown at the game far surpassed that which has ever been shown before, and if you don't think that it helped, just ask the players who were out there giving their all to help win the game. Too, we want to thank every person who went to the game and supported his team. To those who were unable to go, there will be three more games and the team will need the help of everyone. We see now that it is not lack of ability to yell at the games nor could it be lack of inspiration so we ask of you . . . Keep It Up . . . and you will be the inspiration that the team needs to win the conference.

Everybody Ready? Let's Go!
The Cheerleaders

WHAT IS THE MATTER

Cowards Die Many Times: A Brave Man Once. Our national government believes, as did Thomas Jefferson, that a true democracy can be had only by an educated citizenry. Every consideration is being given the college student. He appears to be the capstan of the youth movement. In him are all the hopes for the future generation, hence the hopes of the survival of American democracy. Are You Living Up To This Tremendous Responsibility?

You are echoing a trite expression outmoded in slave days: that of "We are worrying because we are not worried." Cheap expression that! What you want to do to be worthy the name you bear and to be worthy your American citizenship is to snap out of the lethargy that possesses you now and help in the defense program by preparing yourself mentally to wrestle with the momentous problems which will eventually confront you. To sleep, gossip, or to kill time in many other different ways is as much sabotage of personality and potentiality as if you should take dynamite and blow up an airplane factory. Analyze and evaluate your possibilities to see if this is not correct.

Students, Please Awake! Your family and your country need red blooded young men and young women who are preparing themselves for the most difficult tasks. Will you be parasites following in the line of least resistance, or will you be men and women of whom your people and your country may be justly proud? Your indifference to responsibility is appalling. When you sit in chapel, church, Sunday School class, and work assignments, you are curtailing the possibility you have of so disciplining yourself as to be prepared for positions of responsibility and arduous toil. Don't Wait. Now is the time to have an about face. Don't fool yourself, and don't wait for the situation to become so difficult that it will be impossible to overcome.

J. D. Messick, Dean.