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EDITORIAL

Was it Bryan who advocated the famous campaign slogan "Sixteen to One." Well, "Shirt" has a new one which was coined in the opening game with the United States Marines: "Fifteen to Four." It's strikeouts he means.

It was "one to zero" when the first half of the ninth was over and they hadn't wavered!

Don't the Marine corps sometimes have what they call battery practice, Well, so do the Quakers. They took a workout Monday.

It seems like the boys took the expression, "Tell it to the Marines" in its literal sense.

After all, it was just the Quakers peaceable way of lickin' the stuffin' out o' the fightin' gang without strikin' a lick.

But there's not a man on the local club that wouldn't agree that every man in Coach Keady's team is a real ball player.

Likewise, every one of Coach Doak's three-quarters of a dozen think of the Marine boys as an aggregation of clean sportsmen.

But how about the other 20 games?

Sixteen of the count in the percentage leading up to the state championship.

Let's line up—one hundred per cent strong—squarely behind the fightin'est little team in the state. Let's make 'em win straight through.

VALUE OF MANNERS

"Today, bad form is really good form, and if you want to be considered the right person, you must do the wrong sort of thing." These startling headlines were found in the "Foremost Newspaper of the Two Carolinas" Feb. 8, 1926. When such claptrap is published it is refreshing to remember that in this new era of freedom many people have learned to think for themselves and no longer sawallow, bait hook and line, everything that is written to catch the eye of the unsophisticated automaton.

Men and women who have attained really enviable positions tell us that as the road of life becomes more and more crowded the need for traffic rules becomes ever more urgently manifest.

There is nothing that gives a person away so completely and quickly as his manners, or rather his LACK of manners. One need not be a Lord Chesterfield in order to observe the common courtesies of every day life and have what is termed culture. Emerson says that the basis of all good manners is good behavior. The

loud mouthed galout, who brays like a donkey in the dining room until the place sounds like the alarm clock in a circus menagerie is lacking in good behavior and culture. Female cacklers and masculine comedians who try at chapel and other public gatherings to be amusing, usurp the speaker's place an attempt to furnish entertainment for the crowd, are absolutely crude and lack even the refinement of a well trained pet. Because they attract attention by buffoonery they seem to think they are making themselves popular when in reality they are only reflecting discredit upon their homes and themselves.

Culture is not attained by "book-learning"; it is a cultivation of the finer side of a person's nature and consequently brings out the best there is in him. The twaddle of the modernist who tells you that bad form is really good form in this day of enlightenment is merely food for the sucker. Behavior is now, as in the past, a revealer of real character. There are certain acquired niceties that are imperative if one is to be truly educated and fill a worthy position in life.

A course in good manners should be put into the curriculum of our college and every student entering required to take it or else pass an examination to show conclusively that he does not need it. A person so shallow and superficial as to object to such a course would probably in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred be unfit and undesirable as a student at Guilford. Those who object to good manners are the ones who usually inhale their soup, eat with a knife, loll on the table, tilt back in their chairs, wield a fork as if pitching hay into a barn loft, satisfiedly wipe their mouth on their coat sleeves, guffaw loudly and long and actually make themselves repulsive to those with whom they come in contact.

Such a course as the one mentioned would be more assistance to a man when he steps out of college with a diploma in his hand than all the book knowledge he has crammed into his head. Why could not Guilford take the initiative and do something rather unique by adding such a course? It would certainly meet a much felt need in the lives of many boys and girls who upon entering college realize that their advantages and environment have not been sufficient to teach them all they would like to know about social usage and amenities. After all, fine manners are the oil of our social machine and tend to simplify existence more than they complicate it.

UN GARCON BRAVE

The latest definition for that species of the genus homo popularly known as "sheik" and the one which Noah Webster will probably crib, as the writer has done, is simply this: "A sheik is a young man who can keep his seat in a street car and flirt with the girl who is standing up." Un Garcon brave!

DEPENDABILITY

What better recommendation does a man need than—he is dependable? If we find it difficult to answer this question we can at least say with assurance that without this quality all other recommendations would be nugatory so far as a successful life is concerned.

The following epitome is Mr. G. Y. Clement's comment on dependability. "Ability is a fine quality to possess, and yet we daily see evidences where persons of recognized ability fall down miserably.

We have all known men who were recognized failures and yet whose ability was unquestioned—they COULD perform very worthwhile service, but didn't.

When their ability was used it was applied at the wrong time, or in the wrong way or with the wrong attitude or in some other way that failed to measure up.

They had ability without dependability!

A man may have plenty of skill and lots of ability but be of little or no value to the rest of us if he is without dependability.

The first attribute of an individual must be "DEPENDABILITY".

ASK THE FRESHMAN

Professor D. Riley Haworth, in a recent chapel talk, named several reasons why students fail at Guilford. Evidently Mrs. Binford was not entirely satisfied with his conclusions as she sought for further information from the freshman class. It cannot be said that the freshman lack originality. Thirty-five different causes of failures were found in the themes received by Mrs. Binford that were not mentioned by Mr. Haworth.

After looking over an epitome of the many possible causes for failures it seems that considerable surveillance would be necessary to keep the brightest of students off the "flunk list."

THE HIKE

Another question might be placed alongside of the poetic one, "What is so rare as a day in June?" and that is, "What is so rare as the first signs of spring?" However the first signs of spring were out in no reduced numbers last Sunday afternoon. The first group of mixed hikers left Founders hall about three o'clock and went for a round of the fourteen blocks of northwest Guilford. They took reacher Academy Boulevard and went south on Station Drive until went past the Guilford high school building. They finally returned from the country by the way of the Lindley road.

Tom Sykes was member of the party and he led the rustic enthusiasts with a hearty pace that tried their mettle. Time was allowed at a number of times for observation of the signs of spring and for an enjoyment of the beautiful late winter scenery.

Manners easily and rapidly mature into morals—Horace Mann.

A speaker comes to chapel,
Some wise word to say;
He looks at the student body
And then says, "Let us pray."

"Is your son going to college this fall?"
"He hasn't said, but he has bought a second-hand ukelele."

A Freshman off at school wired his father: "No mon; no fun; your son."
The answer read, "Too bad; how sad; your dad."

Mother, in crowded street car:
"Clyde, why don't you get up and give your seat to your father. Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for a strap?"

Clyde, cheerfully: "Not here in the car, mother, but it does at home."

Billy: "If I wasn't here, I bet that jelly bean would kiss you."
Sally, horrified: "You awful boy! Go away this minute."

Porter: "Yo' better keep yo' head out ob dat window."

Bones: "Look here, blacker dan midnight, I don't take orders from nobody."

Porter: "Well, ef you damage any ob our railroad bridges, you sholy gon' pay fer 'em."

Us: "Forward, forward, ole time in thy flight! Make that bell ring before I recite."

Father: "If you are good, I'll give you a nice, new, shiny quarter."

Bobby: "Haven't you got a horrid, dirty, old dollar bill, instead?"

Lady: "I want to cash a check for my daughter."

Clerk: "But I don't know your daughter."

Lady: "Oh, that's all right; I'll introduce you."

Clarence, waiting in the parlor for Janet: "Is Janet, your oldest sister at home?"

Kid sister: "Yeh."

Clarence: "And who comes after her?"

Kid sister: "You and two other ginks, mostly."

"Hey, pap, dey's a fly in my soup!"
"Dat's all right Ralphy: eat the soup until you come to the fly, and den de waiter vil giff you anudder."

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