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Ask Miss Pickwick

The editors, feeling a decided need on campus for a mature interpretation of the students' emotional problems, have asked Miss Pickwick, psychologist of national reputation, to answer your letters about the little things in daily campus life that trouble you. Address all letters to Box 218. Names need not be signed. Miss Pickwick will be glad to help YOU.

Dear Miss Pickwick:

I am terribly, emotionally upset with existing conditions of everyday life. I need the help of an experienced woman: a woman of the world. I am very distressed because of the place of the unmarried woman in the post-war world. What will she do? I beg of you, madam, illuminate my brain in this matter. I see only a black future. The men will return from the far countries of the world and marry their dream girls. I am forlorn, undreamed of, unsought for, unplanned up. I seem to be shunned completely by the opposite sex and I crave attention. I even wear red upon the advice of a leading psychologist, but to no avail.

I am five feet, ten inches tall and weigh 100 pounds. I am on a very vigorous diet to keep my weight down. I have had my voice trained to speak in those low, soothing tones, and what amazes me is that I become upset at the slightest thing and lose all control of my voice and my language. Then I am so nervous that I weep constantly. Life is so sad. Miss Pickwick, how can I make it glorious and glamorous? Why am I so unhappy?

WEEPING WILLOW

Dear Willow:

Ah, my dear, when I read your letter tears of sorrow ran down my cheeks. Many, many are the blithe young girls of today who will be the embittered spinsters of tomorrow. You are indeed fortunate that you recognize your problem while so young. Now, my dear, as to your physical difficulties, who ever told you, dear child, that men love the beautiful and the glamorous? No, no, it is the SOUL that attracts. Let your soul shine out and light the way to your heart.

Also, you are fortunate in your environment. Statistics say, and I quote from the Philadelphia Inquirer of January 12, 1943, there will be, after the war, the ratio of seven women to one man of marriageable age. Unquote. Now, my dear, at Guilford there are 3% girls only to every boy. My advice to you is to take advantage of the opportunity. Strike while the arm is hot. Yours for progress,

Prunella Pickwick

Dear Miss Pickwick:

You have helped so many young people with their problems and I have gained so much from your column that I have brought you a very serious one. You see, I am a student at Guilford College and have been asked to join one of the most exclusive sororities, the S.S.S. The very best girls in school belong to it and they are very well-to-do. Of course I am flattered to death that they should ask me to join, and I want to very badly, but they all have such beautiful clothes and I have to wear my last year's mink coat. Papa says I positively may not have a new one because he has just bought me a Packard convertible. Oh, dear Miss Pickwick, should I avoid embarrassment and decline the invitation, or should I hold up my head in the midst of my travail? Do please help me. I am desperate.

DESPERATE

Dear Desperate:

You are indeed fortunate that you have been asked to join this club. I know, though you are modest, commendably so, that you must have many fine qualities which prompted the invitation. Dear Desperate, please don't let monetary considerations play too great a part in your life. Many fine people live in sordid squalor. Have you ever visited the Inner Sanctum? Your father is obviously a bit tight with his money, but probably he does not realize just how much your initiation into this fine organization will elevate your prestige. The leaders of campus life who make up this organization probably do not wish to force you to spend beyond your means. I am not absolutely familiar with the rule book, but I believe that a regular costume, very inexpensive, is worn to all meetings. Consult the president, Miss Iris Beville, who is a mature woman thoroughly capable of assisting you in your difficulty.

May good fortune be yours. I know you will be one of the bright lights of the society.

Sincerely,
 Prunella Pickwick



i mortimer

i mortimer want to wish everybody a very happy thanksgiving with lots of turkey and cranberry sauce yum yum mrs bardwell used to let me have the crumbs from things they were good for the appetite but not the waistline victoria found a picture of charlie atlas in peanut shurrs room and she made me look at it for five minutes every morning so id feel so bad id do something about my fat but it didnt help much melissa put up a sign on the bulletin board ordering me to take antwerp the ants thirty three antlets to be vaccinated for smallpox i took em but it only took on three maybe it isnt potent enough it made me mortimer a little squeamish to see her sling that needle around she said i was a sissy but i only went down to talk over menus and things with david who needed some help about lunch the soup had dried up and he had to serve prunes and turnips nobody ate a whole lot it rained the other day and victoria was so happy she put her new rain hat like aggie deewes over her left feeler and put her new boots like nickies on her back feet and opened up her umbrella made to order exactly like louise abbots and sailed forth into the teeth of the storm but by that time it had stopped raining i was a little amused i laughed all day she was annoyed with me but oh well a man cant understand women anyway i dont think theres much use trying as dixon says where does it get you anyhow debt debt debt thats all women do run a man bankrupt then as an afterthought i added but they are huggable i see victoria coming with some medicine to rub the bruise i got where judy knocked me off her hockey stick i hope all of you have as nice a holiday as im going to have hangovers arent until tomorrow and tomorrow is another day

OPEN FORUM

Box 97, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
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Editor, The Guilfordian
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Dear Editor:

There is an issue before our nation today which demands the thoughtful attention of all Americans. It is that of peacetime military conscription which has been proposed by the Gurney-Wadsworth Bill (House Resolution 1806) and the May Bill (House Resolution 3947) and by individuals and circles in and out of Washington.

It seems that the first question to be asked is, "Will such a program lead to a peaceful world?" This is agreed to be the aim of warring governments today and it is surely the hope of the peoples. Military conscription in a period when peace is being sought can only be a hindrance, causing other nations to doubt our trust and friendship and to initiate or perpetuate similar programs for their protection. It could well be the basis for another armaments race and another war.

A second question which is being asked is, "Would peacetime conscription bring us security here in the United States?" A look at history shows us that the countries which have adopted such a program have had war upon war. France and Germany prepared for war and found it. With the rapid industrialization of Russia and the awakening of China, we can only expect similar results if we take similar measures. A far better way would be to make our means harmonize with our end and prepare for peace by leading the world in disarmament and international cooperation.

A third question, "Is conscription democratic?" can well be considered, since we call this country a democracy. A plan which takes men or youths and attempts to mold them into a pre-

Through the Looking Glass

By JOHN SEVIER

THE '44 ELECTIONS

The Roosevelt majority of over three million over his opponent, Governor Dewey, in the recent elections is the climax of a long-brewing fight in the ranks of both parties for a definite statement on foreign policy, for more specific guarantees of fair profits for business and industry, for more liberal representation of labor in Congress and in the Labor department, for guarantees of a floor on farm prices, and for a clarification of the status of the "white collar" man.

Several events startled the observer during the election campaign. One of them was the emergence of a well-organized political campaign in behalf of the President by the Political Action Committee of the C.I.O. This is the first time in history that labor has had such a say in a campaign. Why did labor suddenly emerge from political obscurity? Because they wished guarantees of good wages after the war, coordination of government agencies administering labor affairs; but the most important reason was that both the Democratic and Republican party machines had shelved the question of adequate labor representation at the conventions and in the meetings of the party hierarchy. But it is well to remember that the A.F.L. fought the PAC almost as hard as their opponents outside of labor. The fact that Roosevelt carried such states as New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Illinois tends to indicate two things: first, that the PAC succeeded in swinging a large worker vote to Roosevelt; and second, that labor expects to get "paid off" for its service now that Roosevelt is elected.

In addition to paying labor off for its support, the Democrats are going to have to be more liberal to businessmen, farmers and white collar men in order to maintain administration control over the Congress. The Democratic gain in the House and the virtual status-quo in the Senate will have little effect on the future foreign affairs attitude of Congress, but public pressure may force Congress's hand in these matters. Realization of this fact made both parties make specific promises to these special interest groups. It will be up to the minority party to adopt a constructive, rather than a mud-slinging policy during th post-war period.

The entrance of labor into politics on a grand scale, the renewed political activity of business, and the ever-present agitation of farm organizations will in the future probably force a change in existing party organizations. Either one party must stand wholly behind labor, business, or agriculture, or either one or all of these will form a new party. The war has heightened "leftist" agitation and this attitude is likely to continue for a few years after the war. But along with this "leftist" agitation there is a growing feeling among many that existing party machinery holds all that is necessary for the proper representation of all special interests, and a veering away from the European multi-party system. In the final analysis, it will be the "G.I.'s" who will decide the question of a change in party organization now and who will definitely swing the 1948 election one way or another.

determined philosophy—that of militarism, in this case—is not democracy. It is the opposite—totalitarianism.

"Will peacetime conscription make better citizens?" is a fourth question. Placed in a machine where he loses his individuality, a man can hardly strengthen his character or develop his personality. Health is helped no more by military drill than by a constructive physical education program, and crime will be increased by training in the use of force against men. If we want better citizens, again, it will be necessary to make the means appropriate to the end.

One other specific point, "Is peacetime conscription economical? Will it solve the unemployment problem?" It may solve the unemployment problem, but only with false economy. The economy which pays the fullest dividends to all is that in which each man works productively for his own and, also, for group benefit.

There are great tasks before our country and the world. May we face them dynamically with trust and cooperative plans for peace and mutual aid, not with fear and defensive measures. We who see this need owe it to ourselves and our nation and our world to express our views and beliefs to Congressmen who represent us.

Sincerely,
 JACK WRIGHT.

Augustana College's evening school in Rock Island, Ill., is offering a new course this fall: Income Tax Problems.

Thanksgiving or Holiday?

The strains of "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," have lived in the hearts of Americans for many years. It was the custom in early days to give thanks for the bountiful harvest of the past year on a day set aside after harvest time for that purpose. That day on which the Puritans gave thanks for their blessings has become a tradition.

Perhaps many of us have overlooked its true meaning and regard Thanksgiving as a holiday only for recreation and rest. There are few of us who actually stop to "count our blessings" and to give thanks for them. We are too concerned with the turkey and cranberry sauce, to put it figuratively.

These trying days seem to make us conscious of the fact that in cold-down-to-earth figures, we are fortunate and blest peoples. Of all the countries of the world we should be the most humble on the coming Thanksgiving.

Governor Broughton has set aside November 23 as the day for North Carolina to observe Thanksgiving.

Let us enjoy the turkey and cranberry sauce this coming Thursday and let us also remember that this is a day of thanks giving.

Open Forum

The Open Forum is the place reserved in our paper where the reader may express his viewpoints and arguments on matters of general interest. We feel that more students and faculty should make use of it. We will be glad to print all comments in the available space.

"In tomorrow's medicine we believe that all healing forces — including religious faith, emotional interests, and intellectual integrity as well as physical welfare—will be brought together to bear upon the future of humanity's health." Dr. John G. Benson, general superintendent of Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, emphasized the religious influence on health before a DePauw University audience recently.

When the Gregorian calendar was substituted in England for the Julian calendar the adjustment occasioned the loss of January and February and the first 24 days of March, 1751.