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Honest praise never hurts the person who is worthy of it, and a word of commendation is often then will help the best of us to struggle along more helpfully.

Someone has aptly remarked somewhere or other—we can't remember who or when or where—that one good note to stand by on all occasions is the very simple—'think much for you, but not too much about yourself.'

Definite purposefulness is a prime requisite for the accomplishment of things worthwhile and enduring. A clearly defined aim induces effort and at the same time supplies a cast and interest which would, perhaps otherwise be lacking. We cannot conceive of an individual of college age not having in mind certain fixed purposes and some sort of plan by which to work them out.

We have been very greatly interested in the giving of the first ever expanded chapel services, and the year to explanations and discussions of various campus associations and clubs. The purpose of these is—has been to acquaint the student body as a whole with those organizations which play the most tactive part in the lives of college individuals; and to arouse, from the start, enthusiastic interest in the aims and ideals of their associations. As a student forum, the hour has proven, and we believe, will continue to prove of incalculable value to students.

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If one has a first rate brain and fails to make the most of it, that brain, we should say, is surely worthless. Any sort of work requires constant use to prevent its deteriorating into a rusty, useless object; and we think of a person who fails to keep his valuable machines in order as one who is lacking in a proper business sense. Our minds are among our most precious possessions—wonderful mechanical devices which give perfect service as long as they are carefully cared for. Failure to use will produce disastrous results—probably, the weakening of mental faculties; certainly, a state of mental stagnation.

To a rather uncollegiate thing we speak of, and if we have no grounds for our complaint, then we humbly apologize for our boldness. It seems, however, that there are a few among us who resort to such utterly ill-bred practices as chewing gum in the class room and even in public places. In the light of this, we beg to offer a word or so of admonition: if you must chew gum, and if it is injurious to your physical or mental state to abstain, please attempt to confine the act to places less conspicuous.

Have you ever thought of selfishness in connection with 'friendship'? We haven't until lately; and since we've been thinking the matter over, we've come to the rather startling conclusion that most of us are at least partly guilty in this respect. We admit perhaps two or three to closest comradeship, and exclude others from even more friendships. This is due, in a large measure (we hope, entirely) to careless thoughtlessness; but even as such, it is not excusable. Let's seek to widen our circle of friends. It will profit us far more than we may anticipate, and it will certainly add a bit more pleasantness to campus relations.

Criticism of the proper sort is that a publication thrives on. Last week, someone remarked to a member of the staff that the jokes were not exactly "young," and we, appreciating the suggestion as one of interest in the paper, are attempting to produce, have done our best to remedy the defect. The result is not yet perfect, but we hope and look for continued improvement. In the meantime, will others of you bring to us your own opinions of how any feature or department of the paper can be changed for the better. We shall welcome all suggestions and criticisms which are offered. Furthermore, we shall judge your attitude toward the newspaper by the way you respond to this suggestion of ours.

Carelessness never pays in any event, and it proves a most disastrous quality when it enters into connection with one's daily work. There is no excuse whatever for the half-hearted, disinterested performing of tasks which form a part of one's college course; and sooner or later, the student who has let her slide into such a lazy, unenthusiastic habit will pay dearly for her slackness. Persons of college age are no longer supposed to need continued remonstrance from instructors to keep them well in line. It is an extremely undeveloped student who leans on some sort of prop for lack of a prop, lets herself fall into horrid slothfulness.

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## Historical Museum Near Salem Square

Various Relics Illustrative of Early Life in the Moravian Community.

There stands, on Salem Square, a quaint little old building known as the Museum. To learn something of the history and relics, one must close one's eyes, forget the present, and go back to the year 1759, when it was erected. A long, long time ago, isn't it? It was built to be used as the Salem School for Boys, which purpose it served until 1896. The ground floor, including a kitchen, was used as a dwelling for the keeper of the school, while the third floor contained the sleeping quarters of the boys, who reported to their mothers and sisters came to make the beds. The Boys' School was later moved to the Belsu Home; and the old school building was converted into a museum by the Historical Society, which was formed in 1896. The relics within its walls form an interesting collection representing the early life of the community.

In the east room of the ground floor there is an old stage coach—quite a contrast to the modern automobile—such typical of its day. Any one possessed with enough curiosity will immediately wonder how such a vehicle could possibly gain entrance through the door—but that was a simple matter indeed. The old coach was simply sawed in half. The result is not yet perfect, but we hope and look for continued improvement. In the meantime, will others of you bring to us your own opinions of how any feature or department of the paper can be changed for the better. We shall welcome all suggestions and criticisms which are offered. Furthermore, we shall judge your attitude toward the newspaper by the way you respond to this suggestion of ours.

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which was imported from England. The old lantern hanging over the door, was taken from the entrance to Fries' Mill by the British soldiers during the Revolution. Here also are the doors and staircase of the first dwelling house in Salem, and many guns and swords, belonging to soldiers of the Civil War.

One of the most interesting objects is the old printing press, carried from Hillsboro by Cornwallis on his march through the western part of the state. It was the second press in North Carolina, and the first copy of Blum's Almanac was printed on it.

There is an old fire engine, brought from Germany in 1785, an old money chest, used in the first bank of Salem, the highest steppe of the first court house, and a section of wooden pipe of the first water system (1778) which was used when President Washington was here in 1791.

As relics from the Sister's House one finds an old machine which ironed by weight, not heat, and which was used more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago; and the first organ in Salem (1772).

On the second floor are the chandeliers of the old Moravian Church, various hand instruments, band boxes, the sword of an officer in Cornwallis' army, relics of the Revolutionary, Mexican, Civil, and World wars, the first pulpit and furniture of the old Moravian Church, the first maps of Wachovia and Salem (1820 and 1840), painting from the Welfare portrait gallery, an old machine for making all bouettes, a set of sewing instruments, the desk from the office of the first sheriff of Forsyth County, many Indian relics, and a notice sent from the court house when news of South Carolina's secession was received.

The top floor contains yellowed newspapers of various kinds, Col-

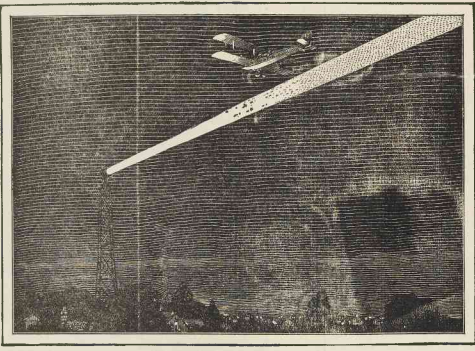
onial money which dates from 1748, quilt pens and ink stands, and several old German Bibles, one of which is dated 1569. The old piano attract much attention and show the different types in the development of this musical instrument. There is also an autograph of Count Zinzendorf, for instance for the sum of five dollars. Probably the most valuable of all the relics is a document bearing the seal of Governor Tryon, which document appeared after the Battle of Alamance.

It is impossible, here, to describe or even list all the relics of the old museum—they must all be seen to be appreciated. It is well worth the time to make such a visit; and when once one places his foot upon the ancient threshold, he travels far back into the years and visualizes that "quaint old Town of Salem" founded many years ago by Moravian settlers.

## Talk At Expanded Chapel

The expanded chapel service for the coming week promises to be of unusual interest. There will be an address by Mr. Kenney who has very recently returned from Russia, where he was a member of the investigating committee under the direction of John R. Mott. The investigation was concerned with the student situation in Russia and continued Central Europe.

Night schools for Indians have been instituted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior during the past year. The Indians are showing a great deal of interest in the school on the Papago Reservation in Southern Arizona which was established at the request of the chief of the village, who attends himself and encourages his people to do so.—Ez.



# Beacons of the sky

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