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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Defeat may serve as well as victory  
To shake the soul and let the glory out.  
When the great oak is straining in the wind,  
The boughs drink in new beauty and the trunk  
Sends down a deeper root on the windward side.  
Only the soul that knows the mighty grief  
Can know the mighty rupture.  
Sorrow comes  
To stretch out spaces in the heart for joy.  
—Edwin Markham.

### PARAGRAPHS

It would be an interesting task to count and tabulate the many and widely different activities which have contributed to the swelling of the fund for covering the swimming pool. From sweet shirts to cabarets is a long jump, and in between are sandwiches, dancing moonlight dips in the pool and vaudevilles, each bringing in its share of substantial aid.

Soccer and volley ball are again on the athletic map. The boundaries of each can be enlarged to include a few more players.

### Class Spirit and School Spirit

We have spoken several times of school spirit in regard to upholding the standards of Salem and representing her highest ideals. It seems now that something needs to be said to remind some students of another necessary side of school spirit. That is a loyal and wholehearted co-operation among the various classes, in other words, school spirit as opposed to class spirit; or rather, school spirit in addition to class spirit, for the two may be joined. It has been noted very often that after the girls in one class plan some activity and work hard to make it a success, they are supported chiefly by the members of their sister classes, and by the faculty, and very poorly by the rest of the students.

Class spirit is, of course, most desirable and necessary, but it loses its value if it becomes so strong as to exclude school spirit. The class is only a small group in the school; therefore, the group spirit in a class is narrower than that in the

school and appears often to be selfish. There are many of these activities which demand our loyalty and support in the school as a whole than in the class, and these can succeed only through the cooperation of all students. The school is very properly to be a keen, friendly rivalry between the classes, for that, at least shows an interest in what the others are doing, and a small school co-operation of all the classes is especially necessary if the students wish to have a strong school. The question, then, resolves itself into whether we shall narrowly restrict our support to our own class or extend it to all the others.

### WHAT DO YOU READ?

Can you enjoy reading a good book, listening to a fine piece of music, studying a beautiful picture? Do you see in true art a source of pleasure, of cultural development, of spiritual uplift? Or, do you number yourself among those who have accustomed themselves to a diet of morbid, sensational, unhealthful reading, who can't turn away from masterpieces of art with indifference?

We wonder sometimes whether the modern college woman ever has a true or inclination for cultural pursuits, particularly for reading. She seems to have an abundance of time for reading which is the opposite of cultural. The latest sensation never lacks devotees among college students and sellers of popular magazines reap fortunes from the collegiate reading public. Some popular magazines have their good points. Others, apparently, have none.

The plea is always brought forward that there is not time for anything but the lightest kind of reading. It is undoubtedly true that for many girls, leisure time comes in brief periods when it hardly seems worth while to begin reading. Serious reading, however, as well as frivolous reading can be done in short periods, and an hour spent in reading a chapter or two of a good novel seems much more satisfactory spent than an hour devoted to perusal of the comic sheet, a motion picture magazine or a volume of "Snappy Stories."

The reader of worth-while books is not necessarily "high-brow," but he is well-read and can feel at ease in circles where good books are read and discussed. It means a lot to be familiar with some of the best pieces of classic and modern literature, and to be still more able to enjoy them and to appreciate artistic values.

It is well to consider whether, as a member of present-day society, you can afford to lower your taste to the level of some of our modern productions whose chief recommendation is that they have been suppressed after the first edition; or whether, on the other hand, you will not be glad for having spent some of your spare moments with books whose qualities are enriching and lasting.

## Will Have New Proctor System

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 19 (CP)—At a recent mass meeting of the students of N. C. College, it was decided to try a new proctor system in the dormitories.

By the old system, two proctors were elected for every hall at the beginning of each semester, working with a house committee composed of the house president, vice house president, and all the proctors.

The new plan which has been suggested and is to be used is to have every girl except members of the senate serve as proctors for a length of time which will be determined by each house president according to the number of girls in her dormitory. Under this system, the house committee will be composed of house president, vice house president, and three proctors.

This proctor system will go into effect as soon as schedules can be made out and posted.

May I hold your palm, Olive?  
Not on your life, Buoy  
Then I'm out of Lux  
You're sure are, Ivory formed.

## Announcements

The regular Y. W. C. A. Vesper service on Sunday evening, February 26, will be in the hands of the Advisory Board. The program promises to be very interesting. There will be talks by Miss Smith, Miss Hall and Mr. Campbell. Mrs. Romblator, Miss Stjep and Miss Leftwich will have charge of the devotional and Miss Osborne will sing.

The Athletic Association is giving a Cabaret entertainment on Saturday evening, February 15, in the recreation room of Alice Clewell building. Original acts will be presented and food will be sold, the proceeds to go to the fund for covering the swimming pool.

The annual Student Friendship campaign will begin on Monday, March 5, and will continue until Saturday, March 10.

## AT LEISURE

When the song's gone out of your life

That you thought would last to the end.

And that sweet song of the heart  
That no other days can lend,  
You can start on any other song  
Nor even a tremulous note  
Will falter forth on the empty air,  
It dies in your aching throat.

So let the silence softly fall  
On the bruised heart's quivering strings,  
Perhaps from the loss of all,  
You may learn the song that the secret sings.

A grand and glorious psalm,  
That will tremble and rise and thrill,  
And fill your heart with its great relief.

And its lonely yearnings still.

## SLUMP IN THE MARKET!

### A Lament.

Back to the good old days, as far back as last year, in fact, we had much food for thought—and for discreet comment—in the unaccountable wanderings and activities of one Dan Cupid, mischievous but benevolently disposed young archer who discovered in Salem College a field after his own heart. In truth, he was so altogether charmed by the place that he could hardly tear himself away, and quite outstayed the welcome which was accorded him at first, for which he took a very nasty revenge by dropping arrows hit or miss upon the heads of the innocent faculty. Having delivered those parting shots, he used his thumb and his nose in a quite illegal manner and left for parts unknown.

Alas, he seems to have disappeared utterly leaving behind him a trail of hearts which are heart-breakingly whole, and of left-hand fourth fingers which are severely undamaged. We have searched the campus until our eyes ache, but we find nothing, not even footprints. Romance is dead and the formerly soaring stock of Love and Matrimony incorporated is lumping point on a sinking rate. Could anything be sadder?

It used to be in those same good old days, that the seniors gave us some occasional sport. We remember regarding several budding romances when interest in the absorbing affairs of the faculty faded. Now, even that is gone. A certain well-known personage was heard to remark sometime since that there were only two seniors who had "friends," which cryptic remark fills us with anxious foreboding. Is the present senior class a prospective bevy of unclaimed blessings? Oh, surely not that!

Our poor head throbs from struggling fruitlessly with problems which seem to have no solution. Where is Cupid? Who killed romance? Won't somebody please have a desperate love affair so that we may have something to talk about. We must have some delectable morsels to roll about else gossip may follow romance to the grave, leaving stark tragedy behind.

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## Schubert Program In Music Hour

Schubert's Pieces Played on Orthophonic Victrola

The celebration of the Schubert Centennial was continued on Thursday, February 23, at music hour. Dean Vardell played the orthophonic records of Schubert's "Trio, B flat Major." All four movements of the trio—the allegro, the andante, the scherzo, and the rondo—were rendered in the series of records. The composition was beautifully played by Thibaud, the greatest French violinist, Casals, the world's greatest cellist, and Cortot, the greatest living French pianist who gave a vivid interpretation. The trio displayed to the fullest extent the remarkable genius of its composer whose works are, as Dean Vardell has said, too great for close analysis.

guity" of the heinous crime of which he is accused. He still clings to the "insanity plea." His father, mother, and brother support him in his defense as long as the court will listen to them.

Central Hotel of Shelby, N. C., was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning. Although fire departments from neighboring towns came to help, five business houses in addition to the hotel were burned. The loss is estimated at from \$400,000 to \$750,000. Many persons were injured in attempts to save themselves, a few were burned slightly, while three are known to be dead.

"Parlor me, is your house on the bus line?"  
"Yes; why?"  
"Better move it; there's a bus coming."

## Current Events

Hundreds were killed in Russia recently as the result of a peasant revolt in the Ukraine. Reports are that the peasants were protesting against the Government's practice of confiscating grain as payment for back taxes. Tax commissioners, especially, were sought and slain.

Alexandria, Virginia, the home town of George Washington, was foremost in honoring the memory of the father of our country on Wednesday. It entertained a very distinguished gathering, headed by President Coolidge, the first families of Virginia, and Governor and Mrs. Harry Byrd. A big patriotic parade was a great feature of the day's events. The many pieces of historical interest within the town served as focal points for the crowds throughout the 196 anniversary of the birth of the great George Washington.

The famous Hickman case still holds the attention of the land. Hickman continues to plead "not

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—By—

## LAWRENCE STALLING

(Author of "The Big Parade")

—With—

ESTHER RALSTON  
WALLACE BEERY  
CHARLES FARRELL  
GEO BANCROFT

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

## "SILK LEGS"

—With—

MADGE BELLAMY  
—And—  
JAMES HALL