

PLUS ULTRA

(Editor's Note: This is what we hope to be the beginning of a series of letters from Alumnae who are now instructing young America. If any of you who read this can go on better than Miss Currie in your experiences in pruning the tree of knowledge, please send in your manuscripts to the Salemite office without delay!)

Having just finished grading a set of sixth grade North Carolina History copy papers, I tore my hair and groused in anguish of spirit. One or two of the prize answers popped into my head, and I wondered what had ever made me think I was called to instruct the young.

In response to my question as to the why and wherefore of Sir Walter Raleigh's death I was informed that, "Queen Elizabeth shot him because she smoked one of his cigarettes, and it made her sick." When I inquired about the identity of Virginia Dare, I was assured that she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dare. Imagine my relief! I had always had a notion that the Lords Proprietors used to own North Carolina, but I was wrong. It was the "Lords Perspirators"—Frances told me so with great aplomb, and who was I to correct her?

Having thus learned several new facts in history I turned to the geography papers and was astonished to find how long and narrow I had known before. For instance, I found that Asia and Africa are the two largest countries in North America, and that the United States is two hundred feet long and as many wide. Through all the subjects, even the three R's, my fund of general information grew until now I am possessed of more knowledge than I ever had before.

Never make the mistake of thinking that your mission in teaching is to impart knowledge. On the contrary, your sole mission is to absorb it. When you begin to teach and only then do you take the first step toward your own education. College is not even preparation, for what in college prepares you to accept the fact that a gergle of "bluing water" is the only thing to cure a sore throat? Where in college do you learn the best method to use in catching a young and agile bullfrog that gets loose on your schoolroom floor? I know the best method now, but I didn't learn it at college: Surround the bullfrog with a whole crowd of girls; choose representatives to chase him around the ring and tire him; then close in gradually and tackle him, falling gracefully in order not to break any bones in the tackle; nor smash the tackle; wave him triumphantly aloft and then firmly put the ban on education for bullfrogs.

I've learned too why the corners of Carl's nose are always brown, and where he keeps his chew of tobacco during school—in his pocket, where else? I've learned the thrill that comes from seeing the look on Harvey's face when he made the honor roll for the first time in his life. Most important of all I've learned what the first month's check looks like!

Next Commencement when you triumphantly clutch the old sheepskin and flatter yourself you're educated, just wait until September and you'll find you don't know a thing. But by the time the month is over you'll have learned more than you ever did in the whole four years of college.

—Tish Currie
Class of '28

WHY, CAL!

"What did Calvin Colledge say when his syndicate asked him to put a little humor into his column?"
"I do not choose to PUN!"

They ought to be careful and not reduce the navy too radically, or there will be no one for Clara Bow to meet when the fleet comes in.

Little Tragedies

15 cigarettes on a Co-ed's breath; Yo-ho-ho and the Dean of Women.

FROM THE NUT CRACKER SUITE

(Society Hall)

Grace: (to remarkable-looking individual in huge picture frame)—Does Ralph want to sit on a walk? You get tired sitting on that dirty old dresser, doesn't you, sugar? (Snatches frame and starts from room but stops short in doorway with an elbow in her right eye.)

Owner of Elbow: (tersely), Grace, do you coffee-pot?

Grace: (Vaguely) Uhah, yes, that is—no! But Minnie does!

O. of E.: 'Sense my hurried entrance and my mislocated elbow. Author's Note: All Proctors have just such elbow, but in here for a purpose. You must learn to coffee-pot on one! Whether Minnie does or does not can wait until Minnie gets in the serious and important moment you're in now. Coffee-pot immediately, or you will regret it to the tune of two call downs!

Grace: (having a strange interlude). Grrrr! Coffee-pot? Shall I kiss her or scratch out her eyes? Coffee-pot? Are both of us crazy or are we just the two biggest fools that have ever been this close together? I can't afford to get two more call downs so I believe I'll coffee-pot.

O. of E.: Well?

Grace: You can't have Ralph because he said he wouldn't be long to another girl for the world but he can use anything else in the room or the closet for a coffee-pot. Isn't that generous enough to make you stingy with your call-downs?

O. of E.: (patiently) you don't understand, don't you. If you say you don't coffee-pot, you lie. Everybody coffee-pots. If you admit that you do coffee-pot, you confess that you are a criminal, a erude joker, or any term that may suit your tormentor. It should be clear to you that I can't use anything in this room for a coffee-pot except you. This isn't a game any longer. It has passed that stage. At eleven ten P. M. Coffee-potting means several things for instance (important) it means to turn off your light, put Ralph to bed on the pin cushion on anything else that he happens to land on and go to bed. Turn! Grr! Seat! Coffee-pot!

Buy your candy, crackers, and fruit from the "Y" store. It is open every night except Sunday, from 10:00 to 10:15.



At Vespers on Sunday, October 12, installation of new members will take place. The theme for our service is "How the Member can Serve through the Association." We will have special music. Miss Hazel Horton Read, head of the stringed instrument department of the Salem College School of Music, will play the slow movement of a concerto on the violin. In addition to this, Martha McKay will play a prelude.

What is religion? 'Tis to go To church one day in seven, And think that we, of all men, know The only way to Heaven.

But he that hath found, as the holy apostle did at Athens, of the heathens, an altar to the unknown God in his heart, and who in a spirit of love and wonder offereth up acceptable offerings thereon in the Temple of nature, do not he, of the twin, walk with God?

—James Russell Lowell

Tom Thumb Golf Tournament

Prizes To Be Awarded

Those who are unable to take advantage of this project "golfing" weather, will be given an opportunity to satisfy, to a certain extent, any longing they might have in the direction of this game. Qualifying rounds of Tom Thumb Golf will be held Monday, and may be played off anytime during the day on the Bob-O-Link Golf course in the Nissen Building at which time anyone desiring to enter may play free of charge. The lowest thirty-two scores of this first round will be arranged in matches to be played at a later date.

A large number of students participated in the Tom Thumb tournament last year, which came to a lively finish with Virginia Martin winning first prize, Leona Biggan, second, and Annelia Goesch, third. Miss Martin having graduated, leaves the field to title of champion clear for the ambitious person who yearns and craves to be a Bob-O-Link Jones. Rewards for this tournament have not yet been announced, but they will be worthwhile. Don't be one of those to regret—enter the fun Monday!

BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

On January 30, 1931, Paderewski will play at Converse College while on his farewell tour of America. On October 1, Kyd and his Band played at the College and were greatly enjoyed. Dorothy Scott has been chosen Editor of the Converse annual "Y's and other Y's".

The Catawba College football team defeated the Atlantic Christian College by score of 24-0. Dr. Hoke gave the first chapel address of the year and outlined Catawba's progress and future aims.

The student activities at Wake Forest College are represented in 13 campus organizations. Dr. Hubert M. Poter, President emeritus and head of the Latin Department, gave the opening address for the Executive Literary Society. Wake Forest football team beat Carolina twice in 1928. Mills of the Wake Forest eleven broke his finger, that using the only casualty sustained.

A series of unusual lectures have been arranged at N. C. C. W. Among the speakers are Dr. Everett Dean Martin, Agnes MacPhail, Louis Aultmeyer, John Hanson Randall, Jr., Senor Madagnan, Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, and Lowell Thomas. "The Agora" a new literary publication at N. C. has made its initial appearance.

DR. LILLY SPEAKS ON BOOKS

(Continued from Page 1.) second topic. One obtained a broad outlook on life by combining the system of Truth, Modern Science, Economics, Industry, Civics and Politics. These add to an individual's worth in all life.

By his statement, Read for Wisdom, Dr. Lilly meant read for an understanding of life and nature. In dramas, essays, poetry and good fiction one may learn the great abiding principles of life.

Read for Inspiration was his last topic. The Holy Book is the source of all inspiration and the dynamic of the universe. In that book one finds the thought of mankind from the beginning; this thought enriches and widens a life.

Concluding with Dr. Lilly's own words: "Read the Bible for inspiration, human nature and its characteristics, sound philosophy of life—for a challenge to yourself, of the world and that's within you. This book of books will make you do the heroic thing and show yourself unto God as God's child."

ELABORATE FASHION SHOW STAGED

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recreation room in the Alice Clewell basement, where the Salem Synopsat-d Srenaders, led by Susie Jane Manney, were rendering things hot and lively as any night club. Dancing formed the entertainment, and the jammed condition of the floor evidenced the crowd's enjoyment. At intervals during the evening, the floor was cleared and special dances were featured; there being a tap dance by Catherine Gaston of the American, a tap dance by Frances Manney, toe dance by Thelma Steazy, and a Russian folk dance by Ziniada Vologodsky in beautiful Russian Costume.

To cap the climax, Eskimo pies were served in profusion, and sandwiches were sold by the Seniors for a very small fee (those partaking of the latter spending the night in the sweet, serene sleep of the virtuous—for a good devil will don't!) It was with deep regret that the crowd heard the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" played by the exhausted but still synopsating serenaders.



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