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Let's Be Optimistic

1932! A thing of the past; a year of sorrow, poverty, depression, and famine; a year when thousands could not retire at night and feel assured of provisions for the following day. Fortunes have been lost; the number of unemployed mounted to unparalleled levels; thousands have, unfortunately, had to seek the breadline; men's possession's have dwindled at an alarming rate; and homes have been made desolate. It has been a tragic year!

Now we have crossed the threshold of another year, and the future looks no brighter; money is still scarce; the unemployment situation has not been solved, and relief, it seems, will not arrive soon. Thus meditates the pessimist, the men who finds life only in the dollar, the man who considers nothing worthwhile unless a monetary compensation be attached.

But not so with the optimist, the man who sees a world of good and beauty, the man to whom money is a secondary matter. He, too, has crossed the threshold of another year, but he faces life resolutely, cheerfully, and fearlessly. He will live in spite of economic depressions. He is determined to live if poverty and hunger are present. He is undaunted by any obstacle. Why? Because to him living means more than food, clothing, houses and ROPER BOYS lands. Living to him means a steady, consistent growth intellectually and spiritually, as well as physically. Life to him is the acquisition of new ideas, a nobler character, and opportunities for service. The past year has not been a year spent in vain, for, in his retrospective moments, he finds that he is a better man today than he was a year ago, some of his old ideas have been replaced by better ones, and he has given a helping hand, when it was possible, to those who were in need. He has done his best and left the rest to his Maker. That's why he has lived.

Why can't all face the year with that attitude? We are not forgetting that money, food, and such things are necessary for our physical comfort; but this year will afford us countless opportunities for service, growth, and advancement. The way in which we grasp these opportunities will determine whether life will be worth V. H. the living this year.

The Death Penalty

College Man Must

(Continued from page 1) ciology is better prepared to participate in politics than many of our present-day politicians.

The college man has some leisure time, and this is spent unprofitably much of the time. I recently noticed two pictures in a very prominent magazine. One was a picture of a group of English college men. They wore high hats and seemed to be men who were interested in their government. The other picture consisted of a group of typical American college men. These boys were seated in a drug store, eating, smoking and drinking. They seemed to be interested in holding what we call a "bull session." From this appearance it appeared to me that these men were interested in everything in the world except politics.

The time has been, and is now, when our American college men should awake to the realization that they should become more interested in politics.

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I think the political spirit manifested here on the campus last fall was superb. But I think we should go out and really help fight for our political convictions.

If someone approaches you on your political belief be able to tell that person why you are a Democrat or a Republican. Don't tell anyone that you are a Democrat because your grandfather, father, and uncle were Democrats. Their political beliefs wouldn't make you a Democrat. Supposing your father and grandfather were horse thieves; would that make you a horse thief? Let us make our own decisions by studying and re-studying the issues.

The destiny of future politics, in my mind, depends upon our present college men. Let us hope that our college men and women will become more interested in politics and through their efforts we shall expect better politicians in the future.

L. T. Hamrick, Jr.

RESCUE GIRL

(Continued from page 1) But Nick merely laughed a sardonic laugh and struck the icy water with gasp.

Tom, swimming strongly, reached the weak but happy figure first, and as he swam with her toward shore they both gave the floundering Nick a look of infinite hateur. But Nick was unabashed; he swam out and stood before them, dripping but debonaire.

"Peste!" quoth he. "It's quite chilly for a swim in the lake at this time of the year, n'est-ce pas?"

"You know we don't speak German, Nick," replied Tom, coldly, and the others nodded in approbation. Mars Hill student, is the only li-"And how about those bank notes I censed feminine amateur radio oper-

Valentine Spirit Sees Enter Politics Birth of New Romances

It is thought that every Non and Clio was struck full in the heart by Cupid's darts on Thursday, February 9, at which time both societies sponsored Valentine programs. There was quite a bit of similarity in the programs; in each hall the entertainment was enthusiastically received. The Nonpareil Society had first on the program, love poems and a brief sketch of the origin of Valentine's Day. These were followed by impromptu speeches on appropriate subjects. In the Clio hall, a playlet suggestive of the life of Saint Valentine was presented. He wrote love messages on hearts and sent one to each Clio by messenger. In both societies "At the Sign of the Cleft Heart" was given; in the Clio, Lillian Whitehurst If you turn away from Christ's st gave it as a reading, and in the Non, it was enacted as a dialogue between Love and a Maiden, played by Sara Corpening and Doris Gibbs respectively. Sentiment seems to hold sway over the campus just now, and many new romances have come into being recently. This might be because Valentine's Day is near-who knows?

Sixteen High School **Teams Arrive For** Annual Contest (Continued from page 1)

and meals by the college.

Ralph James, former Wake Forest athlete and now coach at Weaver College, will handle the games, assisted by members of the Mountain Lion Varsity.

More than forty applications were received by Coach Roberts, several more than the number received last vear.

Fines Creek, Rosman, Valley Hill and Catawba are the only "new" teams to enter the tournament, the others having participated at least once in previous years.

DEBATERS HIT A HEAVY SCHEDULE

(Continued from page 1) bourne, of the affirmative; Misses Louise Boles and Millicent Young, Trial marriage, television, Sylva Ammons and Janie Britt, Carolyn Haynes and Lily Bennett, of the negative.

Men debating are: Messrs. C. B. Jones and Woodrow Jones, Robert Modern-Fundamental quarrels, Richardson and Jack Dale, Carl Rog- Alienist and aviation, ers and Dick England, of the affirmative; Messrs. Falk Johnson and John T.N.T., synthetic food, McGehee, Carl Lanford and Robert Halitosis, Hollywood, Burnett, Frank Powell and L. C. Chiles, of the negative.

Graduate Gossip

Miss Jo Edythe Anders, a former

POETRY

Something Is Wrong

By FRANK HUNT If you think that the world will pa you for play,

Something is wrong. If you shy when a thorn is placed

your way,

Something is wrong. you grumble and frown at y

fellow man, If you sneer at the work of an

tisan, If you falsely direct some good

avan,

Something is wrong.

that's told.

Something is wrong. If your mind is deaf and your h has grown cold,

Something is wrong.

If your body and soul don't ordinate.

If you never tried to accommod^s If your friendships are easy to mate,

Something is wrong.

Opportunity

By MARCKE TAYLOR ORR 'Tis well to rest, 'tis well to play, For so the world has done Since flowers grew in early May, A To greet the rising sun.

But place not all your hopes and tr In what your pleasures bring; We cannot live a life of lust, We need the finer things.

Now's the time for earnest work While the chance is in your hav H Tomorrow's sun may find it gone And alter all your plans.

Have a care before you dare Spend all your time in play; Don't forget, you have the pray Of them who paved the way

Progress

By DOUGLAS FERGUSON Taxes, taxis, prohibition, Propaganda, profiteering, Radio and racketeering, Boards of Temperance and Mor Sex and Shaw and sanitation, G.M.C. and K.K.K. B.V.D., V.M.C.A., Heavens, who's this Orful Ogr Hush! She's calmly christened gress."

Soupline Romance de

	see you with yesterday? Did you	ator in the state, and one of the 232	The moon shone from the ski
The state of the state of the fallow human being?	know, Mister Smarty, that the bank	in the world. Her station is W4ACC	They walked along in silence.
What right have we to take the life of a fellow human being?	president says your crony Rudolf	of West Asheville.	To talk they did not try.
Recently a sixteen year old Negro boy was sentenced to death by	stole them?" Seeing Nick shrink be-	* * *	To tark they did not try.
a South Carolina judge for murder. The boy had brutally beaten	fore his righteous indignation he	In the column, "Folks Worthwhile	an in his harmon and to
to death a white woman with a piece of cordwood. For this he	shook a bony forefinger in that hand-	in W. N. C." a former Mars Hillian	She raised her brown eyes to
will be executed, though he is a child. A few hours before his		was mentioned. He is Edwin Haynes,	There was nothing between
will be executed, though he is a child. A lew nours before mo			now
death he will have religious instruction which came too late, me-	"I don't know about that," hissed	24, the youngest man ever elected register of deeds. Mr. Haynes is the	But six severe strict chaperon
chanically and as a matter of course drilled into his bewildered and	Nick darkly. "Miss Nestle might look	brother of Carolyn Haynes, who is	Who a kiss would never all
frightened brain. Hysterically, he will probably "accept" religion,	in her pocketbook and see what she	the president of the Clio Literary So-	
and be led away to the death room, while smug souls outside will	finds there."		M. H. Alumnus H
thank Heaven that he was saved, and others that they are pro-	Mary hastily did so, and gasped in	ciety.	
	amazement as she saw the missing		Rich Sports C ^{ar}
tected from his kind by so efficient a law.	hard notor	Miss Eleanor Holt is now physical	
That poor black boy merely obeyed instincts which are the herit-	"It's a trick!" she cried, passion-	supervisor in the city schools of Hing-	Ralph James, Head Co
age of man, which he had never been taught to overcome. Every	ately. "I never saw them before!"	ham, Mass. There are six schools	Weaver, Has Had Vo
age of man, which he had hever been taught to overcomer inter	Nick laughed caustically as he	under her supervision.	Athletic Connection
man is a potential killer. Execute all those who are capable of mur-	walked away. "Not so nice as she	* * *	Atmetic Connection
der and you depopulate the earth. What right has society to de-	1	The marriages of some former Mars	The athletic career of Ralp
scend with a nand so neavy on one who does not even know why	The Disk and Harmy cored still	Hill students have been noticed. Mr.	alumnus of Mars Hill Colle
he committed the deed? True, we are told in a Commandment	pidly at Mary with gathering doubt	Ezra Burnett, a graduate of Mars	head coach at Weaver College
"Thou shalt not kill"; but have we taught this child and his kind	pluly at Mary with gathering doubt	Hill, was married to Miss Hope Mc-	er Coach at Blue Ridge Prep
why they must not kill? Have we led them away from that which	in their eyes. How the Roper boys got Mary out	Lean. Miss Sue Maney was married	and Wake Forest college thr
why they must not kin: Thave we fed them away from that which	How the Roper boys got mary out	to Mr. Burnett Dillingham. "Daddy"	man has a career both spe
makes them kill? For his blind unreasoning passion society will	adventures, the reader can find in	Blackwell performed the ceremony.	and varied.
take away his God-given life.	adventures, the reader can intu in	A new of the second technical is not the second technical	and the state of t
But the Old Testament tells us "An eye for an eye, and a tooth	"The Roper Boys at Bald Mountain; or, The Rescue from a Landslide."		Was Quint Star When at Wake Forest, Jap
for a tooth." Christ said in unmistakable words, "For the Scrip-	-A. J. M.	Mr. J. S. Dockery is now an out-	
for a tooth. Christ said in dimistakable words, for the berry	-A. U. M.	standing lawyer in Rutherfordton. He	as forward two years. The
tures say 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,' but I say unto		is a member of the Harris & Dockery	Line and the second sec
you, resist not evil." When Cain slew his brother did God blast	Me 2?	law firm, and the president of Ruth-	
him with lightning?	4100 C	erford County Mars Hill Alumni As-	
That something must be done with those who cannot be allowed	She was a fair, green Freshman,	sociation. While in school here, Mr.	three states with 241 points, '
I hat something must be done with those who cannot be anowed	He was a dashing C-2,	Dockery was president of the Philo-	three states with 241 point
to live with their fellowmen is self-evident; but the taking of life		mathian Literary Society, and on the	mate, Al Dowtin, of Ash
is a sin itself and two wrongs do not make a right. A. I. M.	She said. "I love you, see, too."	of iff of the first Laurel.	scoring him.