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## Education, The Solution To The Liquor Problem

Militant President John Knight and his 45 Mars Hill cohorts, who form what is known as the Youth's Temperance Council, are engaged worthily in attacking the liquor problem, a problem that is a menace to civilization.

That 200 students at Mars Hill have signed a pledge to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, and the statement by President Knight, "It is our hope to have at least 400 students sign the total abstinence pledge before the end of the school year," is encouraging to even the most pessimistic who see ruin and damnation spreading from the wholesale use of intoxicants.

The council is, without doubt, advancing toward solution of the liquor problem in the best manner: by education. Professors, such as our own scientific wit, Vernon E. Wood, are doing outstanding work in furnishing material that they have obtained from tireless research, to societies such as Mr. Knight's, thus adding valuably to the widespread educational movement in this country, that had its start just prior to the World War.

The drink problem is complex, offering a challenge to the keenest minds of our land. Our elders, who have failed to march forward in so many cases during the past 20 years, are more or less in a "sit down" strike on this question, leaving it up to youth to set the way. Therefore, collegians, the supposedly pick of youth, have the task of reviving education for temperance, showing the effects of alcohol and discouraging its use.

According to Irving Fisher, economist at Yale University, the average man does not even know how little he knows about how dangerous alcohol is. "He is generally sure," says Mr. Fisher, "that alcohol is a stimulant, that beer and light wines are healthful, that his thirst for these is a natural one, and that most people can use them without using them 'in excess'—everyone of which is false and has been proved false."

If this is true, and we certainly have no reason to doubt the statement, what is to be done in this age of the swinging of daintily slipped feet of American women at chromium bars, this fashionable consumption of cocktails and "old fashioned's" by our leading young people, and this profitable big business, breweries!

There is only one answer. Society, and rightly so, is looking to us, the youth of America, the majority of whom have seen the prohibition era, and know its influence, to meet the situation.

How? By education.

An educational approach is the only way, as we see it; and one that is favored by all of our great leaders in this movement.

So Mr. Knight, **The Hilltop**, who can be counted on as sympathetic with your cause, wishes to pass on to those 600 of our students who are not members of your organization, those 400 who did not sign your pledge, these suggestions from **The International Student**, a magazine representing the Intercollegiate Association for Study of the Alcohol Problem, with the hope that they will be taken seriously by the administrative body of Mars Hill College, with the result that a course in the study of the liquor problem, under a regular instructor, will be added to the credit courses now offered.

The editor states that, "A new educational approach under educational leadership would include among other factors:

"First, frank study of the whole question.

"Second, leadership in the formation of social customs.

"Third, systematic education.

"Fourth, a new type of community education and leadership on the liquor problem."

With such a program in progress throughout the colleges of this country, with open-minded discussion paving the way, **The Hilltop** agrees with **The International Student** statement: "Extended on a large scale with open minded freedom, the service that such an approach may render toward the liquor problem of today knows no limit."

—H. A. E.

## With Our Alumni

### DOROTHY WALKER

FROM the Yosemite National Park, California, comes the news of the success of James Ash White.



After leaving Mars Hill, Mr. White received his A. B. and also his B. A. at the University of Louisville, Ky., with his Ph. B., Ph. M., and Ph. D. at the Seminary. Then followed eight years as General Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America; two years as President of the Colorado Women's College; four years as pastor of a Baptist Church in Berkeley, Calif., and for eight years he has been located in the Yosemite National Park.

While in Berkeley, Mr. White did four years of graduate work in Education, was elected to Phi Delta Kappa, and has recently been awarded a service key for eight years of service to public education. He has also a key for Pi Gamma Mu in Social Sciences.

Some years ago, Mr. White received mention in "Who's Who in America", and 1936 brought him inclusion in the Clergy, and "Who's Who in American Education".

His duty in the Park is to supervise all religious activities within the National Park. Last year there were over 400,000 visitors, and over 55,000 were enlisted in church services.

From the U. S. S. Wyoming enroute Balboa, C. Z., we hear of chaplain E. C. Andrews, Jr., giving the sermon for the Divine Service January 10, 1937.

Acting as Dietitian for Stetson University, Deland, Florida, is Miss Helen Batson. She has charge of both the main dining room and the cafeteria. Miss Batson was previously at Syracuse University.

A man that has made a name for himself in Western North Carolina as a milliner is Carl Hood of Asheville. Mr. Hood graduated from the Mills Home in 1910 and then came to Mars Hill College. In 1916 he entered business in Asheville and has become one of Western North Carolina's leading business men.

## Stag Social Held By Berean I Class

The group captains of the Berean I Sunday School class were hosts to its approximately eighty members at a stag party on the evening of Monday, March 8, in the parlor of Brown Dormitory. Guests of honor were Harold O'Quinn, Wilson Glass, Mrs. Lane, Dr. Moore, teacher of the class, and Harold Robinson.

Bob Bellinger was the very efficient master of ceremonies. Included in his program was music by Charles Reid's Hungry Five German Band; a humorous reading by Council Pennell; wit and humor by Irvin Lucas and Monroe Johnson, performing guests; a harmonica solo by Joe Smoak; Bob Morgan's famous "Cremation of Sam McGee"; and a humorous act by the master of ceremonies himself.

Credit for the success of the party must be given to Durwood Murray, president of the class, and to Billy Kellner, Cecil Aderholt, Baxter Williams, W. R. Wagner, David Shelton, Council Pennell, Clarence Sinclair, Gene Alexander, Robert Bellinger, and Oliver Sumnerlin, who took care of all the arrangements.

## J. Van Blurp



(Editor's note: Aunt Minnie has had a very unfortunate year. Following a good start, she came down with a severe attack of Dukeovercarolina. Barely recovered she skidded and fell while taking her bath, thereby spraining her eyebrow and being laid up for several weeks. In succession she caught the mumps and whooping cough and finally was seriously injured at the Mars Hill-Lees McRae basketball game when she was badly trampled by a mob. Lastly, she caught the flu, and deciding that she was unable to continue at this rate, sent in her resignation to the **Hilltop** staff. Therefore it becomes our painful duty to accept her resignation and end a long and glorious (?) journalistic career. With this issue we turn this column over to our good friend J. Van Blurp, formerly with the **Hog Waller Observer**.)

In seeking to carry on the work so nobly begun by our beloved Miss Meanwell, Aunt Minnie to so many thousands, we wish to dispell all doubts as to our identity. Unlike Aunt Minnie who kept her identity a secret and was known only to her friends as a white haired old lady with false teeth, and a long scraggly beard, we shall come out in the open and publish our picture (see above) to dispell all doubts. Indeed, many innocent persons were accused falsely of being Aunt Minnie. We are reminded of a certain scion of the Carter Clan who approached Haynes Brown and threatened him with dire happenings if he put anything about him in Aunt Minnie's Column. We happen to know that Haynes was innocent; but there might be something to it—the Carter side, we mean. Who knows what might be found out in the kitchen?

Talking about kitchens—Mrs. Stoker invited the whole Mars Hill Forensic Squad to lunch while they were at Catawba—but thought to ask how many there were—it all happened over a phone—she couldn't take it. Well, not all 15 at any rate. But what did happen to the five that went?

They tell us it was really worth the trip just to hear Goo-Goo Morgan 'burn' Sam McGee in the gym, clad only in his pajamas. He really pulled down the house they say. He even kept most of the boys past the breakfast hour, and then it became necessary to go to town for food. A "Sanitary Cafe" was chosen which proved to contain a bar and an imposing array of bottles, etc. Lieberman, it seems, unable to resist it, made a very "barflyic" figure as he stood there, one foot on the brass rail, his elbow crooked, his head thrown back, and an empty glass in his hand, grapefruit juice, we assure you.

Two telegrams were sent from Salisbury—we wonder? Brown at least kept it in the family by dating a "distant" relative.

Who was in the car that Miss Johnson, chaperon, insisted on waving at?

The climax came when one debater heatedly accused the other. "You aren't a debater," he declared. "You're an orator."

Several boys were heard to murmur recently, "Georgia is as far South as I want to go." Why the disillusionment in Florida. Did the debaters have anything to do with it?

We'll save Cotton 'till later!

## Yesterday and Tomorrow

THESE sit-down strikers gotten to be a national phenomenon lately, like miniature golf the



just goes that the cans as are over and need Every fe they hit demic of down. was tree then fl

sitters, now sit-down strikers trouble isn't new, however back in the 80's we had a of sit-downers, only they called squatters. They w in those days. Sitting Bu thought of going on a s he had it would have been stand-up variety.

There was a rumor th day that several of the bo staging a sit-down strike dining hall. We investiga found that there was no it. However we did find th the supposed sit-downers w ed "prescription" by those with him. They claimed was "hard to fill."

We have made an i study of these sit-down str at last came to the conclus the clothing manufacture behind them. The revival ularity of two pants suits result of this campaign. from the strike zones sh pants with reinforced sea the h reached a new high in sale

We often heard the older a eration condemn us as a, h shiftless sitters-on-the-backl stan necks, and opine that weh come to no good end. Maye were right—for once. May generation is still sitting high, back of their necks, and he get paid for it. We hate tr it, but it seems the older at tw ition was right—after all. for t

The trouble with our p the high standard of livi they can enjoy. Too many go to colleges nowadays. what is wrong with our w After a four year loaf und paternal payments the stu still only half-baked, and business world too much f In the good old days the graduates could sit down, feet on their own desk, a to inherit dad's business, if business sense; nowadays the desk covered with the those that beat him there. the line of waiters is so can't even get into the door "move over." Besides wh he inherit? Dad's busines days consists of a batch of U.'s and a bicycle—this ahead of the sheriff. The shovel has been worn out ditches, and what little se

dads have is spent by the s gas for the installment bug

Things have come to a April pass when a college gradu April to work. That shows how b April depression really was. For April the wolf was afraid to April around our door, he kn April would pull him in. Which April us back to our original point May are too many college gra May They clutter up the place, May nally have to go to work. May four years a man gets "sort May in his ways" and the colleg uate requires his leisure. May the sit-down strikes. May We're fer it!

—J. J.