

Church Steeples And Grasshoppers

A Reply to Chapel Speaker
Of April 16. In An At-
tempt to Keep Face.

BY G. G. MORGAN

On Friday morning, April 16, the chapel speaker, who was advising us about the legal profession, showed very excellent mob psychology, admirable sense of humor, and a fascinating audience approach. I think he should be classed as one of the most interesting chapel speakers of the year.

I was especially impressed by his contention that a law student should study every subject offered him. His contention is certainly logical; but I question its practicability.

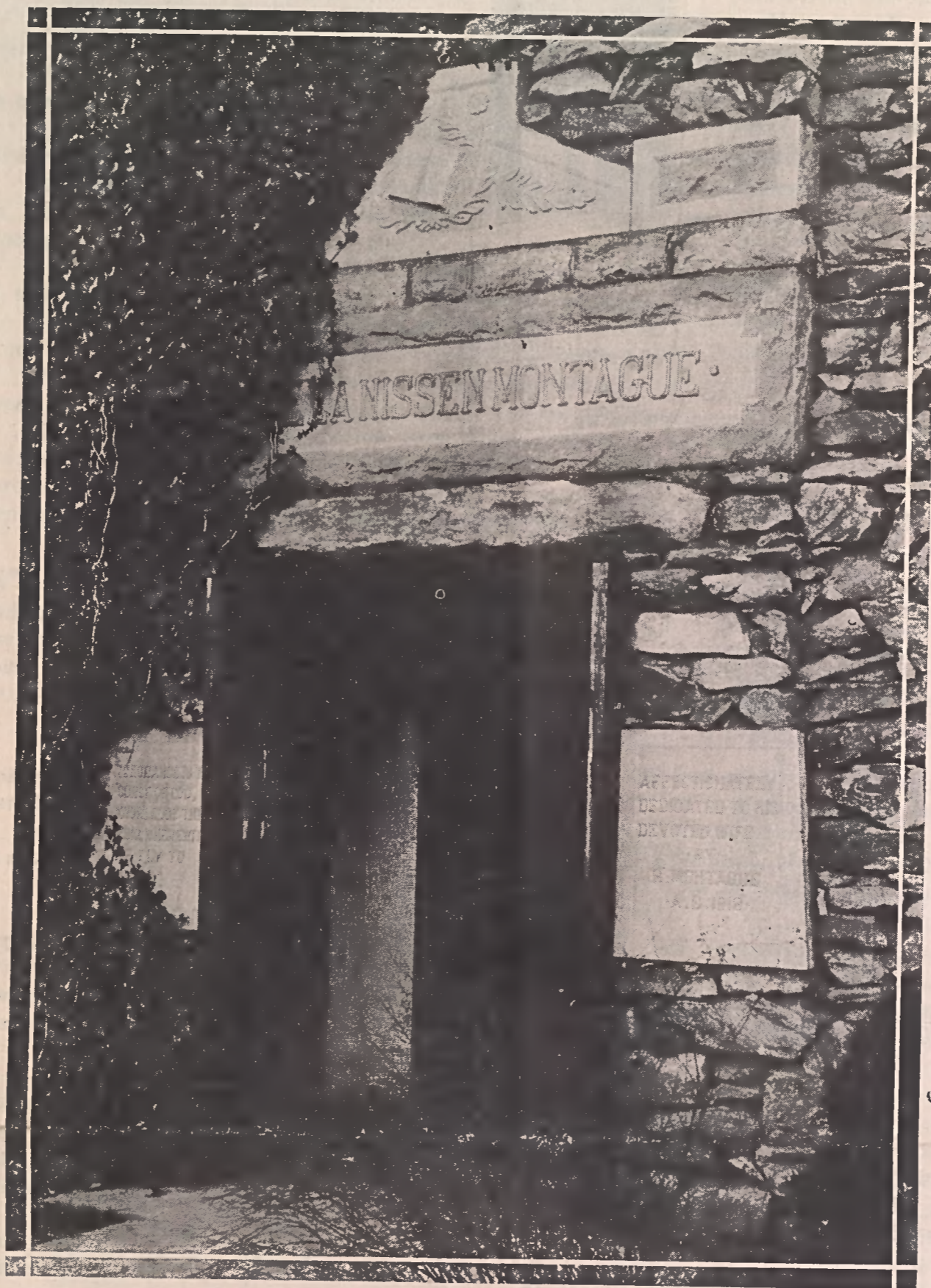
It is generally conceded that a law student studies two distinct types of subjects: (1) those subjects for which he is absolutely sure he will have a definite need, such as; English, government, and public speaking; (2) those subjects that there is a possibility of his needing in different types of cases, such as; trigonometry, biology and chemistry. The speaker knows far more about the legal profession than I do—but I'm positive that I know more about the nature of the modern law course and the present day college requirements than he does.

I am supposed to be following a preparatory law course. But according to the prescribed junior college course, I am required to spend more semester hours studying biology than I am any other one subject. I am also required to spend as many semester hours on mathematics as I spend on government. Since such subjects as math and biology are usually difficult for me, if I mastered them, as I am apparently expected to do, they would require two and three times as much study as my other subjects. Hence, if I diligently followed my prescribed course, I would necessarily neglect those subjects that are vital to my passing the bar, in order to master those subjects that are remotely connected with the law.

If I should set out to hike through the mountains for a camping trip, I would have to choose wisely those things that I should carry with me. I would have a definite need for such things as food and bedding, and I would certainly need some matches with which to start my fires. It would be very wise for me to take along a few things that I might casually need, such as fishing poles and magazines, and I could readily use some kerosene oil with which I could build a fire more easily. But since there is a limit to the amount of supplies that I am capable of carrying, it would be stupid for me to leave my matches behind in order to carry along my kerosene oil. If I knew all of the technical knowledge in the world, if I mastered every scientific course in all of the universities of America, and yet if I neglected the study of public speaking and law, in order to obtain that knowledge, I would never impress a judge or a jury enough to successfully apply my scientific learning to any one case.

There is a limit to the amount of knowledge that a person is ca-
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PORTALS OF KNOWLEDGE



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The intercollegiate forensic team, ably coached by Professor J. B. Huff, is nearing the completion of a successful year of debating, speaking, oratory, and dramatic reading, having entered 118 contests in all. The team has participated this year in 82 debates, seven after dinner speaking contests, 13 extempore speaking contests, five impromptu speaking contests, four oration contests, and three dramatic reading contests.

Cullowhee was the first debate of the season in which a negative team of Bob Bellinger and Haynes Brown and an affirmative team of G. G. Morgan and Bill Fleming took part in a non-decision debate.

Following this was the annual Strawberry Speech Tournament held at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, South Carolina, in which our team entered more speakers than any of the 27 colleges taking part in the contest. Eddie Lieberman won first place there in after dinner speaking and Charles Weaver won second place in oratory. Each debater engaged in six debates.

A debate with Lees-McRae saw two Mars Hill teams of Clarence Sinclair and Edwin Spangler, Harold Robinson and Boyd Ray in action.

After this came Milligan and Carson-Newman.

The week beginning February 2 was a busy one for the forensic group, seeing them in a debate with the women of Asheville Normal college the first part and a team of six debaters, orators, and speakers traveling to Boone February 5 to enter the tournament in which John Chapman won second place in after-dinner and debate.

The Tri-State tournament, held at Catawba college, came in March with first place in after-dinner speaking going to Eddie Lieberman, first place in oration to Charles Weaver, and first place in extempore to John Chapman.

The members of the intercollegiate forensic team are as follows: G. G. Morgan, William Fleming, Boyd Ray, Harold Robinson, Robert Howard, Robert Bellinger, Eddie Lieberman, Clarence Sinclair, Edwin Spangler, Haynes Brown, John Chapman, James Randleman, Jane Pope, Frances Summerlin, Ruby Hopkins, Lillian Linney, and Dorothy Walker.

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Campus Paragraphics

SOCIALS

Saturday evening, April 24, will find members of the various B. T. U. units of the campus enjoying themselves in an evening of frolic and revelry at the homes of several faculty members. Frances Ward, general recreational director of the organizations, promises entertainment and refreshments of first calibre.

BROADCAST

Twenty vocal enthusiasts of the glee club journeyed to Asheville last Sunday afternoon and gave a program of sacred music over radio station WWNC. The string ensemble, with Mervin Oakes, flutist, appeared on the program, also. This Sunday finds more than 30 members of the chorus at Shelby and Lincoln in public programs.

SPEAKER

C. N. Walker, Asheville banker, who spoke at the junior-senior banquet, suggested that to make friends was a requirement of success. Stressing opportunity tied up with service, he said, "You and I have got to serve the other fellow."

CHAPEL

Vocational Guidance lectures took up the entire week of chapel programs from April 12-16. Hoyt Blackwell, speaking on religious work, affirmed that a Christian

minister is divinely called, at the opening convocation on Monday. Tuesday, W. Howard Plemmons, principal of Lee Edwards high school, Asheville, who received his diploma from Mars Hill in 1926 spoke on the teaching profession as a vocation. The youthful schoolmaster stated, "There is a peculiar satisfaction in working with boys and girls and helping them take their places in society, that can never be mentioned in dollars and cents."

OTHERS

Dr. William Ray Griffin, Appalachian Hall head, spoke at length on Wednesday on the medical profession. On Thursday, Lawyer George Pennell, of Asheville, delighted the audience with his humorous speech filled with sound advice for aspiring legal professionalists. He maintained that a lawyer should be well versed in every field. Madison County Agent Miller, of Marshall, on Friday, brought the series of lectures to a close with a graphic address on agriculture as a vocation.

PREXY

Woodrow Hall, president of the State Baptist Student Union spoke at the Monday morning chapel hour this week comparing Jesus with plants of the mountains. He referred to Christ as the "plant of renown."

INSTALLATION

Robed in regalia, carrying lighted candles, members of the old B. S. U. council will enter chapel Tuesday morning and mount the platform where in impressive ceremonies they will relinquish their duties to the incoming council. Mary Lee Ernest, present president, will have her office taken over by Wayne Oates.

COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-three high school seniors, of the town school, received their diplomas from the hands of school board chairman, J. B. Huff, last Wednesday morning in the final exercises of commencement week. Calvin Stringfield, pride and joy of the P. C. Stringfield's, delivered the valedictory address.

MUMPS

Joe Jelks, popular high school coach, went through the past mumps epidemic unscathed, but found himself this week, with vacation just beginning, with swollen jaws. A swell malady for a swell fellow.

PEACE

With avid zeal, John Chapman's veterans of future wars will enter the coming week with long tirades, special services, and general ballyhoo, all in the name of peace. The energetic commander-in-chief will
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