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Lest We Forget

Youth today is rushing pell-mell towards we know not what. In seeking peace and happiness, we try everything that comes along; and in the end we have nothing but shadows, fragments of reality, and illusions.

We, the youth of today, are the rulers of tomorrow. We must find ourselves truth and enduring reality. Without these our tomorrow will be but an empty dream, a hollow mockery of life, even as we find it today.

In colleges over the country we are preparing ourselves for the time when we shall take our place as the world's leaders. We study the history of the past, and we marvel at the crude civilization in which our forefathers existed. We are amazed at the slow transportation and communication facilities that those of bygone years had to contend with. We pride ourselves that we are living in an age of enlightenment, luxury, and ease: that we have reached the peak of civilization. Yet we forget the sacrifices that were made; the sweat and tears that were shed; the lives that were lost that we might live in lazy contentment, taking for granted that which was paid for in blood.

We read with horror of the morality of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and we turn away in disgust at the lives of the rulers of old France and England. We swell with egotism at our high level of moral life, our philanthropical enterprises, and our magnificent religious institutions.

Yet, as we prepare to control tomorrow, we should keep in mind that in spite of our knowledge, genius, accomplishments, and improvements, we are even today but imperfect human beings with frailties, weaknesses, and sins, as were our forefathers. We must profit by their errors; push toward greater achievements, using their accomplishments as the foundations for our endeavors; and ever strive, as did many of them, to walk in the upright way. Let us not be so wrapped up in our learning and puffed up at our achievements that we cannot remember our indebtedness to others.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget." —H.L.A.

Thanksgiving In America

Thanksgiving should be significant in the heart of every American today. We could have no more enviable heritage than that of being born American citizens. For this we should be grateful.

When our forefathers proclaimed a day to be set aside for Thanksgiving, they meant it to be a day on which thanks should be expressed to God for a prosperous year and for sufficient food. That was the sole purpose of the first Thanksgiving.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season today, however, we think of many things besides food for which to thank God. We "count our blessings" in the very broadest sense of the phrase. We thank God that we live in a free and united country. We thank Him for the fact that the doors of churches all over our country are wide open and that there are people yet who believe there is warmth and comfort within those doors. We would apply the same expression of gratitude for the little red schoolhouses scattered over the country and the Christian colleges and universities. We know that they do not stand for the purpose or intention of undermining our liberal beliefs, but they encourage the things that are noble and teach youth to stand on its own feet and demand its own terms.

Someone has suggested that we give thanks for "houses lived in and loved, for the silent ties between brother and sister, for work to be done and the strength to do it." What thanks would you offer? —B.L.S.



PEPPER & SALT

By Williamson

Divided against ourselves by the turbulent calls of duties and diversions, work, and health, we find in college life little time to loaf and invite the soul, as Whitman would say. We cannot find peace in the eddying backwaters of the hermit's cell. We do not want the apathetic stagnation which is the result of sneering at life. Peace for us must be the peace of a perfectly balanced motor purring contentedly in its case; it must be a dynamic balance between the forces which pull us back and forth.

SILENCE

What is silence but
The laziness of agile muscles
That have swung the pitch-
fork's rhythm,
The peace of a red-oak leaf,
The stillness of a fallen boulder
Growing moss in the valley?
N. F.

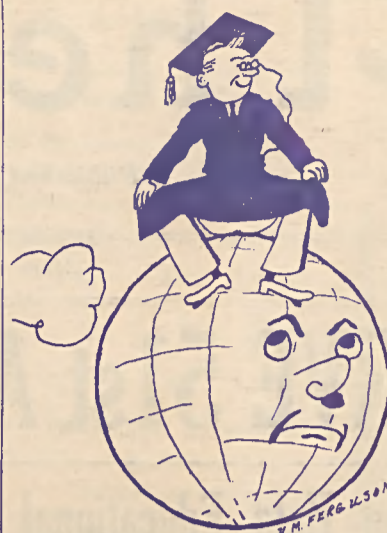
FROM QUIET REPOSE

The surge of the waves
And the roar of the billows
Reached by ears.
Mangled were they with the
screams
As of one perishing.
I clenched in terrible memories
Of my youth,
And Saturday baths.
K. E. D.

Recent Best Sellers Now In Library

The Library has purchased a number of the recent "best sellers" to provide the students of Mars Hill college with interesting and diverting reading. The books are as follows:

Strictly Personal by W. Somerset Maugham, which relates the activities of one individual—the author—during the first fifteen months of the war; **Berlin Diary** by William L. Shirer, foreign correspondent, which brings us the first uncensored book about the present world war; **Watch On the Rhine** by Lillian Hellman, one of Broadway's current hits; **You Can't Do Business with Hitler** by Douglas Miller, which tells of what a Nazi victory would mean to every American; **The Keys of the Kingdom** by A. J. Cronin, America's best selling novel of the week and one that thousands of readers will never forget, especially because of the character, Father Francis Chisholm; **An Island Patchwork** by Eleanor Early, a charmingly illustrated book on Nantucket; **Practical Flying in War and Peace**, by Albert H. Munday, a practical up-to-the-minute volume on aeronautics.



ALUMNI NOTES

By Winfred Thompson

This job is a crisp sure 'nuff. All I have to do is just glean the pages for the doings and sayings of our alumni. Everybody knows that wherever our alumni go, they rate pages of glowing description and flowing terms, which descriptions of worthy deeds and flowing terms are promptly incorporated, credit conceded.

For instance there's Bruce Brown, Mars Hillian who transferred to Wake Forest (ever heard of it before?) and straightway made himself famous. During the past Legislative Assembly, Bruce was elected Speaker of the House and thereafter presided over that assembly for the week. When he was here Bruce was Philomathian Anniversary debater, commencement debater both years, B.T.U. director, and commencement president of the Philomathian Society. Then Mr. Huff taught him to make himself heard; so 'tis no wonder Wake likes him.

And Mars Hill helped to make an author too. Well maybe, old **Black and Gold** did break the story first, but any-
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Ex Libris Montague



By James S. Dendy

Berlin Diary

In modern education a great deal of emphasis is placed upon making people **aware** of the many things which are going on about them in the world. Perhaps never before have people in all parts of the world been so aware of happenings as they are today. This awareness has been brought about by the radio, the newspaper, and the lecture hall. But it is of the utmost importance, especially at this time when people **want** to be fooled and **want** to be propagandized, that our main sources of information be reliable and, inasmuch as is possible (for it can never be altogether), free from prejudice.

When one begins to read a book review from one of the better book publications, such as **The New York Times Book Review**, in which such adjectives as **superb**, **best of the year**, **incomparable**, **informative**, **thrilling**, and the like are used, he may take special notice. Present-day book reviewers are decidedly critical and are not given to the use of unnecessary adjectives. Therefore, when your reviewer
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Brazil Is Not Alone

We heard Brother Alle speak to us in chapel about our fine South American friends who devoted their time and their energies to the Father's work; but have we paused to observe those with whom we associate who have dedicated their lives with just as much zeal to His holy cause. There are those among the membership of the Ministerial Conference who are unselfishly ministering to the people in the vicinity of Mars Hill and those at a few quite distant points. Let us take notice of their activities.

At 10:30 each Sunday morning, Luther Copeland, one of our fine C-II students, journeyed to Linville Falls to take charge of the Sunday School and worship service of the Linville Falls Community Church. Linville Falls is 50 miles from Mars Hill, and Mr. Copeland would be hard-pressed for transportation if it were not for Mr. John Hodge, another consecrated student, who drives to Crossnore each Sunday morning to preach at the church, then goes on to White Pine Church to help in the Sunday School work of the afternoon. These churches are 53 miles apart.
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Chapel Gems

Mr. J. B. Hipps, a returned missionary from China, spoke in chapel on Monday, Nov. 11. He gave interesting information concerning the University of Shanghai, with which he has had responsible connections since its early years. He spoke of the fortitude of the Chinese students in the face of the present conflict.

The Volunteer Band was in charge of the program Tuesday, Nov. 9, with Luc Lawton, president, in charge and Carolyn Wilburn, Helen Flint and Bill Farrar taking part.

Warren Reddick and Frances Elam were present in an excellent musical program on Nov. 10.

A full harvest of thought was reaped from Mr. DeShazo's delightful talk last week on "Words." In leading up to his text he spoke on different interpretations of words.

On B.S.U. Day this week Ralph Rogers gave a unique testimonial and chalk talk.

In an old Mars Hill tradition the pilgrim procession, consisting of the B.S.U. Council and members of the G. C. Club, awakened the students with Thanksgiving "carols" early Thursday morning.

The council also took part in the chapel program, with the youngest pilgrims, Harry Brown and Spencer King, making us especially conscious of Thanksgiving.

As a special Thanksgiving treat the Marshall Men's Club gave several selections which were enjoyed very much.

Preview of chapel highlights for next two weeks:

Monday and Tuesday: John Lawrence, State Baptist Secretary.

Thursday: Mr. A. D. Childres, Pastor of the Baptist Church of Marshall, a returned missionary to China.