

Campus Boy Slapped Into Experience On Journey

by MARY HORTON

On Feb. 16 a Mars Hillian from Kannapolis became part of a difficult experience. Johnny Steen was enroute on the bus from Mars Hill to Rainville, Ohio, which is approximately 20 miles from Cleveland. Johnny was going to Lake Erie College.

In West Hamlin, Va., along rolling countryside comparable to that of Mars Hill, Johnny, the bus driver, an elderly man and a young soldier had their experience.

At about 1:30 a. m. all three passengers were asleep. The soldier was near the front of the bus on the right side and Johnny, tired from a few rough weeks at college, had reclined on the last seat in the bus. While the driver stopped at a cafe to buy coffee, two drunk, extremely nervous boys about 20 years of age entered the bus. Using a .38 caliber revolver, one of the boys got the drop on the soldier who immediately awoke. The other boy crouched in the aisle waiting for the driver. Meanwhile Johnny slept. The elderly man awoke, but did not realize the danger and went back to sleep. He did not notice the revolver at the back of the soldier's head or the other thief kneeling in

the aisle. Just before the driver arrived Johnny was awakened by a slap and a revolver pointing at his temple. In a stupor he did not quite realize the seriousness of the situation. The hood asked for Johnny's billfold. Johnny replied, "I don't have one. I'm just a poor college kid headed for Ohio." After a second backhand Johnny relinquished his billfold, its contents, and a \$120.00 watch, and an i.d. bracelet. Johnny requested his pictures and the thief returned them.

During the commotion the driver had returned, been robbed of his satchel and other possessions, and been forced to go a mile down the road. The two thugs then forced the driver to stop and they made a hasty exit after telling the driver to "keep going." He kept going but stopped at the nearest telephone. The state police came and retraced the activities of the driver and his passengers, including Mr. Steen. Johnny has not been compensated for his financial loss; however, procedures are being taken.

News of the event was published in West Virginia papers. It goes to prove that Mars Hill students make news wherever they go.

Art Exhibits ETS College

The Art Department is sponsoring an exhibition of work by six members of the art faculty at East Tennessee State College in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The exhibition, which will continue through March, opens in the Fine Arts Gallery on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 4, with a public reception from 2:00 to 5:00 in honor

of the artists, who will be present.

They are Dr. John C. Benz, professor and chairman of the department; Eugene Earl Macinnis, Gerald G. Edmundson, John M. Steele, and Margaret Hays, all assistant professors, and Associate Professor Ruth E. Harris.

In addition to their professional duties, the artists have had a wide variety of experience in such commercial fields as graphic design, ceramic work, book layout, lettering, and illustration, and fashion display.

Civil War Flame Flickers Again, Various Relics Relive Famed War

by HAROLD KEOWN

One hundred years ago our nation engaged itself in Civil War. Today, we Americans are bringing into focus this period of American history, in an attempt to distinguish its significance, its benefits, and its after-effects. In a sense, we are making a study of some of the basic principles of life which were portrayed upon the American stage . . . in a drama written by the American people . . . and entitled "The American Civil War." Actually there is much to be gained through a study of our past; for not only is it very interesting, but also educational.

The Civil War and its influence is widespread throughout America. From the sparkling lights, and the radiated mar-quees of a metropolitan area busy in its portrayal of life; to the hush and quiet of a small country village, there still remains the memory of the War Between the States. On our college campus one can still find the traces of the past, and the opinions of the present concerning the Civil War.

Mr. Crisp of the history department had this to say concerning the Civil War: "I believe that the Civil War strengthened our nation. It settled once and for all the issue of states rights and proved that our nation was a union of inseparable states. Although many people consider the issue of slavery as the cause of the war, yet I would have to consider states rights the major cause, and slavery a secondary cause." When asked his opinion on the Civil War Centennial, he replied, "I think it is good, as long as we observe it in the proper spirit." Another of the history teachers, Mr. Knisley, approached the issue on this basis: "The Civil War established the idea of any conflict between local and national powers as being in the hands of the national power. It most definitely proved that the local government has only as much power as given by the national government. As for its effects, I would say that the Civil War tended to kill the power

of the local government, and prove that no state is able to defy the national government." As for the value of the Civil War Centennial, Mr. Knisley had this to say, "I think that it is an excellent idea . . . you see it's a good way to sell a lot of history books."

Mr. Kendall of the Bible department considered the issue in a different perspective. It was his contention that, "All wars can be avoided if the two conflicting sides would try to understand each others position, and come to an agreement. I believe that there should be a conference of the conflicting sides; and that the consideration of both sides should not be WHO is right, but WHAT is right." Concerning the Civil War, Mr. Kendall had this to say, "Slavery is basically evil, and should have been eliminated but not through war."

Not only does an interest in the Civil War lie within the administration, but also within the student body. Tim Viar, a sophomore, has been interested in the Civil War since he was 12 years of age. "The Civil War," he claimed, "is my hobby." When asked the reason why, he retorted, "For the simple reason that four of my great grandfathers, and one of my great-great-grandfathers fought in that war." On the southern or northern side? "The southern, of course!" Tim possesses quite a collection of Civil War relics, which include a Confederate uniform which is 97 years old, a collection of bullets, shells, bonds, money, a 1860 issue of a Navy Colt .45, several muskets, and a captain's uniform coat. It was very easy to see that even though defeated, here was a southerner who was proud of his ancestor's and the Old South.

Edward Yancey is another Civil War enthusiast. It was his good fortune to discover, in the attic of a distant cousin's home, a collection of letters and Confederate money. With his permission we are reprinting some excerpts from his letters.

Bowling Green, Ky.
Jan 12, 1862

"We passed several handsome little villages during the day, among them were Greenville in Green County, and Morristown. We also crossed another burnt bridge across a creek a few miles this side of Greenville, but it had been rebuilt. We crossed the Holston River twice a few miles the other side of Knoxville, and I saw the gentleman who was guarding one of the bridges when the unionists attempted to burn it. He said that there were 18 of the scoundrels engaged in the act, and he whipped the whole crew. He killed one and wounded another badly and the rest fled, and he succeeded in saving the bridge. But poor fellow; he received several severe wounds and must have come near losing his life; his left hand was cut off at the wrist, and some of his right fingers were cut off, and he had a large scar on his right wrist and was shot in the thigh, and in one arm, and also in the back. I saw the gallows near Knoxville where some of the bridge burners were hung."

Camp Robinson near Abingdon, Va., Dec. 22, 1861:

"It clouded up last night, and this morning set in raining with a

keen wind from the N. East. I think it is too cold to rain much, and wouldn't be surprised when we get up in the morning to find a deep snow on the ground. I think this is fine country. I have seen some of the richest land up here I ever saw though it is very hilly. The people raise every thing to eat in abundance and I think they live an easy life for they don't seem to have any thing to do at this season of the year."

Yes, there was a war, a civil war; a battle fought within the boundaries of peace. Was it a step forward? Was there no other alternative except to fight, to kill and to destroy?

In the words of a mother whose son had died on the battlefield, we can faintly hear her voice as in a rasping whisper she says,

"He has fallen, he has fallen
The chivalrous and brave,
The young and ardent soldier
Is dreaming in his grave."

How To Pass In Style - Ha!

(ACP) — Gleaned from "our country's magazines for young women" are the six most frequently-appearing helpful hints for passing an exam successfully.

The Fournier News, Chestnut Hill College, warns: "If followed carefully, they will lead to a truly successful nervous breakdown." Here are the hints with the paper's comments:

1. "Get a good night's sleep." Now, you could not even begin to explain the absurdities contained in this cheerful suggestion. Its creator is completely out of contact with reality.

2. "Eat a hearty breakfast." A reasonable demand, you say to yourself — until you have concocted it. To make matters worse, if matters can get much worse, there is usually an enormous picture in living color of the aforementioned breakfast. Invariably it will contain several straggly-bundles of parsely, a soft-boiled egg, a blob of strawberry jam, a gallon of juice, and an ill-smelling, shapeless, multi colored object titled "Early Morning Surprise." Definitely the work of a sadist.

3. "Dress in something cheerful." (a) you cannot see clearly enough to know what you are putting on, (b) you do not own anything decent, let alone cheerful, (c) the very thought of "something cheerful" sickens you, (d) you know what your friends would do to you if you showed up in that exam room at 9 a. m. with something "cheerful" on.

4. "Bring freshly sharpened pencils." Apparently the mere sight of a pointy pencil tip will brighten your spirits and send rays of light to your gray matter. If you are not permitted to write in pencil, freshly sharpened pen points are highly recommended.

5. "Have confidence in yourself." Keep saying over and over "I will do fine." Just in case this ritual does not pull you through, you had better have, in addition to confidence, a one-way train ticket, a supply of notebook paper, several handkerchiefs, four peanut butter sandwiches, and a copy of "Catcher in the Rye."

6. "Relax." Ha, ha, ha, ha, etc. .

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