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## DUTY

Duty is a small word but it has a large and powerful meaning. There are different interpretations of duty, but all of the interpretations may be classified into three different but inseparable groups: Duty to God, Duty to one's fellowmen, and Duty to one's self. These three groups of duty are inseparable because they are interwoven. Life is what we make it. We can lag in our duties or we can put forth the effort that is required to do a good job. If we fail in any one of our obligations, we hurt the others.

Personal satisfaction is the reward for duties well performed. We should not have to be praised for each and every effort that we make. The completion of a job that is well done should spur us on to greater work. Life is too short not to do things to the best of our ability.

College life is what we make it. We can take an active and vigorous part or we can do as little as we can. In a growing college, many problems arise. These problems can be met only by people who are willing to give their full attention and cooperation. We must have leaders and these leaders must have faithful and cooperative workers.

Many of our leaders for the next school year have been elected. These students have a large job ahead of them. The Student Government officers, the Publications heads, and the Sophomore officers are going to need help from the students if they are to be successful. The responsibility that has been placed on the shoulders of our Student Government officers is great, but if each student shares a part of the responsibility, the load will be bearable. It is our duty to support them because we elected them to represent us.

The Student Publication heads for the next school year are qualified for the jobs that lie before them. They are going to need help and cooperation from the student body if they are to prepare and present publications that are to be representative of our great college.

At this time, we would like to suggest that each student carefully go over the student activities that are available at Charlotte College. When you have decided where your greatest interest lies, let the officers of the organizations know of your interest. We also suggest that you limit your participation in student activities to those in which you have the greatest interest because it is better to do a good job in a few organizations than to do a poor job in a number of organizations.

The rising Sophomore officers have expressed their plans for next year. They have a huge duty to perform because the sophomore class will be larger next year; they will need the earnest cooperation of each and every sophomore if the plans are to be fulfilled. We hope that the Student Government Constitution will be revised or amended to permit rising sophomores to vote for Sophomore Class officers next year.

Duty to one's self is important. If we fulfill our duty to ourselves we are also fulfilling our duty to our fellowmen and to our God. Let duty be well performed and the personal satisfaction that will be received will be exciting and stimulating. Duty requires cooperation. Cooperation is the foundation upon which all plans should be made. Each and every member of a committee or club must cooperate or a project will fall below the expected result. When an elected official assigns duties, he must be able to place full confidence in the person to whom he has assigned the duties.

College life is a proving ground for later years. If we take an active part in student activities, we can gain experience that will be of great benefit in later life. It is our duty to ourselves to gain as much as we can from college life. It is our duty to our fellow students to cooperate in the efforts to make college life progressive. It is our duty to God to be honest and faithful in all of our endeavors.

College life is short. If we approach all problems with vigor and sincerity, we will perform our duties well.

## What Has Happened To Religion

By Merle Taylor

Christendom slumbers. From time to time the leading clergymen of the western nations decry the present state of affairs in the realm of professed Christianity. There seems to be lacking the dynamism of the first and second centuries.

"There is an impression abroad that religion first and last is a comforting and comfortable affair. Twentieth Century Christianity has lost the stringent note. For most of us there is no cross in it, no abstinence, no subjugation of the flesh in the interests of the spirit. People are not made to feel when they look at the church and its program that Christianity is a creed for heroes or that to embrace it means 'living dangerously.' It is over anxious to placate and accommodate the state and the world at large . . . The man on the street has little reason to think that Christians are a company of people committed to the turning of the world upside down with a view to setting it right side up. But that was the general impression of Christians in the first century. It meant something then to be a Christian, and it cost something. No one from A.D. 30 to A.D. 313 thought of Christianity as a comfortable religion. It was a creed for heroes." (The *Christian Century* Feb. 27, 1952.)

Some have said communism is responsible for the religious decay. Some have said the people are.

(See RELIGION, p. 4, Col. 5)

## from the night owl



By Charles Couch

Instead of the usual ramble, I thought that, for a change, you might enjoy a few yarns, gathered from hither and yon, with a few by Bennett Cerf placed strategically along the way.

For the Politicians: That proverbially crusty politico, Harold Ickes, was stopped one day on his way to an important conference at the Pentagon by a silly old socialite who cooed, "If it isn't dear Mr. Ickes! And how do you find your self these brisk wintry mornings?" Dear Mr. Ickes, striving to break loose from her iron grip, barked, "I just throw back the covers, madam, and there I am!"

For debaters: There is a story about the time Stephen Douglas was a young man debating in the political campaigns in Illinois. There was always a lanky, raw-boned lad sitting up front, watching his every move, listening to him intently. Douglas finally asked him point-blank, "Why do you come to hear me debate so regularly?" "Because," answered the boy, "Some day I hope to be up there on the platform myself." "That's fine," Douglas enthused. "What is your name?" "Abe," the boy replied. "Abe what?" persisted Douglas. And the boy answered, "Abe Feldspar."

For Hillbillies: Clem Hatfield's general store in the Blue Ridge (See NIGHT OWL, p. 4, Col. 2)

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Sirs:

I am a freshman who will be a sophomore next year and I am very distressed over the manner in which Sophomore Class Officers are elected. When I went to the polls to get my ballot, I was told that I could only vote for Publications Officers. I did not get a very good reason why I could not vote for the people who will be representing me next year. I also found that many of my friends who are rising sophomores could not vote. It seems that the only students who have any voice in the choosing of Sophomore officers are the present sophomores who are graduating and will not be back next year. Something needs to be done about this situation! My friends and I want to vote for the people who are going to represent us.

Ralph Williams

Dear David:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time and interest to write your "Letter to the Editor" regarding clubs at Charlotte College, which appeared in our last issue.

Since I serve as Clubs Editor for *The Collegian*, I am among the first to come to the defense of our college organizations. True, some of our social fraternities and honor societies are composed of only the qualified. But it is not difficult to transform yourself into an eligible prospect if you so desire.

C. C. clubs have dignity. Members of the various organizations are not going to plead with those outside the clubs to join. The individual should make the first move by evidencing his interest, ability, and willingness. The college clubs welcome the person who wants to belong and will work with others in the group activities and toward common goals.

In regard to the organization to the C. C. clubs—in my opinion, they do exceptionally well considering schedules, working hours, and facilities. Membership in most of our college organizations is up to the individual; put your best foot

forward and let people know you are willing and able!

Good luck and best wishes.  
Gay Hinson

## CC Bulletin Board

Congratulations . . .

To GREGG HOPPING and DON BAXTER on being awarded scholarships by the Charlotte Sales Executives Club.

Felicitations . . .

To MISS ALICE SUE RUSSELL on the completion of her nurses training at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Congratulations . . .

To BILL WAGNER and MARY ANN SHUBERT on their recent engagement.

All Students . . .

Save May 25th for the Annual Spring Picnic to be held at Bryant Park.

Best Wishes . . .

To LEIGH WINSLOW and CHARLOTTE BIGGERSTAFF on their recent engagement.

## CLUB CHATTER

By Gay Hinson

Annual activities—selection of officers and new members, parties, and plans for the coming school year—are taking shape in the college clubs throughout OWL LAND. A reminder—don't forget to invite the press.

Last Monday night, members of the F.T.A. met with the city-wide F.T.A. Council in the Central High lounge. Nancy Fisher participated in a panel discussion on "Advantages and Disadvantages in Teaching." Nancy told of her work and experiences in the special education class at Bethune. Her inspiration and genuine enthusiasm for her work and for the teaching profession were felt by everyone present. Miss Elizabeth Kendrick of the National Education and North Carolina Education Associations presented the Charlotte College F.T.A. charter to president, Ann McRorie. Congratulations F.T.A.; your growth is the growth of American education.

Twenty-three Spanish Club members and guests enjoyed a hamburger supper with all the trimmings in Mrs. Hoyle's attractive back yard a few weekends back. George Jenkins and Henry Hardy played the respective roles of "Chief Cook" and "Bottle Opener" like professionals. The Spanish Club Playmakers dramatized what a mess the "Americano in Mejioco" can find himself in if he doesn't know Spanish. Here's a summary of the production: The hero—Fred, played by Charlie Furman—enters a train station in a small Mexican town. After an unsuccessful visit to his coffee plantation in Central America, he is ready to return to the States. Our friend has a slight handicap; he can speak but very little *español* (obviously, he didn't have Mrs. Hoyle as an instructor). His first difficulty is in purchasing a ticket to El Paso. Since he barely comprehends the Spanish language, Fred cannot be made to understand by the ticket agent, Vickie Eagle, that the Rio Grande has flooded making railroad transportation impossible. Fred makes such a fuss for a ticket that the poor agent, seeing it useless to argue, sells him a one way to El Paso to keep the *Americano* happy. As in most foreign stations peddlers of souvenirs approach the tourist with their wares. Fred is no exception, and he finds himself dealing with a series of these vendors. The first of these peddlers is a *serape* (Mexican stole) salesman, Taylor Hill, who is willing to sell Fred a *serape* for 15 pesos. When Fred hands him 20 pesos, he gives a long spiel in Spanish about not having change. Fred thinking he wants more money, refuses to buy the *serape*. The peddler shrugs his *serape* laden shoulders and exits. Believing that all Mexican peddlers are after the almighty peso, Fred refuses the wares of *canasta* (basket) vender, Johnny Craig, and *jarro* (jar) vender, Bettie King. Finally, a cute little Mexican gal, Nancy Fisher, selling *flores* (flowers) approaches him. Fred wishes to convey a compliment, but isn't sure about the Spanish word for pretty . . . only that it starts with a *g*. But so does *gorda* (meaning fat), and so our friend ends up calling the pretty Mexican girl a ten ton *senorita*. Nancy, highly insulted, rattles off some indignant Spanish and storms off with her unpurchased *flores*. Poor Fred scratches his head in puzzlement (by this time, his hair is getting

(See CHATTER, p. 4, Col. 1)