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NO DAMAGE FEE MEANS MONEY SAVED BY U. N. C.

New System of Making Students Pay
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able to University.

The abolishment of the annual damage fee of \$2.00 required of each student and the installation of the tenant-landlord system whereby each student is responsible for damage incurred in his room, is saving the University considerable expense this year. According to rough estimates of Mr. Birch, the loss from breakage of windows and furniture thus far is barely one-fourth of that of last year at the same date. The reason for this surprising change is perfectly apparent.

For a long time the students have been curious to know just in whose pockets the damage fee money ultimately rested. As far back as the time of President Swain, when that venerable gentleman was whisked around the campus on a new, high-stepping horse, the boys would knowingly wink and utter "Ah, damage fee money." However, statistics have proved that the total damage each year has been considerably greater than the damage fee money. Last year the total damages amounted to over \$3,000, several hundred more than the money obtained by the individual \$2.00 fee.

It is human nature to get all possible benefit from a purchased article. Heretofore the students have been obliged to buy \$2.00 worth of damage; hence they considered they were entitled to the privilege of breaking \$2.00 worth of University property. They had no conscience pricks about it; it was purely a matter of business. However, many boys outstepped their bounds and broke more than their allotted \$2.00 share, thus causing the yearly loss. Also when some careless student heaved a ball, brick, or whatnot through a dormitory window in the presence of others, no one took it upon himself to report the culprit, for they considered the action an inalienable right.

Under the new system, the student's attitude has changed. For now, each individual student is directly responsible for all damage occurring in his room, which he must pay for or take the consequences. Also he is held guilty regardless of whether he committed the damage or not, unless he can satisfactorily prove that another individual was responsible.

Thus under the new arrangement, the students have been more considerate of the University property, realizing that broken windows and furniture means a depletion of their own personal funds. Again either their sense of honor or more likely their love of the "filthy lucre" has made them readier to report those guilty of damaging property in their own room. If the present low rate of damage is kept up the University as well as the student body will prevent needless waste the current year.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE HOME TOWN

(F. Eastman in Sanford (Fla.)
Herald.)

1. Thou shalt love thy home town above all other towns. Thou shalt be loyal to her people and to her institutions.

2. Thou shalt guard thy home town from the hosts of evil that would invade and destroy her soul. Thou shalt keep the good name of thy home town clean and without stain or blemish.

3. Thou shalt elect as thy public servants in political office men of strong character, eager to conserve the best interests of thy people. And when thou hast elected such men thou shalt stand to support and encourage them, for their temptations are many and their burdens are not light.

4. Thou shalt exalt thy public school and honor it all the days of thy life with the best of teachers, building and equipment, for the school is the cradle of the future. Thy children are here and they shall be the children of tomorrow. No training is too good for them and no preparation superfluous.

5. Thou shalt defend the health of thy home town from the death that lurks in marshes, swamps and heaps of filth. Thou shalt exterminate the fly and mosquito, for they carry typhoid and malaria. The tubercle bacillus shalt thou drive before thee with the sun and fresh air as thy allies.

6. Thou shalt build good roads and keep them good. For by her roads is a town known for good or ill. Eternal watchfulness shall be thy motto, that thy roads may not ravel nor thy supervisor forget thee.

7. Thou shalt keep thy home town beautiful. The hills, the trees, the waters that Nature has given her thou shalt preserve in sacred trust. No hovel shalt thou permit to disfigure them. Thou shalt keep thy homes and door yards clean and cheerful. Thy waters shalt thou purify that they may bring thee life and strength. The future of thy town shalt thou plan with care and diligence that thy growth be not haphazard, but full of thought and loving care, as the plans of a mother for the growth of her child.

8. Thou shalt honor thy community institutions. Thou shalt work together with thy neighbors with all thy heart and strength and mind. Thou shalt work together in thy organizations and clubs for the common welfare. Thy leaders shalt thou learn to obey. Thou shalt serve on committees where thou art put and not intrude on committees where thou art not put. Thus thou shalt know each other better, thy work shall prosper, and thy friendships shall multiply.

9. Thou shalt be a good neighbor to all who live in thy home town, whether they be rich or poor. Thou shalt speak ill of none and good of many. Thou shalt be a friend to strangers and visit the sick in their affliction.

10. Thou shalt go to church for the honor of thy home town and for thine own good. Thou shalt not consider thyself too wise, too busy, too bad nor too good, to spend an hour or two on Sunday with thy neighbors in the worship of God. Thou shalt not send thy children to church. Thou shalt bring them there. Thou shalt offer thyself to thy spiritual leader for the service of God and thy community. So shall ye win many battles together.

striking luminous discharge of electricity seen over the crest of the Andes in Chile, in a region where ordinarily thunderstorms are almost unknown. The mountains appear to act as gigantic lightning rods, between which and the clouds silent discharges take place on a vast scale. Because more frequently seen in the Andes than elsewhere the term "Andean lightning" has been adopted.

However, the same phenomenon has been observed in the Swiss Alps and the mountains of North Carolina. Detailed accounts of its appearance in the region of Brown mountain (17 miles from Blowing Rock) in the summers of 1917 and 1918 were given. According to Dr. Walter Knoche, for a number of years director of the weather service, Chile, these great silent brush discharges of electricity extend from the crest of the Cordilleras far out to sea. They almost always appear in a clear sky upon the approach of nightfall. As regards seasons, the phenomenon begins in the fall. The frequency of discharge, says Dr. Knoche, seems in general to decrease with increase in distance from the equator.

In the discussion the occurrence of such mountain brush discharge in the White mountains was mentioned.

Mixed Him.
Smithsonian investigators report finding the skeleton of a mastodon in Arizona, but unfortunately the mastodon himself was not at home at the time of the discovery.—Boston Transcript

AT THE PICKWICK

The attraction at the Pickwick next Saturday, the 12th, will be Anita Stewart in a First National production, "Sowing the Wind." The ever-increasing popularity of Miss Stewart and the assurance that this is one of the best starring vehicles provided for her would indicate that the audience will be due for a full measure of diversified entertainment. In "Sowing the Wind" an unusual story is unfolded—it concerns an innocent convent girl who goes out into the bleak world only to discover that her mother is the keeper of a notorious gambling house. Her struggles to get away from the possibility of emulating her mother, her subsequent meeting with the man she loves and finally the locating of her father combine to make a story of unusual thrills. A cast of particular importance supports the star. Ralph Lewis, Jimmie Morrison, Myrtle Stedman and William V. Mong stand out prominently in their characterizations.

William De Mille's production of Edward Knoblock's beautiful story, "The Lost Romance," featuring Conrad Nagel, Lois Wilson and Jack Holt, will be presented at the "Pick" on Monday evening.

The story deals with two men, who fall in love with the same girl. The romance unfolds at the home of Aunt Betty, who has been disappointed in love in her younger days. The girl refuses one of the young men, an explorer, and accepts the other, a physician. After five years, the girl fails to find in her life with her husband, the romance she had hoped for. The explorer returns, the girl turns to him and the two openly declare their love. Then the child of the wedded pair disappears and in her anxiety, the mother forgets her new love and with the return of her boy she awakens to the realization of what true love-romance is.

Both Mr. De Mille and Jack Holt were born in the South. Jack Holt attended the Virginia Military Institute for several years before entering upon his life work. William De Mille is the producer of such popular Paramount pictures as "The Prince Chap," "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," "Midsummer Madness," "What Every Woman Knows," and "The Tree of Knowledge."

The Monday night program will also include a mirth-provoking comedy, "All Aboard."

On Tuesday evening "Strictly Confidential," an excellent picture with clever character portrayals, will be shown on the screen of the "Pick."

BROWN MOUNTAIN MYSTERY LIGHT IS NOW EXPLAINED

The mysterious light on Brown mountain in Burke county, which has puzzled scientists for several years leading to many and varied theories as to its origin, is a mystery no longer, if the explanation of the American Meteorological Society bulletin has the correct solution.

"Andean lightning" is the name of this phenomenon, according to Herbert Lyman, writing in the bulletin. "Andean lightning," says the report, is the name given to a very

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THE QUIETEST SPOT IN ALL NORTH CAROLINA

Portsmouth is across an inlet from Ocracoke and is alongside that inlet, which is now narrow and shallow but which long ago was much used, when Ocracoke was a "port of entry." The beach reaches all the way to Cape Lookout, without a break in the 50 miles. At low water it is a mile wide but ends suddenly in the village, which is set on a green turf which gives it an entrancing aspect. There are no trees of any size, for the salt tides kill all except the hardiest. So live-oaks, yeupon, silver poplars and wide-topped cedars cluster around the houses of the perhaps 150 people. There is only one colored family, of four persons; the only negroes in the whole 50 miles length of the island.

The Coast Guard station, all white and green, set in its green and close-clipped grass, is the center of life next coming the Methodist church and the village store. Domesticated wild geese, used as lures to call from their sky-flights the really wild ones to the hunter's guns, are on all sides. Their honking is heard in the water slues and the grass stretches, and with them are cows which give the thinnest milk in the world and whose udders make one think of a punctured tire, these being "scrubs." There are sheep, also and lots of chickens and the wild ponies popularly called "bankers," are all about. There is on the island only one dog, "Poodle," a nondescript; his owner being W. T. Gilgo, and there never has been an automobile. There is one bicycle. Not a hog is in the territory. You can't fancy, even in your dreams, so quiet a place. To the dweller on a city street on which there is heavy traffic it would be heaven. Its residents love it with an affection no words can express.

EXPERT SEES AIRPLANES CROSS OCEAN REGULARLY

Henry Farman, builder of the Farman planes and one of the foremost aeronautic experts of Europe, replying to a question in the French sporting daily Auto on the subject of future of trans-Atlantic aviation, said: "We may be able to cross the Atlantic regularly within three or three and one-half years. Planes are now being built in which every advanced safety device is included, and which will carry more than sufficient fuel for a trans-ocean flight. "As for commercial aviation, between Paris and New York, for example, it is more difficult to predict. I doubt if we shall see its development before 10 or 15 years. In the dirigible old transportation companies are faced by too great expense to hope for the early adoption of dirigibles for practical purposes."

Forget Conferring a Favor.
He who confers a favor should at once forget it if he is not to show a sordid, ungenerous spirit. To remind a man of a kindness conferred on him and to talk of it is little different from reproach.—Demosthenes.

Still, It Might Be Worth Trying.
If men were as perfect as their wives expect them to be, their wives would all die of ennui.—Boston Transcript.

Avoid Him.
Our idea of a cynic is a man with a frown who loves to make others feel as mean as he does.—Boston Transcript.

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