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PARAGRAPHS

Who is it that hasn't slipped down yet?

The Vicar of Leeds says "the word 'pet' does not exist in England. And 'necking' doesn't either. The things don't happen over here. I'm sure they don't." We suppose they put it on love in England. A lot of it in this country is called love.

We understand that the difference between necking and petting is that necking is a waste of oil, gasoline, and parking space, and petting is the wear and tear on parlor furniture.

The Greensboro Daily News says: "The co-ed is a safer automobile driver than the college boy, say insurance companies, who, however, neglect to tell how much less safe she is after the car is stopped." Hot doggie!

An ad in the Carolinian says two Zeta Psi fraternity pins belonging to a Carolina student were lost at N. C. C. W. The two Shebas will have fun in checking up on the local sheik.

The chairman of the National Christian Students' Conference, which was recently held at Milwaukee, Wis., said she saw nothing improper or immoral in a girl smoking. Further she said: "There are times when a cigarette satisfies just as much as an ice-cream soda. It doesn't make any difference, it seems to me, whether a girl finds refreshment in a smoke or a soda glass." About petting she said: "I believe the urge to pet is just as strong in women as it is in men. But I think it is an impulse which should be restrained." The "intellectuals" of the

classrooms are not reading the Bible, but prefer Mencken, she explained.

MAKING US A SECOND-RATER

Governor A. W. McLean's budget, submitted to the general assembly Friday, carries an appropriation of \$1,220,000 for the permanent improvement of the University and its plant. Comparatively speaking, the sum is fair and just. The badly needed library, the reconstruction of a new wing on Peabody hall, a new dormitory, furniture and fixtures for the above building and improvement of grounds and permanent equipment are the things listed for which the appropriations for the coming biennium are to be used.

That the new library building leads the other projects signifies that its importance is realized. It is agreed by the University authorities that the new library is the greatest single physical need of the institution today. However, a proviso in the appropriation bill stipulates that not over \$500,000 may be used for the construction of the library building. It will be recalled that the budgetary-request of the University when the Governor's budget was being prepared last fall asked for \$861,700 with which to build the new library, which must be of such size and capacity that will augment the growth of Carolina and be of real serviceable size to keep with the increasing number of students. Without doubt the library of any school is the center of its scholastic activities.

Consider the cost of new libraries of other institutions in the class which the University falls. Iowa recently put \$700,000 in a new library; Illinois spent \$1,250,000 for a library and equipment; Dartmouth is spending \$1,170,000 on their new library; Washington university is building a library at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000; while Yale is putting \$5,000,000 into the new Sterling library.

To limit the cost of a building of the permanence and importance of a library to half a million dollars leads us to question if it is the beginning of a program to limit the growth of the University. The present inadequate library building, known as the Carnegie library, was erected in 1906-07 at a cost of \$55,000. Taking into consideration that a 1907 dollar is today valued in buying power at about two dollars by economists, one may say that the present library cost slightly more than one-fifth the stipulated limit that the new library will cost. Further, it must be remembered that the building of 1907 was constructed to provide facilities for several hundred students and three of four schools. Today the library must serve a 2,500 student body of the University's one college and eleven schools. Moreover, it is but a matter of time until the student body will approximate twice its present size.

The stipulation of the biennial appropriations for the permanent improvements of the University limiting the new library to a half million dollars cost carries with it the feeling that the institution is being groomed for relegation to the second-rate class.

READING TODAY

Mr. Potter will read from "Tales of the Mermaid Tavern" today at 4:30 p. m. in Murphey 215.

England's control of rubber and tin is said to be slipping. Judging by the accident lists in the Monday papers, America's control of these commodities slips every week-end.—Arkansas Gazette.

Before a candidate can throw his hat into the ring nowadays he has to pass it.—Virginian-Pilot.

OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

In reply to the letter of 'P. D. Q.' concerning the omission of senior write-ups from the Yackety-Yack, we desire to say in the first place that Mr. P. D. Q. has no logical argument to offer, unless he has reserved it for another letter. In the first instance, he argues that "vain flattery" should be left out. If that be true, we are sure that he will not hesitate to omit the insertion of his own picture. Furthermore, and admitted for the sake of argument that write-ups do, in general, carry some flattery, we wish to ask whether the Yackety-Yack for 1927 is to be a year book of University life that the student body will treasure through the years, or a treatise on logic and sound reasoning.

An unexpressed but seemingly underlying reason of Mr. P. D. Q. seems to be that he fears that such foolish write-ups as appear in the Yackety-Yack from year to year would throw his brain child open to severe criticism. Throughout the years the Yackety-Yack has been freer from criticism than any other University publication and treasured by University Alumni as symbolic of University life as they knew it. It has found a treasured place in the libraries of all University men.

To us it seems that Mr. P. D. Q. must be the personification of autocracy.—A Bismarck, a Trotsky, or a Mussolini,—a concentration of power ungranted by the student body which elected him and to which he is responsible. This matter was brought up before the Senior class in a regular class meeting and discussed pro and con. With little argument produced on the con side. A vote showed that the Senior Class was heartily in favor of retaining the write-up. To us this vote seems ample justification for keeping the write-up.

He has the personal right to judge the write-ups as foolish but no right to judge for the group. He can judge as one of the group, but cannot execute his judgment without the consent of the group.

We ask, what good is to result from the change? The main proponent for the change as presented at the Senior Class meeting stated that the change would allow four pictures to be placed on a page, thus giving more money which the arts staff claims to need for carrying out its plans. We resent strenuously the crowding of four pictures on a page, which would mean a mere cataloguing of familiar faces. We care not what kind of write-up the drug store cowboy, the campus shiek, the intelligentsia, the literati get, for we know them all, and if their write-ups

are "mere bunk" we know that too. Each senior is responsible for the write-up which appears under his name, and if he can submit to vain flattery, why should we object?

We have not been promised a better publication if the change is made nor will the price cost be less. We have all to lose and nothing to gain, but the damage would mean more money in somebody's pockets.

We hope the following questions will lead to further discussion.

1. Why was not this matter taken up before picture and space fees were paid?

2. Why was this determination to make the change not made known in the Senior Class meeting, rather than through the TAR HEEL?

R. B. TALLEY, '27
DAVID B. TAYLOR, '27
R. F. AUTRY, '27

Actors' Tryouts Tonight

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of Mesdames Paul Green, Dan Grant, George Howell, and professors Howard Mumford Jones, G. C. Taylor, R. B. House, and Rev. A. C. Laurence.

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Miss Rockwell in Chicago

Ethel Theodora Rockwell, of the University Extension Division Bureau of Community Drama, spent a part of the Christmas holidays in Chicago. There she delivered one of the principal addresses before the drama section of the National Association of Teachers of Speech. Her subject was "Harlequining in North Carolina," in this she discussed the work of the University in encouraging community drama throughout the state.

Miss Rockwell spent three days in Madison, Wisconsin, visiting friends. She says that she was probably the first Chapel Hill-ite to meet Vincent Howell Snell, the new son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Snell, the former of whom was head of the University of North Carolina's extension division last year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

4:00 p. m.—Playmaker Tryouts, Playmaker Theatre.
5:00 p. m.—Varsity track meeting, 112 Saunders.
6:00 p. m.—Methodist Church Chicken Pie Dinner.
7:30 p. m.—Playmaker Tryouts, Playmaker Theatre.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
8:30 p. m.—Varsity Basketball, Carolina vs. Hampden-Sidney, Tin Can.

Track Meeting to Show Plans

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Would that we all could get a bite of that apple if it would inspire us too with the "I wonder why" attitude!

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