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## PARAGRAPHS

One newspaper clause we hate to see: "but they lacked the necessary punch."

Judging from the number of men nominated for the four offices in the frosh class, the new men must abound with optimism.

The favorite tri-weekly contained an article last week declaring that it would be as easy to "break-in" the Harvard Lampoon as it would the Carolina Magazine. Surely so, what do they think our literary organ is, anyway?

Mayor Thompson wants an All-American history text written to be used in the Chicago public schools and \$10,000 is offered for best one. Looks like a good chance for some all-American history prof.

New England has its flood with all attending woes, but New York now is having its bickering and recriminations between Al Smith and Teddy Roosevelt. Which is the worse?

One good thing about these semi-annual meetings of the collegiate journalists, we conclude after reading a number of exchanges, is that it gives the editorial writers something to write about for about two weeks.

Gomez, one of the three original Mexican presidential candidates, is executed as was Serrano, leaving only the administrative candidate on the field unopposed. Service for electing the favorite candidate, we call it.

## A GOOD CHOICE.

The announcement was made some several days ago that the University Y. M. C. A. would be host to about five or six hundred boys at an older boys conference here during the Christmas holidays.

In the past these meetings, held annually under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, have been in districts and met in several places over the state. Aside from the obvious advantages of having the young men meet at one place and at one time, it is seen that the plan offers a splendid opportunity for attending delegates to become acquainted with the environment of an institution of higher learning and with their state university.

These gatherings of young men are held every year for the purpose of inspiring and instructing. With the rich tradition of service and the records of its sons the University is a fitting place to come for inspiration. There is a bearing about the environs that is conducive to higher thoughts and inspires greater deeds. Moreover, it is well for the young men, who will enter some college or university within a year or so, to come into personal contact with that which will confront them in the future. Then there is the opportunity to know the University, which is as much theirs as it is ours because it is a state institution.

The University will welcome the

delegates to the older boys conference with the keen feeling that it offers both a chance to become acquainted.

## OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

It is an old and equitable saying that "no institution is safe without criticism." The Dialectic Senate hasn't proved the contrary of this statement, as will be observed by a look at the associate editor's article in Saturday's Tar Heel.

The sub-editor's contention that Senators cannot be initiated is well taken, and being substantiated by the rules of the Senate, it will be corrected. As to the other sarcastic contentions of this article they are unjustified and absurd. For instance, the Senate's condemnation of the mayor's policy of stopping "bumming" which was so harshly attacked in the said article, would undoubtedly be upheld by the whole student body—thus vindicating the Senate.

In considering the value of Mr. Carroll's lengthy criticism of the Senate, it might be well to remember that only last year the author was dishonorably "ousted" from the Senate that he now criticizes.

A literary product of "sour grapes," I call it.

PUBLIUS.

EDITORS NOTE:

Pублиus has misconstrued facts. The associate editor tendered a forthright resignation from the Dialectic Senate before the senators voted unconstitutionally to "discharge" him.

## OUT OF THE WAY BUMMERS!

Editor of TAR HEEL:

If the students who are "bumming" to Durham would congregate a little nearer to the edge of town, it would be much more of a pleasure to pick them up. As it is now, a citizen can hardly go about his business in the center of town without being besieged. This particular citizen objects not so much to the custom of bumming as to the abuses of it. Others object to the custom in its entirety.

FRIENDLY FACULTY MEMBER

## CLIPPED

### CAN WAIT A NEW GENERATION TO DOLL UP WITH CULTURE

Dr. Edgar Knight of the University, the educator who hates his tools, is loose again, this time in Charlotte, in denunciation of North Carolinians as a race of non-readers. He indulges in his usual biting phrase and cliché. "North Carolinians are not yet willing to walk a mile for a book," and "when they are willing to walk a mile they will not have to do so, because the book will be brought to them." He goes on to say that we have never had an adequate educational system and that, for nearly half of our school population, "we are now a State of fourth-graders and for the State as a whole we are little better than fifth graders." There follow the usual Knight comparisons of the abysmal ignorance and lack of culture of North Carolinians, as compared with more favored citizens of The Middle West and Pacific Coast States, to say nothing of such culture as it to be found in the East.

Two things are suggested by these diatribes: What to read? And the relative value of reading and doing something else.

These columns are lighted by no Literary Lantern, but they have sported for some time horn-rimmed bi-focals that might have been staved off by less reading of a mass of stuff from which there remains but here and there a grain of garnered wheat. From casual dippings and investigations, we take it as no disaster that North Carolinians are not too liberally patronizing bookstores, or even magazines. Such reading as is being done along "Confession" lines is not, on the other hand, so evil as is assumed; the whole of it is more or less like the fizz-stuff of the soda fountain—a time killer of which the only aftermath is a relieving eructation.

Let North Carolinians work on for another generation; let them lay by more of worldly goods; let them develop their practical genius, and Doctor Knight will see in his old age all the culture he can digest. It really is questionable in our mind whether it is better for a poor man to read a book or live one. Certainly, he wastes time if he tries to write one.—The Raleigh Times.

## A THINKER LOOKS AT POLITICIANS

It is doubtful if as important a speech has been delivered in this country in the last few years as that of Nicholas Murray Butler before the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Col-

umbia University this week on "The Lost Art of Thinking." It is a fit companion for that other notable discussion of the shortcomings of democracy by the same speaker at the University of Virginia in the spring. Both are clear, strong calls to intelligent political action, unhappily almost lost in the confusion of many tongues babbling inanities and stupidities; a statesman's statement standing out in striking contrast with the meaningless jabberings of politicians who, holding the jobs of statesmanship, lack either the courage or capacity to rise to their opportunity or responsibility.

If but 50 per cent of our people were enough interested in government to go to the polls in our last national election, may it not be due in large measure to the fact that leadership is grasped by men of babbling tongues rather than by those of functioning brains? It was not always so in America. It has never been so much so as today. And it is due to one of two reasons—the inability of the leaders to think, or to a moral cowardice which persuades them to conceal their thoughts.

Thus, we have issues of tremendous import which, put to the fore, would shake the dry bones of citizenship into life, that are being cannily ignored by the very men who aspire to the responsible leadership of the American people.

Men are seeking the Presidential nomination—as leaders if you please—who, on these vital issues, positively refuse to lead or to even think aloud. This means an utter lack of essential qualities; for if they have no ideas or plans they are not fit, and if they have ideas they dare not utter they are unfit. They lack either mental capacity or the moral qualities for which the mass of the people are waiting—and thus far in vain.

Dr. Butler describes the scene perfectly when he says of these candidates that they "seek to creep up to the Presidential office under the cover of glittering generalities and personal friendships." But, he asks:

"What of the public interest? What of the profound and far-reaching problems that face the American people? Who is discussing them? Are we not entitled to ask what may be the attitude and purpose of these individuals \* \* \* toward the constitutional, social, and moral problems raised by the Eighteenth Amendment and the legislation built upon it?"

"Or toward the world-wide problem of the agriculturist in a world of shifting economic emphasis in which he is surrounded by a huge industrial system which dominates the commercial and financial activities of the twentieth century?"

"Or toward the question, whose answer brooks no delay, as to international co-operation to establish, protect and preserve international peace?"

These are not only vital questions—they are THE vital questions, and on these, aspirants for the Presidency are as silent as the sphinx. Is it because they are not interested? Then they are unfit. Because they have no ideas? Then they are incompetent. Because they are too cowardly? Then let them stand aside for men of courage.

Little wonder that 50 per cent of the people are too cynical or indifferent to vote when the issues that vitally concern millions, the success of our institutions and the good of society, are utterly ignored by the very men who aspire to the leadership of the Nation.

Let these candidates remove their mufflers and their rubber heels, and, like statesmen of the days when statesmen were leaders and thinkers, speak out and tell us where they stand—

On the Eighteenth Amendment.  
On the Farm problem.  
Or international co-operation for peace.

Then will the Presidential campaign mean a real debate to which the public interest will respond.

We commend Dr. Butler's "Lost Art of Thinking" to both Presidential candidates and the people.—New York Evening World.

## FOOTBALL ALTRUIST (From the New York World)

Mr. Knute Rockne, in regard to the recent proposal heard at Yale that coaches work for nothing, declares himself in favor of it. Moreover, he offers himself as a candidate to try out this noble system. He will work for nothing, he says, as soon as colleges cease charging admissions at the gate.

So that's that. We do not expect to hear any more about this proposal.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Willis of Raleigh, visited Miss Edith Averitt Sunday. Mrs. Willis will be remembered here as Beatrice Averitt, who graduated here in Pharmacy in 1922. She had the state board.

## Random Thrusts

By



### What Is A Dedication?

The first game in the new Stadium comes Saturday—but the dedicatory rites are not to be held until Thanksgiving. However, when Thanksgiving Day comes and the "powers-that-be" are ready for their dedicatory services, Kenan Memorial Stadium will already have been consecrated to the glories of football. For the Carolina-Davidson game—whether it bring victory or defeat to the Tar Heels—will be a worthy struggle that will inevitably dedicate the new field if it is played thereon. Why not have the ceremonial dedication on November 12 along with the actual, or else play the Davidson game on Emerson Field and so save the spirit of dedication as well as the actual rites until Thanksgiving?

### Debaters de Luxe

The British debaters who are to appear here sometime this year are highly versatile men. One is a football and swimming star; one is editor of a college magazine; and one is so influential in political circles that he was kidnapped during a strenuous campaign.—The politician might well find his counterpart at Carolina, but what of the others?

### What Price Peace?

Freshman class elections are to be held Friday, November 11. \*\*\*&\*\*\*—And we thought that November 11 was Armistice Day!

### Eggs

At the Playmaker performance Saturday night we overheard some campus cynic declare that the best performance of the evening was given by the two scrambled eggs in "Fixin's."

### And Bacon

Now personally, we wouldn't think of saying such a thing because we felt sure that the most realistic and natural bit of acting was done by the bacon as it fried in the pan and sent its strong aroma out over the audience.

### And Tragedy

Previous to Saturday night we always thought that "Fixin's" was a tragedy—not a comedy!

### What Saved the Night

The saving grace of the three plays were the delightful back porch scenes between Helen Dorch as "Annie Lee" and Howard Bailey as "Lem"—and the character of "Mr. Jim," the landlord in "Fixin's," as it was played by Hubert Heffner. Heaven be praised for those three!

### Always Room for Improvement

How strange it seems to walk on real sidewalks in Chapel Hill! The old familiar mudhole in front of Sutton and Alderman's and the University Cafeteria has at last given way to modern progress—and paving, just as did the mud on Cameron Avenue. Well, every little bit helps, and maybe some day even in the Chapel Hill weather will be improved!

### A Change for the Better

Along with these other improvements we understand that progress is being made in the installation of the new telephone system, the "dial system" already in use in most cities. We trust that this dial system will at least be an improvement over our present "trial system!"

### How Tactless!

Since Bliss Carman has come and gone we now have our own private opinion of poets. But why, we ask, did Prof. Koch say to Bliss Carman: "Do all poets have to be freaks?"

### Meaning of Initials

V. M. I. may indeed stand for Virginia Military Institute, but last Saturday there was a goodly number of Carolina men who bemoaned the fact that those initials apparently stood for "Victorious Military Institute." And how about Davidson this next week-end? Wouldn't it be an excellent and—judging from past experiences of the season—an original idea to let D. C. mean "Defeated by Carolina?" We Ask You!

### Applications Now in Order

And now we hear that the Med School "zoo" has been well equipped with steam and electric lights, installed for the comfort of the guests. Since there is such a shortage of rooms in the dormitories, the surplus students may be adequately cared for in the new and spacious cages in the basement of Caldwell Hall! There are only a few rooms still vacant and these will be given to the first appli-

AMPLE FACILITIES FOR CLEANING ATHLETES IN NEW FIELD HOUSE  
Thus spoke the Tar Heel—so now we can be assured of the fact that Carolina will ever be famed for her clean athletics!

Miss Whitney Hoff spent the week-end at her home in Erwin.  
Misses Mary Lee Gray and Sara Sentman visited their families in Statesville over the week-end.  
Miss Sue Roughton has returned from a short trip to Winston-Salem and Burlington.

Miss Rose Davis visited Miss Maude Lee in Leaksville this week-end.

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