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## PARAGRAPHS

The hope here is that Carolina settles the question of the state cage championship favorably tonight.

They say the contest will be a test between teamwork and individual stars. Which reminds that teamwork is largely responsible for Carolina's basketball fame.

After his Richmond speech, we begin to wonder if Bill McAdoo isn't under the impression that he is being retained by the Anti-Smith group.

"Tries Suicide for Freedom from Temptation of Cities," headlines a daily. Which, if successful, must have powerful curative qualities.

Thursday was groundhog day. We wonder if there isn't a groundhog haunting Graham Memorial building.

"Man Couldn't Get Doctor, So Calls Fire Department," reads another headline. Seems that that is as good way as any to put 'em out of pain.

The favorite tri-weekly reports that Taylor Bledsoe, campus politician extraordinaire, is going to the majors. Which goes to show that all is not in vain.

The Chapel Hill Weekly avers McAdoo is playing the role of a marplot. Now wasn't that Gov. McLean's favorite word in defending the budget?

## WE SUBMIT, DURHAM MORNING HERALD

It is conventional for newspapers to publish rationalizing alibis along with corrections when mistakes and errors are called to their attention. The TAR HEEL itself, though it aspires to greater heights, finds that from time to time errors and misstatements creep in. Then, again, the worthy journal may serve to embarrass sheer misunderstanding.

It is on this account that the Durham Morning Herald, neighboring city daily, editorializes to correct what the editor fears may have been a misunderstanding. Says the Herald:

"Got Us Wrong"

"The Tar Heel, the splendid paper published by the students of the University of North Carolina, remarks that it gains the idea from some editorial remarks appearing recently in The Herald that we wish for Major Stedman, representative in congress, many happy returns of his birthday anniversary and an early retirement from Congress.

"We do not wish for his retirement, but would like for the district to get the most benefit out of his service. He is more capable of rendering service by reason of his popularity than almost any other in the district; but he needs more office help, someone familiar with the district and its

needs to relieve him of the many details of office routine and thereby conserve his strength and give him more time for the bigger things that congressmen have to deal with.

"We hope that Major Stedman will remain in Congress as long as he lives and we hope he will live a long time. But we also hope that he will arrange to have a district resident in charge of his office. An example of what we mean is found in Senator Simmon's office. The Senator is a busy man, as every one knows. It would be impossible for him to attend to the many smaller problems coming to his office from this state. Frank Hampton does that for him. If the Senator left his office in charge of a non-resident of the state, one unfamiliar with the people and the conditions down here, it can be readily seen that his office could not serve his constituency as efficiently as it does.

"Major Stedman by reason of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow congressmen can and does render valuable service for his district. That high standing could be more serviceable, however, if he would get office assistance familiar with his district to relieve him of the routine clerical details."

Far be it from the TAR HEEL to intentionally misconstrue and embarrass the Herald. We respectfully submit an apology as the least that might be done to meet an occasion with grace and honesty.

However, the TAR HEEL cannot subscribe to the hopes expressed in the Herald's editorial. When one's age and attending infirmities come to impair the proper functions entailed in performing the duties of the job one is hired to do, it raises the question—

if boldness, and not discourtesy, permits—as to whether selfishness is not the primary motive behind the desire to continue to hold office purely and simply by precedent and overworked popularity. It is accepted that North Carolina today is represented in the national congress by a delegation, around whom senility creeps and clings, and who haunt the offices of specialist and physicians with increasing persistence. The attitude of the delegation of North Carolina, whom braggarts boast of being the most progressive state in the union, is known before a question of major importance reaches a vote.

JUST ANOTHER COMPLIMENT TO YOU, MR. WEAVER

In the last issue of the TAR HEEL an account of the action taken by authorities of a woman's college before the Carolina glee club was booked to sing at that institution serves as another reminder that Carolina has a first-class glee club which believes that singing, and not clowning, is the true purpose of such an organization.

Those of us who are conversant with the activities and the program of the glee club might be tempted to display a quizzical grin when the southern institution's authorities inquired if there were any objectionable features on the program of Carolina's chorus. It goes without necessity of mention that the authorities in question were later frankly profuse in their praises and were amused at their misgivings of "objectionable features." But such objectionable features are sometimes present in college glee clubs' programs, it was pointed out when the inquiry was directed to a Chapel Hillian.

The time was when a quartet, a soloist, perhaps a choir, of banjo-violin-mandolin trio and the acrobats of the institution were the chief constituents of college glee clubs which rendered a hybrid program of music and vaudeville acts. Glee clubs that still cling to this type of program find themselves often slipping towards the vulgar and objectionable. Hence the action of President McCain of Agnes Scott before the Carolina glee club would be booked.

However, since the coming of Paul John Weaver and under his personal supervision the University of North Carolina glee club has put aside the mandolin, clog-dancers and other semi-clowning acts. Today the Carolina glee club ranks with the best in the country as a chorus that sings music and leaves the vaudeville acts to the Keith circuits. The reception of the club this summer during its European tour is indicative of the true merit of the organization.

The inquiry of President McCain serves indirectly as another compliment to Paul John Weaver and the University glee club for the success achieved and recognized.

A four year course in technical training for the motion picture industry has been organized by the University of Southern California in cooperation with the committee on college affairs of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Courses are given in evening classes at University College, Los Angeles, and offer instruction in 27 departments of study concerned in the preparation, production, direction, and presentation of moving pictures.

# The Calf's Head

By H. J. Galland

A Weekly review of news of the Bull's Head, the University Book-Shop.

New books with nice inviting titles have been coming in to the bookshop regularly, but we continue to stick with one we've been reading in between times for some time. We like it, and here's why. (We almost said "Here's how!", with a sigh and a tear for the good old days.) We had just finished a swell short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald called *Pusher-in-the-Face* in which the central character, a meek little cashier, develops a sudden desire to—you guessed it—push people in the face. And he does it, more or less successfully.

Well, we'd just finished that when we started on our current favorite, *Gallion's Reach* by H. M. Tomlinson. And here, we were startled to find, the hero is a meek clerk who suddenly desires to bounce his boss on the jaw, and does so. Successfully? Well, he killed him, and now he is on a ship bound for foreign parts. We want to see if he gets away with it, because the idea has some lovely possibilities. All you do is pick out somebody who gets on your nerves and—

but wait until we finish the book. Then maybe we'll try it. We have a number of likely candidates all picked out. And we imagine most everybody else has, so we'll report results later.

Here's the latest true story, vouched for by the *New Yorker*. A nice old lady in her seventies entered a New York bookshop recently and asked if she might exchange a book. She told the clerk quite frankly that she hadn't liked it. When she produced from a black shopping satchel *Three Weeks* by Elinor Glyn, the clerk, realizing that someone in the store had made a grave mistake in bringing the volume to the attention of such a motherly soul, agreed to take it back. "The trouble with that author," said the lady, as she cast about for another book, "is she goes just so far—and no farther."

A new stunt has been pulled by the house of Harper. They published a book, just received at the Bull's Head, called *The Old Dark House*, by J. B. Priestly. It is a mystery story, and the last hundred pages are sealed. If you return the book with the seal unbroken, your money will be refunded. We'd like to meet the man with enough will-power to leave that seal unbroken and the mystery unsolved.

Our eminent elder brother columnist Spearman, in his *Random Thrusts* calls attention to this column's name and the fact that a calf is a "little bull." Well, as the Hon. Mr. Sachs points out.

*Spearman expects a little bull, Instead, we give him a column full.*

A gentleman from the Medical School insisted on having a number of books on medicine in the shop, and so a shelf of books of interest to medical students was ordered. We wonder if the aforementioned medicine man has read W. Somerset Maugham's novel *Of Human Bondage*. He will find it extremely interesting, and so will other (excuse us) cut-ups of Caldwell Hall.

Mr. H. D. Learned has made a number of prints from linoleum blocks which are on view and on sale in the shop. One, a head of Pan, is particularly attractive. It was made in two impressions. Another is of a typical Carolina log cabin. Look 'em over next time you're in. And there are some good new books, including *Imperial Orgy* by Edgar Saltus, *Nana* by Zola, and *Old Calabria* by Norman Douglas, all in the Modern Library edition.

Earnest young men who are to be seen these nights feverishly burning midnight oil in an effort to finish the assignment of Samuel Butler's *Way of All Flesh* for their English 4 classes next day will find that Mrs. Garnett's book *Samuel Butler* will make that assignment much more interesting. Mrs. Garnett makes clear the fact that Butler's book is really a series of portraits of his own family. Read what she says of him, and then read his book with renewed interest.

"Nobody," mourns the Master of the Bull's Head, "has any interest in international politics." The books are there, but where are the readers? And while in his downcast mood, Mr. Jones also mournfully notes that a fine set of Galsworthy and another set of Conrad fails to collect crowds of eager readers. On the other hand, *Elmer Gantry* is still being avidly read. This state of affairs points to some important indication. You figure out what it is—we can't.

# TAR HEELS WILL PLAY CAVALIERS

After two hard games this week, the Carolina basketball team leaves Monday to visit the Virginia Cavaliers at their home in Charlottesville Monday night for a return engagement.

The Tar Heels defeated their rivals of long standing here two weeks ago to the night from the coming Monday. The Virginians had two games scheduled here for the week just before that, but called them off, playing instead only the one game the following week.

Rivalry between the universities of the neighboring state is not so strong in basketball as in football. Whereas Virginia has held the advantage in the fall sport, Carolina has won every court game with the Old Dominion boys since 1922.

In the game already played Virginia got the worst of a 37-21 score. Playing on their own court, and having the incentive of so many defeats at the hands of their southern rivals to spur them on, the Charlottesville team will make a hard fight to take this game, and it is very doubtful that the Heels will have as easy a time winning from them the second time in the same season.

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desire an education. If anything is done by the state, it should be in lowering the costs of securing an education rather than increasing it.

The proposal comes up in one form or another from time to time. Sometimes it is expressed in terms of raising room rates, sometimes in terms of trying to induce private capital to build dormitories and frequently in terms of raising tuition fees. All such proposals look in the opposite direction from that in which education is going and should go.

The very term "public education" runs counter to the increased cost idea. The whole idea of democracy runs counter to it. These, in the opinion of the Daily News, are more important than the obvious fact that the proposal "would not be popular."

But the latter fact may have more weight.—Greensboro Daily News.

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## Diplomatic Diction in Berlin

HOTEL ADLON, BERLIN, GERMANY

Two German diplomats, who had been at the University of Bonn together, met in the foyer of the Hotel Adlon after a separation of some years. One of them had been at a South American capital, one in the Orient.

Eagerly they discussed old times and common memories, and they were still talking excitedly as they started toward the Otis Elevator. When they reached the door, they paused, each wishing to give the other precedence.

"But you must go first, my good friend," one of them was heard to remark. "I'm sure the ride will be a novelty to you after so many years in the East, and I would not think of preceding you."

"On the contrary," answered the other, "I am insisting that you enter first. We lacked some things in the Orient, but the Otis, there as here, is in all the big shops and hotels." "We'd better squeeze in together, then, because South America, too, is well equipped! But wait a moment! You must go first, for I used the Otis on board the steamer every day!" "I, too! I will not be outdone!"

Starting forward together, they collided at the door.

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