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PARAGRAPHS

Once a house of thousand sounds, next idle for years, then an improvised gymnasium, and now in use as an assembly hall, a TAR HEEL reporter finds that a musical program mostly of solos "demonstrated a real use for Memorial Hall." Good! Put all the saxophonists in there along with the soloists.

"We sincerely hope," states the open forum letter, "for generous support for this concert (Glee Club) and trust that the attitude of the TAR HEEL editors is shared by the student body at large." Business of seconding your hopes, Mr. Erwin.

Papers say that Jim Hartness, new secretary of state, enters upon his new duties surrounded by group of political friends. Meanwhile, we suppose, that political pie hath the power to attract.

National politics, recently reported as warming up, should get—pardon the use of the most overused of neoterics—hot now that the Carolina campus will decide who it favors for presidential honors.

The day hath come and gone, but nary a valentine did the favorite tri-weekly receive.

"Health Week Enthusiastically Cheered to Last Moment," headlines the *Agonistic*. Meaning, of course, that it was good to the last tick.

The Queens Blues has discovered that the heart is not a pump. Among other things it is that which we all hope our favorite prof possesses on or about midterm times.

MAJOR PHILLIPS GIVES SOUND ADVICE

The advice given by Major Wade H. Phillips in an address at the chapel exercises Monday carries a greater degree of soundness and value than can ordinarily be attached to that type of perennial "stay-at-home-boys" plea with which students are so often dosed.

The veteran conversationist finds that North Carolina's development has come mostly from the inside. The native sons of the state have seen the light; they have capitalized on the commonwealth's resources. This progressive development has been rapid and widespread in recent years. So much so, that self-styled braggarts ballyhoo the standing of North Carolina as first in all things. It is to be granted that this type of boasting will subsequently be employed by those heavy-kidneyed citizens who become enraptured with the progress of the 'dear peepul' and the state in general.

But everyone knows that North Carolina has stepped out in the

stream of progressive states and is holding her own in the current of times. Oh, yes, there are legion of things that are yet to be done before we can join hands and frisk to the millennial tune! But there are highways, tobacco, cotton and wood products enterprises, educational progress and a multiplicity of accomplishments and activities by which it is shown that there has been great progress.

When a large power company launches a million dollar campaign to advertise piedmont Carolinas—a part of both North and South Carolina—there is evidence of a tremendous amount of faith in the future of this section. A greater part of this area is in North Carolina. Here is an up and coming state that demands men who are preparing to do things. The old gag that when a Tar Heel visiting northern metropolises is asked where he is from replies, "North Carolina," and then an automatic defensive device that typified the inferiority complex of the state in former days adds, "Thank God," no longer goes.

There is no occasion to become sentimental here to the point of declaring that Major Phillips' statement is a "magnificent challenge," but the TAR HEEL does feel that here is a piece of sound, practical advice that should bear considerable weight with the three or four hundred University students who graduate in June and to those many more who will seek entrance in the affairs of the world in the near future.

OPEN FORUM

MORE SUPPORT FOR AL

Editor of TAR HEEL:
The idea of starting a discussion of national politics on the campus is a good one. The whole state of North Carolina seems to be waiting for some sort of indication as to what candidate will be acceptable to its various types of citizenry. It is only right that the University student body, as a representative group of citizens, make known its opinions.

I believe that in Al Smith the Democrats have a worthy leader. His record as an executive in New York and as an astute statesman needs no mention here. But something might be said about the attitude of the North Carolina delegation toward Governor Smith—it's suspicious enough. For here we have a man unrivaled for popularity in his own state, a man better known than any other in his own party, and an honest public official whose deeds bear witness to his ability; yet, apparently in order to save its own little state election, the North Carolina delegation will have none of the one man who might lead the Democratic party—and that means the South, to a great extent—to victory.

The Dialectic Senate did well to favor Smith almost unanimously. It is to be hoped that the coming campus election will further show the people of this state that only prejudices and foolishness would give the Democratic nomination to any other man.

TOLERANCE.

GLEE CLUB WILL GIVE CONCERT

Editor of TAR HEEL:
The Glee Club is glad to know that there is an active demand on the campus for a local concert. The Club welcomes and appreciates the type of constructive criticism expressed in the Tar Heel editorial of the 14th.

It has been our policy in the past to give one formal concert here each year and this year's concert was scheduled to have been given on the night of February 14th. However the Playmaker Theatre was engaged for that evening and we have re-scheduled our annual concert for this year to be given on Tuesday, February 28th, in the Playmaker Theatre.

We sincerely hope for generous support for this concert and trust that the attitude of the Tar Heel editors is shared by the student body at large.

EUGENE H. ERWIN
President.

"RUM, ROMANISM, AND REBELLION"

Editor of TAR HEEL:
I hope you will not mind giving an outstate student a chance to express himself through your paper. I note that there is to be a movement toward politics on the campus and that one "Citizen" feels that Al Smith's nomination should be made unanimous in the election upon the brink of which we now stand.

I should like to call a few facts to the attention of Mr. "Citizen." Al Smith has been unable to get a bill through the New York legislature for the last four years. He draws his support from the slums of the world's largest city. We want an All-American man for president—not one who cannot poll a majority of votes in his

own state outside of New York City.

Any body can see plainly that Smith's "pep" is that of a demagogue, and not that of a true man of action—the pep which arouses "wholesome and constructive interest" for an attempt to do away with the greatest moral achievement of the twentieth century. Yes, "Citizen," "The night" will have "passed and bright dawn" will have "returned," bringing, as in the *Sultan of Sulu*, "R-E-M-O-R-S-E."

I view with alarm the movement in a state which prides itself on its pure Anglo-Saxon stock, in favor of electing an Irish Catholic to the highest office in the country. I am not a Ku Klux and I consider that the K. K. K. and the Catholic church are equally dangerous to the welfare of our country, but Al Smith's being President of this United States would strengthen the foothold in this country of the strongest organization for the furtherance of bigotry and ignorance which the world has ever known.

If the Democratic party sees fit to nominate Al Smith, it will be the nomination of a drowning man grasping, as a last resort, for a straw. We forgive the would-be organizers of the "Al Smith Club," for they know not what they do.

I hope that the students here will find time to investigate the merits of the case, and not let a fear that they may be considered bigoted for fighting Smith enter into the matter. And let us now, as our forefathers have done before us, fight against Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion.

OUT-STATER.

Dr. Coker Finds Venus Flytrap in New Locations

Dr. W. C. Coker, head of the Botany Department, in his extended search throughout the state for specimens of Venus Flytrap, a curious plant that catches insects and devours them as food in a striking manner, has recently discovered this unique plant in several new locations other than near the vicinity of Wilmington.

Formerly, specimens of Venus Fly-trap were found only around Wilmington, and it was believed until recently that this plant originated in that part of the state. But Dr. Coker has found the plant in other parts of Eastern North Carolina. The plant has been found as far north as the Neuse river, as far south as Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, and as far west as Lake View, N. C., these points forming a triangle. Infrequently a few rare specimens have been found within this area. According to a recent report from Murrell's Inlet, a point further south than Myrtle Beach, being 37 miles from the North Carolina line, specimens have been found there. As far as botanical knowledge knows these locations are the only places in the world that Venus Flytrap is found.

Dr. Coker has many specimens of the plant in the University Herbarium that he has gathered and replanted here. Botanists and teachers throughout the state have been very kind in helping Dr. Coker locate the plant; they have advised him of its occurrence wherever found.

Dr. Coker expects to publish a map of the true distribution of the plant in an early issue of "Mitchell's Journal." In describing its distribution as will occur on his map, Dr. Coker says, "the plant occurs in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina, inhabiting, often in scattered and distant colonies, an area of 155 miles north and south, from Newbern to Murrell's Inlet, and about 115 miles east and west from the seacoast to Lakeview."

Frosh Five To Meet State Friday Night

Carolina's freshman basketball team will attempt to clinch second place in the title race among the freshman teams of the state in the game with State College frosh Friday night. Although the Tar Babies turned back the Young Terrors in Raleigh some time ago a hard game is expected as the Raleigh team has improved greatly since that game.

Monday night the Carolina Frosh defeated Durham High School by a twelve point margin. The same night State freshmen were trimming Wingate Junior College 57:24. In that game the West Raleigh aggregation presented one of the smoothest working defensive combination seen among freshman teams at State in quite a while. Their improved defense is expected to cause Carolina trouble, as the Tar Babies have been finding trouble locating the basket lately. However, the Young Phantoms have an excellent defensive team and with Sher and Edwards playing their usual game should prevent an excess of State scoring.

The freshman game will be as a preliminary to the varsity encounter between the two state supported institutions.

Lights of Washington

DAVE CARROLL

Once more assuming the role of columnist—but this time less fiercely—the writer will offer impartially the opinions of authorities on prospective candidates for the presidency in 1928.

Today he presents a man whose chances for nomination by the Democratic party are perhaps second to none. No intelligent student of national affairs can afford to ignore the claims of Albert Cabell Ritchie, eloquent and aggressive governor of Maryland. He is the only man the popular vote of that state has ever re-elected to his present office; and Ritchie has been called to the helm three times, on each successive occasion by a larger majority until, at the last election, he broke the record for popular support.

Life and Personality

Ritchie was born in 1876 at Richmond, Virginia. Descended from aristocratic and illustrious Scottish stock, he could bring to the presidency a vital personality. Young, vigorous, and handsome, he makes a strong appeal to popular respect. Episcopalian by faith, he is known for his complete recognition of Catholics and Jews. Toward the negro he is kindly, having provided an educational program for him which helps to nullify Maryland's race problem. Almost six feet tall, ruddy in complexion, quick at convivial repartee, he might be called a Southerner of the old school—except that he lacks the prejudices.

Achievements

Originally he was a capable lawyer; then, in order, he became: assistant solicitor of Baltimore City; assistant counsel to the Maryland Public Service Commission; general counsel of the United States War Industries Board; Attorney General of Maryland; Governor of the State.

As Governor—Schools

When Ritchie became governor of Maryland, the state school system was extremely weak. Under his supervision, education in the Free State has progressed perhaps more than in any other state, despite the imposition of no great taxes.

Taxes

Since Ritchie's inauguration the tax rate in Maryland has been decreased by the astonishing amount of 30 per cent. This is the largest reduction made in state taxes in Maryland since the Civil War. But governmental functions and departments have nevertheless steadily expanded.

Administration Reform

Governor Ritchie met his second legislature with a drastic plan for eliminating extravagance from the state government. Departments and boards, originally numbering fifty-five, now number only nineteen. Elections are held today at two year intervals, instead of annually. A host of useless officials had to seek other jobs.

What Ritchie Stands For—Prohibition

The man is a statesman. He champions states rights as opposed to Federal centralization of power. To be concrete—for Ritchie is always explicit: Prohibition enforcement, child labor control, and highway construction should be left to the states. For the sake of efficiency and justice each state should decide to what extent it wishes to outlaw whiskey. In short, Ritchie stands for temperance, not austerity or license.

Other Things

Agriculture: Ritchie gives this problem the importance denied it by less courageous statesmen. He advocates reasonable government assistance for farmers. He points to help already given railroads, labor, and Eastern industries. The practicality of his views on this matter is recognized by several western governors.

Big business: Hands off business until it becomes dishonest. The growth of wholesome industries in Maryland is proof of Ritchie's sound business policies; he is no erratic reformer.

Judicial reform: No double trial for the same offense as our Federal and State dual jurisdiction now permits. . . . Ritchie is also opposed to the wide spread of contempt proceedings and injunctions as a substitute for jury trials. Such processes force the defendant to accept the verdict of one judge rather than a jury of his peers. . . . He also decries infringement on the constitutional guaranty against unreasonable search and seizure.

Conclusion

We offer a quotation from Ritchie himself; it indicates the man's character perhaps: "If there is today a loss in political interest, I suspect that it comes partly because the people feel, and with much justice, that political battles are too often sham battles, and that there is in them too much hypocrisy and pussy-footing away from

realities, too much self-seeking and downright imbecility."

NOTE: The columnist cheerfully admits that he snitched the above material from current magazines. Indeed, he offers it merely as a report of what others are saying about gentlemen whom he does not know personally. If that be treason, make the most of it.

One-Tenth Students At N. C. on Honor Roll

Seniors Lead in Excellency of Marks for First Semester.
N. C. C. W., Feb. 12.—(C.P.)—Miss Mary Taylor Moore, registrar of N. C. College for Women, reported that 162 students, about one-tenth of the total population, have their names on the honor list for the first semester of the year 1927-28, because of the excellence of the work done during that semester. No student who averaged below a two is named on the honor roll.

The count of honor students according to classes is as follows: freshmen, 22; sophomores, 36; juniors, 42; seniors, 59; one graduate and two special students are also on the list. Five of these have the signal honor of making no grade lower than one, the highest given. Three of these five are seniors and two are sophomores.

The number of collegians on this semester's honor roll is somewhat larger than was on that of last semester for the year 1926-27. Last year the count of the classes ran: freshmen, 22; sophomores, 32; juniors, 40; seniors, 50, and one special, totaling 145 to this year's 162.

Tom Tarheel says he never could understand why his neighbor sells all his eggs when a healthy well-fed family is worth more than a few pieces of silver.

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