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PARAGRAPHS

At Sherwood Anderson's lecture on "The Creative Impulse" it was particularly gratifying that none of our creative college spirits had the impulse to leave in the midst of the lecture—as they have done at certain times in the past.

We heard last night that a number of students thought Sherwood Anderson was the same man as the Sherwood Eddy who lectured here last year. So now we wonder whether the full house came about because of or in spite of this erroneous conception.

If Calvin Coolidge witnesses the Carolina-Virginia game Thanksgiving, will he inspire the players to declare "I do not choose to run?"

Mr. Junius Harden has retracted his statement that 300 to 400 unqualified University students voted on November 6. Perhaps he discovered that even 300 to 400 additional votes would not secure his election.

If this new faculty orchestra makes as much ungodly noise practicing as do some of the other orchestras around here, there's one more black mark for some student recording angel to chalk up against Mr. Professor.

A Keen Awareness

"Creative men are aware of all about them," declared Sherwood Anderson in his lecture Thursday night. University life is oftentimes accused of withdrawing its votaries from the current of active life and drowning them in a stagnant academic pool. The classroom becomes a substitute for the world; the library calls attention away from persons. That keen awareness of life, that vivid eagerness to observe and to understand which comes as a gracious gift to the few creative spirits, is too often smothered by the dry-dust of college routine.

Learning has its place, but should not be permitted to escape its legitimate bounds and become an end in itself. By recalling the life and history of the past it can be made to recreate former lives and in so doing to increase the understanding of present life. History and literature are the records of past lives and thoughts. Their usefulness in the present is their ability to shed illumination on the action and thoughts of today.

Let the learning acquired in col-

lege, then, not be employed as so much encyclopedia space but rather as an interpreter's tool to be used in facing present problems. If the student is to be a creative force in the affairs of his community after graduation from the university, he must first arouse himself to an active interest in whatever is going on around him. Books in themselves must not satisfy. The world makes other demands and chief among those demands is the sharp and clear call for keen awareness of life in all its phases of abundant richness. The campus and the dormitory augment the classroom in providing a laboratory wherein the individuality of persons must be studied and the processes of life observed. Such is the education leading to the birth and development of an awareness of life, which is an essential characteristic of the creative man.

A Diploma Is Not Enough

The value of a college education has many times been a subject of dissension. But the worth of a college diploma can hardly be disputed. It is accepted by those who believe that a college education is valuable as a sort of fetish; they engage in genuflections before it and doff their hats to its proud owner. There are others who question the worth of a diploma and who, in fact, dispute the very worth of a college career itself. They believe that those people who aspire to intellectual learning are justified in pursuing knowledge for a term of four years after the fashion which our colleges and universities set. They perceive the limited courses which are offered and the narrow confines of the subjects. The average student, they say, dabbles in literature, fingers timidly the sciences, and ends his career with small sips from the languages.

To a certain extent these people are right. A college career is often a mere rippling of the waves in the great sea of intellectual truth. The average student does not search for truth—he accepts, as a matter of fact, that he may acquire it by attending his classes five times a week and by listening to the theories propounded by his professors. He deceives himself in his search and allows himself to be persuaded that he may reach the bottom of the fathomless pool of intellectual truths by following stereotyped instructions. He never becomes discouraged with himself; he smiles knowingly, pats himself on the back, and continues to follow instructions.

But there is more to college than the mere routine of assigned work. There are dusty by-ways and obscure trails leading off from the straight, short path. There are ways filled with unremembered beauty and truth. The library is an important part of the university life. On its shelves one may rediscover forgotten knowledge, and find new truths. Between the covers of dusty books one may find those things of which he has dreamed but never seen. To find truth, one must search. He must not allow himself to traverse the beaten path and pass beyond the walls of his alma mater satisfied that he has acquired the all-powerful knowledge and content with himself.

John Mebane.

SILVER DESIGNER COMING TO HILL

Mr. George E. Ball, chief designer for the Gorham Silver Manufacturing Company of Providence, Rhode Island, will be here Monday evening under the auspices of the art department of the community club. The meeting will be in the Pickwick Theatre at 7:30. There will be a moving picture showing the manufacture of silver from ore to finished product, and also a lecture on the history of silver making, some famous silver smiths, and well-known patterns in silver. Mr. Ball is a middle-aged man who has spent all his business life in designing silverware, and is well prepared to speak with authority on this subject. The public is invited.

Einstein says two of his passions are playing the violin and absolute solitude. Well, we don't know any easier way a man can achieve the latter than by doing the former.—*American Lumberman.*

Hash and Mothballs

By Joe Jones

RADIO

Much goes by upon the wind
That I shall never know,
Little Songs, without, within,
Around me come and go.

Music, too, from way away,
Comes flying past my door,
But with me it will not stay,
For I am very poor.

If near God some day I throng,
And Heaven's winds do blow,
I hope to hear an angel song
Without a radio.

JEAN D'ARC

Doth anyone know,
Can anyone tell
Of the last black throe
Of the fair demoiselle?

Hot smoke in her hair,
Wild flame on her breast,
Who knows in her prayer
What thing she confessed?

'As fire took her flesh,
And quick soul sprang free,
Was it caught in the mesh
Of the white Trinity?

Did Roland await
At God's portal wide,
And the maid venerate,
As he stood at her side?

DISOBEDIENCE

When I was a tiny lad
This they said to me:
You mustn't blot your copy pad,
Nor climb the apple tree.

Willfully I smeared the ink
On the parchment white,
And apple tree, I do bethink,
I climbed both day and night.

Now my hands all blackened be,
Nor con e'er come clean,
And broken limbs of apple tree,
I've found are raw and keen.

FLUNKED OUT!

Presently they will say,
"Son, you have flunked your last course,
And cut your last class,
So we must throw you out;
Begone!"

And sorrowfully,
With head bent,
I shall walk down Senior Walk,
Ironically,
And on through Battle Park,
And Battle Wood,
And on past Gimghoul Lodge,
And by the forest path I know too well,
To strike the open roadway,
With pack upon my shoulders,
And rue upon my heart.

Past many purple skylines I shall go,
Through many strange new lands,
With laugh and song.

(new stanza)

But always there shall be
Old South's carven bell,
Calling me, calling me,
Softly, softly,
Back again.
And always I shall remember
A faerie nook
In Doctor Coker's arboretum,
Where I was wont to read away
The long spring days
With idleness;
And always I shall be
Walking down a little path
Beneath pine trees,
Across Carolina hills
To Meeting of the Waters.

Aye,
To the ends of the earth
These things shall follow me—
But not one jot nor tittle
Of classroom lore.

Jones and Royster To Represent University

Howard Mumford Jones, professor of English in the University, and James Finch Royster, dean of the graduate school, will represent the University of North Carolina at the meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English which convenes at Baltimore on December 2. The association comprises teachers of English in primary schools, grammar schools, high schools, and colleges.

Dean Royster will make a talk on the problem of teaching English with special reference to graduate schools. Professor Jones will deliver the address at the annual banquet of the council.

Hibberd Speaks

Mr. Hibberd, florist of Durham, addressed the Woman's Garden Club Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock in the lecture room of Davie Hall. The Garden Club is one of the divisions of the Woman's Community Club.

Meetings are held regularly and experts on gardening are brought here for the purpose of discussing such topics with the club.

Resolution Defeated By Phi Assembly That "Ignorance Is Bliss"

The Phi Assembly in its regular meeting Tuesday night chose J. C. Harris and W. L. Burgess as the sophomore representatives of the assembly for the annual Di-Phi sophomore-junior debate. The assembly met November 26 for the try-outs for the Mary D. Wright debate.

Three resolutions were introduced and voted on. Representative Lewis's bill "Resolved that dormitories should be named and the name placed over the door of each building" passed unanimously without any discussion. Representative Crumble introduced the bill: "Resolved that ignorance is bliss." He stated, in support of his bill, that the responsibility that comes through education of any sort is a block to happiness. Representative Lewis took the opposite side of the argument and attacked the bill from a religious, economic, social, and political standpoint. The bill was defeated. The assembly voted unanimously that May Gold, heroine of a popular comic strip, should not accept the advances of Henry Austin, after a bill had been introduced to that effect.

A. C. Holland took the oath of the assembly, his initiation being deferred to a later date.

Extracurricular Library Sponsored

Present Books of Extracurricular Activity Are Not Meeting Requirements.

Dr. H. D. Meyer, head of the department of Sociology, is sponsoring an Extracurricular Library for the betterment of extracurricular activities throughout the nation.

There has been a feeling for some time that the general books now in print about extracurricular activities are not meeting the requirements. In order to make a more thorough and practical contribution to the field, Dr. Meyer has arranged with the A. S. Barnes and Company of 67 W. 44th St., New York City, to publish a series of books on extracurricular activities to be known as the Extracurricular Library.

Each book is to contain not more than 120 to 150 pages of practical, specific, and modern material based upon sound educational policy. The original library will start with 14 volumes but more volumes will be added as soon as the material can be arranged and corrected. The original 14 are: *Organization and Administration of Extracurricular Activities, Financing Extracurricular Activities, School Club Practices, National Agencies Aiding Extracurricular Activities, Student Participation in School Government, Home Room Activities, New Assembly Programs, Physical Education, The Point System and Awards, Music, Dramatics, School Publications, Sportsmanship, and Honor Societies.* Volumes on *Commencement, The School Playground, Character Education, and Vocational Guidance* will be added from time to time as soon as the material is arranged and published.

ALPHA PSI DELTA HOLDS MEETING

The Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Psi Delta, national psychological fraternity, held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night in New West building. This fraternity is composed of members of the faculty who have studied psychology and of students who have taken certain courses and have maintained a high scholastic standing.

Dr. M. R. Trabue of the faculty presented a very interesting paper on The Psychology of Character Development. The other number on the program was a paper of Psycho-Galvanic Reflex by H. M. DeWick. After the program refreshments were served.

The following people have been initiated into the fraternity this year: Dr. L. L. Bernard; H. N. Dewick; Estelle Hamill, J. P. McConnell, Mary E. Smart; A. L. Stevenson, and Mrs. A. M. Jordan. Others who have been elected to the fraternity but not yet initiated are Hugh P. Brinton and Albert Haring.

Potter Reads

Professor Russell Potter read selections from the works of John Masefield Thursday afternoon in room 207 Murphey Hall. This was the third of the Bull's Head readings for this fall. Only a small number of students and faculty members were present; but the size of the audience by no means reflected the ability of the reader or the merit of Masefield's works.

On next Thursday afternoon Mr. Potter will read from Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body."

Suspended Students Must Leave Chapel Hill in 48 Hours

The faculty at its last meeting voted that all students suspended for disciplinary reasons must leave the campus and the city of Chapel Hill within forty-eight hours after suspension unless he is a bona fide resident of Chapel Hill. The chance of petitioning the faculty for reinstatement in the University will be automatically forfeited by such students who have been so suspended.

This rule is in vogue in all the reputable colleges and universities, but this marks the first official recognition given it by the University here. The faculty Executive Committee will enforce the ruling approved by the whole faculty.

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And I overheard them say,
Said Old Man Trouble, "She's as wrong as she can be,
There ain't no fun in anything to me, why

I was just talking' to Old Man Sorrow,
And he says the world will end tomorrow."

Then Old Man Joy he started to grin,
And I saw him bring out that OLD BLUE TIN,
Then OLD JOHNNY BRIAR was next on the scene,
And he packed him full from the OLD BLUE TIN,
And I heard him say as he walked away,

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