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PARAGRAPHS

Another result of mass education is evidenced by the fact that even our burglars now select the Bull's Head Book Shop for the scene of their robberies.

When Officer Blake wanders about Memorial hall watching Wigwe and Masque rehearsals, we wonder if he is looking for lost boys and girls instead of lost autos.

The Mangum Medal contest for seniors might be excellent practice for those graduates who are going out into the world to sell real estate, bonds, and insurance.

Our campus cynic declares that Dean Paulsen ordered copies of "The Dial" for the Smoke Shop under the impression that it was the latest radio magazine.

These prevailing February rains and the proverbial March winds may not bring forth any May flowers in the arboretum for a long time, but perhaps they will produce a few more collegiate April fools.

Due To the Degrees on the Seas

Now that the Floating University has announced that it will grant degrees for academic work done on board ship, we picture vividly the first graduation exercises on the high seas. The candidates for degrees march across the deck dressed in natty sailor suits and caps instead of the traditional cap-and-gown. The baccalaureate sermon is delivered by an admiral employing all the latest nautical phrases. "Integer vitae" is sung by a lovely chorus of mermaids splashing about in the foamy depths.

Diplomas are written not upon ordinary sheepskin but upon the dried skin of a mighty whale. Such degrees as B. A. and M. A. may be interpreted to mean Boat-Artisan and Master of the Atlantic. Parents drop in for the ceremonies by means of their newest airplanes, and all congratulatory messages are received over radio.

A degree from such a university must undoubtedly carry with it the suggestion of a broad and varied background to the routine of study which would at one and the same time lighten the monotony of academic work and deepen the impression made. Who could fail to be interested in the literature of Europe and the Orient while visiting Paris, Berlin, London,

Shanghai, Tokyo? Who could help absorbing the romance of geography and commerce when travelling from Singapore to Bangkok, from Jerusalem to Jericho, from Cyprus to Smyrna? Ancient history takes on a new appeal if studied in the shade of the Pyramids, among the ruins at Rome or in the heart of Athens.

The latest degree to be offered is B. W. A. (Bachelor of World Affairs). And certainly a more suitable opportunity for studying international relations and observing governments, customs, and peoples of various countries could scarcely be found than a university which tours the world, travelling, studying, and investigating as it goes.

St. Abraham Washington's Birthday

This being the last day of the month of February, we are just in time to spike what bids fair to be a serious movement to curtail, if not our lives, then our liberty and happiness.

The insidious campaign has its roots in New York, in the offices of the New York World, to be exact. There a columnist, Frank Sullivan, is quietly but firmly launching an idea which, if adopted, will affect every North Carolina school and college and student, to say nothing of those of the other 47 states.

The plan is briefly and simply stated, and therein lies its strength. It is easy to pass over it in the press of the day's work. Thus the wave of indignation which, we feel sure, would greet the plan if many people knew about it is neatly sidestepped.

Mr. Sullivan's idea, in brief, is that there are too many holidays in the month of February. To alleviate this condition, he would telescope the three holidays of St. Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, and Lincoln's Birthday, into one holiday to be known as St. Abraham Washington's Birthday.

We feel sure that Mr. Sullivan was young once. We know lots of people who were, and there is a good chance that the World's columnist is among the ranks of those who can look back upon a youthful past. If this is the case, then Mr. Sullivan also once attended school. His bright young face must have beamed with joy like those of countless other students when the teacher or professor announced that there would be no class the next day because it was a holiday. Mr. Sullivan must have experienced that joy, and yet he would deprive the students of the future of two legitimate grats. For shame, Mr. Sullivan!

Here in North Carolina not too much attention is paid to Lincoln's Birthday, there being talk hereabouts occasionally of a little fracas some time ago in which that gentleman was implicated. When Washington's Birthday rolls around, there is no mail delivery, and we catch classes as usual. With St. Valentine's Day the mail is augmented, or should be, and that about lets that holiday out. Where, then, is our kick if the three holidays become (we shudder to say it) St. Abraham Washington's Birthday?

Simply this. We can see the not far distant future when all our major holidays will be sandwiched into one. And then there is the possibility that we shall have our cherished Spring holiday massacred, and find ourselves forced to be content with a curtailed Christmas Vacation. It is terrible even to think of it!

—H. J. G.

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TODAY'S BEST EDITORIAL

Girls
Girls may be roughly divided into those who are pretty and those who are not so pretty. Pretty girls haven't so much to worry about because they can get a good deal of attention and all they have to do is to look up and bat their eyes and say, "Do you really mean that?"

But though the problem of not so pretty girls is greater, it is not insolvable. They and their families must first make up their minds whether it is worth the effort. If they decide it is worth the effort the girls can begin to develop personality. If their noses are too long they can

learn to smile a great deal, which brings the line of the nose to a sudden end. Or they can work on their complexions. On the other hand, if their smile is a trifle toothy they can learn to register pleasure by keeping their mouths shut and twitching their nostrils. Or they can smile and close their mouths quickly before it is very noticeable. Then they can go into things awfully energetically. And they can get their mothers to have the crowd in quite frequently and use a few pretty girls as decoys. If they are artistic they may even get to look exotic, like something off a Grecian urn, and thus provoke curiosity.

On the other hand, if a not too pretty girl and her family decide it is not worth the effort the girl can take up something unusual and worthwhile like anthropology or the study of insects. If she keeps at it long enough she is sure to meet some man who is wrapped up in anthropology or the study of insects, and he will not have had much experience with girls and probably will be unconscious of the distinction between pretty girls and not so pretty girls. He will regard her more in the light of a specimen, and a girl may be a very good specimen without being very pretty. So unless she is particular she can have the man and they will live happily ever after, and she can have no end of fun making his slides and complimenting his scientific papers.

In fact, the outlook for all sorts of girls is most encouraging, and there isn't the least reason for making themselves and their parents unhappy by wishing they had never been born.—Baltimore Sun.

Sea-Going College Men Get Degrees

For the first time in the history of American education regular academic degrees will be conferred on the high seas, according to announcements from the home office of the Floating University. A revised charter enables the Floating University to confer degrees, beginning with the college year 1929-30.

Accordingly the University will offer programs of study leading to the B. A., M. A., and B. W. A. degrees. The B. W. A. (Bachelor of World Affairs) is a new degree, not conferred elsewhere, and is based on the concept that the study of history, government, economics, and sociology on a world-wide scale is valuable training for the student planning to enter public affairs or consular services.

To win the B. W. A. the student may take his first two years of college in a land institution and spend his junior and senior years in an intensive study of the courses in the World Affairs division of the Floating University curriculum or he may spend all four years with the Floating University.

Latin Contest to Close March First

March 1st has been set as the closing date for the state high school Latin Contest, being conducted by the Extension Department. All superintendents and principals who intend to enroll any of their students in the fifth annual University of North Carolina Latin contest must register the names of their students with E. R. Rankin, secretary of Extension Department of the University.

Only high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors will participate in the contest. The winners last year were Eugene Connolly of Roxboro high school. Sam Byrd Winstead of the same school was awarded honorable mention for placing second. Both Connolly and Winstead are freshmen at the University here this year.

The scope of the examination will include three things: a passage from Caesar's Gallic War; questions on Latin form and syntax, and a sight translation. The papers will be graded by instructors in the University Latin Department.

Freshmen May Try Out for Davidson Forensic Contest

The executive secretary of the Debate Council, Professor George McKie, has asked that all freshmen who are interested in trying out for the coming triangular debate with Davidson and Wake Forest see him at 210 Murphey in the near future.

In a triangular debate of this kind each of the three schools represented chooses an affirmative team and a negative team. Usually, the affirmative remains at home and the negative goes away to meet the affirmative of one of the other two schools.

All members of the freshman class who passed as many as two courses last quarter and who have not represented Carolina in an intercollegiate debate are eligible for the team.

The Campus

By Joe Jones

Theirs is undoubtedly the first and most obvious voice of spring on the campus. Some folks call them Pickering's hylas. Some folks call them spring peepers. Some folks call them frogs. In appearance they are like miniature frogs; but hyla is the correct name. Their immediate native heath is the shallow pool in the lot back of Graham Memorial. There is also a colony in the low ground just to the right of Pittsboro Road about 200 yards past the Carolina Inn, another group calls from the lowlands of Battle Park, and there are a few in the Arboretum Brook. However they prefer still water—even stiller the caretaker forgets to turn the water on.

Probably everybody heard their full-chorused peeping during the balmy days of last week, but who can say when they started. It was certainly some weeks ago, perhaps those scattered first warm days of January; for the hylas are extremely early. They emerge to begin their invocation of spring before the red-bird whistles his first lyric, before the Battle Park chipmunks awake from their winter sleep, even before sweet-breath-of-spring makes the Arboretum fragrant with its bloom on the third successive warm day.

They prefer to peep all day and far into the night, and the frigid ice storm of last Thursday failed to hush them completely. True, the ones about the eastern section of the campus grew silent on clear, ice-crusted Thursday night, but there were at least two quavering voices coming from the Pittsboro Road group as we went up nearby McAuley street about 7:30. Courageous two pipers!

Just try to catch one! In the first place, you probably won't be able to see a single one, though the muddy ground be noisy with them. Approach, and the voices vanish. Stand motionless for some minutes, and a tiny piping cry may begin at your feet. Remain quiet, and presently the voices are lifted shrill and loud on every side. In vain you carefully examine the reverberating surroundings inch by inch; not a peeper is to be seen. You will be annoyed if bafflement annoys you. Thousands of people have heard the spring peeper for every dozen who've seen him. Some think they are birds.

Well, he's not much bigger than a bumblebee, and he's rather drab colored above; and he often sits with only his head and shoulders above water. But when piping he inflates his throat till it looks like a tiny white bubble; which is about the only thing that gives a person the slightest chance of spotting him.

Probably those rowdy little fellows who have reversed the well-bred "seen and not heard" maxim got their name from the Hylas of Greek mythology, who also was heard but not seen in his watery fastness. This Hylas was a beautiful young boy of whom Hercules was so fond that he once took him along on a journey. One evening Hylas was at a spring drawing water, when the nymphs, seeing how beautiful he was, became enamored of the youth and drew him under. Hercules came seeking and calling in vain. In his rage and grief he swore to devastate the land unless the inhabitants thereof should find and restore his young friend. The people went through the forests calling for Hylas. They seemed to hear a faint answer near the fountain, but they could never find the boy. Perhaps the nymphs proved better company than mighty Hercules. However, this pretty analogy may have to be stretched rather taunt to reach to the hylas in the pool back of Graham Memorial and in the Arboretum, even though they are heard and not seen in the haunts of the water nymphs.

Perhaps the grammar-school boy's composition on the frog would suit them better. No doubt most of us have read it. It goes like this: "What a wonderful bird the frog are; When he sit he almost stand; When he hop he almost fly; He almost ain't got no tail; When he sit he sit on what he almost ain't got."

Meanwhile the spring peepers peep on with a sound which, once happy and spring-like, begins to grow a bit tiresome in its day and night sameness.

Spanish Club Will Meet Tonight 7:30

The regular meeting of the Spanish club will take place at the Paris House at 7:30 tonight. The program will consist of a musical rendition by Miss Gil.

Science Academy Offers Prize To High School Men

The North Carolina Academy of Science made announcement today of a prize to be awarded this year for the best essay written by a bona fide high school student on any subject in the field of Botany, Zoology, Geology, or Physiology. The announcement was made by Dr. H. T. Totten, secretary-treasurer of the academy.

Essays are to be sent to Prof. R. N. Wilson, Duke University, Durham, not later than April 20. Judges will be selected by the High School Science Committee of the academy, and the winner will be announced at the annual meeting of the academy about May 1. The academy expects to present the prize to the winner at his or her school's commencement.

General regulations for the contest show that it is not necessary that a student be registered in the subject in order to compete in the contest. Students may receive aid from instructors only in securing materials.

Essays will be limited to a maximum of 2,500 words, must be submitted in typewriting on one side of bond paper 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and must be accompanied by a title page carrying the subject, the writer's name, the name of the school, the class to which the writer belongs, and the courses taken in science.

The contest last year was for the best essay in the field of Chemistry and Physics. The silver loving cup offered the winner was won by H. E. Biggs, Jr., of the Greensboro high school, for his essay on "The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease."

Engineers To Meet In Phillips Tonight

There will be a meeting of the A. I. E. E. tonight at 7:15 in 206 Phillips hall. The program includes a talk by H. W. Arlin, personnel director of the Mansfield Plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., and one by Henry J. Wheeler on "Student Engineers with the General Electric Co."

Manly Dorm Men To See a Free Movie

Manly dormitory men will be entertained at the Carolina Theatre, according to an announcement of Manager E. C. Smith, on Saturday at the 7 o'clock show. The occupants of the dorm are requested to be at the door on time with their president.

At the Carolina

The terrible price a woman is willing to pay for youth and happiness after she has let them slip by is shown in "Marriage by Contract," the Tiffany-Stahl special production based upon the theory of companionate marriage, showing today at the Carolina theatre. Lawrence Gray and Patsy Ruth Miller are the featured players and the cast includes Robert Edeson, Shirley Palmer, Ralph Emerson, John St. Polis, Claire McDowell, Ruby Lafayette, Duke Martin and Raymond Keane, directed by James Flood.

Cercle Francais To Meet Friday Night

The Cercle Francais will meet Friday evening in the social room of the Episcopal Parish House at 7:30. A program consisting of readings, dialogues, and solo singing has been prepared.

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