

## PETTY THIEVERY AMONG STUDENTS GROWS SERIOUS

Sprinkle Discusses Epidemic of Pilfering; Suggestions for Remedy Invited.

According to T. W. Sprinkle, who spoke in chapel Wednesday morning, there is a distressing epidemic overspreading the University campus that cannot be met by the cures recommended in Tar Heel advertisements for "all skin diseases." This threatening affliction Mr. Sprinkle defined as palm itch, more commonly called petty thievery or pilfering.

Mr. Sprinkle declared that a remedy is needed for this unfathomable passion of some for filling their hands with the property of others. However, he admitted that in the present problem no new situation has arisen. It is one that has been met by the people of every place and age.

Mr. Sprinkle then reviewed briefly some steps taken by various people as a defense against the curse of thievery. These, ranging from more or less strenuous punishment of offenders to elaborate honor systems, were representative of the accomplishments of both primitive and civilized races.

In view of these facts, Mr. Sprinkle concluded: "It would appear that, living in an enlightened age and on a university campus, we could develop some scheme, moral or otherwise, for preventing the ravages that threaten us at present." He invites the suggestions and aid of everyone.

### Season Tickets Left

A few season tickets for the remainder of the student entertainment programs are on sale in Dean Hibbard's office on the second floor of South. These tickets are offered at a reduction so that the cost of each entertainment averages only 25 cents whereas single admissions are a dollar or more.

## Dyer Renews Acquaintanceship With Former German Prisoner

(Frank J. Manheim)

An organ—a \$40,000 organ to be placed in the new basic building—was the cause of a trip to New York by Messrs. Dyer and Kennedy. And the trip was successful. It resulted in the purchase of one of the finest of American built organs by the University. But this was not the only result. While in New York Professor Dyer had been more than an "innocent bystander" in one of "life's little moments of interest."

Act one—The scene: the lobby of Hotel Pennsylvania. The time: late in the afternoon. The characters: Dr. Harold Dyer, waiting for Mr. Kennedy, and approximately a thousand other people, all presumably waiting for someone. The scene finds Dr. Dyer wandering about, more or less aimlessly, observing the myriad of faces and types of which the "melting pot" is so full. A man brushes by him. And as the well-dressed stranger hurries past, Professor Dyer notices a mark behind the stranger's ear. The professor realizes that such a peculiar mark could be carried by but one man, and he had known that man at

Dean Hibbard



Dean Addison Hibbard of the liberal arts school, as chairman of the student entertainment committee, has secured many unusual and popular performances for the students. The A. B. and education students pay an entertainment fee of three dollars a year for which they receive more than a half dozen shows. This afternoon and tonight the Jean Gros French Marionettes will give performances under the auspices of the group.

### Bruce's Book To Be Ready Last of Week

According to an announcement coming from the University Press, the first copies of *The Virginia Plutarch* by Philip Alexander Bruce will be received the last of the week. It is expected that the shipment will include the 167 copies of the special edition of the book, specially bound and signed by the author.

So much interest has been aroused in Mr. Bruce's work that almost the entire special edition has been subscribed for. These are being so rapidly taken that this group will doubtlessly be oversubscribed shortly. For those who are awaiting the regular edition of the book to appear, it might be said that copies will be placed on sale by the press and by leading book stores as soon as shipments are received from the publisher.

some time in the past. He steps in front of the stranger and says, "Take a good look at me. I've seen you somewhere and you've seen me. Where was it?" After the first moment of complete surprise, the stranger carefully scrutinizes his interrogator, and finally emits an explosive "Sergeant Dyer."

Act two—Scene: the same. The time—two hours later. The characters—Harold Dyer, late captain in the intelligence service of the United States army, and August Muller, late corporal of the Prussian army. In the intervening two hours, an interesting reunion has taken place. And the men who once toiled energetically to aid in the other's destruction, shake hands warmly as they separate, with a promise to write to one another.

The curtain drops on this short drama, and without a sequel or explanatory note, the interest that this incident holds would be lost. Shortly after America's entry into the war, Professor Dyer was sent overseas. Due to his knowledge of several languages, particularly German, he was commissioned

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## ESPERANTO CLUB HEARS TALK BY DR. METZENTHIN

Study Group Begins Work In Earnest; More Than Fifty Students Preparing to Learn International Language.

With a steadily mounting attendance, the Esperanto study group has proceeded from a discussion of the need for the new language and its history, to an actual study of the grammar and make-up of Esperanto.

Due to the fact that grammars are being ordered now, Dr. Metzenthin asks all those who are or will be interested in joining the group to be present at the next meeting, which will be held Tuesday, November 26, in Murphy hall. More than 50 students, including a number of co-eds, were present at the last meeting.

Dr. Metzenthin, in the course of his remarks, explained that the superfluous elements in English, such as double spellings, genders, and the complicated roots of the language, precluded it from any possibility of becoming an eventual international language. In addition, the rivalry of nations, particularly between France and England, complicated the choice of a means of expression acceptable to all parties. Esperanto does away with these troubles.

The Esperanto group, while serious in its purpose, is in no sense a class. Attendance is not required, nor are grades given. The work is based purely upon the interest of students here in Esperanto.

### Sigma Xi Meetings

Sigma Xi, scientific society of the University, has inaugurated a series of monthly meetings which will be held the first Tuesday of each month. At each of these meetings some member of the scientific staff will be in charge of the program, giving a short symposium of the current research work of his department. After this there will be a general discussion of this work by the society. The next meeting will be presided over by a member of the physics department. Membership in Sigma Xi is open only to those who have proved themselves to be actively engaged in research work.

### Vick In Hospital

George Vick, freshman at the University, is at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, with a fractured knee and other injuries which he sustained as the result of an automobile accident last Sunday morning near Smithfield.

### What's Happening

#### TODAY

2:30 p. m.—Juvenile Performance of Jean Gros' Marionettes at the Tin Can. Students may attend.

7:15 p. m.—Meeting of the University chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

7:30 p. m.—The Army Troop school meets in the lower laboratory of Davie hall.

8:30 p. m.—Performance of Jean Gros' Marionettes at the Tin Can.

#### FRIDAY

3:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Community Club in the parish house of the Episcopal church.

### German Club Notice

George Race, president of the German Club, announces that all applications for membership in the German Club must be turned in to him at the Beta house today. No applications for membership for the Thanksgiving dances received after seven o'clock tonight will be considered. Checks of ten dollars must accompany all applications; these will be returned of the applications are denied.

Dues are payable before Monday night at seven o'clock. Membership cards will be issued and cards for the Thanksgiving dances will be issued upon payment of dues. These are payable to Will Yarborough, treasurer of the club, at the S. A. E. house from 7 until 9 o'clock any evening before Monday.

## TWO NEW ROUTES WILL BE OPENED

Road to Raleigh Will Be Ready For Use November 28; Greensboro Only 45 Miles.

Despite the big crowd expected, there will be no congestion at the Carolina-Virginia football game Thanksgiving, if plans now being perfected are carried out.

Two years ago, when the game was played here as the dedication of Kenan stadium and drew an attendance of 26,000, the town was cleared of all traffic in less than an hour, so well were automobiles routed and directed. And this year the town ought to be emptied much faster. For those in charge of arrangements have profited by the experiences of two years ago, and two new arteries for traffic have been opened up since the last Carolina-Virginia game.

Fans coming from the east now by way of Raleigh will not have to pass through Durham. Instead they can turn off at Nelson, take the new macadamized road that intersects the Raleigh-Durham highway at that point, and make the journey from Raleigh to Chapel Hill in a short time.

Over the new road Chapel Hill is but 28 miles from Raleigh, whereas by way of Durham, the former route, the distance is 38. The trip is made in from 40 to 45 minutes.

There is now a short cut from Greensboro to Chapel Hill, which reduces the distance between the two towns from 60 to 45 miles. The new highway is by way of Burlington and Graham, the short cut intersecting route No. 10 at Graham. This new road—from Graham to Chapel Hill—is in excellent shape, 10 miles being concrete and 13 being of sand and clay surface. This road places Chapel Hill within 150 miles of Charlotte by the northern route, as well as the southern route, and reduces the distance proportionately from other points west.

### Buccaneer Notice

There will be an important meeting of the regular business staff of the *Buccaneer* today at 3:00 p. m. It is very important that everyone be present as plans for the Christmas Number will be discussed.

H. N. PATTERSON,  
Business Manager.

## Audience To Be Shown Operation Of Marionettes

### SOPHS TO CHOOSE VICE-PRESIDENT AT CHAPEL MONDAY

Election of vice-president of the sophomore class to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of George Buchan, who was regularly elected at the general election, to remain in school this year, will be held at the sophomore chapel next Monday, Ben Aycock, president of the class, announces. The decision to hold the election was reached at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the class.

The committee met with Dean Bradshaw for the purpose of discussing the nature of the sophomore chapel programs for the remainder of the school year. The committee, with the aid and advice of Dean Bradshaw, chairman of the faculty chapel committee, plans to secure speakers to discuss problems that confront the sophomore class.

The regular chapel exercises for next Monday will be used for a business meeting of the class, at which time regular class matters will be discussed and various reports heard in addition to the election of the vice-president.

### Co-eds Visit Raleigh

Misses Beth Colley and Sydney Curry, seniors in the school of education and members of the observation class in the department of elementary extension of that school, will spend the day in the Raleigh schools, where they will observe the work and activity of the elementary grades. They will leave for Raleigh early this morning and will return this afternoon.

### Senior Notice

All seniors who failed to write out their activities when they had their pictures taken, will please come to the Yackety Yack office between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. today. There will be somebody at the office during that time every day.

## University Professors Engage In Mad Scramble Over Airpump

(By J. P. Tyson)

Fights between students are commonplace, but when two learned men throw aside their cloaks of wisdom and resort to fisticuffs—well, that's news. The only fight recorded in the history of this institution between its faculty members happened in 1879. This fight, which created much amusement for the students and the townspeople, was between two professors.

At that time the University was so poor that the chemistry and physics department were in charge of one professor. This arrangement did not produce good results so the professor of pure mathematics was petitioned to take over the physics department. He consented and apparently everything was rosy.

Then the two pedagogues proceeded to divide up the equipment with harmonious and amicable feeling. The spoils were allotted in a very satisfactory way until the air pump was reached. A vigorous dispute arose over this implement, which was mounted upon a tripod for convenience during lectures.

Both participants wanted the

Over One Thousand Strings In Use During Performance; Company Is Largest To Ever Tour the United States.

Due to the great amount of interest caused by the Jean Gros French Marionettes, which the student entertainment committee will present this afternoon and tonight in the Tin Can, Mr. Gros has promised to remove the large proscenium curtain and show the evening audience how the puppets are made to do their tricks. This will prove to be a great feature of the performance as the curiosity of the audience is always at a high pitch when the program is concluded. Mr. Gros brings to Chapel Hill the largest collection of marionettes in the world. Sixty puppets appear at the afternoon performance and an equal number are used at night. Over one thousand strings are in operation during the presentations, some of the marionettes having as large a collection as forty to accomplish the necessary action.

One of the startling features of the performance is the illusion that is caused by the figures with regard to size. After an audience has watched the marionettes for ten minutes, all sense of proportion is lost and the puppets appear almost life-sized. Hence when the performance is finished, and a puppeteer steps out among the figures, he seems to be about thirty feet tall. Strangely enough, no glasses are used to create this illusion; the eye is simply deceived by the fact that all the scenery and small properties such as chairs, tables, stools, etc., are made in proportion to the figure, and thus the human eye, having nothing to compare the marionettes with, all sense of size is lost.

Mr. Gros presents his company in two modern features. "Skippy," made famous by Percy L. Crosby, and the Illuminated Ballet, using four Aesop's fables with amplified music (a sort of marionette vitaphone).

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