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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You can never supplant judgment by regulation, for it is only through experience that we learn.—Col. C. M. Young.

PURLOINED PARAGRAPHS

Any fat lady could tell the naval conference that attempts to reduce merely make things worse.—Washington Post.

And the funny part of it is that the Russians who favor the religionless Sunday are not addicted to golf.—South Bend Tribune.

Salutatory

"We are made of the dust, but so are the stars."

To whatever far horizons our unvoiced aspirations direct us, we know that the way is not strewn with roses. We can but set our course, and in the following of it strive to keep our vision clear.

We believe in the moral and economic stability of this State, and that in trial and emergency, as its days are, so shall its strength be.

We believe in the mission of this University—and that upon its anvil the fine metal of youth is being hammered and fashioned for service and usefulness.

We believe in the student body gathered here—that it is no group of ultra-sophisticated cynics and philanderers, but an army of recruits in training for all the high and real adventures of life.

We believe in all youth everywhere—that out of the struggles and sacrifices of each successive generation is evolved a fitter finer type, and that just now we are at the beginning of a mighty marshalling of the hosts of those who scorn all preachments of futility and defeatism, and who see in the entrenched power of evil not an invincible force to be surrendered to, but a challenge which gives sustaining and inspiring purpose to all the finer energies of heart and soul.

On High School Debating

The normally detached and disinterested person, some years removed from the high school degree, places the usual debating practice in the same category with those renditions of "I Have a Rendezvous With Death" which he was wont to deliver with spasmodic gusto and sideline prompting in the daily assembly.

Undoubtedly the practice has its good points and objectives else the costly and state-wide contests would not be urged and continued. Obviously, debating does something towards developing poise and social approach in a young person. Too, the fact that the participants enter into the project with a notable amount of enthusiasm, proves that it is not devoid of benefit or pleasure. Debating teams have been known to have been accompanied by school supporters who whooped and otherwise exercised their vocal organs almost as much as a cheering section in a football stadium. Whether it is just healthy school spirit or genuine interest in the debate cannot be exactly determined. It is a fact that men are not so easily stirred today as they were in Webster's time when that gentleman moved congress to tears with his speech in behalf of Dartmouth College when he said, "It is but a little college but there are those who love it."

More often than not a high school debater is chosen for his oratorical power rather than for his wisdom or general understanding of his subject. What he gets from the discussion is merely incidental. More often than not the team's advisor is responsible for the fine arguments advanced. The debate rarely ever works up interest in the topic under discussion. The "steam" behind his words, the effort he puts forward and times he expends on the work is almost always prompted by a sense of competition.

What has a debater to his credit after a contest? Possibly a loving cup, a pleasant trip, and a few handshakes with impressive personages added to his collection for future reference and to lend some delectable points to his conversations on his return. And what has he to his discredit? Nothing more serious than the fact that he has delayed a number of college professors from their evening meal.—R. L.

Criminal Codes

A short time ago a judge in Ohio sentenced two young women to a reformatory for terms of one to five years, and five to ten years for distributing communist literature. Although the judge expressed his sympathy for the defendants and although the law allows a minimum sentence of one year, he considered the offense of such nature as to make severe sentences advisable.

No doubt the judge was carrying out his duty as a judiciary; for such action we commend him, though we feel that he saw his duty in a rather stern light in imposing such severe punishment. It is for the state law which prescribes such punishment that we reserve our anathema. These two women were sentenced under a criminal syndicalism law, a product of the fanaticism which followed the war. It is deplorable, though perhaps excusable, that such a law should ever have come into existence. That it should still remain is inexcusable.

In imposing the sentence the judge said: "We owe it to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to maintain the present form of government." To our way of thinking there is something distinctly out of taste

in connecting the names of Washington and Jefferson with this prosecution. This sort of thing harks back to a time which is popularly conceived as antedating the birth of the American Republic. The popular fallacy even goes so far as to assume that such practices of suppression were terminated with that beginning. Obviously the popular conception is not to be relied upon indiscriminately.

We offer no brief for communism or any other "ism," but we protest against a situation which permits fanatical groups to so raise a hue and cry against the propagation of a belief that two women must be committed to penal servitude for long terms because they peacefully distributed a pamphlet, communistic in text.—L. B.

The Campus



By Joe Jones

While watching the Jitney Players perform Monday night our enthusiasm for Sheridan, Shep Strudwick, David Elliot, and Miss Cafagna was depressed only by the fact that there were so many empty seats in the theatre. Of course everybody couldn't know beforehand what a fascinating troupe had come to town, but as we witnessed their "Trip to Scarborough" we couldn't help but feel piqued with that part of the usual Playmaker audience which should have been there to fill the vacant tiers.

We are not writing a review; we are simply agreeing with the rest of the audience that the Jitney Players gave us an evening of extraordinary enjoyment. The various scenes of the play were more like the turning pages of an enchanted picture book than anything we have seen for a long time.

Speaking personally, and sincerely, I know of no group, organization or department on the campus to which I would rather toss bouquets than the Playmakers. Whenever I thank my lucky auguries that I came to Chapel Hill to school I do not fail to mention the Playmakers.

They and their work have always appealed to me as something with a soul, if anything may be said to have a soul. Their history is a romance; they are themselves dealers in dreams. Although there may be other departments of the University doing a vaster work, none other has the color and appeal of the Playmakers. Perhaps it is because the results of their handiwork grow right under our eyes.

It seems to me that whoever goes to school here without habitually attending the Playmaker Theatre performances is doing himself a wrong. I am speaking merely as a student whose only connection with the Playmakers is the season ticket I buy each fall. I am sure that hundreds of other holders of tickets feel the same way, that not to attend whatever is presented by the Playmakers is to miss part of an education at Carolina.

Horace H. Williams Is Seminar Speaker

Professor Horace H. Williams, head of the department of philosophy, will speak before the mathematics seminar this afternoon on the subject, "The Relation of Mathematics to Theories."

In his talk, Mr. Williams will discuss the relation of mathematics to all classes of theories, including those of philosophy and psychology.

TO BE FRANK

By Frank Manheim

It's swell to be a college student—it gives one a great deal of time to read the periodicals and newspapers and last week there was a great deal of news and comment pertaining to what has been termed "university life."

The most interesting news item was one that received deucedly little publicity—confirming the opinion that many hold about the inefficiency of the "drys" press relations office. In the annual vote of the senior class at Columbia University, presided by the wet Nicholas Murray Butler, the class overwhelmingly disapproved of drinking, only a little over thirty students admitting that they drink. Had there been the same vote in favor of drinking, the intrepid wet reporters would have probably sent the news broadside through the country. In the same item, it was said that those boys who resent drinking did heartily enjoy and approve "necking." Which is, well . . .

Something closer to home by way of physical distance was the injunction that was obtained by the authorities of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn. Two professors and their wives and the president of the student body were mentioned in the court order, which prohibited them from "interfering further" with the operation of the University by agitating a strike among students. The strike had been called last week by those mentioned in the injunction and it resulted in the abstention of more than 415 students from classes. The strike was entered into because four professors had been summarily dismissed when they attempted to organize an investigation and reorganization of the university with a view to raising its scholastic standing. The same day that the injunction was obtained, Belle Livingston of New York, who, when accused of running a speakeasy, retorted with "the address is really my home. It is simply that I like civilized, delightful, joyous people about. I want something of Rabelais, something of Madame de Stael, and the philosophy of "What is It?" and like spirits in my house." When acquitted of the scurrilous charge of maintaining a public nuisance, Miss Livingston cried, "Well, isn't this a silly mess? Good old freedom—let it ring."

In a widely syndicated feature article, a well known writer stated that "the clothes cleaning privilege in almost every big-shot collitch is held as a job by the star senior athlete and pays from \$2,500 in the sophomore year up to 5 G's in the senior." All of which does not hold true here—and which necessarily leads one to believe that the University is not a "big shot collitch" or else Walter Winchell may be wrong.

In a recent what was hoped to be secret report laid before the League of Nations Welfare Committee, the writer of it (an European woman who spent some time in the principle American cities) portrayed the United States as "a country where Prohibition and the jazz age are undermining the foundations of the coming generation, a country where 50 per cent of the population has no religion and where home life is rapidly disappearing." To all of which we add our voice to the multitude's "bunk."

Debaters Chosen

The varsity debate tryout held Wednesday night in 201 Murphey hall resulted in the selection of W. W. Speight, A. V. Loenstein, and H. H. Hobgood. These men will represent the University in the second annual Carolina-Virginia radio debate, which will be broadcast from Raleigh on the night of April 25.

Speight and Loenstein were designated to deliver the two Carolina speeches, Hobgood being assigned the task of rendering the rebuttal arguments.

TOUR TO COMBINE STUDY AND TRAVEL

Unique arrangements have been made by the committee in charge of the University residential tour to France by which it is possible to join the group either as a student or as a tourist, according to announcement here yesterday.

The boat will sail from New York June 4, and will return about September 1. The itinerary includes all the places of greatest interest in western Europe. It will take members of the party to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, and England.

During the sojourn in Germany the party will have the opportunity of seeing the regular performance of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. This performance is perhaps one of the few survivals of the old 13th century miracle play.

The period of residence will be spent in the university city of Grenoble, France, where courses may be taken for credit at the Universite de Grenoble. College credit will be given by the University of North Carolina for courses taken at Grenoble under the direction of Professor J. C. Lyons of the University of North Carolina faculty.

The tour promises study and travel under the best auspices and companionship. Information and prices may be obtained from Professor J. C. Lyons at Chapel Hill.

Exam Schedule For Co-Ops Is Released

The schedule of examinations for the cooperative junior students in the school of engineering has been announced by Professor John E. Lear as follows:

Monday morning: Engineering 12b, afternoon Engineering 60b.

Tuesday morning: Engineering 90; afternoon Mathematics 57.

Wednesday morning: Engineering 93b; afternoon Engineering 32b.

Thursday morning: Engineering 5b and English 11b.

Friday morning: Engineering 63b.

After finishing this set of examinations, which will cover the work done during the past seven weeks, the students who have been at the University will go out on the cooperative work for a seven weeks period.

Lenten Season Daily Devotion

Good Friday, April 18, 1930—"Overcoming the World." (Read John 16:25-33).

Meditation: These words sound strange in their setting. It looked as if the world had overcome Jesus. The existing authorities had denied his teaching and now they were about to deprive Him of life. But one thing they had not done—they had not overcome His love for men. For love and faith He was willing to die. His death so vindicated God's love that it has made this day one of joyous solemnity. The cross illumines our hope, shames our doubts and renews our courage. Jesus' living faith and faithful life have made the cross a sign by which men have conquered and have overcome the world.

Prayer: Lord, teach us to overcome. Make us steadfast and immovable servants of Him whom we this day commemorate. May His faith reside in us and the spirit which led Him to the cross descend upon us and fill our hearts with love of God and men. Amen.

A NEW VERSION TO OLD MONKEY-ROPE PROBLEM IS FOUND

A member of the faculty of the mathematics department has recently received from one of his former students a new and complicated version of the old monkey, rope and weight problem, and this one has all the characteristics of the perfect "barbershop problem."

The alumnus admits that he has solved the problem, but he further states that the individual who submitted the problems to him is not yet satisfied. For this reason the problem has been submitted to the math department, which passes it on to the readers of the Tar Heel.

The problem, which is somewhat involved is, as follows: Hanging over a pulley is a rope with a weight at one end and a monkey of equal weight hangs at the other. The rope weighs 4 ounces per foot. The combined ages of the monkey and his mother are 4 years and the weight of the monkey is as many pounds as the mother is years old. The mother is twice as old as the monkey was when the mother was half as old as the monkey will be when the monkey is three times as old as the mother was when she was three times as old as the monkey was. The weight of the rope and the weight is half as much again as the difference between the weight of the weight and the weight of the monkey. What is the length of the rope?

The professor who received the problem states that if anyone so fortunate as to obtain a solution to the problem is urged to communicate with some member of the mathematics staff. Because some may feel that there is no possible answer to the problem, the faculty member said that there is an answer, and that it is a simple number.

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