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**"Pay Day Has Arrived"**

In Thursday's and Friday's issues of the *Daily Tar Heel* there appeared certain editorial comment bearing upon North Carolina's most perplexing problem of taxation. The Thursday editorial brought forth clearly the need of tax revision with the view of taxing those most heavily who are able to be so taxed. The Friday editorial went further and suggested as a possible remedy the levying of higher inheritance taxes on large fortunes and of higher income taxes on large incomes.

We shall, in this issue, attempt, not to propose a panacea for the evils of and conditions resulting from our present taxation system, but rather to take another step in outlining specific remedies. There can be no question as to the inadequacy of present funds. We feel it the more keenly here because the University is almost entirely dependent on the state; it is the child of the state and must have the necessities of life with which all fathers must provide their children if they are to be healthy, growing beings; it is not—which so many politicians imagine—a plaything of the state, to be given only such sustenance as (to put it glibly) can be afforded. The University, to remain healthy and to continue its growth (which state of things is essential to both the intellectual and cultural development of the people and the future eminence of the state), must be endowed with the material resources adequate to the furtherance of its activities.

If, as Governor Gardner has suggested, "pay day has arrived," the University must not be made to pay. It is clearly the problem of our legislators to discover some means of revenue by which the state's indebtedness may be met, some plan by which state institutions—and we mean not only the educational institutions,

but also those for the care of the naturally dependent—will not have to suffer. It seems to us that the solution might be found in the levying of taxes on luxuries, and by luxuries we mean primarily tobacco and talking pictures. During the war an amusement tax was levied, and why should we not in North Carolina now, when our educational institutions are being threatened, take such action? Why is it not also just that such a tax be placed upon tobacco consumption? It seems, by all indications, that the manufacturers of cigarettes are not suffering from financial relapse. The tobacco factory and the moving picture theatre, their owners and patrons, these constitute a considerable element of the group which at the present time is most able to bear the brunt of increased taxation. The state must have additional revenue and it should not hesitate to call upon those who are reaping profits from the sale of luxuries. Such a tax would, we believe, go far in solving the problem.—B. M.

**Crown Them With Laurels**

A local professor recently made the statement on class that the student body of the University was not articulate. In explaining this he said that there was too little reward for a good teacher on this campus to justify a member of the faculty in taking a real, active interest in his teaching. This situation exists, not through any fault of the administration, but of the students. At present, the only possible way in which the administration can judge a man's ability is according to the research work he does and the books he has published. Under such circumstances a man is economically bound to devote his time to these things rather than to his teaching.

This state of affairs is caused by the inarticulacy of the students. Very few, if any, ever articulately give a teacher credit when he has presented a course in a stimulating and intellectually interesting manner, or has given his students something in addition to the cut-and-dried routine of the course. The man who gives "crips" is known all over the campus, but the man who really gives his time to teaching and makes something of a course is usually avoided as one who "works the hell out of you."

This situation is certainly deplorable. Perhaps many of our best teachers will go on for years in subordinate positions, and others who would be good teachers feel themselves forced to devote their time to other activities in order to gain recognition.

The remedying of this condition lies with the students. If they boost the men who are teaching well, these men will receive the recognition they deserve. A good teacher will receive as much credit as a good author. Certainly the standard of instruction on the campus will be raised.—H. B.

**Our Straight-Line Students**

In spite of everything that Dr. Coker and the grounds committee of the University can do, many of the students are fast making the campus as ugly as is possible with the effort that they intend to put forth. Intelligent planning of the pathways on the campus has produced a network which is both strategic in its placement and symmetrical. Students going from the Book Exchange seem to think that the paths are not quite strategic enough in their placement and most of the time save themselves ten steps by cutting across the grass plot to Saunders. They save themselves pro-

bably ten steps and utterly ruin the grass plot. In dozens of similar places the students show that they know that the straight line is the shortest distance between two points. They also show that they care very little about the appearance of the campus and about the feelings of others.

The charm of Chapel Hill and the University campus is in its informality. Beauty is entirely consistent with informality but not with carelessness. Those who take pride in their surroundings do not like to see carelessness as glaringly evident as it is on the campus at present. We owe it to ourselves and to the University to take more pride in our surroundings for it is largely from this source that the best in citizenship will come.—O. W. D.

**With Contemporaries**

**The Quarterback Behind You**

Football would be a complete mystery without him. He should have been a radio broadcaster, for at every game he makes a play-by-play report with gestures, explanations and illustrations. He sees everything and describes it with loud expletives and choice selections from football history. He beat George Washington out of the full back position on the Army team in 1779. He made the winning touchdown against Oxford in the War of 1912.

If someone fumbles the ball during a play, you know within the next three minutes who was responsible, how he happened to do it, and just what the coach ought to do to him. When the opposing team threatens to score, he shouts down that they are going to pass, that the ends should spread out, that the tackles should rush the play, and that everyone else should cover his man. When the local eleven approaches the goal line, he announces that a touchdown is certain if they use a fake kick play. They fail to score by a pass and he shrieks, "I told you so!"

With this expert in action, there is little need to watch the game. Like the noble ladies of ancient Rome who would rather have their slaves describe the chariot races than take the trouble of watching them with their own eyes, the spectators seated about this man would rather listen to his eloquent and stirring account of the game than to see it for themselves. Perhaps the athletic authorities might provide this man with a loud speaker, so that the entire audience of some fifty thousand might understand football for the first time in their lives. A salary and a title might be appropriated. At least such obliging service ought to be rewarded by a silver-plated megaphone or a cigar large enough to completely fill an extra large mouth.

When Greek meets Greek there is but one thing asked: Did your house make a C average?—*Minnesota Daily*.

**Gone—**

**The Golden Gullet**

In these days of crisp and clipped speech, one must cross the Atlantic or trek into the Middle Western hinterland to locate a university in which debating has not lost its former high standing as the aristocrat of all the arts. Here in the East, campus enthusiasm, more fickle than a woman's heart, has long been on the wane with regard to an activity which once evoked the aspirations and admiration of countless undergraduates.

There was a time when debating societies flourished on every Campus. Freshmen gifted with silver tongues were noted by

every rushing committee and received the same solicitous attention that is now accorded to football luminaries. While college men who evinced an interest in music, drama or painting were viewed askance, debaters basked in mingled sentiments of wonder and envy. The golden gullet ranked with the educated toe.

All has since been changed. Whether countless after-dinner orations have dulled our appreciation for the somewhat florid and unrestrained expression of college rhetoricians, or whether we simply are indifferent about hearing two teams argue a question which usually has no interest for us, it is difficult to say.

Only in the cloistered halls of England's colleges does the old tradition seem to be cherished. Many a parliamentary career has had its roots in the training afforded by an Oxford or Cambridge debating team. Yet on Columbia's Campus, artificial methods must be used to restore this old activity to a robust life. It is to be hoped that the attractive encounters scheduled with foreign teams together with the proposed tour of the Middle West will help in drawing new blood to a venerable activity.—*Columbia Spectator*.

**DISCUSSION OF FEATURE STORY**

(Continued from first page) both advertisers and readers.

Presiding over a discussion for the daily group, J. A. Parham, managing editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, asserted that no standard daily newspaper today can hope to get along without features. Broadly speaking, he thought habit-forming features—those that disappoint readers when omitted—were the best. Were he limited to one feature, he would select the funniest comic strip obtainable. He thought much "so-called news" could be eliminated to make room for features where space was tight.

The Institute closed at one o'clock.

**INFIRMARY SICK LIST DECREASES**

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the state inquiring as to the condition of affairs. Several calls came from anxious mothers who wished to know whether their sons had fallen prey to the "epidemic." One mother went so far as to have an ambulance sent to the University to bring her son, who was confined to the infirmary, home.

At no time was the situation out of hand and now that things are changing for the better it is especially safe to predict that before long the infirmary will be functioning on its old basis with three or four people on the sick list at the maximum.

**Red Cross Asks Town To Raise Relief Fund**

John Barton Payne, national chairman of the Red Cross sent a telegram Thursday to Joseph Hyde Pratt, chairman of the local chapter, requesting that Chapel Hill raise \$600 for the relief of drought sufferers. The national fund is to be \$10,000,000 and is to be devoted to aiding the farmers whose crops were destroyed by last summer's drought.

A few days ago farmers in Arkansas marched into a town and demanded food for their starving families. Such incidents bring the drought problem forcibly before the public's eyes. Governor Gardner alluded to this incident the other night in his speech here before the newspapermen.

Contributions to this fund may be made at Eubanks' drug store, at the M store, or to Maurice Hill, Red Cross treasurer, at the Consolidated Service Plants.

**VARIED PROGRAMS ARE PLANNED FOR PRESENT QUARTER**

Entertainment Committee to Bring Spanish Dancer Here February 6th.

Many entertaining programs in various fields have been scheduled during the coming months at the University and at other places in the state.

The two events of interest for January are the vesper organ concert, to be played by Professor Nelson O. Kennedy in the music building, Sunday at 4:45 o'clock, and the violin concert to be presented by Professor T. Smith McCorkle, Sunday, January 25, at 4:45.

In February, two organ programs will be presented. One of the guest series concerts will be given by Frederick S. Smith on the 7th, and Professor Kennedy will play his third vesper concert on the 15th. The entertainment series will present Carolya Goya in "The Spanish Dancer" in Memorial Hall on the 6th, and Bruce Bairnsfather will deliver a lecture February 20. On the traditionally unlucky day of Friday the 13th, the South Atlantic Glee Club contest will be held in Aycock auditorium of N. C. C. W. On Wednesday, the 18th, the University symphony orchestra will present one of the two programs it will play this year. A piano concert to be played by T. Hays Barker on the 25th will round out the entertainment for February.

March will bring a great variety of programs. The glee club will open up the month with a concert at Southern Pines on the first of the month. On the second, the entertainment series will present Gay McLaurin. A guest series program will be presented by B. F. James on Wednesday, the 4th, followed by another vesper concert to be presented on the 8th by Professor Kennedy. George M. Thompson will play the second program, Tuesday, 24. To finish the month the entertainment series will have the Kedroff quartet in Memorial Hall, on the 31st.

April promises the greatest number of programs of any month. The final piano recital will be given by T. Hays Barker on the first day of the month. The entertainment series will bring its programs to a close with "Agnus Enters" to be presented on the 7th. On the next day, a student piano and organ recital will be offered. On the 10th, the concerts will be played by Edwin Steckel. Thursday, 16, an unusual treat will be waiting when the University band will play the only program it has scheduled so far. Professor Kennedy will present another of his vesper concerts on the 19th, and on the 20th a general student recital will be played.

The symphony orchestra will present its last program on May 15. The last vesper concert will be played by Professor Kennedy on the 17th of the month, and the final organ recital will be

**Open Forum Policy**

The open forum is not to be used for the purpose of canvassing the campus for political elections, stated the officials of the *Daily Tar Heel* yesterday, after receiving several letters concerning the recent freshman elections. No such letters will be printed on any occasion.

**HIBBEN TO RESIGN FROM PRINCETON**

Educator Has Held Presidency Of University for Nineteen Years.

President Hibben of Princeton has just confirmed rumors that he will resign from the presidency of the university next year. His successor has not yet been named.

In the nineteen years that Hibben has been president at Princeton the endowment of the university has increased more than four-fold, the faculty has almost doubled in number, half again as many buildings have been added to the campus, and the enrollment has grown more than 700.

It is said that Dr. Hibben is largely responsible for destroying the illusion that Princeton is "the country club of the nation." He has done a great deal to restore emphasis to the college as an institution of learning and has put social and athletic aspects of university life in better perspective.

The university endowment, which totaled a little more than \$5,000,000 when Dr. Hibben took office in 1912, has reached the \$23,000,000 figure. The entire budget of the university the year he took office was approximately \$830,000, while the budget this year totaled \$2,700,000.

The faculty has increased from 182 professors, instructors, and assistants in 1912 to 331 this year. The present faculty contains many scholars of national reputation and some of international reputation. Of the seventy-one buildings on the Princeton campus, twenty-nine have been erected during the administration of Dr. Hibben.

The general trend of sentiment at Princeton seems to indicate that a Princeton man, imbued with the atmosphere traditions, and spirit of the university would be the most desirable man for the position.

The difficulty which Princeton university is now experiencing in regard to choosing a president has been experienced on our own campus when the trustees were looking for a man able to capably fill the position vacated by Dr. Harry W. Chase. Princeton seems to agree with the policy of the University in that they also deem it essential that the new president be an alumnus of their university.

given by B. F. James on May 20. In addition to the above events, the community music club will continue to hold its weekly programs.

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