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Music In The Air

The contribution to state and southern culture made a few days ago by musical devotees is yet unrecognized by the majority of the lay public, but its far-reaching effects will soon be felt when the North Carolina symphony orchestra is installed for the summer season. Affording the citizens themselves an ownership in the association, which will sponsor the orchestra in the issuing of twenty thousand one-dollar memberships, the symphony will become the first actual state symphony in the country.

Aside from the advantages derived by this vast assemblage of music-lovers, three classes of musicians in the state will derive both instructive and monetary gain in the several schemes which are combined in the seasonal activities of the new organization. Amateur, professional, and student musicians will be afforded ample opportunity to gain expert tutelage at the hands of conductors and associated instructors. Many of these musicians have received primary education in the great state public school musical system, known as one of the foremost state systems in the country. Since the natural procedure, according to Walter Damosch, is through the school, amateur and finally professional stage, the projected training system will benefit some several hundred of the foremost amateurs in the state.

If the present financial plan of the organization meets prophesies, the state symphony will soon equal in quality such units as the Minneapolis symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and other of the country's ranking musical groups. Under its present capable management, the symphony will bring to North Carolina a measure of cultural renown equally as desirable as its folk drama and educational system.—D.C.S.

Spring Fever

During the first day or two of the quarter anxious lines are formed in front of the business office. Students, in their anxiety, are willing to be pushed and pulled and tramped upon in order to get their marks an hour or two sooner. Some leave the

window pleased, some sad.

Most of the glum group form well-worded and apt resolutions to do more work this coming quarter. These resolutions are sent to the family in an epic letter that is calculated to counter-balance the effect of the report. A week from now most of the group will be overcome with "spring fever."

Some of these students will work this quarter, and probably worked last quarter, but the relative time they will spend and have spent on activities compared to studies is very great. They don't realize that too many activities are just as harmful as too many courses. The effect is the same whether work is pleasant or unpleasant if it takes too much time away from the required routine studies.

This is, perhaps, the worst quarter to be overloaded with work. The balmy weather saps one's energy and leaves him fit, apparently, only for eating and sleeping. Social activities reach a climax, and week-ending becomes a mania. One activity is sufficient and all that is advisable.—H.H.

Dead Or Alive

One wonders nowadays whether the Lindbergh baby will ever be returned. The numerous clues that have figured so conspicuously in newspaper headlines have apparently come to nought, and the sympathy that has been universally extended to the father and mother cannot avail alone to restore the child to its home. It has been suggested, in fact, that what with all the hue and cry and wholesale searching of private property which have characterized police efforts, the kidnapers may not only have become too frightened to return the baby but may have been driven to its murder for the sake of removing incriminating evidence.

Whatever the situation may now be, it is quite possible that it may result in another Charlie Ross mystery. If that happens, the remainder of this century will no doubt be punctuated at regular intervals by the appearance of persons either claiming to be Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., or else vouchsafing information as to his fate and whereabouts, while sensational journals and magazines will have a choice subject for surmise and speculation through many years to come.

History, at any rate, indicates the strength of such a possibility. During the French Revolution the young dauphin of France (known officially as Louis XVII, in spite of the fact that he never actually ruled) disappeared mysteriously during his captivity not long after the execution of his royal parents. It was formally stated that the youthful prince had died, but that fact did not prevent the rise of numerous pretenders, among them a German, whose claims were the basis for a hardfought and famous lawsuit in the French courts, and an American, Williams by name, whom many asserted (despite his own skepticism) to be the legitimate king of France. More recently, an Austrian Archduke, seeking release in South America from the irksome restrictions of his exalted rank, disappeared—presumably having gone down with his ship—and would-be Hapsburgs have ever since sporadically blossomed forth, had their say, and passed on into oblivion.—K.P.Y.

Professor W. E. Grimes, treasurer of the alumni loan fund committee of the Kansas state college of agriculture and applied sciences, announces that at present the total amount of more than \$40,000 of loan funds is exhausted by the borrowing of students.

With Contemporaries

Youth Movement Starts In Southern California

Modern youth of southern California is beginning to awake!

Critics have long maintained that one of the reasons for the deplorable condition of government and economics in the United States was due to the lack of interest of young people in national and municipal affairs.

College students in southern California have answered this criticism with the organization of the United Statesmen which is arousing enthusiastic support all over the district in its endeavors to identify young people with government and public affairs of the community. The purpose of the organization is two-fold: first, to acquaint young people with public issues and problems of government; and secondly, to induce young voters to take an active part in public affairs.

The new club hopes to accomplish these purposes through a program of interesting monthly meetings. Public officials representing all phases of government will be invited to speak at these affairs, and to outline their official duties and the functions of their departments. Candidates for public office will also appear at the meetings, and will explain their interests, ideals and their future plans, thus giving the young voters an opportunity to become acquainted with the character and experience of the various candidates, thereby laying a firm foundation for voting. Talks will be limited as to time, and an open forum discussion will follow each address.

The United Statesmen is altruistic in purpose, and is divorced from ulterior motives. The club is affiliated with no other organization, institution, or party. The necessity for a southern California young civic league is obvious when it is realized that only approximately forty per cent of the voters registered in this community have voted in recent elections, in comparison with an approximate seventy per cent vote of the registered number in northern California. In other words, the great majority of citizens in this district are not particularly interested in our community. This is especially true of the many who have recently moved to southern California, and whose chief interests may lie elsewhere.

Young people of our community face a real responsibility, which they must realize. Their future lies in this section, and they should be interested in aiding this district, in every way possible. It is to the individual interest of young voters to improve our local government, which in turn will affect property prices, the amount of taxes to be paid, civic improvements, crime prevention, and similar problems. Through political education and by voting young people can operate an intelligent force to further the best interests of the community.

With the "mother unit" of the United Statesmen firmly launched and rapidly progressing, attention is being directed to expansion. The early growth of the club and its early achievements give great promise of success. In the immediate future the original unit will be divided into three individual units, located at Westwood, Eagle Rock, and university districts respectively, and including the colleges of U. C. L. A., Occidental and Southern California. Although the organization is not a college organization a large part of the membership is drawn from colleges and universities. Young people have already displayed in-

terest in organizing units at Santa Monica, Pasadena, Van Nuys, and San Diego. The ultimate goal of the United Statesmen is to have units all over southern California.

It is natural that the United Statesmen should originate in college communities, as young people are already banded here with a common center of interest. Also many students are vitally interested in government and citizenship. Students of sociology, political science, pre-legal students, students active in student government, in Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work, and both students and non-students who realize their responsibility as citizens, have been found to be actively interested in the club. Young people in college communities by taking an active part in the political affairs of their own community can do a great deal towards furthering the best interests of their institutions and the surrounding community. They can work for the candidates, for proposed bond issues, and other measures which will be of material benefit.

Membership is open to any young person actively interested in good government. Both those who have come into their right of voting franchise and those who have not yet reached the voting age are eligible for membership.

At the next meeting, to be held at Los Angeles high school on March 31, the club will start immediately to consider present problems. Candidates for mayor of the city at the approaching recall election will be present to present their cases.

Every Trojan will find it well worth his time to attend and become one of the United Statesmen.—Daily Trojan.

No 'Private' Signs . . .

An eastern college this year innovated the practice of "hitch-hiking" in education by which students might rove from class to class as they see fit. By this method a student is enabled to attend many sessions which otherwise he would miss. There are many good features to the plan. We see no reason why it could not be adopted in a small way here. We do not mean adoption of the whole revolutionary program (revolutionary measures simply are not taken in this part of the educational world) but its most appealing minor points. It would be simplicity itself for professors whose classes are not filled to the room capacity to announce their schedules so interested visitors might attend.

A good percentage of our classes are lecture courses. These can be of as much interest, as educational and entertaining, as a scheduled lecture in the auditorium. If teachers would announce their lecture subjects and allow interested persons to attend, a great good could be rendered.

We anticipate no official cognizance of this suggestion. It hardly needs any. If any teachers who feel the plan is practicable will cooperate in announcing their hours and their subjects we will make the announcements public. Not only students but other teachers and Stillwater citizens could avail themselves of the opportunities thus thrown open.—Daily O'Collegian.

For Proration Of Classroom Jokes

Here is a system that should go a long way toward relieving suffering in the classroom.

It is a suggestion for professors who insist on illustrating lectures with so-called jokes. Most students, blessed with a colossal patience, object not to jokes *per se* but to their repetition.

Our best collegiate jokesmiths

are professors who have taught the same courses for years and have accumulated a lot of sure-fire laugh-getters. Yet because of lack of organization, these jokesters tell the same yarns three, four, or even five times a semester. When a student is so unfortunate as to have three consecutive courses under the same instructor, he must listen to the same jokes no less than a dozen times.

Proration, not absolute prohibition, of professional humor is the remedy indicated. Each instructor who indulges in joking should be allowed one pun and two situation-illustrations per lecture; and they must pertain to the point under discussion.

The professor should standardize his wit, permitting no overlapping in courses. Each joke should be checked from a list, prepared by the office assistant, as it is told. The complete repertoire ought to be renovated and brought up to date at least once every decade.

Will the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Students please take the system under consideration?

—Oklahoma Daily.

It Is Worth Knowing That—

The first summer normal school in America was held at the University of North Carolina in 1877.

Handkerchiefs, wrought and edged with gold, were worn during the reign of Elizabeth by English gentlemen in their hats as favors

from young ladies.

London has 5,531 saloons at present, a decrease of 1,983 in twenty-seven years.

The Y. M. C. A. was organized at Carolina in 1860.

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