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Our Uncle Sam Grows Senile

Uncle Sam is a most kind old gentleman. As our greatest philanthropist, his generosity knows no bounds. He is a confirmed sportsman with a gracious flair for the humorous.

After a certain date in the year 1919, our benefactor decreed that the sale of all intoxicating beverages would become illegal, and that all those guilty of violating his rule would be punished. That is humor, good for a laugh in all save a few strict prohibitionist circles.

As further evidence of his benevolence, Uncle Sam created a special organization to enforce his law. Other fair citizens of the nation, always anxious to be of assistance, grouped themselves into Anti-Saloon Leagues, W. C. T. U.'s, and divers little societies for the curtailment of one of man's private pleasures. Good old Uncle generously donated millions of dollars to these, his chosen ones, in the cause of prohibition enforcement.

Not content to sit high and dry in this bountiful flow of gold, another select group of citizenry banded themselves into "gangs" and "rings" to partake of their share. It was just too easy. Uncle Sam, always the true sportsman, despises an unequal battle, so he decided to turn over each year to these "gangs" and "rings", several billions of dollars that once flowed into his coffers in the form of internal revenue taxes, so that these lesser dogs might have the wherewithal to fight their cause. Under this plan everything went along fine with everyone making money except Uncle Sam.

The old man commenced to ail early in 1929, and by 1930 he had come down with a malignant case of depression. His funds began to dwindle, and thousands of unemployed failed to reimburse him. His bankers began to write his name in red ink, while the money class he created by his prohibition laws continued to bask in the sunlight of undeserved wealth.

In the face of all this, Uncle Sam continues his humorous philanthropy. The false pride that he takes in his prohibition laws will not allow him to change them to meet his setback in finances. Quite recently, the grape-growers of California offered to return some of the favors that he has shown them in the past. They offered jobs for several thousands of our park-bench

army. They offered some five hundred million dollars in potential revenue taxes that now lie rotting in their vineyards. But good old Uncle Sam only smiled, and said, "No." Can he be getting senile?—K. S.

"Resolved That . . ."

During the past few days numerous dormitory residents have complained that there is insufficient warm water obtainable between the hours of five and six in the afternoon. Should the reader doubt this statement, it is suggested that he test the water today at the hour of five or six and he will be easily convinced that there is ample cause to complain.

Perhaps there are those who still cannot see where anyone has reason to complain over such a small item as the lack of warm water; and if there are, just let them endure the rigors of cold water—which seems to attain a greater degree of cold when the user knows there is no warm water with which to temper it.

After investigation it has been decided that the water, between the hours of five and six in the afternoon, is monopolized by the pipes which run into those buildings on the campus designated as Emerson field dressing rooms, located just to the north of Emerson field.

Since there seems to be no other way to settle this pressing problem (because the students refuse to subsist on cold water entirely, and you, gentle reader know it is impossible to deprive our athletes of their share of the warm water), perhaps it would be best to arrange an arbitration between the two groups contending for the monopolization of the warm water. The question to be discussed would be to determine which of the two parties represented would secure the use of the warm water from five-thirty o'clock until six or from five o'clock until five-thirty. The group presenting the most logical arguments would be permitted to choose the half-hour desired and in this manner bring to a close this momentous question.

As to the matter of the judges . . . perhaps a few disinterested faculty members (some two or three hundred) could be chosen by unpopular ballot to decide between the two groups.—E. J.

Educating the Prospective Collegian

A letter asking that representative students of the University be sent to Lexington high school to conduct a student government program for the senior class was recently received at President Graham's office. It is the plan of the student body president to comply with this request, sent by the Lexington Parent-Teacher Association.

Two years ago the suggestion was made in these columns that the campaign to revive the strength of the University honor system be extended to the high schools and preparatory schools of the state. At that time, it was declared impossible to inculcate in first-year men the ideals of student government by a single freshman-week lecture.

If students in the high schools were trained in the ideals and principles of the honor system before entering the University, it would be much easier to enforce the system here on the campus. The task of instructing these pre-college students could be accomplished through the extension division and the deputation teams of the Y. M. C. A., in cooperation with the student government officers. Lectures on the honor system could be given to high school assemblies; student government organizers could be sent to the high schools.

With a program of this kind in operation, a generation of

college students trained in the theory and practice of campus control would soon be developed. Let us have more trips like the one scheduled for Lexington. —E.C.D.

Emotions vs. Justice

"Straight out of Greek tragedy might come the situation of a man on trial for murder describing to a court how his wife was beaten and ravished and how he felt when she told him." This quotation is from the April 25 issue of *Time* where a writer gives a short resume of the great legal battle that is being waged in Honolulu. Prosecutor John C. Kelley tried to keep the details of the assault and rape out of the evidence, but Lawyer Darrow announced that he planned to use them as groundwork for a plea of insanity.

Such emotional evidence would seem to greatly jeopardize the chance that absolute justice will be done. The emotions and prejudices of the jury will necessarily be played upon. Yet how can justice be done to the man without knowing his case? He is claiming temporary insanity and these facts are certainly the basis of any such plea.

It seems that the whole thing hinges on the question in all such cases of whether rape is a justification for murder. The idea of judging cases according to circumstances seems rather vague. Immediate murder may be justified but later crimes are not, because by that time a person's blood has cooled and it is murder in cold blood. But how soon does one's blood cool in a case of this kind; or does it cool?

Of course this case is slightly different in that the court is not sure that Kahawai committed the crime. An important fact to be considered is whether Lieut. Massie was justified in believing he did. What better evidence could be demanded than the statement of his wife?

This question should be settled one way once and for all so that every case of this kind will not raise the same question again and stir up feelings so deeply over the whole nation. —H.H.

Humanizing Herbert

"On the south lawn of the White House stood 17-year-old Betty Thompson Hanna of Camden, N. J. with her arms full of peach blossoms. 'Mr. President,' she said, 'I'm presenting these peach blossoms on behalf of the South Jersey Blossom Festival. I hope you can attend.' President Hoover took the peach blossoms and smelled them, replied: 'These are beautiful apple blossoms. I trust the apple blossom festival will yield an abundant harvest.'"

Thus *Time* magazine (DAILY TAR HEEL, March 21) records another chapter in the glorifying of the nation's chief executive. At politically opportune moments it is not unusual to hear of attempts at publicizing national figures, who must depend on the sway of public sentiment for popularity rather than excellency of record and general capability. Opening flower shows, passing out nickles to boy scouts, opening new highways and dedicating memorial plaques for pet hospitals all give our public figures a chance to nab off a little publicity.

With the power of the sympathetic press back of one candidate the propagation of a successful ballyho system practically insures him of election. His private life is thoroughly ransacked for some touching anecdote that will paint him as a "home-loving man" or a "friend to dumb animals," all of which delights the sentimental and

hero-worshipping Great American Public. "Tippicanoe and Tyler Too," "Two Cars in Every Garage," "A Full Dinner-Pail" are sentimental jungles that have rallied us to the cause of countless potential presidents and office-seekers. A little publicity gets a mediocre man a long way—D.C.S.

It's Worth Knowing That—

A square inch of skin on the palm of the hand contains about 2,800 sweat glands.

Sweet potatoes form the second largest vegetable crop of the United States.

More than one-fourth of Austria's population lives in Vienna.

Trout have been known to live in captivity for more than twenty years.

More than 3,125 persons took the civil service examination for positions as United States prohibition agents last year.

Many Awards Offered Students In Activities

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popular in the University. The student who renders the best translation of an original work in Greek, not previously translated, receives ten dollars in the form of the Eben Alexander prize. The Kerr prize in geology is awarded for the best thesis containing an original piece of work on geology or mineralogy of North Carolina.

Students in the commerce school have as an incentive the Delta Sigma Pi scholarship key which is offered to the senior in that school with the highest average over his four University years. Another award founded by a society is the Chi Omega prize annually given for the best work in the field of sociology.

Law school rewards include the Hill Law Review prize of fifty dollars to the student editor who makes the best total contribution to the *Law Review* during the year; and the Callaghan prize for the member of the senior class who scores the highest average during his final year in the school.

Several scholarships and the Lehn and Fink gold medal for excellence in research work are offered by the Pharmacy school.

Besides the letters given for varsity competition, athletes aspire to gain the Patterson medal donated for the best all-around athlete as chosen by a faculty committee. The Order of the Grail also awards a cup annually to the best all-around freshman.

The *Carolina Magazine*, the *Buccaneer*, the *Yackety Yack*, and THE DAILY TAR HEEL are accustomed to reward distinguished service upon the part of their staffs with charms.

Two other awards which have not been made in recent years are the Bryan Prize in Political Science, established by the late William Jennings Bryan and the Preston Cup for journalism. Although the former prize may have lacked interest, the journalistic progress of the campus in the last few years hardly accounts for the fact that the Preston Cup has had no recent inscriptions.

Dancing partners at Heidelberg must maintain the decorous distance of a half-a-foot from each other at all times.

Northwestern University has a private beach for the use of its students on beautiful Lake Michigan.

McKIE WILL READ PLAY BASED ON BROWNING'S POEM

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Caponsacchi as he relates it from the time he first heard of Pompila. He tells how she was brutally treated by her husband, his attempts to rescue her from an unhappy life, the discovery of their escape by Guido, his exile from Italy for nine months, and of returning to Rome just in time to find Pompila dying from an attack by Guido.

"Mr. Goodrich, apparently," said Clayton Hamilton of the play, "has so completely drenched and steeped himself in the spirit and atmosphere of Browning that he has enabled himself to write the play of *Caponsacchi* with the full connivance and approval of the poet."

CHINESE STUDENT HELD BECAUSE OF GRADUATE THESIS

Wei Ming Hua Made Mistake of Writing on History of Communism in China.

(By College News Service)

Los Angeles, April 29.—Wei Ming Hua, Chinese student registered at the University of Southern California, has been held in jail here since last November by federal immigration authorities because he made the mistake of writing a graduate thesis on the "History of Communism in China."

This was revealed this week, when University officials and attorneys sought to obtain permission for Wei to go to Germany, in lieu of complete freedom in the United States. He was to have been deported to China, but he expressed the fear that his enemies there might kill him.

Despite the protests of Dean Rockwell D. Hunt of the Southern California graduate school and other educators, who testified before immigration inspectors that Wei was a brilliant student and that his thesis was a valuable scholastic contribution, the government officials refused to allow him to stay.

The federal agents this week were being sharply criticized by students and faculty members at the University and at other institutions on the coast, since Wei previously had studied at the University of California and at Stanford University. He entered this country legally as a Boxer Indemnity Student, it was said, and later was encouraged by his professors to chronicle the development of Communism in the Orient.

HACK WRITING COMPANY FORMED AT PRINCETON

A "National Essay Writing Corporation" to provide essays and themes to undergraduates during a four-year college course for a fee of \$100, is now in the process of formation, according to an editorial in the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*. The editorial says that the organization is making an attempt to "raise college cribbing to the position of a major industry."

A representative of that organization said in an interview that he did not expect much business from Princeton men, but that he wanted recommendations from the "Big Three" as a basis for starting the service in colleges in the Middle West. This organization whose real name was unable to be learned is able to place at the disposal of American undergraduates a large corps of energetic hack writers and typists who will undertake the grinding out of a snappy essay or thesis on any subject during four years.

A "secret six" committee has been formed to investigate graft charges brought against Northwestern University by the director of religious activities at the institution.

Californians Irked By Female Booters

(By College News Service)

Los Angeles, April 29.—"Apple-polishing" as practiced by reasonably attractive co-eds is threatening the stability of college grading systems, according to *The Daily Bruin* of the University of California at Los Angeles.

"If the sexes are to be placed on an even basis in the classroom, either the co-eds or the professors will have to reform," declared *The Bruin*.

"As long as there remains a competitive grade system, it will be next to impossible to force women students to change their ways. And as long as co-eds sit in front rows, the instructors will find it difficult to immunize themselves against feminine charms.

"Perhaps the solution is more women professors."

Chess enthusiasts at Florida University say that the game is beneficial because it teaches the player that the "queen" is boss of everything.

The pals of "TOUCHDOWN!"

hitting the sky!



Sky Bride

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