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The Other Side Of The Fence

President Hoover's opposition to the immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus was to be expected. On this issue, he again demonstrated his consistency in inconsistency.

It has been the policy of the Republican administration, in attempting to rehabilitate our bankrupt nation, to grant financial aid only to corporate organizations. None of the federal credit organizations, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Federal Reserve system, the Home Loan banks, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, or the Federal Farm Board, make loans to individuals.

The present administration does not believe in the direct method of returning prosperity by placing money in the hands of hard-pressed individuals. Rather, it pours dollars into the upper economic strata, hoping that a few nickels and dimes will seep through to lower levels.

The mass lobby on the Bonus Expeditionary Force in Washington and the American Legion in convention assembled have asked the administration to deny this principle in granting the bonus. Consistent with his inconsistent policy, President Hoover declared against the proposed veterans' raid on the public pantry.

Candidate Roosevelt's pronouncement on the bonus issue, scheduled for late October, is awaited with interest. Apparently, this politically shrewd opportunist is waiting late to see how many votes he will need in November and how many votes the veterans will be able to give him before he commits his opinion on the question.

It is significant that the American Legion did not censure President Hoover for evicting the bonus army, as it threatened to do. Another consideration for Governor Roosevelt is the fact that the Democratic party took no platform stand on the issue. Most probably, he would not get the complete support of the American Legion if he should declare for the bonus and he might run the risk of alienating a faction of his own party.

The picture of Franklin Roosevelt stepping down from his party's platform to play tag with the bonus boys would be as absurd as the boner (dry) that Charlie Curtis pulled when he went over to the blue nose backyard, leaving Herbert Hoover astraddle the prohibition fence, with a tenpenny nail from the prohibition plank in his pants.

Meanwhile, President Hoover is to be commended for his courageous stand against the attempted bonus raid. It is to be hoped that Governor Roosevelt will be able to reconcile an anti-bonus utterance with his recently assumed liberal attitude. The bonus should not be made a partisan issue.—E.C.D.

Residue

Paradoxes confront anyone who will see them. The so-called bad men are often found to have gentle and sympathetic hearts; the so-called bad conventions or systems are found to be the best that we can use practically; and, so it is that in the process of

fraternity rushing are to be found certain virtues that are buried in the hypocrisy and burlesque of the system.

That freshmen find themselves suddenly plunged in a feverish atmosphere during their first fortnight is undeniable. But in spite of full-blown and sometimes comic affectations and pretensions there exists something that every year remains after the panic of pledge-grabbing is over.

And what remains is something that all of the efforts of Y. M. C. A. and Administration have failed to provide; to wit, an intimate and significant introduction of the new men to the old men.

The average freshman, after his first month, knows more campus personalities than the average junior. And it is not being outlandish to point out that, with all of the damning characteristics of the "system," the many contacts formed during the two weeks of fraternity rushing are a happy consequence.

The succeeding two weeks present a substantial portion of the student body with an extraordinary, if highly organized, opportunity for acquainting themselves with many members of our University population. Not to recognize this is to neglect an obvious opportunity.—R.W.B.

Shooting Galleries And Adolescents

A most expensive and sub-adolescent game much in vogue last year has been revived since the opening of the present school year. Many times last year the municipal government found it necessary to replace large electric bulbs in the street lamps, which had been demolished by playful "college boys." These lamps cost the town one dollar and a half each. This sum when multiplied to a large degree presents a figure which makes quite a hole in the budget of a town as small as this.

Amusing as the sport may be, so great has the skill of the participants become that the mortality rate of the lamps has now made the game far too expensive for so modestly a financed municipality.

Were this activity confined solely to the freshman ranks, all might yet be comparatively well, but sad to say members of the upper classes are also guilty of this childish depredation.

A decade or so ago the campus was a victim of sustained pistol fire from the dormitory windows during the hours immediately after supper. As one of the professors said, "It was as much as your life was worth to cross the campus after supper." This situation was finally quelled, but only after disastrous results.

The University is generally conceded to be the center of liberalism in the South, but liberalism stretches just so far, and then the common welfare begins to take precedence over any inhibitions which may be aggravated by restraint from throwing rocks at street lamps.—O.S.S.

And if the country is in as bad shape as the Democratic orators say it is, we can't understand why so many of them want to be President of it.—Judge.

A novelist has confessed to a gossip-writer that his hobby is fishing. It is what novelists do for a living that causes all the real trouble.—Punch.

OUR TIMES

By Don Shoemaker

Books Make The Man

In a suspiciously smug editorial, the Asheville Times comments on the early literary life of Mr. Calvin Coolidge, president in the era known as the Golden Age of Calvin the First. The Skyland sheet lists fourteen volumes which Coolidge says formed his early intellectual stimulation, expounded upon in an article "Books of My Childhood" which appears in the Cosmopolitan magazine.

The list smacks of the variety of classics read by our great backwoods statesmen, and is slightly redolent of the odor of burning pine knots and homemade candles:

- The Rangers or The Tory's Daughter. The Green Mountain Boy. Washington and His Generals. Men of Our Times. Biography of General Garfield. Livingstone Lost and Found. Hillard's Sixth Reader. Choice Poems and Lyrics. Captain John Brown. History of the Indian Wars. Young People's Bible History. The New Testament. Life and State Papers of Lincoln.

The Times remarks to the effect that the books indicate opportunity for good educational background but it seems a little skeptical as to just what qualities they might provoke in giving a college educated man, as is Mr. Coolidge, a modern political background. "They are in no sense great or by authors of marked talent."

Yet the real issue is avoided. Great books oftentimes are not so stimulating as those which fire the imagination and exercise the vocabulary. Inspiration is gauged in the manner in which the reader absorbs the good qualities of the book. Should he extract, in the heat of interest, but ten ideas and words from a volume which is attractive despite its mediocrity, he gleans something of value transcending a thousand and dull passages from a thousand dull major classics.

Reynard On the Loose

Pete, a red fox in Central Park Zoo, found his way through the bars of his prison several days ago and made a short dash for liberty which culminated after a three blocks chase in capture by a mob of excited bystanders. The Associated Press tells us that Reynard now mourns the fact that he could not keep training after three years of incarceration, his flabby muscles abandoning him in the rigors of the chase. Some will compare Mr. Fox to John J. Business. The latter gentleman broke training on a memorable October morning just three years ago. He's had a pretty hard time pacing up and down in his cage, and when he tries a break, his untrained muscles give away as the ever alert pack closes in, eager to trap him before he gets a decent start.

SOPH ORDERS TAP FORTY NEW MEN

(Continued from first page) "13" Club: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, William Sadler; Beta Theta Pi, Frank Wilson; Alpha Tau Omega, Newman Lockwood; Phi Gamma Delta, Henry Bridgers; Pi Kappa Alpha, Albert Clark; Sigma Nu, Homer Lucas; Zeta Psi, William Harrison; Delta Psi, Harry Schaack; Phi Delta Theta, Curtis Cloud; Delta Tau Delta, Jimmy Mathewson; Chi Phi, Lewis Peeler; Sigma Chi, Chapin Litten; Kappa Alpha, Richard Willis.

Edgar W. Knight Tells Of Conditions In Iraq

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tribes and innumerable mosque schools in which the principal subject taught is the Koran. But the masses of the people have not yet been reached by education. It is estimated that ninety-five per cent of the population is illiterate. Moreover, the masses are afflicted with preventable diseases, among the worst of which is trachoma and bilharzia, due in main, it is believed, to lack of sanitation and the filthy conditions that prevail generally in the country. Water is very scarce in Iraq.

The position of women and children is very low. The attitude toward children is almost brutal and the education of the women has long been neglected. But since the British came in during the World War and broke the power of the Turks, who had dominated Iraq for several centuries, some provision has been made for schools for girls and women. In Bagdad are a medical school and a very good hospital, still in charge of the British.

Raiding on Decline

Raiding which has so long been looked upon as a legitimate occupation of the desert tribes is rapidly on the decrease, being broken up chiefly by aeroplanes. By this means the Bedouins are moving pretty rapidly from a nomadic life to settled agriculture. The automobile also has been widely introduced in the country and has displaced the camel which has for so long been the chief source of wealth for the desert tribes.

With internal peace and protection (which the British government has guaranteed Iraq) from outside enemies, such as Persia might become, and given a strong national government as King Faisal shows promise of developing, the Iraq people may, Professor Knight believes, regain in part the high position which the Arabs held centuries ago, when Bagdad was the largest city in the world and the center of culture and wealth in the Near or Middle East.

But such reforms must be worked through education of the right kind—fundamentals in agriculture and economics, engineering, sanitation and health and preventive medicine. Objectives such as these were recommended by the Commission rather than the formal Western education which has been too much imposed, many observers believe, upon some of the Far Eastern countries such as China.

SELF-HELP APPLICATIONS REGISTER BIG INCREASE

Edwin S. Lanier, University self-help secretary, announced yesterday that there has been a considerable increase this year in the number of applications for work sent in by students to the University self-help bureau. About 1900 inquiries have been sent in, and nearly 1,000 formal applications are on file as compared with 1,500 inquiries and 625 applications last year. Lanier announced that up to yesterday, the self-help bureau had been instrumental in securing part time jobs for approximately 200 students for the year 1932-33. Last year at this time about 350 boys had been given jobs. It is estimated that 350 students are now doing work to help defray their expenses at the University.

The Self-Help bureau, of which Lanier is head, was organized by the Y. M. C. A., and it functions through the University self-help committee, appointed by President Graham, and the self-help secretary, who is a member of that committee.

Purdue Inaugurates Program Of Economy

(Big Ten News Service)

Economy is the item of the day in all circles at Purdue university this term. Fraternities have reduced their house bills, honoraries are cutting their expenses and lowering their initiation fees, the men's Pan-hellenic council has temporarily abolished homecoming decorations as an economy measure, and the same organization has removed the clause requiring member houses to take a definite number of tickets for their annual formal dance.

President E. C. Elliott speaking recently before a group of campus leaders urged the students to revise their social budgets and abolish unnecessary expenditures. The president cited two reasons: "That there is a larger number of students than ever before who are without surplus of resources, and that we are carrying on our work under a very critical eye."

The Purdue Exponent has adopted an economy policy for Purdue of five items, namely, the reduction in ticket prices of traditional and popular dances, the abolition of minor and inconsequential functions, reduction of honorary dues, abolition of class dues, and reduction in cost of cadet officers luncheons.

Greater Number Of Graduate Students In Commerce School

All previous records in the number of graduate students enrolled in the school of economics and commerce were broken this year by the enrollment last week of twenty-one students in the graduate school. This number is beyond that of the number enrolled during any past year and is an increase of seven students over the number enrolled last year.

In addition to being the largest graduate class the school of economics and commerce has enrolled, the wide distribution of the schools from whence the students come is astonishing. The following institutions of learning are represented in this small class of twenty-one: Duke, Columbia, University of Tokyo, Clemson, University of South Carolina, Mississippi A. and M., Peabody Institute, St. Lawrence university, Southwest university, University of Mississippi, Emory university, and the University of Virginia.

TALLULAH BANKHEAD STARS AT CAROLINA

Cary Grant, showing at the Carolina theatre today in his latest film, "Devil and the Deep," starring Tallulah Bankhead, ran away from home as a youth in his native England to join a theatrical troupe.

When going to the theatre, students are asked to deposit in the ballot box located in the lobby votes for contestants in Chapel Hill's Greater Prosperity Contest. All merchants participating in this contest will give one hundred votes for each dollar spent or paid on account. These votes may be given for someone already nominated, or for new contestants, including the holder of the votes.

Dropping water will wear away a stone, and also disrupt a stock exchange.—Brunswick Pilot.

LIBRARY AT DUKE STANDS FIRST IN SOUTHEAST AREA

Department at Durham School Takes Ranking Formerly Held by Library Here.

Duke faculty members and students beginning the fall semester at the university have access to approximately 328,700 volumes, comprising the highest ranking library in the southeast, taking first place over the library here. These volumes are contained in the general library of the university, the law and medical libraries, the woman's college library, and several departmental collections.

During the past year the Duke library has added 61,321 volumes and 145 periodical subscriptions. The total number of newspapers and periodicals now received amounts to 2,223.

In the manuscript department, the library contains about 200,000 letters, documents, diaries, account books, and other historical records. One of the rarest treasures in this department is a twelfth century illuminated manuscript of the New Testament.

Approximately 6,000 volumes of American and foreign newspapers dating from colonial times are also in the library.

Thousands of empty bottles were found in the Chicago stadium after the Democratic convention adjourned. The explanation must be that the place wasn't cleaned up after the Republican convention the week before.—Arkansas Gazette.

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