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Act Now!

The student co-operative cleaners are here to stay. There is no question about their staying either as a non-profit or as a profit-sharing enterprise. The more reluctant members of the student body can join in now that it is safe to be on the winning side. There are over two thousand students here most of whom have work for dry cleaners some time in their college career. After the enterprise gets under way the large part of the student body will get memberships.

However, it is to be pointed out that it is to the advantage of all students to get their membership cards immediately. As soon as the volume of trade can be determined, and the constant overhead expenses determined, the prices can be reduced. So whether you are one who is interested in the fight for students' economic rights or not, it is certainly to your advantage to obtain your membership to the co-operative. —B.C.P.

Pessimism Of Ignorance

Sprague in the *Times*, Strachey in the *Nation*, Bliven in the *New Republic*, Garner in Austin, Texas, Snell in New York, Roosevelt in the halls of Congress. Words, words, words, and more words, all of them explaining, attacking, defending the multilateral New Deal. Credit expansion is tantamount to inflation. We have no inflation. Prices are falling. Prices are rising. Democracy is seriously threatened. Roosevelt is the very incarnation of the democratic spirit.

Of all this mass of writing and speaking the large majority of the interested public understands little. It has done its very best since mid-summer to untangle the skein of economic and political problems that the depression and the New Deal together have created. Now six months afterward the public's energy is spent. It has given up the fight to comprehend. Let the all-fired experts do and say what they will; passive acceptance, uncritical reception is the safest, least disturbing policy. Gradually there has been reached the conclusion that no more than half a dozen individuals fully understand the workings of the economic system and that within this limited group disagreements are as violent as without.

The admirable effort for self-education in a formerly ignored field has ceased. With it has departed the glorious optimism of the early fall. By and large, people have slacked in their tremendous faith in the NRA and the rest of the Rooseveltian alphabet jumbling. When they felt that they could possibly divine what was happening their confidence was unbounded. As they became more and more confused they became less and less certain of the efficacy of the Blue Eagle, the Brain Trust, and the New Deal in general. Those who have not sought to understand are doubtless still flaming with faith; those who have, have retired to the sidelines, skeptical in their bewilderment and helplessness.—J.J.S.

Students at the Florida State College for Women must take an examination on the college government and constitution rules. Those failing the test are campused for two weeks. At the end of this punishment another test must be taken successfully before social privileges are granted.—Arizona Wildcat (NSFA).

Facts and Figures

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for an appropriation of sixteen billions of dollars in order to meet the administrative and emergency expenses of a two year program. On the face of it, one would wonder where sixteen billion dollars is coming from out of this country, but a little examination of the president's message and of the statistics therein reveals some enlightening facts.

In the first place, the estimated governmental income from taxes and other sources for the two year period is something like seven billion; and the amount of refunding money required will be about four billion. Odd hundreds of millions of dollars being taken into account, that leaves only about six billion to be raised in order to meet the requirements of the budget. When one realizes that the normal national income is 78 billion, and will certainly be closer to that norm if the recovery program is successful, the sum of six billion is not staggering.

The government deficit is to be increased in the two years by about nine billion. But no consideration has been made of the fact that three billion is owed to the various government agencies (with reputedly good security), nor of the fact that the budget calls for another three billion for the RFC to be lent out. These considerations reduce the increase in the budget to quite some extent.

The president assures us that by 1936 the budget will be in a perpetual state of balance, with ample funds allotted to amortization. Certainly a nation that owns four billion dollars worth of diamonds can find a way to produce six or eight billions in cash for the benefit of national recovery.—J.B.L.

Tugwell Act

When a bottle is marked "poison," we ordinarily don't swallow the contents. But when the bottle is marked something else, we may make the fatal gulp.

While the American public has not been consuming poison by mistake, there is reason to believe that many foods and drugs on the market today are not as pure as they should be. In other cases false claims have been made by various producers. Although it is better to be "gyped" than poisoned, it is best not to be either. Congress, in the present session, will be asked to pass legislation correcting both evils.

Washington commentators look for a battle in Congress when the Tugwell pure food and drug act comes up for discussion. Certainly it can be only to the public's benefit if Congress raises the standard for food and drugs; but such action by the government may mean dollars and cents out of the pockets of certain vested interests, and it is from the latter that opposition will be expected.

It is hard to see on what reasonable grounds anyone can object to the Tugwell act. Acting under the present pure food and drug laws, the federal government has rendered a distinct service to the people of the United States by protecting them from useless or dangerous foods and drugs. A tightening up of the laws can mean only more complete protection. More complete protection of the public can be opposed by only one class of people—those who profit by cheating the public. But the American people have a right to demand pure foods and drugs, honestly and fully labeled. Congress should pass the Tugwell act.—D.B.

With Contemporaries

The Liberal Professor— (Syracuse Daily Orange)

That education is best which educates least. Near the end of Webster's list of synonyms for education appears indoctrinate. College classes give daily evidence that many professors and students have accepted this comparatively insignificant synonym as the entire definition. And, in this case it is strikingly true that the less educating a person gets, the better educated he will be.

Professor X is an ardent religionist. He preaches dogma and creed into the ears of students who absorb it in order to write in on the exam paper. Professor Y is an extreme radical. He teaches the doom of the present day systems and offers his own pet theory as a Utopia. This, in turn, must be learned by students who repeat it in blue books.

For those teachers in schools and colleges whom Professor X and Y represent, the present civilization has no place. The past generation looks on in horror at the fall of its much loved traditions. Systems of government are changing. Society is undergoing a transformation. Young people can not accept the standardized path of the conservative or the ultra-individualist without thought.

The truly liberal and ideal professor, who is to be found in a few college class rooms, knows what he thinks but realizes that he did not reach

this conclusion over night. He does not expect his students to swallow pre-digested food and leave their teeth to decay from disuse. The college graduate who has learned to think by thinking, although he has not memorized the theories of his professors, is the one who is best educated. He is prepared to enter the world which is calling for thinkers and discarding automatons.

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

Fraternity Pressers

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:

The Fraternity Buyers Association, Inc., believes that some persons have been misinformed in regard to a connection between its pressing and cleaning department and the Student Co-operative Cleaners. To clarify this matter the Fraternity Buyers Association wishes to state that there is no connection between these two organizations. The Fraternity Buyers Association is a corporation owned and operated by fraternities as stockholders to render a service for these stockholders. This is not a commercial organization and it does not solicit or service outside trade. These fraternities are simply doing a service for themselves, which is analogous to the dining room service and rooming service that they are rendering for their members.

The pressing and cleaning department of the Fraternity Buyers Association is now operating under the terms of the Cleaners & Pressers Code as ordered by Mr. C. B. Roberts, chairman of the administrative board of the sixth North Carolina trade area. While we do not feel that our organization is subject to these code regulations we will continue to abide by its rules until such time as we are able to obtain a definite ruling on this matter.

C. W. MILLER, Mgr.

Phi Begins Quarter's Work Tuesday Night

The Phi assembly will hold its first meeting of the winter quarter Tuesday night at 7:15. The newly elected speaker, J. P. Temple, will be formally inducted into office and will deliver his inaugural address. Plans will be made for the program of the assembly for the winter quarter and various committees will be appointed by the speaker. The coaching situation at the University will be the subject of a discussion, and all members of the Phi are urged to be present.

An initiation for new members will be held the following Tuesday night, Jan. 16, and all prospective members are asked to come to this first meeting in order to qualify for membership.

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

By Virgil Lee

Culture

The meeting here yesterday of the Carolina Dramatic Association marks one of the most significant movements in the state at this time in the dissemination of culture. Organized for the purpose of spreading and fostering dramatic art in North Carolina, this extremely informal and loosely organized body, in the few years of its existence, has built up some extremely important acting groups in various parts of the state.

The value of such an association of play directors essentially lies in personal contacts set up and the exchange of ideas made possible by such contacts. Methods of lighting, costuming and make-up, stage direction, acting and even folk dancing are all considered as elements of experimental interest and much original and important work in them is being accomplished throughout the state. Such an association does high honor both to the moving spirits here at Chapel Hill and other towns as well as to the state of North Carolina as a whole.

Students

A highly gratifying part of the present school quarter is the increased registration. However, with two dormitories vacant it is highly evident that the University can do with several hundred more students. Both from an educational and financial standpoint more students are needed here at Chapel Hill. At a time when the other colleges of the state have very large registrations—some of record proportions—it is to be regretted that the University of North Carolina lacks by some two hundred the optimum number of students.

The explanation for this drop lies in several causes, chiefly the highly publicized decrease in legislative appropriation for the school and the inadequate attempts being made by the University in inducing students to come here. In regard to the former handicap little can be done at present; but in regard to the second much can and should be done. The bulk of the responsibility, of course, lies with the administration; however, in the interests of their own welfare the students can also help. Whenever the opportunity presents itself the individual Carolina man or woman should acquaint prospective students of the merits of the University. Our liberal traditions, our high scholastic standing, the many interesting extra-curricular activities, our athletics—all offer ample inducements to the average high school senior. Let's get to work and bring more students here. This, at least, can be our part in the creation of a greater University.

NRA Head Says Co-op Cleaners Violating Code

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parts of Roosevelt's program, but the former, once codes are adopted, becomes a section of the blanket agreement.

Directors of the association have declared that they have a higher wage scale than that outlined by the NRA and are working their employees for a shorter time than the minimum working hour requirement of the national code.

The student heads refuse to admit that they are violating the cleaners' code of fair competition; that matter is one for settlement by the courts.

Smith stated yesterday that no investigation of the conditions under which the co-op operates has been undertaken by the local NRA committee. The action of C. B. Roberts, who charged the association with violation of the NRA code, came as a result of an appeal from the proprietors of local pressing establishments, who communicated with their trade committee rather than the local heads, Smith said.

C. D. ROBERTS WIRES FOR STATUS OF CASE

C. B. Roberts, NRA administrative board chairman for the sixth cleaners' district, stated yesterday that he has wired officials at Washington for a complete account of the status of the controversy over the student co-op cleaners here.

Roberts has not, he said, been told to come to Chapel Hill and close the student establishment.

Athletic Council Meets Monday to Take Action

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its selection. There is hardly a possibility that the council can arrive at a definite conclusion tomorrow night. Two or three names will remain after the meeting which will bear further investigation. One thing cannot be emphasized too much and that is the absolute thoroughness with which the athletic council is going about its consideration of the candidates. Each one has been clearly informed that the University of North Carolina is not interested in anyone who does not feel that the University presents an opportunity to them.

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