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PARAGRAPHS

The House has passed a bill for execution by lethal gas. Political speeches will do nicely as a cheap source of supply.

Sir John Simon said Germany has reached an air parity with Great Britain. What he means is, "Hitler is as much up in the air as we are."

Mr. Wright wants surplus cotton to be used to "put clothes on the American people." Don't give it a second thought. In a few years more we'll all be nudists, anyway.

"To Stimulate Student Thought"

"The purpose of the demonstration is to stimulate student thought and action on the means to insure peace in a period threatened by war." Such is the newspaper account of the recent statement issued about the anti-war demonstration by the committee in charge.

At 41 institutions throughout the United States peace demonstrations will be held Friday morning, April 12. In most instances the demonstrations will take the form of strikes, with students voluntarily leaving classes to participate.

As Dr. Stephen Duggan remarked at the recent Foreign Policy League banquet, it is a hopeful sign when students of a nation take a militant stand against the crime of war. Some take the attitude that public meetings to condemn war are futile gestures, wasted on the expanse of ether and of no practical value in spreading the anti-war cause. But on the other hand it can be said that any demonstration on the part of youth has some value, in that it does "stimulate thought" along an organized channel.

Carolina students do not seem to go into things of the more sensational nature and a strike would appeal to them more because of the novelty of missing a class and maybe getting away with it than because of the purpose for which the strike was called. With the anti-war demonstration on the basis of an intelligent protest against militarism, with intelligent speeches and intelligent direction, much will come of the local contribution to anti-militarism one week from today.

The Greyhounds Are Still Running

Well, the bus boys again come forth and tell us that the date for the Greyhound hearing is now definitely set for Wednesday, April 24. The state utilities commission at that time will hear the Greyhound application for a certificate of operation for a bus line between Greensboro and Raleigh, via Chapel Hill.

Despite the continual postponements, the student body and Chapel Hill townspeople still feel quite strongly about the matter and will be ready to go over in a delegation to secure this service. We still have hope, as mentioned recently, that sooner or later a hearing actually will come off and if April 24 does turn out to be the lucky day, we urge all interested Greyhounds-to-be to make an effort to co-operate with the University Club and other local agencies who will help to "apply the pressure" from this district.

King Cotton Moves South

That King Cotton is rapidly moving his empire from the southern states to Brazil is more fact than fiction. In the New Outlook for April, Mr. Allen Raymond, in his article entitled "Plowing Down to Rio," gives some startling facts and figures about this development of the south's principal crop.

According to Mr. Raymond, this South American country made a strong campaign to capture that portion of the world's cotton market which the United States relinquished when she paid her farmers to plow under part of their crop.

In the season of 1932-33, when there was no governmental interference, the United States secured 58 per cent of the world's trade in cotton. During the 1933-34 period, with its AAA and crop curtailment, this percentage had dropped to 54. The 1934-35 season threatens to hit below 48 per cent.

Brazil is not without its advantages in the production of cotton. Whereas, the cost of living in the south is extremely low, it is not nearly so low as the prices which are paid to thousands of Japanese and Italians who, in the last few months, have migrated to Brazil and found work on the coffee and cotton plantations. Another distinct advantage is the fact that—even before our crop limitation program—Brazil had the nucleus of a textile industry, with some 300 cotton mills and 3,000,000 spindles.

Apres Moi, Le Deluge

Edwin L. James, managing editor of the New York Times, once remarked to Mussolini that the people of the United States admired him for his individual accomplishment, but would not like his regime for this country. To this Mussolini replied:

"My friend, you will come to it. Democracy is talking itself to death. The people do not know what they want; they do not know what is best for them. There is too much foolishness, too much lost motion. I have stopped the talk and nonsense. I am a man of action. Democracy is beautiful in theory; in practice it is a fallacy. You in America will see that some day."

Mussolini has undoubtedly been a successful dictator. By rigid censorship of the press, and a reign of terror he has indeed stopped the "talk and the foolishness." He has squelched the democracy which he declares beautiful but theoretical until Italy is Mussolini. But therein lies the fallacy of his political philosophy. Like all dictators, he is disregarding the fact that a dictatorship depends upon a single man, and when that man dies, Italy is destined to go the way of Napoleon's France and Bismarck's Germany.

The South May Learn

Modern writing in the south, says Gerald Johnson, editorial writer on the Baltimore Evening Sun and former journalism professor here, in an article in the Virginia Quarterly Review, is characterized by a portrayal of the horrible side of life. This new tendency in writing is nothing less than a revolt of southern authors against the traditional order of expression.

For a half century following the Civil War, southern writers have remained content to let time take care of the troubles and needs of the south. They merely tried to picture what they thought to be the ideal life, generally the life of the old south. Thus we had writers of the Thomas Nelson Page or Joel Chandler Harris type.

Today most of the old sentimentalists have disappeared and in their place has risen a new group of writers. They are filled with a burning desire to get away from this flimsy, day-dreamer attitude and to picture life as it actually exists today, not as it existed during the Civil War. They are defying the old southern literary traditions of writing, such as portraying the gentle sweetness about the old plantation houses. Today they feel the nausea caused by the relics of the old south. They are trying to interpret honestly what they see around them.

The effect of these writings upon the southern viewpoint is becoming tremendously important. The south, no matter how much it despises it, is forced to listen somewhat to the criticisms and declamations of William Faulkner and T. S. Stribling or the loud bellowings of Thomas Wolfe. These men refuse to go unheard and even if they can see only the horrors of our social life, we must listen to them and let the effect of their wild tales move us to action.

These modern horror mongers, as Mr. Johnson so correctly puts it, are but the first word in our literary development, representing but a beginning. If that is true, may not we southerners look at this new writing as a representative part of our modern social life? Although the south is experiencing its own definite beginnings as a representative power in national affairs, it need not consider its modern literature as something advanced and far ahead. If that literature represents an honest attempt to picture the southern life as it exists in the present day, the south may gain much by studying it.

CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES & NASH JOHNSTON

ANTHONY ASTON
"WHATTA SPOT!"
THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL ACTOR EVER TO VISIT N.C. WAS A SHIPWRECK VICTIM!

Know Your STATE
THE FIRST RAILROAD IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA TOOK 30 YEARS TO COMPLETE

SALISBURY TO MURPHY

NAMESAKE
"OH GOODY"
CHARLOTTE WAS NAMED FOR THE WIFE OF KING GEORGE III, AND MECKLENBURG WAS HER BIRTHPLACE

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TOWN HAD THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN NORTH CAROLINA?
SEE NEXT CARO-GRAPHIC

• THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY •

Looking Backward

One and Five Years Ago Today in the Files of the DAILY TAR HEEL.

April 5, 1930

A record vote of about 1,800 ballots is established in the annual spring elections. Two pledges come to blows in a heated argument . . . Two hundred, seventy-eight students make the winter quarter honor roll . . . "There is no reason why any man should be elated over his election or despondent over his defeat," says an editorial.

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Ben Proctor has bought a farm. "He refuses to comment on anything because nobody asked him." . . . Two Duke co-eds enter a room on the third floor of a dormitory . . . Captain LeGore's javelin toss of 212 feet, seven inches in the Dartmouth meet was beaten last year by only one college man . . . "Are you a newspaper crackler?" inquires an advertisement.

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

A Better Frosh Dance

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:
The freshman class executive committee has set aside a goodly sum—\$250 to be exact—for the annual freshman dance. From opinions already spreading over the campus, I have garnered the opinion that the forthcoming affair is not looked upon by any too great a number of freshmen as the gala affair that it should be.

Quite on the contrary is the current sentiment. The committee has secured a very mediocre orchestra, when it could hire one of the many better bands at present on the campus. The affair, according to rumor, is to be informal and will in no way resemble the fine dances already given by the upper classes.

It is my belief, as well as that of many other members of the '38 class, that our only dance of the year should at least resemble a high-class affair instead of a high school social, to which end it seems to be destined. We have appropriated a big enough sum of money to demand that we get something worthwhile out of it.

F. W. FERGUSON.

INFIRMARY LIST

The following students were confined in the infirmary yesterday: Robert Van Sleen, Charles Abernethy, R. S. Weatherford, Eleanor Lockhart, R. W. Weesner, and James Idol.

Patronize Our Advertisers

Casual Correspondent

by Nelson Lansdale

THE MARRIAGE OF TRUE MINDS

Before the range of wit and repartee, the depth of thought, the wide variety of personalities, and the sheer weight of the intellectual matter paraded in Gerard and Memorial halls this week, this department is unashamedly humble. Any effort to retail odd scraps of conversation, jokes, stupidities of students, or speaker's favorite stories, misrepresents—in this department's opinion at least—and cheapens the splendid work and the value of the Institute of Human Relations.

Three things have been increasingly obvious to your correspondent from a fairly close observation of the work of the Institute. The most important of these is a perhaps necessary observation that the Institute is accomplishing what it set out to do. For the first time since your correspondent has been enrolled at the University, a considerable number of people on the campus are really thinking about affairs of national and international consequence. The bank holiday of March, 1933, became a school holiday in which fervent and almost desperate participation by the whole undergraduate body went hand in hand with the most appalling ignorance of the actual state of affairs, and the wildest surmises as to the future. Now, however, for campus radicals and blue-stockings alike, national and international affairs have challenged interest and intelligent consideration. It doesn't so much matter whether the speakers are right or wrong—they have set the campus to thinking. And that, in our opinion, is an event worth recording.

GERMAN EUROPE

It is further clear that thinking people everywhere are scared, badly scared of the menace that is Germany. Two distinguished speakers whose subjects have concerned European affairs—Duggan and Lederer—have limited themselves almost exclusively to discussions of Germany and the German situation.

THE HONORABLE FISH

Our other observation is on the surprising political conservatism as contrasted with the manifest broadening of the social attitude on the campus. When campus reds and parlor pinks, gunning for Hamilton Fish, attempted to monopolize two seminars Wednesday with discussions of Soviet Russia, they were enthusiastically booed by a packed Gerrard hall. On the other hand, Negroes and whites sat side by side for Dr. John Hope's discursive, emotional lecture on

the Negro in the modern world.

Whether the booring of the pink intellectuals was due to their unpopularity as individuals, to the unfairness and maliciousness of their attacks on the speaker, in the conservatism of the audience or to the general feeling that there are matters of more importance and more immediate interest worthy of discussion than Soviet Russia, we cannot say definitely. It is, however, our opinion, that the campus believes these radicals have assumed an importance out of all proportion to their significance as thinkers or organizers. The booring we take as the year's first public manifestation of this feeling.

NON-IMPEDIMENTA

It would be presumptuous in the extreme for this department to extend its praise and congratulation to the chairman (especially for the brevity of his introductions), the committee for the Institute, or any of the people who have made it possible. That isn't our job. As Shakespeare puts it: "Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit impediment . . ."

OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

- 1:30: George Hall orch., WABC, WBT.
- 2:00: Bill Allsbrook orch., WBIG.
- 3:15: Minneapolis Sym. orch., Eugene Ormandy, conductor, WABC, WBIG, WBT.
- 5:00: Loretta Lee, songs, WABC, WBT.
- 5:30: Nellie Revell interviewing Ben Bernie, WPTF, WSB.
- 6:00: Leon Navara orch., WABC, WBT.
- 7:00: Bill Allsbrook orch., WBIG.
- 8:00: Concert, Jessica Dragourette, soprano, WEA, WRVA.
- 9:00: March of Time, WABC, WHAS.
- 10:15: Kay Kyser orch., WGN.
- 11:15: Ozzie Nelson orch., WBT, WGST.
- 11:30: Jolly Coburn orch., WEA, WRVA; Wayne King, WGN.
- 12:00: Jan Garber orch., WGN.

APRIL 24 SET AS DATE FOR BUS LINE HEARING

April 24 has been set as the date for the Atlantic Greyhound Lines hearing before the utilities commission in Raleigh, the editor of the DAILY TAR HEEL received notice yesterday.

Still optimistic, the University Club, according to one of its members, is expecting to pursue its oft-deferred plans to sponsor a mass trip to Raleigh to attend the hearing and express student sympathy with the approval of the bus line's petition.