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THIS ISSUE: NEWS, GILMORE; NIGHT, JORDAN

"The open air of public discussion and communication is an indispensable condition of the birth of ideas and knowledge and of other growth into health and vigor."—John Dewey.

NORTH CAROLINA IS ASHAMED

North Carolina leads the world in automobile accidents per million gallons of gasoline consumed.

The blame lies heavily on the individual drivers; Carolina's highway accidents occurred when in 89% of the cases the vehicle was in apparent good condition, when in 55.5% of the cases the driver was on a straight road, when in 74% of the cases the road dry, when in 99% of the cases the road was in good repair.

According to "Popular Government" three men die on the highways of the state each day; 35 or 40 are injured; the economic loss totals some 75 or 80 thousand dollars. In the past five years, automobile liability insurance rates in this state have nearly doubled.

North Carolina is thoroughly ashamed of this record and is doing something about it. The Institute of Government has opened a safety campaign two-fold in purpose, and the DAILY TAR HEEL is carrying on for the youth.

Firstly, an attempt will be made by all available methods to educate the individuals of the nation, especially the youth, to the seriousness of the situation and to their responsibility, in safe methods of driving and in observance of traffic regulations.

Secondly, this campaign is youth's opportunity to express itself in government. This is the first campaign of any kind which has not only a local application but a personal interest for every individual in America ever attempted by a college newspaper. Through this drive youth has a chance for active participation in a national movement instituted by an agency primarily interested in government.

Youth participation and youth interest in affairs concerned with government is the way to more intelligent government in the future.

PREDICTIONS

The extra-ordinary departure from the straight and narrow by President Roosevelt in his address to Congress on the state of the union last Friday marked the beginning of the steady barrage of things political to which the citizens of the United States will be subjected for the next 10 months.

The Republicans undoubtedly are justified in their demands for equal opportunities on the radio to add their bit to the already boiling pot. That they will speak just as convincingly, just as logically, just as generally as did the President, is evident to anyone who has observed the verbose political mouthings in the past.

We will hear recommendations, attacks, counter-attacks, not for the purpose of securing an office—no, nothing like that—but looking towards the end of giving the American people the best in government, and cleaning up the terrible economic situation, and providing the true Americanism. But most of all we shall hear about the ghastly outlook for world peace. Politicians will place the emphasis on the dangers deriving from the Italo-Ethiopian clash.

Without a doubt the United States is intimately concerned, despite the Monroe Doctrine. And without a doubt recommendations for keeping us out of war will in the main be limited to generalizations.

The Constitution will also come in for a share of the discussion, mainly under the directing influence of Mr. Hearst and Mr. Hoover.

In all probability, during this session the Democratic legislative and executive branches of the government will not attempt to pass Constitutional amendments to provide for agricultural or industrial control even though the AAA was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court yesterday.

All the myriad of New Deal legislation will be torn apart by the Republicans and the American Liberty League and upheld by the administration; Socialists and Communists will squeak that people are starving in New York and freezing in Chicago; on a double-header program, the baseball teams of the Roosevelt Rooters and the Smith Supporters will play the Hoover Helpers and the Landon Lions. And on November 11 next we'll be expected to elect a President of the United States.

Quill Quips

by
Mac Smith

Originality

One of the most attractive girls that we have known unfortunately possessed an amazing capacity for holding horrible misconceptions.

The whole first grade in school was promised a gala picnic when every one of the tots had successfully counted to 100 orally. Now Miss Ladybird did well up to 29, but from there she persisted in "short-cutting" to 90, 91, 92, 93, etc.

And eight years later we were taking high school biology when she brought the teacher to task, insisting that "pickinny" was one of the five races of mankind.

Her senior year in high school she did a masterful English theme on "Beethoven, America's Greatest Composer."

Well, slap my Backus

Our freshman told us the other day a new version of "this-is-where-I-get-off." The three men were bleary with their all day ride on the frail train that ran from Richmond to Norfolk.

The train drew up at a little two-by-four station. "This is Wimberley," said one of the men.

"No, it's Thursday," said another.

"I am too, let's get a drink," said the last one, as the three fled off the wooden Day Coach.

Bacon's Method

For the experimenter with hydrochloric acid: Effervesce you don't succeed, etc. . .

Or for the locksmith: Latch Keys and Make Up!

No Degree of Honor

And when Harvard University considered giving President Andrew Jackson an honorary degree, Ex-President John Q. Adams asked the university to take back the degree that they had just given him. . .

Randolph of Roanoke agreed that Clay of Tennessee was a pretty brilliant guy. Said Randolph: "Sure, he's brilliant, he's just like a dead mackerel in the moonlight: he shines and stinks."

Steady four hours a day

Examination students in Old East last quarter took time off their quiz preparation to make their Christmas list of song hits: (We don't take the responsibility)—

Fraternity Man with Sorority Girl: "Greek to Greek."

Flower garden: "Petunia Old Grey Bonnet."

Virgil: "You're All Aneid."

Beer: "Just a Little Foam for the Old Soaks." Desert Song of 1936: "Whose Sahara Now?"

Air you there, Sharley

Radio's second oldest program, Captain Henry's "Show Boat" has been running over seven years and some people still believe that there's a really, honest boat afloat carrying Lanny Ross and the others. Several weeks ago the Show Boat was "scheduled" to tie up in St. Louis, Mo., and on Thursday night three or four thousand Missourians were down at the pier a-waitin' . . .

Atmosphere

And speaking of radio, they say that some special performers like Ed Wynne and John B. Kennedy are "Mike" timid. For Ed they provide an audience; for Mr. Kennedy they fix him up in a cozy little room like his own home, maybe; for Ethiopian Haile Selassie's next broadcast NBC has secured a "dark" room.

Now YOU'RE Talking

"BURNING UP"

To the Editor,

The DAILY TAR HEEL:

Far be it from an oldster to combat modernity, but there is a limit to what even a mossback can stand without "burning up;" and this last cover of the "Buccaneer" is just that.

Obscenity one can pass by as a phase;

Art (?), or even caricature that border on indecency, one can allow by making allowances for the mental elasticity of the times;

But when a college publication touches on either of the two most controversial of all subjects—religion (whether symbolic or otherwise) and/or politics, it's time to crack down, as our late-lamented Blue-Eagle Johnson used to say.

The trend today is towards propaganda that attempts to deride religion—Russia and Nazi Germany both are driving hard on all religious principles; even Mexico has taken a crack at the holy religion they seemed to have there—and the cover of the "Buccaneer" is merely one of the thousands of little digs and cracks which, whether innocent or deliberate in intent, are still part of the drip, drip, drip of the drop of water which eventually wears away the stone of belief in or respect for religion and religious symbols.

You of the younger generation must have noticed (or have you?) the tendency towards ignoring religious observances and services on Sundays, what with automobile trips, the movies, the Church attendance and the interest of young people in religious matters has fallen off in the past 20 years far more than you would believe unless you had lived through that period.

I am not writing this to be captious; criticism, unless constructive, is a waste; but I do believe that some thought should be given by those who choose the covers of college publications so that some constructive ideas might be used rather than things that are indirectly wisecracking at religion or at innocence. Of course, we cannot pull long faces and be solemn all the time—and we shouldn't be that way any of the time—but I do believe that there is a happy medium which can be struck, and that extreme care should be used to avoid anything that smacks of unpleasant propaganda of any sort that plays into the hands of Communism, Fascism or any other sort of an ism excepting Americanism.

The University of North Carolina, and all it stands for, are as American—or always have been—as the Liberty Bell, and everything that comes from there should ring as clearly as the old bell did before it cracked. Let's hope that no crack in Americanism or at the things that Americanism stands for will ever appear in the clear bell tones of old Carolina.

Yours friendly,

J. W. LINDAU, JR., 1905

Physical Education

All freshmen who did not report for physical education Monday must report today at the Tin Can. Some boys do not know their class, therefore, it is necessary to report today.

LOST — CAMERA ON TRIPOD IN front of Playmakers' Theatre December 19. Finder please return to Herbert Katzenstein, 113 Old West. Reward offered.

Accident Drive

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to combat the growing menace of highway accidents.

Pool to Assist

Jack Pool, student body president, announced yesterday that the North Carolina Federation of Students, of which he is head, will get behind the newspaper's drive in this state.

It is expected by sponsors of the campaign that the National Student Federation of America will also join in the work. Two hundred copies of the pamphlet have been sent to NSFA headquarters to be distributed with the regular NSFA weekly news release.

As explained yesterday by Phil Hammer, editor of the DAILY TAR HEEL, the movement has two purposes. First, it is directed toward decreasing highway accidents. Second, it purports to stimulate the interest of youth in managing their affairs through public opinion and the legitimate channels of government.

Other Colleges

Many colleges throughout the nation have used other methods of fighting death on the roads. Safety driving pledges and other means have been used to make college students alert to the situation.

The state of North Carolina leads all states in the Union in the number of accidents per million gallons of gasoline consumed. According to Albert Coates, head of the Institute of Government, which first agitated to ameliorate the situation, North Carolina is at the same time the first state to make any definite drive to eliminate the hazards of the highways.

Floral Meeting

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Show." At 5 o'clock on the same afternoon all those registered will attend a tea at Graham Memorial.

Coker to Talk

A feature of the program will come on the evening of February 19, when Dr. W. C. Coker, Kenan Professor of Botany, will give an illustrated lecture, and when Mrs. Bayard Wooten, of Chapel Hill will exhibit her lantern slides of "Gardens of the Low Country."

The final morning of the course will be conducted by Mrs. Peckham as she lectures on the subject "Flower Arrangement." "Exhibiting in Feature Classes" will be the topic of the final unit of the course.

The committee on arrangements is made up of R. M. Grumman, director of the University Extension Division; Mrs. H. R. Totten, president of the Garden Club of North Carolina; and Mrs. F. H. Edmister, president of the Chapel Hill Garden Club.

Bell Tower

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precious donation; but if there is a strong wind from the east, I hear it and it annoys me very much."

Just who to blame the carelessness on is to be conjectured, but if it exists much longer, Chapel Hillians need not be excited if they find themselves suddenly inundated by the waters of University Lake.

If it happens again, the sober dwellers of the town will have to join those who spend the night at beer tables, and everyone can enjoy the chimes together, perhaps adding some of their own discordant notes to the general symphony.

INFIRMARY

Those confined to the infirmary yesterday were: W. F. McNeir, R. F. Crystal, W. A. Ra-borg, Thomas Irwin.

AS THE WIND BLOWS

By
SAMUEL R. LEAGER

As I understand it, the purpose of this column is to give an idea of collegiate trends on other campuses, and movements of youth in other parts of the world. If it should occasionally be interspersed with items which do not seem to cling definitely to this frame, but on the other hand may have the virtue of "human interest," please forgive me. I hope you will find it interesting.

I have just run across an excellent brief description of the Fascist youth movement, which might be interesting, in view of the current Italo-Ethiopian conflict. It was written by Jonathan B. Bingham, chairman of the Yale Daily News.

In this description, Mr. Bingham points out that the Italian youth has but two ideas in mind, to become a soldier and to follow Mussolini. This ideal is fostered and furthered by the National Balilla Institution whose motto is "Today Balillas, tomorrow soldiers, always Fascists." The Balilla is indeed a well-knit organization, with control at Rome, ostensibly in the hands of an executive committee, but actually under the surveillance of one Renato Ricci, who is responsible only to Mussolini. There are regional and local committees which carry the orders from headquarters to the individual groups of boys and girls. These groups are organized into boys from 10 to 14, and from 14 to 18, and girls of the same ages.

The privileges are many, but the chief one is that of avoiding the terrific brunt of social pressure and ostracism. Although membership is allegedly voluntary, boys and girls who do not belong, and their parents, are in such a minority and submitted to such pressure, that discretion is the better part of valor in this case, and wisdom decrees membership. This social pressure has increased the ranks to over half the youth of the country. The Fascists claim a unit in every village, no matter how small, throughout the country.

As for the activities of these young Fascists, they are appallingly, to us, militaristic, well beyond the field of mere imagination as we have known "war" in our childhood. Discipline is strict, and each Balilla House, or movement club-house, is equipped with an arsenal of rifles and machine-guns which are far from toys. More evidence of the attempt to make war seem glorious to these children is seen in the provision of motorcycles and other equipment which naturally are exciting and attractive.

The Balilla camps, which nearly all Balillas have an opportunity to attend at some time during the summer, are managed with the strictest discipline. The camp at Ostia is an excellent example of these camps. It is equipped with a magnificent, modernistic building with a streamlined tower, much chromium plate, and a playing field or drill ground. This drill ground is a walled-in enclosure without a shade-tree. There is no place in the angular-furnished rooms, except the big beds in the dormitories, for relaxation and comfort. The young Balillas march about to their duties and exercises with seldom a smile on their unspiculated faces. It is serious business, this job of becoming a Fascist.

Perhaps the most appalling

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