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THIS ISSUE: NEWS, GARDNER; NIGHT, JONAS

"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.

DARNED SOCKS

Last fall the Student Advisory Committee undertook a comprehensive investigation of the University laundry department. The washing plant was thoroughly inspected and compared with similar establishments in the city of Raleigh and at State College. Laundry prices here were contrasted with those at Wake Forest, William and Mary, Duke, State, V. M. I., and V. P. I.

As a result of this survey, the student advisors recommended to the University administration (1) that prices be reduced on an enumerated list of five articles of clothing and (2) that a second sock darning machine be installed in the plant.

The rapidity with which the administration followed the recommendations of the student advisors in lowering the prices of laundrying clothes is indicative of cooperation.

However, as yet no action has been taken by the administration in making provision for the installation of the sock darning machine requested by the student representatives.

Two factors have entered into the postponement of administrative action on this recommendation. In the first place, while sock-darners are not expensive machines, the cost of labor to operate the instrument runs up expenditures considerably. Secondly, by following the student request to lower rates on articles of clothing, the University decreased the laundry's revenue some \$2,284.00 a year.

Still, the lone sock-darner in the laundry is too overworked to adequately fulfill the repair needs of the student body.

LAZY AND IMMATURE

A college bull session is an excellent vehicle for knowledge—sometimes. The rest of the while, the bull session is merely a time-wasting rehash of stale information or an adolescent discussion of who-necked-who. Mr. Olsen attributes the utter lack of value which characterizes most extra-curricular discussions to the immaturity or intellectual laziness of the persons who participate in them.

There are two courses open to you, Mr. Olsen says, when you find yourself entangled in a discussion which promises no benefit or originality of thought. The easier—and in hopeless cases the only advisable—action is to go on to bed. But if you are trapped, then do your best to shift the talk away from the ordinary platitudes. If it's the usual boisterous discussion of sex, get over to the proper functions of the Supreme Court and the possibility of drastic constitutional revision after the Democrats are re-elected (?) next fall. But should your companions tenaciously cling to the topic of sex, then force them to discuss some of the finer implications of the sex drive in human behavior.

In other words, if you are inclined to criticize the organization and level of instruction in the courses which your professors conduct, then use some of your ability at analytical criticism to improve the very important college course in which you are both the teacher and the student: your bull session.

ELASTIC CONSTITUTION

The national administration purports to replace the Supreme Court-killed AAA with new legislation which will accomplish substantially the same results. The substitute legislation is to be based on "soil conservation" and will replace the processing tax with excise taxes.

With no mention having been made recently by the president or his advisors of attempted abolition of the Court or amendments to the Constitution, we wonder if this new legislation means a new regard for the judiciary or whether the administration is simply showing how easy it is to thumb its nose at the Constitution by unconstitutional measures twisted into constitutional terminology.

THE GOSSIPAL TRUTH

by
Irving D. Suss

RUMOR HAS IT

Probably one of the most persistent rumors on the campus has to do with the political escapades or accomplishments of Professor E. J. Woodhouse of the government department. Ever since my freshman year I've heard that one of the members of the faculty gained prominence in politics by virtue of the fact of once having defeated Calvin Coolidge. By my sophomore year, Professor Woodhouse had been pointed out to me time and time again as the man who had defeated Coolidge for the mayorship of Northampton, Mass.

Now I'm not an iconoclast, but when a story tracks me down, I can't resist printing it. The fact of the matter is that Professor Woodhouse never did defeat Calvin Coolidge for any office. The Professor ran against a certain Mr. Cortiss, the president of the Prophylactic Brush Co., and defeated the brush man by a slight majority. According to Mr. Woodhouse, he was chosen as the Democratic candidate for mayor because the party had no one else to run. Cortiss was a strong opponent in the Republican New England town but the Professor used the good old Southern tactics of canvassing for votes from door to door. "They were voting against Cortiss, not for me," says modest Mr. Woodhouse.

In a certain sense, however, he did defeat Coolidge, inasmuch as the Republican candidate was Coolidge's candidate. Coolidge was actually defeated by a gentleman named Kennedy.

CASH NIGHT NIPPED

I don't know one point about law, but a recent decision handed down by a New England court outlawing "jackpot nights," or "cash nights" in moving picture theatres, coupled with the fact that there is much dissatisfaction with the practise at the local theatre led me to look up a few points which may be pertinent.

The statute on gambling as taken from the North Carolina Code of 1935 follows in part:

"All wagers, bets or stakes made to depend upon any gaming by lot or chance, or upon any lot, chance, casualty or unknown or contingent event whatever, shall be unlawful; and all contracts... for or on account of any money... so wagered, or staked... shall be void."

The definition of gambling as given in Bouvier's Law Dictionary says: "A gaming contract or wager is a contract by which two parties or more agree that a certain sum of money or other thing shall be paid or delivered to one of them on the happening or not happening of an uncertain event"

It would seem, then, that should an individual wish to give out money to a person whose name was drawn from a collection of names, there would be no legal complications. But when a person must pay money to be eligible for receiving a certain sum (a condition which exists in the system of "cash night" used by the Carolina theatre), it seems to this lay observer that if not the actual law, then the spirit of that law might be invoked.

In line with this it might be mentioned that during the entire fall quarter the "cash night" box contained the names of those summer school students who registered during the second session. This, of course, decreased each individual's chances of winning. Naturally, each time the award wasn't won, the

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Bull's Head

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a book. I never was so glad to see anything before. It was a Spanish book, and so I taught myself Spanish."

Suggestions

In making suggestions for the student library, the speaker said, "The average student does not have much money. You can't ask him to spend his money for books. But he should buy Everyman's Library and the Oxford Classics at 90 cents each. For five dollars or so he would have quite a collection of books with all the fields well covered."

"Reading should be systematic. Under 22 years of age, the average student reads little other than fiction. It's a good idea. Read first for breadth. Read all the trash you can get your hands on. Indigestion itself will soon cure you of this."

"For depth we have to resort to foreign books. We Americans like action. Our books have no depth. The nearest books that do have depth are Russian books. For good reading I recommend Oriental literature. The finest poetry ever written is Japanese and Chinese poetry."

"Upon graduation from fiction, try history and biography. Then, try essays."

Kagawa

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money, and in old age power."

"America has too much individualism and too much competition. You need more co-operation."

"Co-operation by consent rather than force is needed for prosperity and peace."

"Laws should result from the customs of the people, not customs from laws."

THE BODY POLITIC

By STUART RABB

With the roar of the opening "big guns" still reverberating in his harassed ears, John Doe Public is digging in for what Democratic Boss Jim Farley hails as "the bitterest and probably the dirtiest political campaign since the Civil War." Well, "Big Jim" ought to know. He has been on the "inside" of party politics long enough to build up an extensive background. And when he calls something dirty, my friends, that thing is extremely foul.

The Constitution is the Issue

Those who think the Civil War settled the question of state's rights will soon discover that this perplexing issue is the very hinge upon which the current campaign swings. The Democratic party is on the spot. Always a staunch advocate of individual sovereignty for each state, Democrats are now obliged to renounce their basic doctrine and advocate centralized national authority or else abandon their present administrative program. If they break with State's righters, they lose valuable support in the Southern states. In addition, they lose the entire conservative wing of the party. Or, if they call a halt to the work of the present administration and fly back to the bosom of the Constitution, the liberal element will desert to a party that offers them more freedom.

Where to, Mister?

But it is hardly conceivable that the Democratic party's high command of astute politicians

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OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

- 3:00: Rochester Civic Orchestra, WPTF, WJZ, WSB.
- 3:30: National Student Federation, WBT, WBIG, WABC.
- 4:00: Curtis Institute of Music, WBT, WBIG, WABC.
- 5:30: Dorsey and Dalley, WBIG, WDNC.
- 6:00: News, WBT; Dance Music, WBIG.
- 6:15: Grady Cole, news, WBT; Lee Gordon orch., WEAJ.
- 6:45: Lowell Thomas, WLW, WJZ.
- 7:00: Amos 'n' Andy, WLW, WEAJ.
- 7:30: Connie Gates, contralto, WPTF; Kate Smith, WBT.
- 7:45: Boake Carter, WBT, WABC.
- 8:30: George Burns and Gracie Allen, WBT, WABC; Wayne King orch., WEAJ, WSB.
- 9:15: N. Y. U. vs. U. N. C. basketball, WABC.
- 9:30: Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing, WJZ, KDKA; Connie Boswell with Ray Noble orch., WBT, WBIG, WABC.
- 9:45: Hot Dates in History, WHAS.
- 10:00: Philips Lord, drama, WBT, WABC; Musical Moments, WBIG.
- 11:00: Eddy Duchin orch., WEAJ; Abe Lyman orch., WABC.
- 11:15: Richard Himber orch., WSB.
- 11:30: Enric Madriguera orch., WEAJ; Claude Hopkins orch., WBT.
- 11:45: Jan Garber orch., WGN, WLW.
- 12:00: Hal Kemp orch., WLW, WGN.
- 12:30: Moon River, WLW.

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