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Infirmary Acts Fast

Once again, the Infirmary has acted quickly and efficiently to prevent a possible outbreak of disease.

This time it is flu. Last time it was polio. Football activities were suspended in the fall quarter for two weeks and students were given worthwhile advice on how to protect themselves in some measure from polio. Now there is a fifty-fifty chance of an outbreak of influenza which would "seriously disrupt" the University's activities, according to Dr. Ed Hegepeth. This is no scare alarm. This announcement comes after a careful watch of trends throughout the world, nation, and state, plus weekly surveys conducted by the medical profession.

And students, 300 of them on the first day, responded quickly to the call for voluntary vaccinations. The vaccine is a good preventive, primarily because it counteracts the work of the flu virus. The important thing about a vaccination is the necessity to take advantage of it now. It has no value when the epidemic surrounds the campus.

Students are reminded of the value of having an infirmary and a wide awake staff. As soon as enough information had been gathered to show that a campus wide flu attack was possible (populated centers in Germany, France, England, Texas, and Tennessee have already been affected), vaccine was shipped in from Detroit and Atlanta and the infirmary was ready to receive students the next day.

Action in this case as in many others indicates that the Infirmary is doing the kind of job necessary to maintain student health. The Daily Tar Heel commends the staff of the Infirmary for its continuing efforts to keep us in shape.

Paper Thieves

Someone's got an old get-rich-quick philosophy.

He or she nets a \$4 loot each day mostly at the Lenoir Hall newsstands, but manages to loot the nickels of four State dailies at the Y, too.

The thief or thieves are stealing themselves right out of a job among other things. Threatened with daily losses, the students operating the paper stands may have to stop selling.

The nickel thieves might be interested to know that once they are pinched by student law, they will be probably heading out of Chapel Hill. The Chapel Hill recorder's court is always interested in slapping heavy penalties on such miscreants.

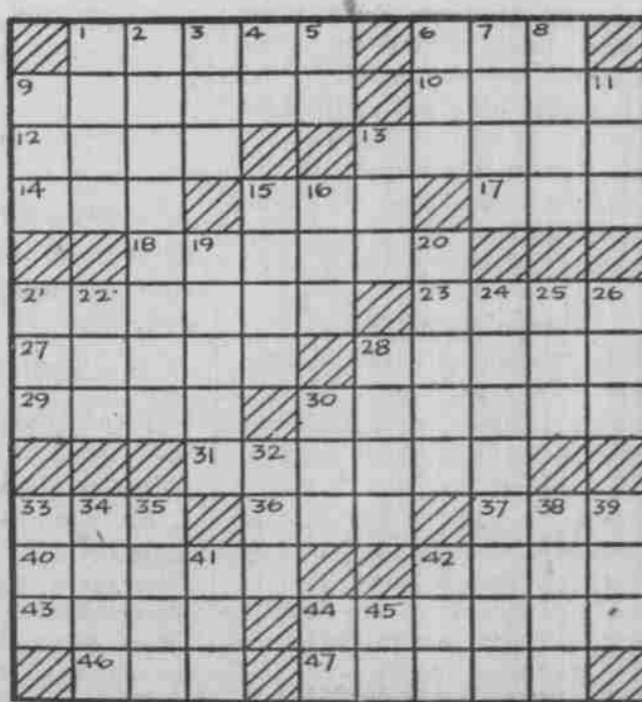
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Rascal
6. A size of paper
9. Come back
10. Genus of the lily
12. Insects
13. The ear shell
14. Court
15. Audience
17. Luzon native
18. Wooden hammer
21. Inferior parish official (Brit.)
23. Warmth
27. Sea eagles
28. Italian poet
29. Pant
30. Use a pincers
31. Republic (Asia Minor)
33. Milkfish
36. Spawn of fish
37. Cry of a dove
40. Long nail
42. Arabic letter
43. Always
44. An advocate of geometric art
46. Affirmative vote
47. Swiftly DOWN
1. City (Nev.)
2. Upholstered footrests

DOWN

3. Man's nickname
4. Biblical city
5. Half an em
6. Basket of a balloon
7. Egyptian dancing girl
8. Bard
9. Uncooked
11. Epoch
13. Metallic rock
15. Old measures of length
16. Malt beverage
19. An expert
20. Chief of a clan (Scott.)
21. Plead
22. Epoch
24. Encyclical
25. Devoured
26. Thrice (mus.)
28. Levee
30. For
32. Footed vase
33. Goddess of mischief (Gr.)
34. Full of waves
35. Toward the lee
38. River (Fr.)
39. Often (poet.)
41. Openings (anat.)
42. Sleeveless garment (Arab.)
44. Calcium (sym.)
45. Aloft



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Utopia

There has been much investigation by congressional committees lately. They've investigated water-front racketeers, Communists, Trumanites, Dean Acheson, McCarthy, people investigating McCarthy, and tired old school-teachers. Now they've just completed an investigation of obscene literature. They began with comic books and juvenile pulp magazines like "Keyhole", "Titter", "Foo", and "Wink", but, carried away with their piety, they commenced to condemn at random. Books by Steinbeck, James Farrell, and Erskine Caldwell were branded as obscene by some of the more upright committees. One witness, who had indignantly decried "pictorial prostitution on the newsstands" found that some of her own literature was not exempt from this arbitrary condemnation.

Soon, however, it became evident that there could be no line drawn as to what was art and what was obscenity for obscenity's sake; so the committee refrained from tightening any of the statutes which might have resulted in arresting someone for reading "East of Eden". They recommended that publishers be more discreet, and let it go at that.

But there remain many staunch proponents—influential proponents—for the banning of "obscene literature". The way to fix an evil situation, say these protectors of American morals, is to pass a law. They did it back in 1919, too. They got the Volstead Act passed and everybody had to make their own whiskey or take the word of the boot-leggers that the stuff was more than two weeks old.

Well, the American people weren't quite ready for national prohibition; so, notwithstanding much righteous exhortation, it was repealed.

But give the Federal Government a little more time to regiment the American people, to stagnate their minds, and crush individuality, and you can be sure there'll be other attempts at prohibition (not only of alcoholic beverages, either). And they're apt to be successful. Fill the courts and the Pentagon up with a few more political cronies, pass a few more guilt-by-association statutes, refuse admittance to a few more aliens, convict a few more people of crimes when they leer at other people, pass a few F.E.P.C. laws, get a few more UN lawyers to jump out of windows, accuse a few more people of being Communists, and we'll all be robots. We'll be scared to do or say anything unconventional, and the Federal Government will lead us around on a leash.

And after the last vestiges of individuality and imagination have disappeared we will have a Utopia. True, there'll be no novels, no symphonies, no cartoons, no Dixieland, and nobody will play the violin, but, as compensation, we will be protected from the evils of twelve-year-old Scotch, books like "From Here to Eternity" and "Eternity" and "Generation of Vipers", and blasphemous music like Satchmo's "When the Saints Go Marching In".

For some time the United States proceeded under the assumption that the least government was the best government. This philosophy was not completely practical as unforeseen difficulties arose; so the Federal Government was given a couple of reluctant inches for modification. It took eight miles, and the original philosophy was closeted. Old Harry locked it up for good in his steel seizure last summer, for even though the Supreme Court ruled against him, the precedent remains.

The thing that scares me the most, though, is the relentless technological "progress". They are close to contriving a machine that is capable of ascertaining your thoughts. Boy, will I ever be banned for obscenity!

A Problem

The Daily Texan editor wasn't really complaining; but she had a problem: "Along with the press releases from railroads, manufacturers, political parties, and an occasional letter, the editor's mail includes free subscriptions and trial samples.

Such a one came the other day, in a neat interesting little box. To any other editor it probably would have been welcome. But this editor is finding it difficult to create uses for a trial jar of shaving cream.

"Everybody Up! Rise And Shine!"



DREW PEARSON

THE WASHINGTON

Merry-Go-Round

Washington—Mamie Eisenhower has had time to look around the White House and discover that she is mistress of a kitchen establishment which is the modern housewife's dream.

In fact, she is the mistress of a sort of entertainment factory, with three kitchens and several dining-rooms. She also faces the problem of feeding the president's staff, her own large retinue of servants, plus White House guests.

And there will be times when she will wish that congress had acted on that last request of Harry Truman's to increase the White House expense allowance, because, unless she's extremely careful, she and the new president will find themselves dipping into their own pockets to pay for White House upkeep.

Another thing Mamie will find, after she gets settled, is that Sen. Kenneth McKellar, a bachelor and a parsimonious one at that, will cause her a lot of headaches. For the penny-pinching senator from Tennessee, who presided over the White House appropriations committee, scrimped on thermostat head regulators. Thus the White House heat is not controlled by individual thermostats in each room, as in every modern hotel, but by a main thermostat.

This means that the sun-room upstairs where the Trumans liked to breakfast is like a refrigerator in the winter and a furnace in the summer.

What Mrs. Eisenhower seemed to like most when she inspected the White House with Mrs. Truman last month was the big cedar room on the third floor. For a moth-harassed housewife, this room is Heaven. Every inch is lined with cedar, even the cabinets and drawers; and the room is plenty big enough to hold every piece of wool around the White House, including Ike's old army uniforms which have been a mecca for moths at Morningside Heights.

Mrs. Eisenhower didn't get a chance to inspect the White

House kitchens when she looked over the place with Mrs. Truman, and they happen to be an intriguing modern food factory.

The main kitchen is a huge room in the equivalent of the White House basement, and contains every imaginable modern device for food preparation. Most of this was installed by Mrs. Roosevelt and still is in excellent condition. A large electric range covers one side of the kitchen. There are also work tables with built-in warming trays, a large soup kettle, barbecue spit, coffee grinder, garbage disposal beneath gigantic sinks, and overhead utensil hangers.

The whole thing is entirely air-conditioned with special blowers to remove cooking odors. Mrs. Truman used to enjoy shooting out the servants and bringing her Spanish class down to the kitchen to cook onions, Spanish style, amid many odors which were not always absorbed by the blowers, however.

The kitchen contains no dish-washing facilities. All dishes are removed to a separate room. A special refrigerator room is on the far side of the kitchen, featuring a special cold locker for fish, plus a walk-in storage room. Food for the first family is prepared in the big kitchen, hoisted on an electric dumb-waiter, and served from the first floor butler's pantry next to the president's private dining-room.

In addition to the main kitchen, there's a small diet kitchen on the third floor about the size of the kitchen Mamie Eisenhower used at the Wardman Park Hotel where she lived during the war years. The third-floor kitchen is used for early morning coffee or a late night snack.

Kitchen No. 3 is under the west wing of the White House, and serves the so-called "Luncheon Club" or the president's staff. About 35 of Truman's male assistants lunched here every day, getting a bill at the end of the month for their food. Under Truman it

Exchange Column

Alice Chapman

While the Carolina campus has been guest to temperatures ranging from late winter to the upper 60's of a mild spring day, midwest colleges have also been suffering from these rapid fluctuations of weather.

The pneumonia weather has been living up to its name. An influenza epidemic hit the University of Minnesota affecting approximately 2,000 students within 10 days. Campus police have been busy driving students out of the dorms to the Health Service since the virus began, but 40 to 50 really sick students were discovered in a dorm check. Director of the Health Service stated that the peak of the epidemic passed last onday. He attributed the campus outbreak to the general spread of infection around the country since Christmas.

The virus swept Iowa State and Kansas University this past week reducing class attendance and thinning office staffs.

Depauw University in Greencastle, Indiana closed its doors this week when 10 percent of the student body was confined to the infirmary.

Northwestern infirmary is filled to capacity, has issued a plea for student nurses, and is giving free vaccine against the virus at all office hours.

Flu hit the University of Missouri so hard that 60 beds were moved into the ballroom of the student union to provide for the university hospital overflow.

Further south Louisiana State is preparing for a possible outbreak of respiratory ailments. Dr. Dougherty of the Student Health Service warned students to take all precautions. Students should avoid crowds and personal contact.

was a strictly stag affair, with lady members of the president's staff required to lunch in restaurants outside or else bring their lunch to work.

Mamie Eisenhower will not be able to do much shopping in Washington markets, even if she has the time. All food for the first family is carefully tested in advance, and the grocery stores where the food is bought remains a security secret.

tact. This, he said, means no kissing.

At least 40 elementary and secondary schools have been closed due to the virus infection.

In addition to the germ battle our college cousins on the semester system are building up their defenses for final exams.

The Independent Student Association at Oklahoma University announced the opening of a quiz file recently. Professors and departments contributed old quizzes. Five hundred old tests from past years are now available for independent review.

At Kansas University teacher evaluation sheets are passed out just before finals begin. The student rates the instructor's teaching methods and hands the sheet back—but not until grades are out and on the cards.

Northwestern, still on the quarter system, is having difficulties now that grades are out. The student handbook states that no undergraduate on academic probation may hold an extracurricular office. Investigation by the dean of students revealed that 29 holders of major campus offices were on the winter probation list. Fourteen fraternities will lose officers via enforcement of the rule. Students themselves initiated the probation system to prevent failures due to participation in extracurriculars. A student editorial again reminded the campus, "Grades, books, knowledge. They always come first in a place of learning. The titles and honors can play second fiddle."

Northwestern

Grades, panes, and aches went hand-in-hand for a disappointed student recently, and they came in that order.

Bill Megowen, LA '53, vented his disappointment about grades by shoving his hand through a large plate glass window in Pearson Hall. He was taken to Evanston hospital for emergency treatment.

University officials are trying to decide whether the student should be charged for the window.

Ticklers

By George



"Better slow down! They say the cops are really on the job in this area!"

