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**DRINKING AT THE UNIVERSITY.**

An editorial in a recent issue of "The Tarheel," a tri-weekly publication at the State University, in regard to drinking particularly at the State University but also at other North Carolina colleges will probably be interesting news to a number of North Carolina citizens. This student editor says that "the drinking situation at the University is no worse than at other institutions of the state. The student body here is merely larger and the students are more open with drinking."

The thought that will come to some parents as they read the editorial referred to is: is it worth while to sacrifice to send our boys to college in such an atmosphere as is described? Some of the boys have had the precedent of total abstinence set them at home, even if the alumni set no such precedent at the University, and it would be heart-rending to a father and mother who had reared their boy to college age without contact with this great evil, and then send him to college among such dangerous influences where, perhaps, instead of coming away with a broader vision of life, a deeper knowledge in all lines of truth, he comes away with the ability to carry his "licker" well.

The Tarheel editor thinks the situation at the University can be remedied. Then in the name of a decent and law-abiding citizenship, it ought to be remedied not only there but wherever a single situation prevails and that without delay.

The editorial in question is related as follows:

Considerable drinking on the part of alumni and students seems to have followed the Carolina-Virginia game and the use of intoxicants seems to have been pretty generally in order at the Thanksgiving dances. As an aftermath it is reported that the University, either through the faculty or Students Council, is preparing to take drastic action to prevent its recurrence.

"The faculty will grind almost as slowly as that of the gods and will probably be days and weeks before the student body will be able to ascertain whether the official university is aroused, whether drastic action is to be taken, what is to be the nature of the action if taken. It is generally thought that either wholesale dismissals will follow, or that a threat of two years ago to abolish dances will be carried out. In taking up this subject, apparently from hearsay, it can be said that the drinking problem here is older than Thanksgiving, and what is to be said follows, whether or not the reports charging the Tar Heel are exaggerated.

There are supposedly on the laws of the State of North Carolina special laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within certain distance of Chapel Hill, specially placed there to prevent the use of liquors by University students. Since that time general prohibition laws have been passed, the state and probably local. Hill is supposed to have a penetrable wall of law around protecting it against the inroad of the liquor traffic.

A barrier thrown around the university community should be free of liquor. Having had to deal with, the sight of any bootlegger appear on the scene comparatively easy as it is, liquor is sold in broad daylight on the university campus. It is that such conduct on the part of this college town is not condoned by the majesty of the United States of America, the sovereign State of North Carolina, the august county of Smithfield, the sacred municipality of Chapel Hill? It is a disgrace to the drinking

problem here is not the spasmodic expulsion of boys that have been found guilty of using liquor. The Student Council does not, and can not, control the situation.

"Not until some definite steps are taken to check the supply of whiskey can the Student Council hope to function. Surely if the state of North Carolina thinks it worth while to vote millions of dollars for its university, it should be willing to give a little attention to enforcing the laws that it has seen fit to pass to protect it! A dean of students, a director for the gymnasium, athletic coaches, and a health inspector are employed here to look after the welfare of the students. If the state and nation are helpless and nothing better can be done, the university should secure an enforcer of prohibition, call him such, and give him an office in the administration building.

"We hold no moral brief against the use of alcoholic liquors. If we did, we would spend all our time praying for the souls of our departed ancestors. But if the use of liquors is a crime in the sight of all laws governing the university, and the penalty for the use of liquors is expulsion, conscientious effort should be made to rid the community of whiskey.

"So long as present conditions exist in Chapel Hill no boy should be expelled from the student body for being caught while intoxicated. The fault is not with the students. Every occasion that brings alumni back to the Hill brings a copious supply of liquor and a copious amount of drinking. Men high in university circles, in state circles come here, drink, and serve as a pattern for the younger man. Convening of the state legislature in Raleigh means big business for the bootleggers. Students have no precedent, they, with due amount of youthfulness and a drop or two of North Carolina blueblood, find no harm in an occasional sin. Without doubt many consider it a more vital part of their "liberal" education to be able to carry their "licker" well than to learn that the Reform Bill of 1832 was at all significant.

"Despite the fame of Orange county, the drinking situation at the university is no worse than at other institutions in the state. The student body here is merely larger and the students are more open with drinking—which is all the more to their credit. But when the boys here, as elsewhere, do get hold of the bottle they usually drink prodigiously and, as a result, become quite a nuisance to themselves, and to their neighbors. But of course that's one of the two main objections to intoxicants, anyway.

"Without desiring to get too deep in hot water we must say that in view of present conditions, we would much prefer to see the university annul all acts prohibiting the sale and use of whiskey, instruct its chemistry department to set up a distilling plant and sell more and better liquor to its students at lower and more reasonable prices and save a lot of our fathers' money.

"The university should be influential enough, and important

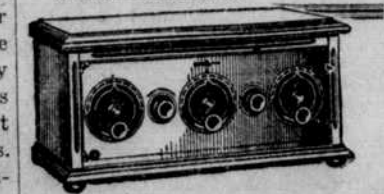
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enough, to warrant special attention from competent prohibition authorities. The flow of liquor into Chapel Hill can be checked, the local bootleggers are few and well known. Then if students see fit to transport liquor into Chapel Hill they should be disciplined. But when a student can go out and in a couple of hours have a quart of choice Orange county corn delivered to him almost at the old well, the blame for drinking at the university is due to be laid on somebody else's shoulder other than those of 20-year-old students who are merely doing what the best people in their towns do."

**IN RE FOUR OAKS WATER SYSTEM**

Editor Smithfield Herald:  
I have noticed an advertisement in The Smithfield Herald to the effect that the town of Four Oaks proposes the issuance of \$70,000 of negotiable, interest-bearing, coupon bonds for the announced purpose of providing the town with water and sewerage systems. This is of especial interest to me for at least two reasons: first, Four Oaks is my home town, my relatives and many of my best friends live there and own property within the town limits; second, I own property there. I am in hearty sympathy with any movement that will be for the town's best interest, and am willing to abide by the judgment of a majority of its citizens—whether that judgment be good or bad.

However, whenever a town the size of Four Oaks contemplates the expenditure of \$70,000, before the citizens of the town authorize such an expenditure they should carefully consider what it will mean, what problems they will have to face as a result of such action.

From a distance I have been turning the thing over in my mind, and I have tried to count the num-

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ber of families in Four Oaks. They may number a few over 70 families, but I do not believe it would be many over 70. Therefore such an expenditure means approximately \$1000 per family. Of course some families will pay more than others, but this is one way of arriving at what this thing means. \$70,000 at six per cent, means \$4200 per year interest, and I do not believe the town will be able to float their bonds for less, but suppose they could float them even for three per cent interest, that would mean \$2100 per year. I have been in communication with one of the biggest security houses in the country to try to get some figures on this proposition, and I am advised that if these bonds were to run for a period of twenty years, that in order to create a sinking fund which would amount to \$70,000 at the end of twenty year period, that it would be necessary to set aside each year the sum of \$1,902.92, and that this sinking fund would have to be compounded at six per cent annually. In the first place, it will be very hard to get this fund handled in such a manner as to realize six per cent net compounded annually, as there will necessarily be some expense attached to it, and some complications over investment. I think it decidedly conservative to estimate that the sinking fund would cost us at least \$2000 per year, and add to this the \$4200 per year interest we will have to pay, it will mean that in order to install water-works and sewerage system in the town of Four Oaks, provided it can be done for the said \$70,000 (which is extremely doubtful but open to argument), the town of Four Oaks will have to raise at least \$6200

per year in taxes in addition to all of the other town taxes already assessed or that may have to be assessed for other town purposes. In other words, if the town of Four Oaks decides to involve itself in this \$70,000 indebtedness, I do not see how it is possible for the town to get along without collecting at least \$10,000 per year in taxes out of its citizens and I would like for someone in Four Oaks or elsewhere to tell me how in the name of common sense they ever expect to collect \$10,000 a year in taxes out of such a small town. Most certainly the tax rate would be almost prohibitive.

Another thing the citizens want to remember, that when you have spent this \$70,000 to put in water and sewerage systems, that that is not by any means all of the expense, because it will mean absolutely nothing to any citizen unless such citizen connect his house with the water and sewerage systems. This will mean plumbing for the house and connection with the lines and would require a considerable cash outlay. It is much more difficult to do the plumbing in an old house than it is to put it in a new one as you are building it. I think the cost in this respect would be so much as to prevent

**BOX PARTY AND PLAY**

The box party which was to be held at Yelvington's Grove school Friday December 4, has been postponed till Friday evening December 11. There will be a play for the benefit of Yelvington Grove church. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Everybody is cordially invited.

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a great many of our citizens there from connecting with the water systems for some time. Another thing that you have to take into consideration will be the cost of the upkeep and operation of the plant. With such a small town using the system, it is quite probable that the water rate would be very high in order to make it meet expenses or else a deficit would result, which deficit would have to be paid by again taxing the people.

These are some facts that I think the people of Four Oaks should well consider before they make this venture. I wish to repeat that I do not want to retard progress and I do not want to throw cold water on the plans of any of our good citizens, but they should certainly go into a thing of this kind with their eyes open. I fear that they are inviting an Old

Man of the Sea to lock himself around their necks.

F. HUNTER CREECH  
Washington, D. C.  
Nov. 24, 1925.

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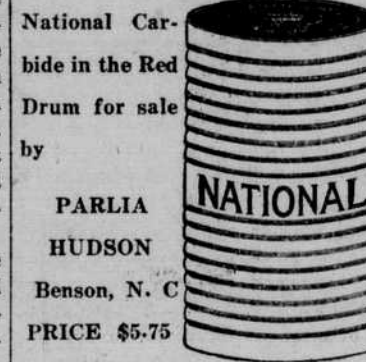
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