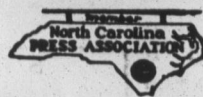


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"No Time For Comedy"

Word comes from Chapel Hill that the University of North Carolina's "humor magazine, The Buccaneer, is dead". It is perhaps just as well that the fifteen year old mag, killed by a 34 to 6 vote of the student legislature after less than two hours of discussion, has been officially buried, for it never was able to escape from the swaddling clothes of youthful sophistry, but we are, nevertheless, depressed because of the fact that its death knell has been tolled.

Sober reflection would indicate that Chapel Hill is not the only spot in these United States where humor is gasping for its breath. Outside of Esquire in which farfetched inanities are translated into city slicker terms, we can think of no reputable humorous outlet now available to the American public.

There is, of course, the Harvard Lampoon, circulated in a restricted field along with other academic first cousins, but we do not have in this land a publication similar to England's "Punch", "Life", as it was, and "Judge" have long since gone where "The Buccaneer" now is, and the "New Yorker", fine as it is, is a trifle too provincially metropolitan to pass as a national magazine of humorous turn.

We need in this country a magazine open to reception of articles and cartoons with a satirical twist. The time is ripe for the subtle thrust and those people who feel that political, social or moral rehabilitation is in order are missing their most potent weapon if they do not employ the corrective now most unfortunately out of fashion. In the theatre and in the movies humor is still appreciated and it is to them, rather than to our newspapers and magazines that we must now look for any humor worthy of the name.

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Ethnological Prolongation

Dr. Everett Gill, former director of European missionary activities of the Southern Baptist church, and now living in retirement at Wake Forest, was quite right Thursday night when he told Roxboro Rotarians and guests that American civilization is nothing more than an ethnological prolongation of European culture. He was also quite right when he intimated that European civilization, in its turn is derived from the Asiatic brand of the same. Narrowing terms a bit, Dr. Gill also suggested that people of North Europe, including those of France, England, Germany and Italy are in large measure racially of the same Saxon stock.

There, we think logic stops and reasoning begins, or should begin. It may be true that the destiny of Anglo-Saxon America is fatefully linked with the possible rise and fall of Anglo-Saxon England, as Dr. Gill suggested. It may be true that Great Britain and America are now the sole defenders of the faith once delivered to the saints of democracy, but upon the principles of racial brotherhood enunciated by Gill in the name of the far-removed Saxons, we should feel no less a spirit of comradeship with those German and French Saxon brothers whose experiments with democracy have resulted in what Dr. Gill has called a "perhaps temporary throwback" to dictatorship.

At the end of his address Dr. Gill intimated the hope for such comradeship in a future world state in which no one nation would have the right to dictate to another, and as idealistic as that hope now has to be, we too are looking for and longing for its appearance, although our faith in its accomplishment is less profound than Dr. Gill's. We do regret, however, that his present faith in mankind has been so biased by the "temporary throwback" in Germany, Italy, Russia and Spain as to blind him to the fact that intellectual brotherhood lives on and is living now.

England and America are, we think, not the sole possessors of truth in 1940 and any respectful veneration of the English (or so-called Anglo-Saxon) tradition which leaves out of account the untold numbers of free-spirited people in other countries who are silent only because they must be so in order to live, is not a particularly healthful veneration. If Americans, who are in race a composite of all races, can preserve the memory of their divergent origins, we think that the "superstate" prayed for by Dr. Gill will be the more quickly attained.

His address was scholarly and humane up to a certain point: we hope that those who heard him will be able to fill in the gaps.

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Response Is In Order

For the second time in as many weeks we have gone over batches of news items sent in by students in Roxboro high school for publication in the "Rambler" news section. Of the many items presented, one in particular hits us between the eyes because of its pathetic under-statement of an acute need for more books and magazines at the high school library.

We care not at all that the state department of edu-

Automotive Industry Salutes Americas



The forty-first annual National Automobile show will be held at New York October 12-20. The mural (top) depicts a motor highway linking the U. S. with the 21 republics of the Pan-American Union. The liberty bells (right) exemplify peace and liberty. The building is the Grand Central Palace in New York, scene of the show.

cation or some other educational body has figured out that schools should have in their libraries three to four books per student and that a school with the student population of Roxboro high should have at least 1,300 volumes, for it happens that we believe true education and the tools with which it is produced cannot be reduced to so mathematical a level. But we do care very much that there are only 656 books in Roxboro High School library. It is comforting to know that of this total 530 volumes are in circulation and it is more comforting to be told that 128 new books have been ordered, but the facts revealed are not facts to which we can tritely "point with pride".

In the matter of magazines and newspapers, the situation is still worse, since many of the former are of the too-popular type, not suggestive of stimulation of thought. If Roxboro had a larger public library than the one maintained at the Community house, the high school library situation would not be as pressing as it is. Having looked over shelves at both places, we know where-of we speak: our only wonder is that Miss Helen Melton, librarian at the high school, is able to be as modest as she is in putting forth the needs of that part of the school which is her own peculiar province.



Concerning Symptoms

Greensboro Daily News

For those who have centered their remarks on the so-called "Roosevelt haters" there is now available the series of violent manifestations, climaxed by the serious injury of a young woman at Detroit, which have marred the Willkie campaign tour on the Pacific coast and in the middle west and which must testify rather convincingly that all the hatred is not on one side.

Let it be recorded at the outset that President Roosevelt himself has spoken out in sharp condemnation of such violence and that the chief executive's condemnation includes the view that the most serious offender, an RFC woman employe who hurled a metal waste basket 18 stories down to fracture an onlooker's skull, ought to be severed from her government position.

While the infractions of law, order and decency, consisting largely of egg and vegetable throwing until the heavier missile was hurled at the Michigan city, are disquieting enough, they are even more disturbing as symptoms. There are before the American people such transcending issues as they have rarely been called to pass upon, issues which demand full and free discussion in the hustings and all the reasonable and intelligent consideration of which the public, individually and collectively, is capable. Yet this discussion, this basic functioning of democracy is marred by violence by manifestations which show that certain persons cannot control their feelings and their prejudices where issues and candidates are concerned. Certainly here must be disturbing evidence of new class-consciousness, newly engendered bitterness and cumulative forces which are antipodal to the national unity so greatly needed in this country of ours. Who is responsible for this situation? To what extent are the vindictive spirit and actions at Washington, the epithet-hurling done by those of the Ickes school, to blame for feeling which cannot be kept within control? What relationship is there between word-hurling and egg- or basket-hurling? Wherein do federal handouts and jobs contribute, if any, to such strong personal feeling and demonstration?

True, the worst offender avers she committed her act "just for fun". And that's disturbing too, highly disturbing, if the American idea of fun has dropped to any such low and damaging level.

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Should Be Competent

News and Observer

The regular election machinery will be used in North Carolina for the registration of all male persons between the ages of 21 and 35 under the Selective Service Act.

By so doing, the State of North Carolina is showing greater confidence in its election officials than is being shown in some other states. In Virginia, for example, school teachers are being utilized for the registration on October 16.

Confidence in the North Carolina election officials is entirely proper. It is to be hoped that confidence is deserved in every instance.

Surely, any person qualified to handle the complicated procedure of a general election or a party primary should be competent to handle the comparatively simple matter of registration under the Selective Service Act.

If the county boards of election decline, to use any precinct officials for the registration, on October 16, they should also replace those same persons with other officials for the election in November. And if any election officials fail to handle their duties on October 16 in a competent manner, they should be replaced with others.



Notes of a Bystander

The Front Pages: As long as the Rome and Berlin papers keep printing, Britain doesn't need a propaganda force. The Axis' squawks about the British attacks will have the whole world despising them even more than now. The trouble with covering plane attacks, confides James Aldrich from the British Mediterranean fleet, is that you develop "a tendency to see in the sky things you think are planes." Of course, you feel much relieved when they are planes. It's good Huey Long didn't live. His promise to make every man a king wouldn't be much of an inducement these days. The editorial salutes to the history and meaning of the City of London made shudders rhumba across the body. We recall similar editorials about Prague, Warsaw, Vienna and Paris—much too reminiscent of an obituary notice.

C. V. R. Thompson, the New York correspondent for the London Express, relays this current London gossip: All the civilized nations had been destroyed, bombs had levelled every city in the world, and a lone British pilot who remained alive flew his plane over Europe to search for some sign of life. But he could find none and no building unscathed. Seeing nothing at all left of Europe, he started flying to the U. S. but his navigation was faulty and he ran out of gas, crashing in the heart of the African jungle. With his last ounce of strength he scribbled on a bit of fuselage: "Here died the last man on earth!" And then he died. Two little apes, who had been watching from a tree, climbed down, waddled over to the wreckage. One picked up the note, read it to the other and exclaimed: "The last man on earth! Good gracious, do we have to start this whole darned business all over again?"

The Debunking Dep't: Mr. Woodruff, congressman from Virginia, made a ringing defense of Colonel Lindbergh. He insisted that Lindbergh must not be denied the right of Free Speech. Mr. Woodruff delivered some vitriolic remarks about people who disagreed with Lindbergh. This was a great waste of time, words and money, considering that nobody has ever tried to stop Lindbergh from saying anything. In fact, since entering the political arena, Lindbergh has been treated like a prodigal son. Both press and radio have given his comments "conspicuous" space—and the networks have given him valuable radio time—free. Even President Roosevelt is denied that privilege at certain times. In short, the press and radio (which Lindbergh has often criticized harshly) have treated Lindbergh so fairly—that Lindbergh himself has never complained about being mistreated.

Sounds in the Night: At 21: "It looks like they're getting a more intellectual clientele—the women are homelier." At the Riviera: "She goes around daring you to knock her conscience from her shoulder." At the Stork: "To me a night club is just an upholstered concentration camp." At the Beachcomber: "She's an heiress and he's an heirloom." At La Martinique: "She's in the powder room dulling her nose gloss, brightening her lips and sharpening her fangs." At the Village Barn: "One look at her figger and your eyes yell for crutches!" At Club Gaucho: "It's a pretty necktie, only it's not pulled tight enough." At Club 18: "He's as sincere as a Japanese apology." At Coq Rouge: "I went with her once. I had more fun biting my nails." In Reuben's: "It's a lucky thing for Buckingham palace that Goering wasn't dropped on it!"

Manhattan Murals: The flip newsboy at Fiftieth and Seventh who shouted: "Britain Bombs Berlin! Read about the Grapes of RAF!" The shooting shoppes all over midtown, chiefly patronized by sharpshooting gals. The "funnymans" who wears FDR and Willkie buttons on his lapel—soo fun-nee-ee! Jack Alexander's smarticle on Billy Rose for the Esseepee will be christened: "Basement Belasco." Add descriptions: New York is a big dice game. Everybody's a loser, but nobody wants to leave the game.

The Wireless: Attesting to the 14-karat caliber of the British morale, Ed Murrow said they would rather live underground than under Nazi domination. Cholly McCarthy is funny so long as he keeps his barbs well sharpened. But when he goes cute, he splinters.

Man About Town: Jolson's second week in Philly grossed \$33,000, he says, meaning \$12,600 profit. What jokester pasted a Willkie sticker on Mrs. FDR's windshield at the recent Rinebeck fair when the chauffeur was dozing? Quentin Reynolds escaped injury when the London apartment house he dwells in was bombed. When Franchot Tone was at Johns Hopkins hosp a nurse developed a rash which the doctor couldn't diagnose. They finally called it "Romance."

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Hearst Metrotone News - "News while it is still news" Special Morning Show Monday 10:30; Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45 Admission 10-30c; Evenings Daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 15-35c.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 "Bargain and Gift Day" George Sanders - Wendy Barrie - Jonathan Hale - Paul Guilfoyle - Morgan Conway, in "The Saint Takes Over"

Crime takes cover when he takes over — Fiction's mighty master-mind of mystery solves a wholesale murder plot the police cannot touch. Girl's grudge gives gangdom jitters! All new adventures. The Three Stooges in "Rockin' Thru the Rockies"

No Morning Show Afternoon 3:15 - 3:45; Evening 7:15 - 9:00; Admission 10 - 20c (25 movie tickets and \$10 in cash will be given away to some lucky person today. Children Can also participate in the Giveaways.)

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Cupid goes blissfully haywire —As you go wild with delight! Without a doubt, here's the brightest gayest comedy of this or any other season! Remember—"It Happened One Night" —Here's comedy - romance made by the same studio—a picture that will stay in your memory just as long!

Color Parade: "Men Wanted" Fox Movietone News - "News of the Nation" No Morning Show; Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-30c; Evenings Daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-30c;

Wednesday, Oct. 9 "Bargain and Gift Day" Richard Arlen - Andy Devine - Kathryn Adams - Paul Fix, in "Black Diamonds" (First Run)

They live dangerously — and love recklessly — These men who tunnel the earth to give the world light and power. Hundreds of feet below the Earth's Surface — Powerful drama unfolds among the men who dig for coal.

Columbia Tour: "Pleasure Bound in Canada" Metrotone Cartoon Special Morning Show 10:30 Afternoon 3:15-3:45 Evening 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-20c

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