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RELIEVING DISTRESS

Most students are probably not aware of the importance of the "Old Clothes Drive" now being sponsored by a student committee in cooperation with the local Red Cross and the P. S. C. A. Here is just a sample of the sort of families that a little generosity on the part of Penn State students will benefit. It is the case story of one of Centre county's 1400 families.

"A family of ten, three girls and five boys, lives in a poorly-furnished old frame farm house. The house is in a dilapidated condition. The roof leaks badly and the father has absolutely no income with which he might repair the house. The only food they have is a few potatoes and some chickens.

"The entire family is badly in need of shoes and clothing. None of the children are in school, apparently because of lack of clothing and shoes. The father, who has always been a laborer, was employed as a part time worker on the roads. He earned only eighteen dollars a month. If he should have an opportunity to go back to work, it would be necessary for him to be clothed."

It is not until the distress of these families is realized, that students get any idea of how important such efforts as the present drive are. Too often students, and others, are so secure in their own well-being that they are oblivious to the plight of more unfortunate people. But there is no excuse for pleading ignorance now. Almost every student knows, from his home town experience, just how destitute some families are at the present time. Here is a chance to help relieve some of this distress without any great effort or sacrifice on the part of any student. Boxes for old clothes have been placed in every fraternity, dormitory, and rooming house. They should be well-filled.

NOW THAT FOOTBALL season is over, Penn State's soccer team holds the center of attention. Here is a team which ranks with the best in the country. It is a team of which students have every reason to be proud. As yet undefeated, it will meet the real test of its strength in the game with Springfield here Saturday. On this game hinges the eastern intercollegiate soccer title. If the Lions win, they can lay very strong claims to the title, along with the University of Pennsylvania. It's bound to be a great game.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

Believers in the right of an individual to be excused from military training because of conscientious or religious objections, received somewhat of a rebuff at the hands of the U. S. Supreme Court Monday. The Court refused to review an appeal challenging the right of the University of Maryland to require its students to take military training. Its reason was that no substantial Federal issue was involved, and therefore it had no jurisdiction in the matter.

In the Maryland case, Ennis H. Coale, a student at the University, was dismissed because he refused to take compulsory military training required of all freshmen and sophomores there. It was pointed out, however, that student members of the Society of Friends and other religious groups had been excused from such training, and that Coale was also entitled to the same privilege as one who had religious objections to drill. Nevertheless the Maryland Court of Appeals finally upheld the State statute which gave the University the right to require its students to take military drill.

The Supreme Court was probably right in refusing to review the case. Legally, there was no Federal issue involved in this particular instance. However, the whole question of compulsory military training hangs on the connotation of the phrase in the Federal Land Grant Act which makes provision for military training in colleges and universities aided by the Act.

It has repeatedly been pointed out that there is nothing in the working of the Act which could be taken to mean that military training should be compulsory any more than "agricultural and mechanical arts." It merely requires that provision be made for the teaching of those subjects in land-grant institutions. Several years ago, the United States Attorney General handed down a decision to this effect. Drill was made optional at the University of Wisconsin, a land-grant institution, and no attempt was made on the part of the Federal government to stop the change. On the other hand, the Federal government has likewise made no effort to have drill made optional, preferring to let the decision up to the states themselves. It was probably on this basis that Supreme Court acted as it did.

Of course, the State of Maryland has a right to determine the requirements of admittance to its educational institutions. But it is of doubtful logic when it permits members of certain religious sects to be exempt because of religious objections and then denies the same right to members of other sects. The validity of religious objections should be recognized in all sects, if it is recognized in any.

Although there is much to be desired as far as the R.O.T.C. situation here is concerned, it is good to know that no such distinctions are drawn at this College. If a man has a conscientious or religious objection to military training, his objection is recognized, regardless of sectarian lines. The University of Maryland might well follow this example.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Are you lonely? Do you sit at home pining for the company of the opposite sex? Are you bashful about making overtures toward securing a mate? Do you want a date?

If you do belong to this class of forlorn souls, just call the Rose Jove Agency (Tel. 500, Grange Dorm). This company will guarantee satisfactory service within twenty-four hours. It maintains branch offices in the Infirmary, the Women's building, and Mac hall. We learn from the Director of the Agency that testimonials are pouring in daily. "The idea has worked beautifully and many of the boys have been very pleased with their dates," Madame Director says. Just call or write Madame X, Rose Jove Agency, Grange Dorm, and wait for results.

Personally, we're so enthused with the idea that we intend to apply right now:

Dear Madame X:

I am a young man, 20 years old. I am tall, slim, and my Aunt Minnie on my mother's side says I am good looking. I am fond of dancing, especially like Tommy Tomlinson. I like to ride, swim, travel, read, walk, talk, and roller-skate. However, I am moody; oft times I retire to my attic room and strum the oboe. Nevertheless, I am amiable and willing to have a frie-andly. Please help me, Madame X.

THE CAMPY (Himself).

BONE OF CONTENTION

We hate to start an argument, but we can't see why the Maniac suggested "Let 'Em Eat Pastry" as a title for the next Thespian show. We suspect that it was another of his sly digs. He probably wanted to hurt someone's feelings. Personally, we think "As Thousands Jeer" is a much more subtle title. After all, there is such a thing as Ethics in journalism.

OUR OWN "MUG AND JESTER"

Ha, ha. You've probably all heard about the—ha, ha—Cass Gorman-Chuck Wilson episode in Philadelphia—ha, ha—isn't it a scream? . . . As funny as these tired eyes have ever looked upon . . . Ha, ha . . . A. G. R. Anderson is a great—ha, ha—lover . . . ask Marge Folk . . . ha, ha . . . Bernie Shupack scares the gals in Whims Building . . . ha, ha . . . he's the—ha, ha—Big—ha, ha—Bad—ha, ha—Wolf—ha, ha . . . ha, ha . . .

LETTER BOX

From A. Nonymous: I've waited a long time to submit this thing. And more than that, I know whereof I speak. You look and then tell me if these aren't the—

PEOPLE PENN STATE COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT (The Ladies Are Ours)

Betty Shoemaker, because she talks too much of Walt Benner.

(We, personally, know some horse topics of conversation than Walt.)

Maynard Wood, because he seldom pulls an original gag.

(Well, he's already given up yours; that's some consolation.)

Philo Hines, who should transfer to the "decoration" school.

(Wake up, dear correspondent, he's been there for some time.)

Marge Kusche, because she dances funny with Bill Bovard.

(You'd dance funny with Bill, too.)

Gretchen Stewart, because she looks nice but fools them all.

(It's fun to be fooled.)

Marge Miller, because she says, "He tickles me."

(What would you say if someone slipped you a barnyard handshake?)

GRIEF NOTE

Winnie, our favorite Corner waitress, has departed from this merry round of collegiate life. She's through! And it's too late to try to do any persuading now, for by the time you read this, she'll have served her last refill of coffee down at the Unusual Angle. Gone but not forgotten. Good luck, Winnie.

LOVE COMES TO THE FACULTY

A coy young co-ed who lives in Bellefonte was standing in front of the Liberal Arts building when along happens our old friend Mitch. He didn't notice her until he was stepping into his speedy runabout. It wasn't a very nice day, and the birds weren't twittering at all, yet Mr. Mitch, with a gallant courtesy, said, "Give you a lift, Miss?"

"Oh, no, no thanks," she replied, "You see, I'm waiting for a ride to Bellefonte."

"Yes, that's all right, just step in, I'll see that you get there," he urged.

"Oh, thank you again, but you see, I'm expecting another ride."

"Well, that's too bad," said our faculty friend, "some other day perhaps."

FOX AND GESE

Wayland Dunaway, the second, driving around in Wayland Dunaway, the third's S-sweater . . . tel pers, tel file, and vice versa . . . Brighties Wertz, Shanaman, and Stead arguing with Mr. Wueller about the size of sewer pipes and its effect on taxation . . . Will some one, besides Jane Town, tell Philo Hines that there is a Right and a Wrong way to climb the social ladder . . . Who threw the cider jug out of a Phi Mu window? . . . good luck to the bride, or something . . . What Phi Gam wears mittens? . . . Look for the Bundling Bed and the Out House at the Beaux Arts Ball . . .

LOOKING OVER THE NEWS . . .

With the resignation of Professor Sprague from President Roosevelt's staff of financial advisers, the Administration's monetary policy may now be pushed forward with a completely harmonious internal drive. As long as the government has decided upon gold manipulation to fix commodity prices, the worst thing possible would be to go about the work in a half-hearted manner.

Nevertheless, Professor Sprague's criticism of the present plan carries a good deal of weight. He points out that the depreciated dollar will successfully yield a higher price level only when the desired trade recovery has been realized, and that recovery expenditures are placing the nation's credit in a precarious position, estimating that two billion dollars must be borrowed during the remainder of the fiscal year.

However, is not the Administration wholly aware of these conditions and taking measures to counteract them? The increased exportation of capital and durable goods which will result from the recognition of Russia fits right into the picture. The lower exchange value of the dollar should stimulate the flow of other excess goods out of the country also. Then again the Administration can put these old war debts to good use by putting the dollar in a position where the debtor nations would not be so averse to reducing them on a monetary basis rather than through increased imports on our part. As for increased revenue, the federal liquor

taxes will not harm us in the least.

When too much credit is concentrated in the hands of one nation, that nation cannot expect to continue obtaining a favorable balance in trade to keep its wheels of industry turning. At present it is necessary to make it easy for our debtor nations to accept our products. Now is not the time for our industrialists to be concerned with fabulous profits.

Evidently the legislative situation in Harrisburg for the present session will not be characterized by the laissez faire or "let's be fools" attitude that was in evidence this spring. Under a strong gubernatorial whip leadership, constructive measures are being legislated as is illustrated by the acceptance of the Pinchot liquor control and tax program by the State organization interests.

Providing for the establishment of a State stores system and liquor monopoly to be administered by a control board, the Pinchot plan incorporates in part some of the suggestions as outlined by the Rockefeller survey. A commodity of such potent qualities must necessarily be in safe hands to protect the welfare of the public. By eliminating in part the profit motive, the State administration is striking directly at the racketeers and bootleggers who have thus far messed up

the liquor situation.

By levying a \$2.00 tax per gallon of liquor the State will gain \$25,000,000 in revenue, according to the Governor, who has estimated that 12,000,000 gallons of liquor are stored in Pennsylvania. The broad control

over the hotels, restaurants and other legal establishments, which will be exercised by the Liquor control board will go far in excluding the saloon evil and is a triumph over the strong liquor exploiters' lobby.

—B. H. R.

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