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DURHAM, N. H., MARCH 2, 1933.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE welcomes the school boy basketball teams to Durham for their twelfth annual tournament. May the best team win. And may the boys enjoy their stay to the fullest degree.

THE introduction of the Keefe bill into the legislature last week stirred up considerable amusement among the undergraduates at this University when it was learned that the sponsors of the bill charged drinking parties at the state institution. It is apparent that Mr. Keefe and Mr. Grimes are not too well-informed as to the amount of drinking on this campus.

There is not the slightest doubt in our minds that drinking occurs at the University of New Hampshire, but we are positive that this institution is proportionally less wet than other colleges around us. A fair estimate would probably reveal that not more than ten per cent. of the undergraduates drink even during the week-ends like Winter Carnival. For example, there are fifteen hundred students. Suppose that there are five hundred imports and alumni who also participate in the spirit of the week-end. One would have considerable difficulty in collecting a group of two hundred, or ten per cent. who had been drinking to excess. At any given moment during the school year, other than the social week-ends, we assure Mr. Keefe that not more than one or two per cent. drink.

Our contention is that the gentlemen who sponsored the bill made the usual error of drawing generalities upon the basis of the two or three incidents. If one walked up the street and met three students who had been drinking, the hasty conclusion would be that the whole University was on a drunk. Of course, upon reflection such an opinion is obviously false.

The charges made in the legislature, the distorting of the actual facts by the newspapers, and the resulting public opinion are hyperbolic. There is drinking at this University, as there is in all colleges, but college life is not as it is pictured in the popular magazines. We can vouch for that by our own experience.

IT has been not without a little amusement and at the same time disappointment that we have read the last few issues of the Manchester Union-Leader. Amusement at the frantic attempts of the paper to eradicate what appears to them to be an influx of communistic agitation among the American Youth represented at the University. Disappointment because the editors, who apparently do not consider themselves any longer in the "boy editor" class, get so charmingly confused over a few simple statements.

The Manchester aspirant to journalistic heights seems to have contracted a habit of mixing their batter backward when it comes to getting news straight or commenting on the WHOLE of an editorial. For headlines and subject matter of editorials, a single sentence is chosen to quibble over.

May we cite just one or two examples: A recent editorial appeared in "The New Hampshire" stressing the need of a chapel on campus. A single sentence of the long article was devoted to a criticism of faculty professors in general. The Manchester Union-Leader promptly distorted the story by printing a headline, "Durham Student Assails Faculty."

And now we are informed that we have turned practical traitor to world peace by presenting an editorial comment to the effect that we believe the R. O. T. C. system is due for a downfall some day according to present indications and then pointing out that war cannot remain a method of attempting to settle disputes forever if mankind expects to save itself from a lot of future suffering and possible annihilation.

If the Union-Leader chooses to agree with Mr. Hearst upon disarmament, 100% Americanism, and Buy American, that is its business, but when it confuses the issues of our editorials, we feel compelled to rectify the errors.

May we also inform the Union that the University of Maryland case is entirely understood by the "boy editors." We feel that the decision in the case will have considerable bearing on the standing of R. O. T. C. units throughout the country. Colonel Putney did not think so, we merely do not agree. We also believe that when the argument that we must have adequate defense against aggression is used in support of the war habit, a certain amount of shortsightedness is evidenced by the "man militaristic editors."

Exactly where is the line to be drawn between what is protection and what is aggression? The answer to that question would probably solve all our troubles, but unfortunately neither the gentlemen of Manchester nor we can answer it. We observe, however, that for the present the war habit is probably with us but nothing constructive for peace is being done by sitting back and letting the system lick one without trying to build up that desirable cooperative attitude necessary for world peace. When movements are started, they start with extreme slowness and a mountain of setbacks, but if they are worth anything, they will succeed.

We believe that world peace is a goal worth striving for, but we do not believe in striving for it by increasing the chances of international flare-ups by arming each nation for protection (?) against the others.

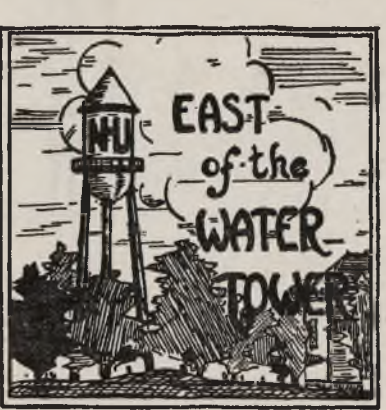
In regard to the situation at this University, we wish to correct another error of the Union. Registrar Henderson was not involved by us in any manner in the discussion.

We are certain that the majority of students at the University has not been under the impression that exemption from taking military training is an easy goal to obtain as the Union would have us believe. The impression has always been one of compulsion.

Berlin Favorite to Capture Title in State Tourney
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up teams will receive silver basketball charms. Losers in the semi-finals will be given gold-bronze charms, while the losers in the preliminaries will get bronze charms.

Coach Lundholm is inaugurating a new system in running the interscholastics. He is training two sophomore candidates for manager of basketball in the fundamentals of supervising the tournament. The junior managers will work under the direct supervision of a student supervisor of the tournament. The student supervisor to be a senior and the regular manager of freshman basketball.



Alumni Notes

The twelfth annual state basketball tournament on Friday and Saturday will bring many alumni in the coaching game to the campus. Coaches who will be here with their successful teams are Francis Geremonty, '25, Manchester West High; Philip Burlingame, '31, Nute High in Milton; John R. Clark, '29, Peterborough High; Ralph Brackett, '18, Portsmouth High; Stanley Wright, '30, Goffstown High; and John Shea, '30, Penacook High.

—Henry H. Libbey has charge of the farm of the late William H. Phair in Durham.

—After 133 ballots, Dr. Frederick S. Gray was elected to the dual office of City Physician, Inspector and Bacteriologist in Portsmouth by the City Council.

—Dr. Ray M. Batchelder has been awarded a scholarship at Ohio State University for a study of parasites affecting chickens.

—Clayton W. Chase and Miss Rita Marie Cassidy were united in marriage at Milford on Saturday, February 25. Mrs. Chase is a graduate of a Boston business college. After a brief wedding trip, the couple will reside in Jefferson where Mr. Chase, who is a civil engineer, will continue his work for the State Highway Department.

—Ben Abramson is working in the Senate office building in Washington, D. C. Ben's address is 1707 19th street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

—Anne Meader is leaving Dover soon to enter the employ of the New Hampshire Children's Aid Society in Manchester.

—Irene Gadbois has begun her work for her doctorate in English at Boston University.

—Dorothy Smith is teaching in Weare, Massachusetts.

Claremont must change with the seasons. We remember three well-meaning lads who visited there this past fall and came back with troublesome wrinkles on their faces. Now two more attempted it this past week-end and came back with the expression of affection upon their countenances. It's either the seasons or a change of environment.

After months of pondering and puzzling on how to classify the "frosh" men, the famous sisters have reached this conclusion—they are naive and fascinating but, in spite of the depression, not in keeping with the times.

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The Editor's Mail

COMMENTS ON MILITARISM

Amesbury, Mass.
February 23, 1933.

Dear Sir:—
I should like to quote Theodore Roosevelt, one of our greatest advocates of military strength when it came to a question of his own son taking military training. When his son, Theodore, wanted to go to West Point, he then President wrote him as follows: "About your going to West Point—you would be so ordered about and arranged for, that you would have less independence of character than you would gain from them. You would have fewer temptations but you would have less chance to develop the qualifications which overcome temptations and show that a man has initiative."

A quotation from Lt.-Col. Herman J. Koehler, founder of the system of physical education at West Point, is also significant on this point: "The use of the musket as a means to physical development of anyone, be he man or boy, is worse than worthless; it is in my opinion, positively injurious."

And finally, the attitude of General Robert E. Lee might well be considered. He, while President of Washington College, refused to have military discipline there since he felt the training necessary for a soldier would not equip students for the duties of citizenship.

It seems to me the above quotations and opinions from men high in military circles themselves, indicate that the "facts" (?) you give are at least not "undisputable." Hence I feel it is very encouraging that the students of our state university are showing the initiative, intelligence, and courage to question them. These are qualities we are very much in need of among our citizens and it is very heartening to learn that the University of New Hampshire is producing them. I should like to congratulate these students for the way in which they have demonstrated them.

Mark F. Emerson.
Milford, N. H., February 27.

To the Editor of THE NEW HAMPSHIRE:
Your editorial on military training,

Editor of the Union:
In criticizing the editorial in THE NEW HAMPSHIRE which opposed military training in colleges, you say, "They disregard the indisputable (?) fact that R. O. T. C. training fits for civil as well as military life, that it makes for broad shoulders and disciplined minds, that it insists on resourcefulness, that it promotes reliability."

It is not my desire to start a debate on the subject of disarmament or other methods of preventing war. All this has been gone over so many times that doubtless we are all somewhat familiar with the arguments. I will simply state my personal feeling in regard to military training in the light of my own observations. I have had an opportunity to size up a number of military trained men with whom I have been associated at one time or another. The first was my high school Mathematics instructor. He was a West Point graduate who had met with some accidental injury that forced him to retire from the army. Another was my company captain at Plattsburg in 1916. He was an "old army man" with some twenty or thirty years of service and more war ribbons than I can readily remember. Also at Plattsburg were dozens of West Point officers that I had an opportunity to see and hear,

Franklin Theatre

Week Beginning Friday, Mar. 3

Friday, March 3
"HOT PEPPER"
McLaglen and Lowe
El Brendel, Lupe Velez
Saturday, March 4
"ME AND MY GAL"
Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett
Sunday, March 5
"TOO BUSY TO WORK"
Will Rogers
Monday, March 6
"YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL"
Joe E. Brown
Tuesday, March 7
"GOLDIE GETS ALONG"
Lili Damita
Wednesday, March 8
"HELLO EVERYBODY"
Kate Smith
Thursday, March 9
"CENTRAL PARK"
Joan Blondell

having caused considerable discussion, warrants a few comments in reply. It is not my desire to start a debate on the subject of disarmament or other methods of preventing war. All this has been gone over so many times that doubtless we are all somewhat familiar with the arguments. I will simply state my personal feeling in regard to military training in the light of my own observations. I have had an opportunity to size up a number of military trained men with whom I have been associated at one time or another. The first was my high school Mathematics instructor. He was a West Point graduate who had met with some accidental injury that forced him to retire from the army. Another was my company captain at Plattsburg in 1916. He was an "old army man" with some twenty or thirty years of service and more war ribbons than I can readily remember. Also at Plattsburg were dozens of West Point officers that I had an opportunity to see and hear,

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