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College Vices.

There is demand in South Carolina for all the colleges and universities that we have and it is discouraging to hear authorities of one of them knocking another. Recently a conversation was overheard in a smoker between two men, one of whom was a member of the faculty of one of the smaller colleges. This teacher said that the conditions which existed in a certain other college, a State institution, were revolting and ought not to be tolerated, that swearing, drinking, gambling and immorality were rife.

He went on to say that in the institution with which he was connected such a state of affairs did not exist and would not be tolerated. It happened that the man who overheard the conversation had only a few days previously visited the college so highly recommended and had seen plenty of evidences of just such things as this professor deplored. It had been going on without the knowledge of the authorities.

The fact is, and it seems to be known to everyone except the authorities who might attempt to make the corrections, that such conditions are characteristic of college students. And there is no particular college or university to which they are more characteristic than another. They all have their share of vice, and they always will have. Thus it is all the more deplorable to hear sanctimonious persons recriminating a particular institution. It shows poor judgment, bad taste, and a weakness for the mean and petty.

The time is at hand when all should work together for the advancement of all the educational interests of South Carolina. There are students sufficient to use to the full capacity all the resources at the command of all the colleges, and the sooner they shall be put to full time production, the sooner shall South Carolina desert her post at the bottom of the list of States in illiteracy.

Drainage for Highways.

Now that agitation and Federal aid are fairly generous for the building of good roads throughout the State provision ought to be made for supervision that will provide proper drainage, which is one of the most important things to be considered in the building of roads. No matter how excellent the highway, it will soon wear out unless thought is given to the disposition of the water that falls on its surface. Those who have been in France or England will remember that wherever there was a road there was also a thorough system of drainage. In the fall just prior to the beginning of the winter rains, all drains are opened and all water finds an outlet that did not damage the surface of the roads. The only repairs necessary under this system are the filling of holes worn by traffic.

All over the United States it is unusual to see provision made for the disposition of rain water. Roads are washed into gullies, or the surface becomes soft enough to allow vehicles passing to cut deep, the outcome being that the expense of repairs is almost as great as the original cost of construction. Bridges over streams are often poorly located because they are usually built at the old crossing. Politics rather than engineering authority is usually the consideration when bridges are to be built. If proper consideration were given to the location of bridges in the first instance, fewer would be damaged by flooded streams and the cost of repairs would be diminished.

If we were asked to suggest the name of the most thoroughly discredited public man in the United States today our answer would be Senator James A. Reed of Missouri. Twice elected to the senate as a Democrat, Reed became dissatisfied with the conduct of the war by President Wilson and quickly aligned himself with the Republican opposition to the policies of the president and the party to which he owed his seat in the senate. When the peace treaty was submitted to the senate Reed was one of the first senators to announce his opposition to it. Since then he has been one of the most active opponents of ratification of the pact, frequently indulging in vituperation and bitterness unworthy any man holding his official position. At the Democratic State convention in Missouri a few weeks ago he was a candidate for delegate to the San Francisco convention, but failed of election. Since the San Francisco convention opened Monday he again sought membership in that body as a district delegate, for no other reason perhaps than to be able to oppose the things for which the presi-

dent stood. The convention refused to seat him, and he is thereby further discredited in the eyes of the nation. His term in the senate expires in March, 1923. The country will then hear the last of Senator James A. Reed, a man of brilliant parts who threw away the opportunity to establish himself in the esteem of the American people.

New Subscription Rate.

Even in the most favorable circumstances there is little profit in the publication of a weekly newspaper in South Carolina, and especially is this true if the paper has strong competition and is published in a small town. The Times has both of these conditions to contend with, besides the ever rising cost of everything that goes into the making of a newspaper. For instance, a few years ago print paper sold to publishers for three cents per pound against the present market price of 15 cents per pound. Then printers could be employed for from \$18 to \$20 per week; now they must be paid from \$40 to \$45 per week, else they will not leave the cities, where most of them seem to have gone since the close of the World war.

All of which is preliminary to the statement that The Times finds it necessary to increase its subscription rate on August 15 from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per year. It is out of the question to expect the subscription price of newspapers to remain what it was ten years ago with everything else selling at advanced prices. Between now and August 15 The Times will be pleased to add to its mailing list the names of those who care to take advantage of the old rate for another year, but after that date no subscription will be accepted at less than the yearly rate of \$1.75, cash in advance.

Club for "Dead" Men.

A dead man's club, composed exclusively of ex-service men now living but listed officially as killed in action overseas, is the latest kind of fraternal organization suggested by William Wirt, of Akron, Ohio.

MICKIE SAYS



CHARLES SCHLOSS

Evangelistic Services.

Evangelistic services will be held at the Baptist church beginning Monday night, July 5, at 8 o'clock, and continuing for several days. The hour of the day service will be announced later by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. W. H. Dyches. These meetings will be led by the Rev. T. V. McCaul, pastor of the Baptist church at Bennettsville. Mr. McCaul is a splendid singer and his solos will form an important feature of the services. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.

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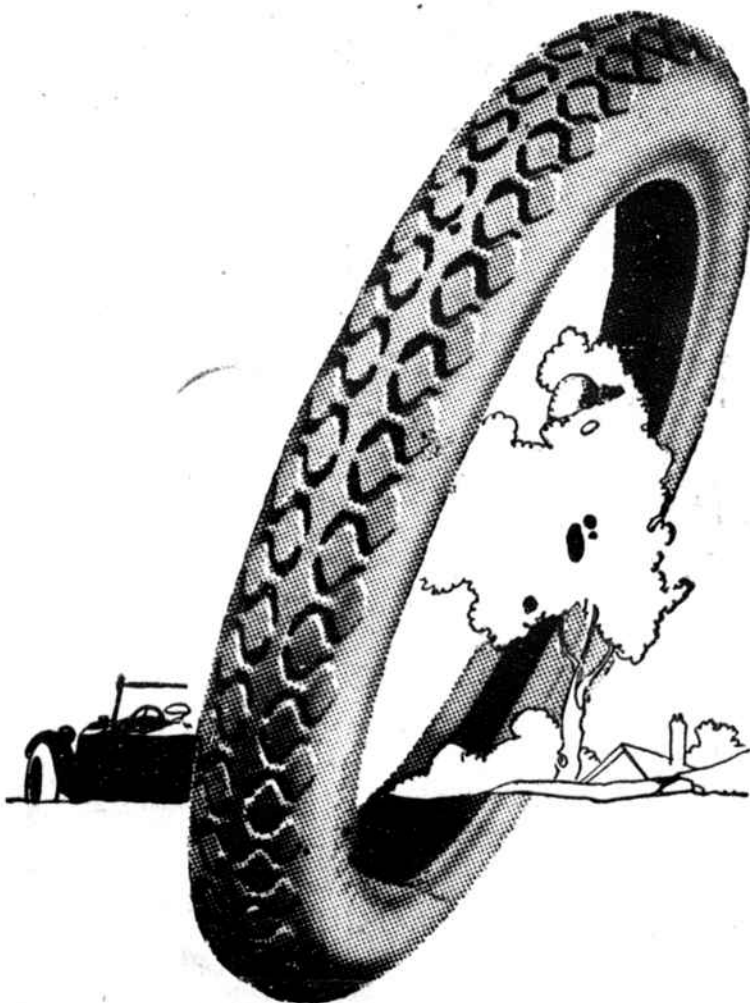
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Applicants for scholarships should write to President Currell for scholarship examination blanks. These blanks, properly filled out by the applicant, should be filed with President Currell by July 2.

Scholarships are worth \$100, free tuition and fees, total \$158. The next session will open September 15, 1920. For further information and catalogue, address

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