

By T. H. Watts

According to the Daily Athenaeum, student publication of the University of West Virginia, the average person who reaches the age of 70 years, spends 23 years sleeping, 13 years talking, 16 years eating, 23 years in pleasurable activities, and a year and a half working.

Slips That Pass in the Night!—Advertisement in Mississippi State College Reflector—"Pickled Pigs' Feet. We Put Up Our Own."

Bob Kiphuth, Yale's swimming coach has resorted to diving helmet and vest to get a "fish-eye view" of his squad in action. He recommends it and has used the plan all season.

"Five meals a day" advocate two Yale University scientists. . . . Men have been elected to the presidency on less appealing slogans.

The University Daily Kansan has adopted the policy of printing the names of professors who keep their classes overtime. . . . On to a bigger, and maybe better, paper!

At last it has been settled. The Kansas University's debating society decided in their debate Jan. 8 that the Ford expedition to Europe to stop the war was a failure.

Although blind for 25 years, Percy Hale, Yale All-American in 1900, hasn't missed a game since 1911.

The sophomore "Vigilance Committee" of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., was run out of existence by the freshmen this year.

"Who wants a job?" asks the student employment bureau at Stanford University. It is looking for the following—a tap dancing instructor, a barber, three or four women to work in a college shop, ushers, concession salesman, and a ten piece orchestra.

During the fall semester students at Louisiana State university held their annual wild west rodeo. In addition to the regular wild west sports of bronco busting and the like, the rodeo this year will include a cow-milking contest. The object of the contest will be to fill a pop bottle in place of the regular voluminous milk pail.

The sloppiest chemistry student of the University of Minnesota will be awarded an apron to hide his untidiness at the "molecular whirl," better known as the chemistry students annual dance. So many students have competed for the prize, according to the Minnesota Daily, that rubber sleeves designed for protection against resting arms on the tables, will be given to the runners-up.

The Trombones of the University of Michigan band have adopted the habit of freezing in the cold weather they have up there. Last year when the same problem confronted the band some ingenious person suggested anti-freeze, but that made most of the bass players ill. This year the problem has been solved with grain alcohol. The situation has been changed from stiff instruments to stiff instrumentalists.

From the Technician, Newark College of Engineering—
"Of the Freshman class at R. P. I., fifteen per cent are sons of engineers; sixty per cent are sons of business men or bankers; ten per cent sons of farmers and artisans; and six per cent sons of educators, doctors, and lawyers." Evidently nine per cent are non-committal!

One hundred ninety-five freshmen in Arizona university confessed that the main reason for their coming to college was to get a polishing without undue exertion on their part.

Union College (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) is considered to be the most expensive of the women's colleges in the United States. It costs approximately \$1,350 to cover the yearly expenses of each student.

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ural conclusion to be drawn is that the present administration is due for an overwhelming defeat.

PAST Literary Digest Polls have been good indicators as to which party would become our law making body. However, farmers and people of lower income have been well divided during these periods. The forecasts based upon the straw vote returns were usually quite accurate in spite of the fact that citizens having lower incomes could not be reached. The sample ballots were probably weighted down with the names of telephone subscribers or automobile owners.

The present administration has endeavored to assist the farmers, low wage earners and unemployed. Many of these people do not have telephones or automobiles. The present poll as conducted may therefore be unconsciously biased.

RESULTS obtained in the January poll of The American Institute of Public Opinion conflict with the Literary Digest forecast. Their poll, smaller than that of the Literary Digest, predicts that fifty-three per cent of the population is in favor of Roosevelt's policies. The waning popularity of the New Deal has also been indicated. The percentages of votes lost in several states since 1932 are: Connecticut, three; Massachusetts, four; New Jersey, five; New York, seven; Illinois, nine; Michigan, four; Ohio, three; and Pennsylvania, two. These losses are slight in comparison to those of Wisconsin with fifteen per cent; South Dakota, twelve; North Dakota, fifteen; and Minnesota, eleven.

DEMOCRATIC politicians will probably consider the Literary Digest Poll results most favorable. Out of every one hundred voters, thirty-eight are absolute supporters of the New Deal, but the entire sixty-two others are by no means non-supporters. At least fifteen or twenty are non-partisans who favor only certain parts of the New Deal. In November they will vote neither for all of the administration's policies including the good and bad ones, nor for a Republican platform which disapproves of all these policies. The choice will be between Roosevelt and a Republican nominee. If Hoover were running against Roosevelt, how many people would vote for Roosevelt despite the fact that they dislike both candidates? How many farmers of the Farm-Labor Party would sooner vote for a liberal Democrat than for a conservative Republican? These are a few of the things that keep Republicans and Democratic politicians awake at night.

THE REPUBLICANS could assure themselves an overwhelming victory if they would select a reputable candidate and proceed to divide Roosevelt's support by adopting all his successful policies and refuting all his failures. The Liberty League and the Republicans have assured the people that they possess no such thoughts. They propose the repeal of all measures enacted within the last three years, whether they have been of a beneficial nature or not. On the other hand the New Dealers defend all their policies including the good as well as the bad.

Alumni Banquet Will Be Held on June 2

At their last meeting the Board of Managers of the Alumni Association decided on June 2 as the date of the A. I. T. alumni annual spring banquet. Although the time was definitely set at 6:30, the decisions regarding the place, prize, and entertainment were postponed until the next meeting of the Board which will take place today, at the University Club.

A most important feature of the banquet will be the election of new officers; a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two board members and a trustee.

From two to three hundred alumni have always co-operated to make the banquet an outstanding success. It is planned as usual, to make every effort to start out the graduating class members as good Armour Tech alumni. Invitations to participate will be sent out later.

Italy's Youth Ready To Follow Mussolini

This was written for the Associated Collegiate Press by Jonathan B. Bingham, chairman of the Yale Daily News, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the continent on an assignment from the New York Herald-Tribune.—Editor.

By Jonathan B. Bingham

The Italian youth has but two ideas in mind, to become a soldier and to follow Mussolini. At least that is the case with five million boys and girls who belong to the great Fascist youth movement, the National Balilla Institution, for their motto is "Today Balillas, tomorrow soldiers, always Fascists." And there is ample evidence that they believe heart and soul in that motto.

Movement Imported from Above

There is nothing spontaneous about the Italian youth movement, entirely imposed from above as it is, and with every other organization suppressed. The control is in Rome, ostensibly in an executive committee, but actually in the hands of one Renato Ricci, a young man himself, who is responsible only to Mussolini. Regional and local committees carry the orders down to the individual groups of boys and girls, these being organized into boys from ten to fourteen and from fourteen to eighteen, and girls of the same ages.

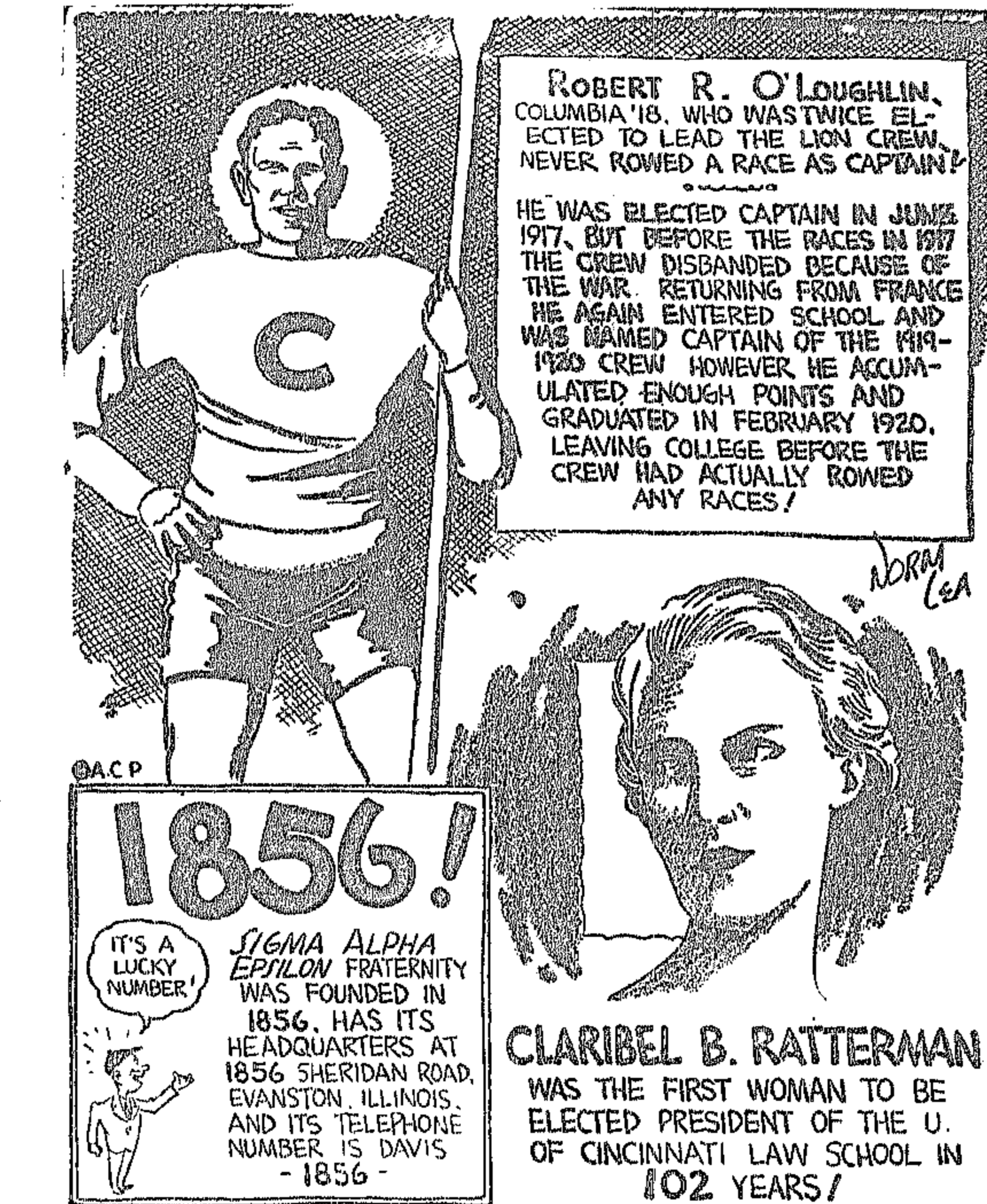
Although membership is not compulsory, the privileges which accrue to members and the social pressure brought to bear on non-members and their parents has made the growth of the organization prodigious, a million and a half in the last two years to a total of over half the youth of the country. The Fascists claim a unit in every village, no matter how small, throughout Italy.

Raise Their Boys To Be Soldiers

While the girls in the movement are proud to consider themselves as mothers of future soldiers, militarism is already a reality to the boys. As the visitor is shown through a "Balilla House," or movement clubhouse, his youthful guides will display the greatest pride in the arsenal, a formidable array of rifles and machine guns that are far from toys. The effort to make war seem glorious to these children is further seen in the provision of motorcycles and other equipment that are naturally exciting and attractive.

Perhaps the most appalling aspect of it all is that, although undoubtedly every young boy is envious of his older brothers on the way to Abyssinia, militarism is to him not so much a matter of hysteria and wild excitement, as an essential, accepted

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part of his existence without which life would hardly be conceivable. The teaching of discipline and unquestioning obedience are an expressed purpose of the Balilla organization and contribute largely to this result.

However, it cannot be denied that the young Fascists are offered numerous advantages. Besides the libraries and radios and occasional movies in their clubhouses, every effort is made to provide equipment for sports, even in the smallest towns, where there is likely to be a combination club-room and gymnasium, and some sort of athletic field.

Youth Gains Many Advantages

The acme of this type of development is found in the Foro Mussolini, on the banks of the Tiber near Rome, where three or four marble-lined stadia, a similar number of huge swimming pools, and gymnasiums and tennis courts galore attract hundreds of boys and girls every afternoon. One receives the impression, however, here as in the camp presently to be described, that too much effort was expended on the spectacular and too little on the practical, there being space for little but mass formation athletics.

Adjacent to the Foro Mussolini is the Accademia Fascista, the training

school for leaders of the movement, organizers of sport, and camp officers. They learn not only physical training and drill, but the best ways to instill the spirit of Fascism into their charges, the latter being admittedly considered the most important of all.

Team to Teach Fascism

Nearly all Balillas have the opportunity to attend a camp for a month or so during the summer. Many of these are not dissimilar to our simple boys' camps, but the ideal towards which the state is striving is totally different. One of the best examples of this type is to be found at Ostia, where a magnificent, modernistic building, with a stream-lined tower and much chromium plate, is the "Camp."

With the exception of the remarkably big beds in the dormitories, there is no place in the shining angular-furnished rooms for relaxation or comfort, and the playing field is a walled-in enclosure without a shade-tree. Here, as everywhere, discipline is the key-note, and, as the children march to their various exercises, not many smiles are to be seen on their faces. Mussolini, whose pictures and sayings are everywhere on the pastel-tinted walls, is their god, their ideal, and they must be true to him.

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