The girls are at it again! The yearly knitting siege is well underway at Meredith. This fact makes needle and yarn salesmen rub their hands in glee and professors pull their hair in despair. Mere books and term papers can't compete when there is knitting to be done.

This year argyle socks seem to be tops in the busy needle society. Lib Taylor is an expert on knitting argyles, which she says are very simple to make; but the process looks much too complicated with all those different colored bobbins of yarn to get tan-gled up. Mollie Fearing is busy with another pair of socks—this time, blue ones. How she can knit in class and still make A's is hard to understand. Another knitting woman is Mary Beth Thomas, who is now making a yellow sweater.

It seems that knitting is a very complicated affair and any girl who can classify as an ex-pert is regarded as a second mother by the beginners, who are on their first socks or mittens. A dropped stitch is a knit-ter's nightmare, and to get one back on the needle involves an oversupply of patience and a crochet hook.

Why is there so much knitting on the Meredith campus? Does it satisfy a creative urge or just a desire for new clothes? Some Whatever the reason, Meredith students still continue to knit and gather in groups to discuss their work, like proud mothers exclaiming over their children.

A Reporter's Report On Santa Claus

Mr. Santa Claus came to our fair city of Raleigh Wednesday afternoon. The merry old gentleman arrived this year by heli-copter. It seems that he is getting modern on us, coming by air all at once. I had a rather

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a desire for new clothes? Some girls are ambitious enough to make Christmas presents of socks, mittens, scarves, or sweat-ers. Others say that it gives them something to do with their hands; but if that is the case, it would be an even better idea if the boys took up knitting, too. Whatever the reason Meredith

LITTLE BROWN LADY WALKS AGAIN

heard a strange tapping or sing-ing when you thought yourself alone in the classroom building studying? Or perhaps you've even seen a brown figure slip-ping from hedge to hedge or glid-ing across the court in the shad-the East Building of Old Mere-

brown shawl floating rather than was a happy, fun loving girl, alwalking. Others say that she is ways dancing and teasing her bent, dressed in brown with a older brother, who was very brown fringed shawl over her stern with her though he loved head, and carries a walking stick her a great deal. Because she that taps as she walks. One per- was not so pretty as her sisters, son maintained that the ghost the youngest's chances for mar-was once seen sitting on the riage were considered slim, a porch of Dr. Brewer's home fact which bothered her not at swaying and singing something all until one day when she met like "After the Ball." The brown (Continued on page six) lady has been known to talk, but those who have heard her can never remember what she says, only that her voice is birdlike. According to the reports

Have you ever crossed the de-serted court on some dark night and had the sensation that a weird something was standing behind the bushes that surround the fountain? Have you ever heard a strange tapping or sing-

copter. It seems that he is get-ting modern on us, coming by air all at once. I had a rather difficult time even getting an ap-pointment to see him. He had numerous dates to keep with our governor and various members of his party, so we of the press with our notebooks and pencils began to get worried. There was an enormous crowd waiting out at Devereaux Mea-dow for the first glimpse of the

'Twas the night before Christ-mas holidays and all through the dorms, not an angol word the dorms, not an angel was sleep-ing, and it wasn't because the hall proctors were away, either. Each year at Meredith, the last hall proctors the Christian the last the date to see "The Barretts of night before the Christmas holi- Wimpole Street." The Barter days, students burn the midnight Theater of Virginia will return oil, not because we want to pe-ruse Plato or Aristotle, but just have fun We have parties on each hall here during this school year. The that last into the wee hours; we performance will be sponsored visit; big sisters and little sisters by the Meredith Little Theater. have a long talk—the nicest one since the night before Decision Day; and everyone forgets books. (Or is that unusual?)

The festivities officially begin in the dining hall with a formal Christmas dinner. Santa Claus comes with his pack loaded. After dinner parties are given by organizations and groups of girls —parties, parties, parties. And on they go. Just ask anybody. It won't do any good to plan to study, because, take it from a veteran at these things, it will be impossible. This year we will probably go carolling at 10:30 p.m., and then — well, I guess it's up to you.

Of course, we have classes next day, but what difference do classes make — until after Christmas anyway? Have fun! MAG.

Meredith Cash

sculpture and paintings in tem-pera and oil. Meredith has stud-ied under Miss Kay Erwin, John Rembert, Clayton Charles, and Douglas Remeded. Douglas Reynolds. She has pre-

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helicopter. It was rumored that he might possibly have come with eight reindeer (two have gotten too old to travel much more, but he is getting a new herd in training), but somehow or other he left them down in South Carolina with a farmer and got in the helicopter to come to Raleigh.

As soon as he landed, all reporters rushed up with flash bulbs clicking; this landing was one of the most important news events in Raleigh in a long time. With my elbows sharpened, I wedged toward a wisp of red and white cap bobbing above the sea of heads, and finally reached Mr. I found myself lying stretched Claus. Pulling on his jacket with "Hi, Santa."

I found myself lying stretched a decisive jerk, I succeeded only out, eyes streetward. This frusin starting a rip in his white fur- trating process went on all afterry trim. Everybody, including noon, up one street and down the me, got pushed toward the big, other (my pumps were howling long limousine. Just before get- for new soles), I would just ting into the car, Santa turned catch up with the parade just as around and said, "Hello, every- it was going around the other body," followed by my feeble, corner. At about five forty-five p.m., I was sure I had him; now From the landing site, he mo-tored uptown where he boarded over, the crowd was going, the his shiny sparkly float. Again, I notaries were parting company. was determined, eager to ask But, all at once, out of the clear him some important question. sky, right down came a sleigh, (Questions that are dear to the complete with reindeer - picked hearts of all Meredith girls- Santa up and whisked him right well practically all — and re- off. Now we will just have to quests to make too.) This time, wait 'til Christmas Eve to ask however, I had just placed my the vital question: Is an engagefoot on the float, preparatory to ment ring practical? M. L. M.

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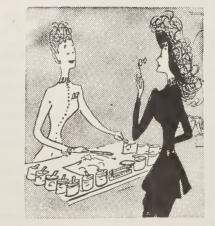
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