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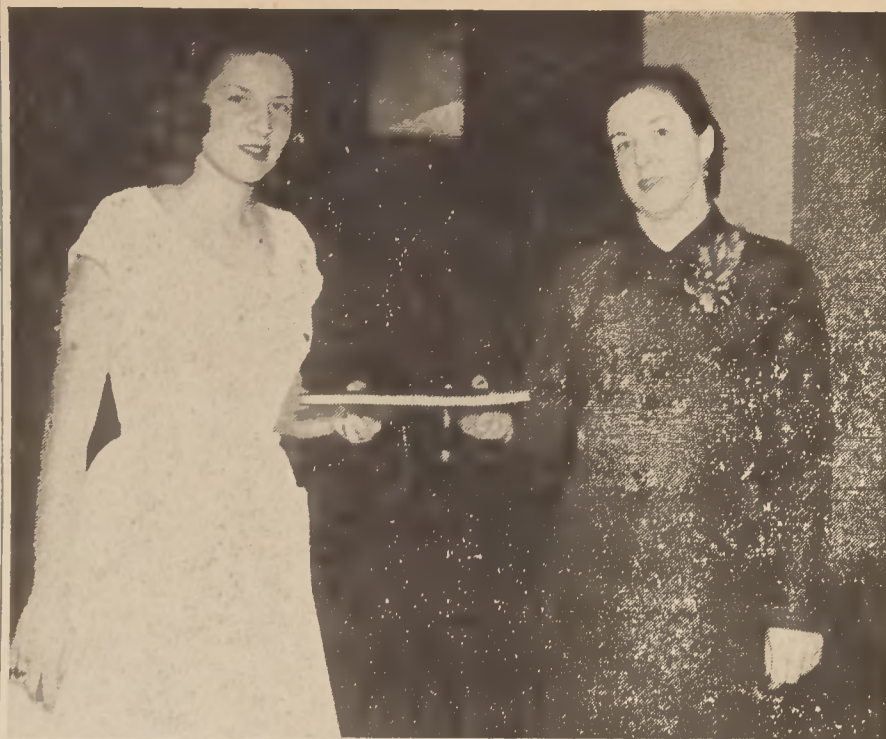
The branches of Meredith's family tree were counted during April, a project undertaken by the thirteen freshmen granddaughters. All students' relatives who came to Meredith were included in this count. Sheets asking for the relative's name, her connection with the student, and her class were distributed to resident and day students.

Did you fill out yours? If so, your Meredith kindred were included in the following statistics: 110 cousins, 94 aunts, 62 sisters, 47 mothers, 4 great-aunts, and 2 grandmothers. This information, along with the individual's name and address, is being published in the *Alumnae Magazine*. Meredith College is truly branching when present students can tell of their grandmother's undergraduate days at Meredith.

PRISONS, DIVORCES

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were amazed by the Chinese plan of having marriages arranged for by a competent marriage broker. Most of us would strongly object to such a plan, but Dr. Liu firmly stated that there are very few unhappy marriages in China, thanks to this plan. (Dr. Liu is really interested in seeing this plan put to use in the U. S. because she has already picked out a husband for Dr. Vaughn's daughter,



Annual Dedication—Jane Slate, yearbook editor, presents the 1952 edition of the OAK LEAVES to Miss Beatrice Donley.

Beth! The trouble with the idea is that he is out in Oregon where his dad is president of the University of Oregon! It is drilled into the Chinese children, especially the girls, that everything they do affects the quality of the husband (or wife) they will eventually receive. Each girl must be careful in her conduct so as not to spoil her sisters' chances to get a good husband. Here's an idea that is worth cheering about: the family of the groom gives a money gift (dowry) to the bride. In the Chinese family, the mother-in-law rules. All the sons and their wives live with the mother. Each son has his own job to do, and all the money goes into a common treasury, which the mother of such a family group (Dr. Liu's sister belongs to a family of 63) because the woman must take care never to show any favoritism or partiality to her daughters-in-law or to her grandchildren. Note: a man may divorce his wife if she fails to get along with his mother!

Here's a special feature of interest that came from the Family class. Dru Morgan (ask her what she is known for in sociology projects. . .) went to see Dr. Senter for some information concerning the Rh blood factor, and as a result, Dr. Senter will test every Meredith girl who is interested, at his office to see whether she is Rh plus or minus. Better take advantage of that, gals; it may be valuable information to you some day!

Guess that's about all the detail I can go into here kids, but for more information just ask any of us sociology majors (or professors), and we'll tell you what a grand field we're in.

Doctor Advises "No Cramming"

Boston, Mass.—(I.P.) Coffee, cigarettes, and time spent studying after 2:00 a.m. won't add up to good marks, or a good physical condition, Dr. Kenneth Christophe, director of the Boston University health service, advises New England college students, who will be taking their final examinations next week. And the quick and strenuous vacation after exams can be worse, physically, for the student, than the actual studying.

"Personally I think cramming is a waste of time," Dr. Christophe declares, "but if students believe they gain by temporarily saturating their brains with a full semester's work in a one-week period, they will continue to do it." Advising those who have let the semester slip without "cracking a book," Dr. Christophe has some tips for profitable pre-exam study.

1. Don't try to stay awake by drinking huge amounts of coffee and smoking packages of cigarettes in an attempt to keep awake. You may keep physically awake, but mentally you are just getting numb. The same goes for those so-called "stay awake" pills.

2. When you take a "quick break," don't light up a cigarette. Get out into the fresh air and clear your head—even if this only means sticking your head out the window for a moment.

3. Don't study in a room that is not ventilated properly. Two o'clock in the morning should be the absolute limit for studying. After that the outgo of knowledge possibly surpasses the intake.

Post-examination celebrations received only frowns from Dr. Christophe. "Cramming over a short period probably doesn't do the student any physical harm."



By ALYCE EPLEY

It's curtain time again—this time for the final issue of the TWIG—and the spotlight is focused on the three new members recently initiated into Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary dramatics fraternity. Imagine the delightful surprise of Jinks Corbett, Mary Jo Isaacs, and Shirley West when, in a recent chapel service, they were tapped for membership.

Changes

Now don't be surprised when I tell you that we no longer have a Little Theater organization on our campus. What I mean is that it is no longer called the Little Theater. Several major changes have been made in the constitution of our dramatics organization, one of which is the changing of the name to Meredith College Playhouse. A second major change in the constitution concerns the qualifications for membership. Since it is felt that membership is too easily acquired, the constitution has been changed to the effect that in order to become a member, one must participate in a major production. But that isn't all the requirements—one must also be voted into the organization by those already holding membership.

Another change—not in the constitution, but one which more directly affects us all—is the change in faculty sponsor. Miss Mayes, who has done such fine work with dramatics on the Meredith campus, is not returning next year, and her successor will be the new faculty adviser. This could be a very flowery and sentimental goodbye, but instead we shall just say that we Meredith angels will miss her and wish her much happiness and success wherever she goes.

Future Plans

Besides the changes in the constitution, the Playhouse officers and members have taken many forward steps. A committee has been appointed to plan a "face-lifting" for the Playhouse room on third Jones.

he said, "but the after-examination celebration probably does." Those students who spend a week or two wearing themselves out studying, and then run up to the mountains for a strenuous vacation, are only asking for trouble, he maintained.

They have planned to consult our own Miss Davis for the latest details in interior decorating. These plans for the future also include a visitation from some interested personage to view our local talent. If possible, this visitor will be Bob Porterfield, director of the Barter Theater of Virginia.

As all curtains open, so they must close. And now I leave you with this last glance at the Playhouse—our dramatics organization with a new name, a new sponsor, and many, many new plans.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

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sumably because they either possess or are dedicated to the possession of the ability to discriminate. Therefore, as one college dean has so ably put it, 'College is for the education of men who will rise above the ranks.'

On the Lighter Side

The Maryland Diamondback, University of Maryland, thinks there is a subtle analogy between women and tobacco. It declares:

"Sophomores want their women to be like cigarettes, slender and trim, all in a row, to be selected at will, set aflame, and when the flame has subsided, discarded only to select another.

"A junior wants his woman to be like a cigar. They're more expensive, make a better appearance and last longer.

"A senior wants his girl to be like his pipe, something he becomes attached to, knocks gently but lovingly and takes great care of at all times.

"A man will give you a cigarette, offer you a cigar, but will never share his pipe."

And What Do You Think of This?

A new ruling at South Dakota State College has replaced kissing at the door of the Women's dormitory with a casual handshake.

"It isn't the idea to completely prohibit the traditional good-night kiss," says the dean of women, "but to curb prolonged half-hour demonstrations at the door."

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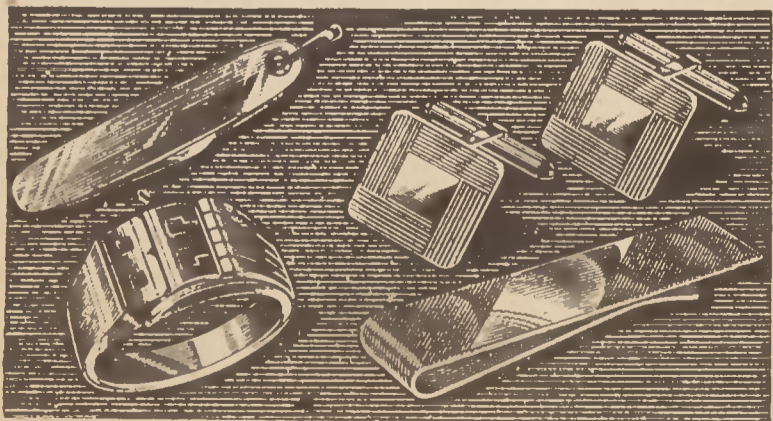
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