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AN APOLOGY

The members of the Newsletter Staff wish to express sincere apology to Reverend J. F. Banks for omitting his name after the "Meaning of Christmas" which appeared in the December issue of the Newsletter. This is done because we of the Newsletter Staff believe that the readers should know the person who wrote this inspiring Christmas message.

—Editor-in-Chief

AN OPEN LETTER TO NEWS READERS

The activities of organizations that make up the extracurricular part of our program are the major sources of news for the Newsletter, and rightly so. However, in the past the Newsletter has received very little voluntary information from these groups.

In the absence of a Public Relations department, it would be greatly appreciated if each organization would appoint a person to handle the news which they wish to publish through the school publication. The Newsletter also welcomes articles from classes and cadet teachers.

—Twine

"S.T.C. HIT PARADE"

"Don't you think I ought to know?"
 —Why I have an 8:00 class.

"Forgive my Heart"—I didn't see the first basketball game.

"My One Sin"—I didn't do my best last quarter.

"A Blossom Fell"—The Freshman (Finals told the story)

"The Great Pretender"—Makes all A's until the Dean's List is up.

"Too Late Now"—The quarter is over.

"Feel So Good"—Saturday classes are over.

"He"—The reason so many girls are changing their major to Canteenology.

"I Got a Man"—For observation.

"Why Don't You Write Me?"—Or is someone else getting my letters?

—Marie Riddick

A NOT OF GRATITUDE

It is with sincere gratitude that the Newsletter Staff extends to Andrew Johnson, who is now with the Air Force, appreciation for a Christmas poem which was received too late to be included in the December issue. It is an evidence of faith in the work of the Staff and also of loyalty to his College.

—Mary Spruill

ROSES AND THORNS

ROSES to the girls who made Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

THORNS to the students who say untrue things about their fellow students. ROSES to Rev. Banks, students, and faculty for a successful "Religious Emphasis Week".

THORNS to our furnaces for not allowing us hot water in this cold weather.

ROSES to Rev. Simms, our speaker, for the "Religious Emphasis Week". ROSES to our wonderful basketball team for beating Shaw and Hampton, and keeping good sportmanship while losing to other teams.

ROSES to the Deltas for organizing the "Children's Story Hour" for Saturday mornings.

THORNS to the student body for not giving their full support to the basketball team.

ROSES to the freshmen who made the Dean's List their first quarter in college.

THORNS to those who do not live up to the standards of their dormitories. ROSES to Dr. Davis for his wonderful work in reorganizing Alpha Kappa Mu.

THORNS to students who have misunderstandings over books.

ROSES to students who attend all basketball games.

ROSES to faculty members with new cars.

ROSES to ladies with engagement rings.

—Riddick

WAKE UP!

Students whose names appeared on the probation list should be warned to wake up, for it is later than they think.

These persons should rework their schedules and organize wisely. They should study each day's lesson at least twice, once as soon after class as possible, and again shortly before the next class. The average student forgets from 40 to 50 per cent of new and unfamiliar material within two hours, and because of this, a review or relearning process is advisable. If time is not organized much of it goes to waste. There is a much need for organizing for the wise use of time as there is for budgeting the family income.

Each student should make out a budget for himself and devote as much time to study as he believes necessary, that is, according to his own evaluation.

NOW THEY SMILE

Do you remember when city students were spending their free time in the old "Lounge" between the offices of Dr. Johnson and Dean Payton? Only four or five of them could be seated at one time, and on rainy days, especially, their faces were as gloomy as the weather.

Today city students are smiling. They are very well situated in a lounge that is fully as large as any classroom. Heating and lighting systems are good, and the furniture is both modern and attractive. Students may lounge as comfortably as they choose.

—Vivian Williams

TAKING AN INVENTORY

Religious Emphasis Week provides a good incentive for taking stock of ourselves and setting a clock upon our actions. Reverend Sims has given us just the right techniques to go about doing this. We should examine our hearts and minds; we should find out our abilities so that we can develop our potentialities.

It is a good time to ask ourselves the questions: Am I prepared to go forth in the world and meet the millions of obstacles that may arise? Can I drink of the bitter cup of life as our Savior did and as many courageous men after Him have done? Can I meet the challenge and, in spite of successive failures, come back for another try?

Each of us can if we are willing to take God as our friend and walk and talk with Him daily; for with God all things are possible.

—Irene Exum

LEARNING TO HATE

Only through hate do I see a better tomorrow. This statement may seem rather strange, but analyze it just a little further, and perhaps you can find a justifiable significance in it.

It is only through hate that we can love our brother as a brother, for we must learn to hate bigotry, prejudice and the other elements which tend to grow in our minds and to overshadow the good that exists. Through hate of these specified qualities we can drive them from a world to which they have so tenaciously clung through the centuries. When we learn to hate these most undesirable traits, we can not help but love our fellowmen all the more.

I say: Let's have a little more hate, so that we may have a great deal more of love.

—Lonnie Davis, Jr.

VIRGINIA TAKES A STEP

Virginia has taken another step. However, the question that comes to mind is: Is Virginia going forward or backward?

The Supreme Court's May 17, 1954, decision said that schools were to be integrated in the various states. To counteract this, Virginia has come up with the Gray Commission Constitutional Amendment Plan. On Monday, January 9, Virginians voted accordingly to find out whether or not they would use public funds for private schools.

It was predicted that the votes for the plan would be an overwhelming majority. Could anyone have believed that Virginians as a whole would have voted a large majority for a cause not for the best interest of all of its citizens? It is true that more people voted, but 2 to 1 can hardly be called "an overwhelming majority".

Will the Federal Government sit back and see public funds put to private use, thus depriving so many of their American heritage? Will Virginia have to comply with the Supreme Court's decision? The whole South and the rest of the world are looking to Virginia for the answer.

Is Virginia going backward or forward?

—Sharpe and Williams

HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICAN FICTION 1955

by A. A. Greenlee

Fiction in 1955 proved itself to be very lively even though some critics seem to believe there is an impending death of the novel as an art form. American novelists in 1955 not only had something to say, but something that readers wanted to hear. Probably the paramount factor contributing to the large volume of fiction read last year was a kind of new liveliness that gave the readers an unusual interest and enthusiasm to continue reading this fiction filled with exuberance, love, hate and adventure.

Let us look briefly at some of the novels that were the best sellers of 1955. Heading the list is MacKinlay Kantor's "Andersonville" a king size story (767 pages) of the Civil War told in terms of those who lived and died in the Confederate prison camp at Andersonville, Georgia. Closely associated to "Andersonville" and still quite different is Robert Penn Warren's "Band of Angels," an account of the fortunes of Amantha Storr, slave daughter of a white father. Sloan Wilson's "The Man In the Gray Flannel Suit" illustrates quite dynamically the great variety of them in the 1955 novel, filling an interesting story of the American business man. Herman Wouk's setting for "Marjorie Morningstar" is a middle-class Jewish life in New York, a study of a young girl's conflict with herself, her family and her traditions. And Mary McCarthy's "A Charmed Life" tells a vivid true-to-life story of love in an artists'-writers' colony. Robert Rurk's "Something of Value" sold nearly 300,000 copies, a vivid story of the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya.

These are only a small number of novels written in the past year that have proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that fiction is truly one of America's great art forms, and with the world situation as it is today, in all probability 1956 will produce even a greater and more enjoyable type of fiction to the American public.

MEDITATION HOUR

Each day at one o'clock many students assemble in the College Auditorium for a brief moment of meditation. Students come because there is a desire within them to seek spiritual guidance and inspiration.

During these periods it is heartwarming to note that many students come in reverently and, seemingly, with the desire to find peace and serenity. Many say that this period of meditation gives them an opportunity for thankfulness; others say that it offers inspiration to consider life more seriously.

Nothing is more beautiful than the expression registered by an humble heart as the soul of a human communes with its Creator. If the whole world could share this inestimable treasure, the world's conflicts would be less and we would prevail as one nation under God.

—Twine