

## FAIR HOLIDAY WINS POPULAR ACCORD PHI INSTALLATION SERVICE HELD ASTRO INITIATION *of* ALL NEW MEMBERS

### PHI SERVICE IMPRESSIVE IN SIMPLICITY *and* SOLEMNITY

#### MANY NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED

#### PHI HALL BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED SERVED AS SCENE OF RECEPTION

As the motto of our society is "Plain Living and High Thinking"—this idea is embodied in the installation service of our society. Simple yet beautiful and impressive was the Hall for this auspicious occasion. The colors, lavender and white, were used very tastefully in decorating; ribbons of paper were suspended from light to light, they themselves being shaded with lavender. The stage was very beautiful with its candles and lavender asters.

Each new girl, after having heard the constitution of the society was brought in separately and repeated the pledge, thus becoming a full-fledged daughter of Philaretia. She was then seated between two old Phi's, that she might be made to feel more at home and welcome.

When every girl had been taken in, the president, Mabel Oldham, lighted the 25th candle, symbolizing the 25th birthday of Philaretia by the glow of a former year thus linking our present existence to the past. She then made a brief talk, calling to mind the achievements of the past and asking for the cooperation of each individual during the year that still greater things might be done, saying, "It is Not My Society," nor "Your Society," but "Our Philaretia." The whole society stood and sang together in song and heart our beautiful song, "Philaretia."

We were glad to know that others were interested in us and heard with the greatest pleasure a telegram from our former president, Barre Pritchett, saying:

"My love travels the wires and my thoughts bridge the distance. I am with you tonight and always.

Love,

BARRE.

There were also those present who were interested in our society, its work and aspirations: Dr. Brewer and Miss Zabriskie. Dr. Brewer made a short talk, commending the work of the society and expressing his hope that there might be more interest shown along one special line of work, that is debating. It is his opinion that women, now more than ever before will be called upon to express their ideas and convictions and stand up for their rights. If "Reading makes a full man, writing an accurate man, and speaking a ready man," then there is no better place than the society for the ready man or woman as she is in this case to be prepared.

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#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF Y. W. C. A. GIVES INTERESTING PROGRAM

#### INSPIRING INFORMAL TALKS BY DR. HARRIS AND MISS WHITE

On Sunday evening, October 21, the Y. W. C. A. service was conducted by Miss White and Dr. Harris of the advisory committee. After a vocal solo "Alone," by Thelma Fleetwood, Miss White read for the Scripture lesson II Peter I, basing her remarks on verses 5-8. Souls new-born into God's kingdom are weak just as is a new-born baby. Lack of a child's physical development is often a cause of distress to a parent, how great then must be the Heavenly Father's grief because of the lack of spiritual development among His children. Miss White spoke of Christian womanhood as something attained only when to knowledge is added temperance, to temperance patience, to patience Godliness, to Godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity.

Miss Harris spoke on the over-ruling power of God and the transmission of this power to His children for the asking. "Suppose," she said, "the earth were under the dominion of one ruler, the sea and then the elements a third and all these rulers were at variance." Instead of this we have Christ's words "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth." In His daily life Jesus was not concerned with what was petty, little, or mean. These He passed over and dwelt on the good. His teaching was effective because of His ability to place emphasis on the right things. Too, He possessed and put into practice, the power of picking out the essential in a character. Instead of worrying because of the shortness of His ministry, the Master went about doing good. God doesn't expect us to right all the wrongs in the world; if such were in human power there would not be adequate time. The law laid down is in reality a very simple one, for man's whole duty is to fear God and keep His commandments.

#### CURIE CHEMISTRY CLUB PLANS INTERESTING WORK FOR THE YEAR

#### MANY NEW PLANS AND IDEAS IN EVIDENCE IN CHEMISTRY CLUB

The Curie Chemistry Club met October 16, for the purpose of planning and organizing special work in the realms of chemical formula for the year of 1923 and 1924. This work is

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#### MEREDITH GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN FAIR AND ENJOY VISIT OF FRIENDS

#### CATERPILLAR, FERRIS WHEEL, AND OVER-THE-FALLS SOURCE OF JOY

#### UNLIMITED FUN ON HOLIDAY

On last Thursday, October 18, occurred our annual State Fair holiday, the day on which the Fair reached the height of its success in both exhibits and institutes attending. This was the sixty-second annual North Carolina State Fair, made possible by the work of Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, vice-president; Col. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary; E. V. Walborn, business manager.

From very early in the morning until late in the afternoon the Meredith campus was thronged with parents, relatives, and friends of students who had come to take them to the Fair Grounds. Besides these, many others appeared on the corners eagerly awaiting a car to convey them to the scenes of entertainment.

The Fair Grounds were thronged with people coming from far and near all over the State, most of them in their flivvers, parking them wherever space could be found to wedge them in and leave them. A deluge of Fords could be seen within and without the grounds, and an endless stream of street cars emitted throngs and took them away again.

The usual throng did not appear to be present. However, there were perhaps more than ever before. This was due to additional space which had been annexed giving the crowds more room to spread out and a better opportunity for seeing the exhibits.

The throngs streamed up and down midway as this was entertainment row for the pleasure seeking thousands, finding amusement in rides on the flier aeroplanes, ferris wheel, the whip, the caterpillar, the hobby horses, and in the popping motorcycles in the autodrome. Considerable amusement was likewise found in the tented attractions and freaks.

There seemed to be one thing lacking which usually furnished the center of attraction for some few people, but which saved the money of many. Midway was characterized by the total absence of fakirs, no place to get your fortune told, no pretty dolls to be obtained by a mere chance at a thrust of a coin or a turn of a wheel. Many found it rather difficult to adjust themselves to the presence of swag-ger-stick stands containing the latest novelty in all colors and automobile shows instead of the usual fakirs which existed before the fair management abandoned the objectionable features of the amusement row.

From the fair, a large part of the throngs strayed over to the Riddick Field to witness the football game be-

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### ASTRO INITIATION PROVES THE USUAL ROUGH RIDING

#### REALISTIC FIRE DRILL AFFORDS INTEREST AND INTENSE EXCITEMENT

#### MR. BROCKWELL CAPS THE CLIMAX WITH AN ENTERTAINING SPEECH IN CHAPEL

The first fire drill of the year was held Tuesday, October 16. Nor was it a drill in name only, but it was real—an actual test of the girls ability to leave the buildings speedily and in order. It was the sort of thing that a school such as ours needs. For, while there has been no need heretofore for a quick exit, that in no way does away with the probability of an emergency which would require quick escape from the buildings. It is true that every precaution against fire is taken, but where there is so much wood there is a great chance of inflammation. Therefore, the practice which we get under the direction of fire department officials should be of great importance.

The outdoor exhibition given by the members of the fire department was not only interesting, but it quite effectively showed the efficiency of those men who spend their days in protecting the inhabitants of the city. It was sort of breath-taking to watch the firemen run up the shaking ladders which stretched to the top of Meredith towers, and several half-suppressed screams were heard from the girls. The thought might, at times, have been in our minds that the upper stories of Meredith would be rather inaccessible in case of fire. Now we have seen that such is not the case, and we should be easier in mind.

Mr. Brockwell, however, was the crowning feature of the program. He was just plumb good. Indeed, he "strutted his stuff and looked back at it." His informal talk was one of the most delightful and helpful that the Meredith girls have had the pleasure of hearing. The little things in the home which mean so much in the prevention of fire, he brought home to us rather forcibly. When we think that

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#### HYPATIA MATH CLUB HOLDS MEETING AND PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

#### NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AND VACANT OFFICES FILLED

The first meeting of the Hypatia Math Club for the session 1923-24 was held Monday afternoon, October 15, at 5:00 o'clock in the Y room. The meeting was called to order by the old

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#### HILARIOUS TIME BY ALL CONCERNED

#### LONG TRAIL WINDING UP STAIRS AND TO RIDE ON PROVERBIAL GOAT PART OF INITIATION

Saturday morning the faithful Astro billy-goat appeared on the campus about seven o'clock, just as he has for years past. Plainly, the goat had grown since last year. This time it was very shaggy, and a bit inclined to be stubborn as those can vouch for, who had to try, once during the day, to tie the would-be run-away to his stage again. The strange appearance of the Astro goat on the morning of initiation, and his mysterious disappearance some time during the night, is a never failing event. Without the goat there could be no initiation! Ample time was given to the new girls during the day, for making the acquaintance of the said goat before 7 o'clock in the evening.

Promptly, at after dinner, the new Astros were anxiously appearing in the practice hall, desirous of beginning the long and tedious journey "to the stars." A small black card had previously warned each girl what time she would be expected to put in her appearance. Some over-anxious ones came early; others more timid, and dreading the uncertainty, came more reluctantly. However, they all came! One girl wanted to know if she "could tell her mamma" all about it. We were sorry to inform her that Astro secrets were not to be revealed even to one's mamma. She was a good sport, as all were, and slowly began the journey.

Queer sensations? I should say they had 'em, so many and so fast that one was scarcely gone before another came. All got their money's worth of riding the goat—a whole dollar's worth of riding, and much better riding than a street car too. Rest assured that the goat wasn't all the excitement, though. It was hard to tell whether one had gotten into Dante's Inferno, or More's Utopia. When they emerged from the hall, they agreed to a girl that "We wouldn't have missed it for anything." And even though they were somewhat the "worse for wear" they were a happy, laughing bunch, making their way to the "Y" room to learn the Astro song and motto. They didn't learn the song perfectly, no one could expect that of them at such an exciting time, but what they did do was to catch the Astro spirit, and that's what counts. They looked quite different when they came back to the hall for a jolly good time together.

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