

## NEW MEREDITH AT LAST A REALITY

### FIRST DATE NIGHT AT NEW MEREDITH

#### DATES ARE PARKED ON CONCRETE BLEACHERS

If Senator Borah had been privileged to peep into Meredith's halls in the administration building last Saturday night, even *he* would have agreed without argument that "all we want is sociability." He (and we) would have heartily echoed his recent campaign slogan, "Give me dates or give me death."

"Forward the light brigade  
Was there a man dismayed?"

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Theirs not to reason why  
Theirs but to go or lie."

as into Meredith's doors trudged the faithful (more or less) hundred. To the unlucky girls, who wistfully watched their room or suite-mates depart "to receive their callers" and surreptitiously courted the men from behind curtains, etc., there seemed to be an infinite number of male-admirers—who came primarily to admire the architecture they said. But to the girls who saw their friends for the first time at New Meredith—of which they were conscious.

It seemed irony of fate for one of the necessary accoutrements of Christmas, viz.: the snow, to be delayed in the holiday rush and arrive exactly two weeks late, but it certainly seemed clement of fate so to speak, and downright hard, that some dates should be compelled to sit on concrete steps—without pillows. And after we had so graciously accepted Dr. Brewer's dictum that we could not have callers until Saturday night, when the parlors would be properly furnished, and after we had so gracefully, though regretfully, asked our clamoring friends to defer their visits from Wednesday until Saturday night, too! But such is life (said the poor fish who swallowed a corkscrew for a worm).

We thought before we moved into the country that our location would be a sure test of our popularity, and many of us were viewing the dismal prospect with lengthy faces, but after beholding the blockade in the halls Saturday night, even the most complacent of us were somewhat disconcerted, and the more timid and retiring greatly encouraged.

The early birds got the seats and the late ones the cement. In place of the parlors the luckiest ones managed to get the more comfortable chairs in the cozy nooks and corners. The next in order of luck (or opportunity) were able to use the porch chairs, and those who'd lost their rabbit's foot (or time) were obliged to set in the rotunda. I take this opportunity (being an opportunist myself) to explain that the rotunda is the octagonal room surrounded by doors on three sides, flanked by concrete bleachers, that may be discovered in the center of the first floor of the administration building. There! Take notice, uninitiated State, Wake Forest, Carolina, Duke, and Davidson. This not a hint, but an invitation.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GERMAN STUDENTS

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DEAR SIR:

In the period 1921-1923 the students of many nations and particularly of the United States contributed \$400,000 for the relief of the students of Germany. Without this gift, it is likely that the German universities in the period of impoverishment immediately after the war would have been forced to close.

I have come to this country as a representative of the German student body to give an accounting of the expenditure of that gift. The students of Germany have asked me to say to the students of the United States that they have decided to consider the gift as a loan. Payment of the loan will be made in the form of annual student contributions to the International Student Trust Fund, to be used to meet emergencies in education in all parts of the world.

As a measure of self-protection after the war, the students of Germany had organized a federation, representing all the 90,000 undergraduates of the 48 universities. The financial aid from other lands made it possible for the federation to establish the German Students Coöperative Association to provide the ways and means whereby a student with scanty financial resources could earn an education.

The main function of the German Students Coöperative Association has therefore, been its employment service. During the last four years it has provided jobs for more than 100,000 students for an average period of from 6 to 12 months. These are not part time jobs done on the side; they are full time jobs, undertaken during the summer or at night, or during a year's interval in the college career; they include jobs in mines, in factories, in manual labor of all kinds.

Now, that may not seem so unusual to the American, accustomed to student employment. But it is a very extraordinary development in Germany. Under the old traditions of German student life, manual labor was never even considered. Now most of the students are working to support themselves for at least part of their educational career.

But that is only one item in the work of the German Students Coöperative Association. By means of student cafeterias and coöperative shops, it has reduced the cost of living for the undergraduate nearly 50 per cent. Each student is given a medical examination, and a doctor's supervision is provided where necessary. 250 fellowships have been established. Mutual Loan Societies grant annually to deserving students loans amounting to \$475,000. The Association has made it possible for 20,000 students every year to secure an education, who otherwise would be denied it.

So you can see that an important development has grown out of that act of generosity on the part of the students of the world. The Association

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### A DREAM REALIZED

#### A NEW HOME GREETS ENTHUSIASTIC GIRLS A NEW YEAR, A NEW MEREDITH

We begin to feel our importance as never before since we have come into possession of six beautiful permanent buildings and three temporary class room buildings in the midst of a spacious campus covered with tall oak trees. From the Raleigh-Durham highway which skirts the campus the lofty dome of the Administration Building may be seen. The portico in front of this building has Corinthian columns of a modified Renaissance style, combining grace and grandeur with an air of distinction. A long flight of steps leads up to this portico and the second floor entrance. On entering the building the visitor beholds a magnificent rotunda which has columns arranged in pairs, giving a view of the interior. On this same floor are the library and reading room. The society halls occupy the third floor, while the first floor is given over to the offices of the President, Secretary, Bursar, and the Post Office, beside the parlors. The rotunda construction is carried out on all three floors under the dome.

The dining halls and kitchens are in a building on the side of the quadrangle opposite the Administration Building. The dining hall is large enough to allow for the growth that is expected of Meredith in the near future as a result of the acquisition of her new property. Although it is separate from the neighboring dormitories a covered passageway connects it with the first floors of these.

The dormitories, for lack of better names, are at present called A, B, C, and D. Dormitory A seems to have been the most popular, since it contains fifty-one Seniors, and they had first choice of the rooms. It is the first building to the right of the Administration Building. Immediately behind it is Dormitory B, which contains the infirmary in addition to the regular quota of girls. On the opposite side of the Quad are Dormitories C and D. Only members of the faculty are at present living in C. The offices of the Deans of Women are located on the first floor of this building. D dormitory seems to have been especially popular with the Sophomores. There is little difference between the dormitories, for they are all built exactly alike. The preference arises, perhaps, from the locations and the view. From the eastern rooms on the upper floors the whole city of Raleigh can be seen; the Fair Grounds and the campus of State College are very much in evidence.

The adjoining dormitories are connected at each floor by passage ways, and there are passages from dormitories A and C to the Administration Building. These have proved very useful during the past week on account of the snow, rain, and mud.

The auditorium is a spacious temporary building which adjoins Dormitory A on one side and the Science Building on the other. In the auditorium is a stage large enough for the

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### FIRST Y. W. VESPER IN ROTUNDA OF NEW LIBRARY

#### WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND EXPLAINED

"Student Friendship"—a term with or without meaning.

"The scholar must always be of an international mind. . . . The world is expecting broader visions from its young men than is the heritage of the past. Upon the student body of all lands falls the difficult and perilous responsibility of leadership in a new and better day." So reads the opening paragraph from a message of the students of Germany. It is most significant that the people, who such a short while ago, were considered deadly enemies, are now reaching out to us in the name of friendship. The purpose of the first Y. W. C. A. vesper service in the rotunda of the new library at Meredith, was to tell something of the meaning of the term "World Friendship Fund" and the purpose of the Student Friendship Fund."

This Fund is a chest for International Friendship and through it we help students in other countries and foreign students in America. Surely such a program is stronger than treaties, and certainly we should live Christ internationally as well as individually. We, as American students have been accused of taking the least participation in national and international affairs, but there is all evidence that we are changing this. The study of the World Court was the first step of the C. C. A. in the field of World Education.

"Five years ago the World Student Christian Federation challenged the students of the world to "come over into Europe" and help in the greatest emergency which had ever befallen university students—certainly within the last century. The Americans responded with their Student Friendship Fund." Naturally this helped them to forget their bitterness and hatred and certainly fostered a spirit of good-will. The students of today will lead the nations tomorrow. How far reaching this Student Friendship will be is not known, but certainly it is one way in which we can help to bring peace among nations.

The three main channels of international service outreach are The World Student Christian Federation, The International Student Service and Friendly Relations to Foreign Students in America, The Student Friendship Fund gives us the privilege to contribute to these.

The question is: If emergency relief is over, why continue the Friendship Fund? This conception is quite natural because in recent years the emphasis has been upon the relief work, but ever since 1922 and 1923 it has been more than a relief fund. This year one-fifth of the money raised will be for natural relief of foreign students, one-fifth for student self-help enterprises, one-fifth for the "International Exchange" of ideas, aspirations and present realities. Two fifths releases personality for service and leadership.

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### XMAS SNOW ARRIVES TWO WEEKS LATE

#### NORTHERN COASTING RIVALLED BY MEREDITH

The best part of Xmas was saved to celebrate our arrival at New Meredith. Jack Frost, playing Santa Claus, decided to begin his fun sometime during study hour on Thursday night. The Old Man was discovered however before he had accomplished his mission, for the halls were soon echoing with excited cries: "Say, it's snowin'!" "You don't say!" "Well, I'll declare if it ain't! There goes one, see?" War dances followed, accompanied by high pitched squeals of glee, excitement ran high, and noses grew cold from many hours pressing against window panes. We tucked ourselves in at last, hoping that the new day would bring us at least enough flakes for a saucer of cream and a few snow balls a piece.

It did! Friday dawned cold, gray and white; with it came a medley of "Oh's!" "Ah's!" and "Did you ever's?" Friday was spent in scrunching, sliding, slopping, slipping, and falling. It was on that day that many of us mastered the art of falling gracefully and then rising cheerfully, with a "That-was-some-fun expression.

Those who missed their lessons in graceful falling on Friday were rewarded the next day with an extra hard "kaboom," since Jack Frost, not satisfied with his first job, had added an extra inch of skidding material. Those who were unable to fall gracefully sought similar recreation in coasting down the hills; on pillows if available, if not chairs, boxes, or even dish pans were used.

"Every dog has his day," but the snow had three and now our only consolation is in what the next few winter months will bring to us. Hurrah for Jack Frost!

### FRENCH PLAY PRESENTED BY STUDENTS

#### SENIORS IN FRENCH GIVE "L'ANGLAIS TEL QU' ON LE PARLE

On December 17, 1925, the Teacher Training Class of the French Department gave a delightful French play for the other classes of the department in the Phi Hall of Old Meredith.

The title of this play was *L'Anglais Tel Qu' on Le Parle*, a well-known comedy by the distinguished M. Tristan Bernard. This is probably the most celebrated and certainly one of the most laughable of the many comedies by this author. It lends itself very favorably also to presentation by French clubs. On this occasion it was well acted and delighted the audience. The scene is laid in a Paris Hotel, and the leading part, that of *Eugène*, the interpreter in the hotel, was taken by Clarissa Poteat. Her interpretation of the Frenchman, who did not know a word of English was extremely comical and brought forth great applause from the audience. The part of *Betty*, the English girl who had run away with a young Frenchman, was taken by Elizabeth Purnell who showed a

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