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Editorial

The Sophomores, as individuals and as a class, are called upon now to meet a situation which has never before confronted a class at Meredith. The eyes of the entire school and of interested friends of the college are upon you, anxious to see what your response will be. Now that the immediate disappointment of not being able to "play with" the Freshmen has passed over, brace up and show the true merit of the class of '29. The bit of resentment which accompanied your disappointment was only natural, because you obeyed a Soph's command last year having the satisfaction of knowing that you could reap your revenge this year. However, we must be far sighted enough to see that this is a forward step in the history of Meredith. None of the universities or leading colleges of the country tolerate hazing in any form. We are familiar with the stand the University of our state took this fall in a similar situation. It was the Student Council there, influenced by the sentiment of the entire student body, who said emphatically that no hazing would be allowed on their campus.

After all it is "small college stuff." A few years from now we all will realize that this is a step which had to be taken and which is best for Meredith as a standard college. Some say we are not modern. They are wrong. It is only small colleges and preparatory schools behind the times, who chase Freshmen. We have come here for other purposes; our time is for things more educational, more interesting and more dignified. We have another spirit, too, which is stronger than class spirit, and that is Meredith spirit. This is best for Meredith Sophomores, so it is best for every girl here. We are expecting you to respond in a way characteristic of your class. We go Forward!

From the stand point of "beauty sleep," and class work, and last but not least, from the stand point of friendships, it's a good thing that we have Society bid-day only annually. Phi and Astro spirit, as never before, reached the crystallizing point that day, and the sharp tongues of "rushers" cut into the air more than once. The trace of bitterness, however, was far overbalanced by the great interest and enthusiasm shown by every girl, both old and new. Meredith's campus was more alive at that time than it has been before or since and was therefore a most interesting place to be. It is good to have some occasion to arouse the honest-to-goodness spirit of the student body and to see for ourselves what we can do, what a change comes over our campus, when every girl enters whole-heartedly into some movement. Now that the new girls have made their choice, the interest aroused by competition will naturally die down; however, let's don't let that mean that the Society spirit is going to be any less than it was on bid-day. We can make of the Societies whatever we will—a place we have to go on Saturday nights in order to have a date afterwards—or organizations for the development of our talents and ingenuity, where we meet to have a good time in a wholesome and a beneficial way. Which shall your society be?

Mr. Brockwell did a very unusual thing in Chapel Friday morning—he taught a lesson—interestingly. The lesson, that of Fire Prevention,

is one which we, as the future citizens of North Carolina must learn in order to change our rank as the fourth State of the union to that of first. To do this we must realize and must teach others that "the most pitiful part of any accident is the thought that it might have been avoided.

"Safety First appliances and mechanical precautions help, but they lack the human intelligence to adapt themselves to conditions and circumstances.

"If we combine with them care and forethought they will then, and only then, render their greatest service.

"Carelessness is the advance agent of nearly all accidents. For the good of others and ourselves we should be mindful in the little things as well as in the big things.

"It is a little thing to see that a match is extinguished—but it becomes a big thing if it causes a fire, loss of property and life. It is a little thing to be careful when working about machinery—but it is a big thing if, through neglect, a hand, an arm or a life is lost.

"Money does not compensate for such unfortunate accidents and an ounce of precaution is worth all sorts of regrets.

You may consider it quite a hardship to be forced to use water sparingly these days—but rejoice with all those little boys around the age of ten in Raleigh, for think what a good excuse the shortage affords them not "to wash." "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

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