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Dear Meredith Alumnae:

Dr. Brewer introduced our new Alumnae Secretary to you in last week's TWIG. We are delighted to have somebody at head-quarters again to keep our records and tell us what and what not.

Our Association made a happy choice when we selected red-headed, enthusiastic, sensible, original Mae Frances Grimmer, '14, of Cape Charles, Virginia; let's make Mae a happy Secretary by doing everything she asks us to do, and lending her our ears and our minds and our pens. Let's pledge her our support, individually and collectively, and from time to time give her the benefit of our thoughts regarding our Association. No Secretary—not even one so capable as Mae Grimmer—can do everything, nor must we load the whole Association on her slim shoulders. We must equip her office and furnish her the materials with which to work, and we must give her the sort of support that will inspire her to plan in a great way and to command our services without fear of refusal.

Three cheers—no, three times three for our brand new secretary; long may she live and happily!

BERTHA L. CARROLL.

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Purnell, '26, and William R. Rand, in the summer of 1928. Address: Garner, N. C.

Lillian Horton, '23, and Frederick Judson Ammons, in August, 1928. Address: 1408 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.

Jane Carlton Beavers, '26, and E. E. Banks, in the summer of 1928.

Thelma Ailene Young, '28, and Linwood Lancaster, in the summer of 1928.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Olive, (Iva Pearson, '13) of Chapel Hill, N. C., a daughter, Emily Caroline, on September 14, 1928.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, Jr., (Christine Judd, '21) of Sanford, N. C., a daughter, Nancy Irene, on August 21, 1928.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Eames, (Mary Lily Blalock, '22) of Mt. Gilead, N. C., a son, Philip McCorkle, Jr., on June 11, 1928.

We, the Alumnae of Meredith College, wish to express our sorrow at the loss as one of our members, Frank Martin, Class of 1920, of Hickory, N. C., who died on the twelfth of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and to extend to her family our sincere sympathy for the deep loss they have sustained.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AT MEREDITH

"What a bleak looking place! I'd never stay here! Why did I ever come?"

Those, as you may have imagined, were the first words that escaped my lips on my arrival at Meredith. It did look bleak. The day—cold, dismal, rainy—was in itself enough to make any girl want to turn back home. But, knowing that this thing had to be gone through, I resolutely marched in the building. Then followed what seemed to me hours and hours of waiting. During this time I moved my hand baggage to my room. As I stood there gazing at the bareness of unmade beds, uncarpeted floors, and uncurtained windows, shiveringly I thought of the long days and nights before me. My mother's voice reminded me that such thoughts were best to be left for the future; so I shook them off.

I doubt if there is a girl who can truthfully say that her first night is very cheerful. Then is when she thinks of her bright room, and most of all, her dear mother, who probably tucks her in at night, grown up though she may be. I, of course, tried to be different and not think of home, but try as I might, that was where my thoughts would always end. Finally I dropped off to sleep.

Meetings, meetings and more meetings are all I can remember, of my second day at Meredith. Everything was in a jumble of confusion for me. I felt as if I were lost in a wilderness. At the end of the day, topped off by a pajama party, I felt only slightly better.

The day when the old girls arrive! If ever a freshman feels her insignificance, it is then. There is that blue, left out feeling—what freshman has not felt it when shrieks of "Mary, when did you—" "Susy, I didn't know—" "—what have you—" "Where have you" are wafted through her window

by a gentle zephyr. She resolves then to stick it out so that she also can shriek and howl on old girls' day.

The most important thing about the first day at college is probably the arrival of the trunk. Mine failed to arrive at the prescribed time. Trips, trips, and yet more trips proved fruitless. I could not find my trunk. As a consequence, I became very dejected. The worst thing was having to borrow clothes. I had brought a few things and therefore was not completely thread bare. During this particular time of stress I was ready to leave Meredith at any available moment. I sent a letter to my mother stating that if my trunk did not come the next day she could come after me. My trunk arrived, however, and everything was all right.

The soph party was an important event. Every freshman's mind was filled with speculation as to exactly what the sophs were going to do to her. Many went to that party with fear and trembling, but all of them come out much enlightened, and with a quite different opinion. I shall have to admit I was somewhat prejudiced against the sophs, but that wall has been completely removed.

In fact my whole impression has been entirely revised. Friendship and a spirit of fraternity are most vital elements in school life. The girls here at Meredith have shown this spirit to me, and, if they only knew, have helped me through many a lonely day when I was ready to leave it all. My deepest impression of this school is one of love, sincerity, and loyalty on the part of the girls, helpfulness and sympathy on the part of the faculty, and friendship on the part of everyone.

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