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IDEALISM OF YOUTH

All idealism is not ideal! If in the end you are defeated by your ideal, you may be sure you have followed the wrong one. Someone has said that a good way to test an ideal is to ask this question of one who has lived his life: "Would you be willing to choose the same ideal you have followed if you could re-live your life?"

Some ideals bring regret and bitterness into one's life; a true ideal always brings comfort and happiness. Twenty years ago democracy was set up as the ideal for thousands of young Americans. Today Germany, Italy, and other powerful nations are setting up another ideal which is as false as that of yesterday. All over the world men and women are being brought to the point where they are willing to die for the "Cause," since this has become the purpose of their lives. We must be careful to distinguish between the true and false ideal.

How futile it is to put all one's faith and hope in a finite, destructive ideal! After such an ideal has failed the individual, it leaves him bitter and remorseful. This condition is often difficult to overcome. Youth must not follow a blind, shallow cause if he is to triumph over the material things of life.

What a great impetus is a great ideal! Youth must choose and follow an ideal that will hold true to the end, that will bring satisfaction and power into his life. Much thought and consideration should go into the selection of such a dynamic motive. There is an old Greek adage that says,

Life is the gift of nature; but beautiful living is the gift of wisdom.

The real ideal is the Christian one. In God man can put all his faith, and know that his ideal can never defeat him. Today, as in ages past, men and women must lift up Christ and His principles as their only Ideal if they would be victorious. We must always remember that the world of tomorrow is the problem of youth today.

AN OPEN FORUM

Students at Meredith are beginning to realize that they can and must take some definite stand on the questions that are troubling the world today. History classes are unavoidably becoming centers of discussion for current affairs. Talk of Peace, the Italo-Ethiopian situation, current economic problems are all being argued pro and con by most of the thinking students.

It is unfair, however, to confine such interesting debate to the classroom, where comparatively few can profit by it, so it has been suggested that a bi-monthly Open Forum for directed discussion of current affairs be instituted on our campus. Twice a month interested students and faculty members could meet in the rotunda, or some other such convenient place, and under the direction of one of that number, or of some outsider, a resume of the news of the previous weeks could be given and comments made. Excellent opportunity for impromptu as well as prepared debate would be offered. Students would be given training in direction of their opinions, as well as in formation about what is going on in the world.

In almost every leading country except our own youth as a group has taken a definite stand on the questions of today. Perhaps their stand is sometimes the wrong one, but at least they are being positive about it. Since we are the ones who will be affected most by the outcome of our present day situations, we should be the first to find something to believe in, and to back that thing with all our strength.

An Open Forum such as has been suggested might easily become the most popular institution on our campus. Let's have it! K. S.

Club News

Classical Club

The Helen Hull Law Classical Club met Friday, November 8. The program was about Horace, a Latin poet, whose two thousandth birthday anniversary is being celebrated this year. Talks were given on his life and passages read from his work.

Little Theatre

Mrs. E. H. E. Price and Dr. Helen Price honored the Little Theatre at tea, Thursday afternoon November 14, at their home. Active, associate, and honorary members of the club, together with its patronesses and the social deans of the college were guests of the occasion.

Colton English Club

The regular meeting of the Colton English Club was held Friday, November 8. Miss Nell Battle Lewis spoke on "Writing a Column in a Newspaper." She is well-known through her column in *The News and Observer*.

The Student League of Women Voters

The Student League of Women Voters met in the Rotunda Wednesday, November 13. There were several very interesting discussions about the members of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet. Open Forum was held after the program. Eleven new members were added to the club. The club is planning to have as a guest speaker A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The Barber Biology Club

At the first two meetings of the Barber Biology Club the endocrine glands were discussed. At both meetings four girls discussed various glands.

Home Economics Club

On November 15 the Home Economics Club held its first meeting. The topic for the programs this year is "Home Economics in Relation to the Community." The club has decided to send a basket of food to a certain colored family as its Thanksgiving project. It is to help this family throughout the rest of this school year.

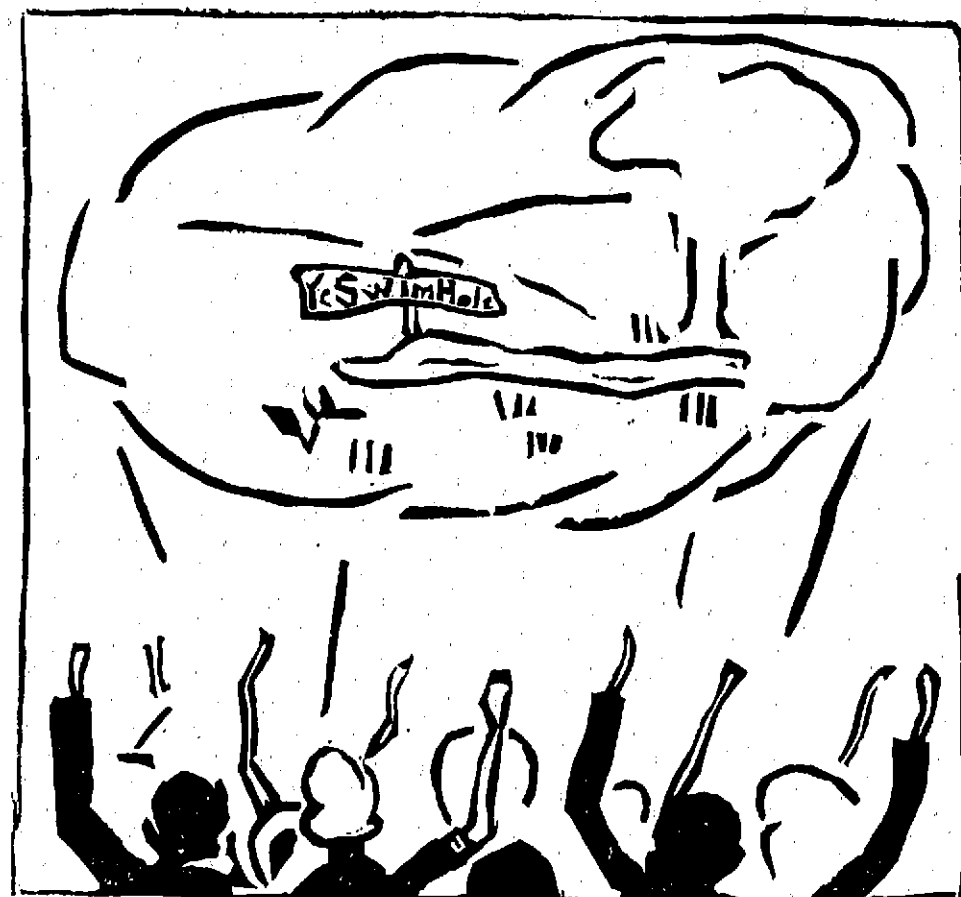
Meredith Represented at Baptist State Convention

Representatives of Meredith who attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Baptists in Asheville, November 12-14, brought back an interesting report of the proceedings. Dr. Brewer, Miss Biggers, Mr. Hamrick, and Dr. Freeman were present at the convention.

One of the meetings which should be of especial interest to Meredith students was the Wednesday afternoon session, which was held at Mars Hill College. At that time a discussion on the general subject of Christian education was held. Each college belonging to the system that is provided by the Baptist State Convention made its report and appeal to the convention. Dr. Charles Brewer introduced Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, president of the Meredith College Alumnae Association, who talked in behalf of Meredith. The other institutions were represented either by their presidents or by some other member of their faculty. It was agreed by all that that was the best presentation of Christian education that had ever been given at a meeting of the Convention.

Another item of interest to Meredith was the meeting of the alumnae of the college. The alumnae of the Asheville chapter were hostesses to the group, which was made up of forty-nine alumnae, Dr. Brewer, and several other guests. Matters of interest were presented at the meeting by the Asheville Chapter, the president of the association, and Dr. Brewer.

Daydreaming



Sink or Swim

By KATE COVINGTON

By meandering on all fours I almost sneaked out of chapel one day last week. But just as I was crawling over what turned out to be a Faculty Member, my conscience (or was it the Faculty Member?) smote me, and I made a remarkable retreat.

That was the morning the swimming pool project was announced. Mary Johnson said it would be a simple thing to knock off the dome of the administration building, turn it upside down, fill it with water, and dive off Venus. I can't think of dainty sprites sailing around those chandeliers in water-wings! To save me I don't know what she plans to do about all the top windows. I tried to make Mary Johnson draw me a diagram, but when I opened her notebook I found an Examination we'd made one day:

Ques: How much is a little bit?

Ans: Some, but not much.

Ques: Draw a diagram of the eye showing Caesar's march through the Ohio Valley. (Drawing was below).

Ques: Where is Greece?

Ans: Who cares?

Ques: What was *Atalanta's Race*?

Ans: Editorial in the *Atlanta Constitution*.

Ques: Who wrote *Substitute Sweetheart*?

Ans: William Makepeace Thackeray.

Ques: Identify: Hoover.

Ans: Hoover is like when you clean your rugs.

There were some more but it began

to dawn on me that we were really going to get a swimming pool, so I listened. (Some had already gone home for their bathing suits, I think.)

People were making speeches and everybody was beaming and I expected any minute to see a few enthusiastic souls doing the American Crawl up and down the aisles.

A loud distorted whisper back of me purported that we'd probably have to wear long black droopy apparatus to swim in, while another suggested practicing in the reservoir. I heard somebody say in awed admiration for her idea, "Why not have the swimming pool down in the grove?" I am expecting to see her with an ax or a saw lumbering out any day now. Another suggestion (too, too divine) was to enlarge the fountain out in the court. Still another was to shoot the hose down in the rotunda and use that. It was told to me that one mentally efficient Junior thought it would be clever to call the new pool the "Hellepont." Somebody subdued her, however.

Chapel was almost over now—at least we were on that verse about the cypresses guarding its rest, and I was trying to think what class I had next. But, to save me, the only thing in my mind was a question Mary Johnson had just written in my notebook:

"If a man could swim to New York in thirty-five minutes at eight miles an hour and to Apex in six hours at the same rate, what difference would it make?"

Ah, Youth.

State Art Museum Sought By N. C. Art Society

The North Carolina State Art Society will hold its annual session here in Raleigh on Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6. The Society meets at the same time that the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association does.

The Art Society is "an incorporated organization for promoting the appreciation and encouragement of art in North Carolina." Although the exact program for the 1935 session has not been announced, there are before the Society three major projects which are generally known. These projects are:

(1) Continued support of the cooperative program with the State Department of Public Instruction by which prints are supplied to the schools of the state.

(2) Definite action for securing a State Art Museum.

(3) Exhibits and lectures.

In the past the Society has helped

make the study of art appreciation possible by furnishing prints of famous pictures to more than seventy-five schools in the state. The State Planning Commission has approved the proposed State Art Museum. Mr. Jonathan Daniels, who is chairman of the committee appointed for this project, expects to take definite steps soon.

Pageant To Be Presented By Societies December 17

In *The Court of King Arthur*, a Christmas Pageant, will be presented by the Phi and Astro Societies Tuesday night, December 17, at eight o'clock in the auditorium. The pageant is being directed by Miss Ethel English with the cooperation of the society presidents, Dorothy Dockery and Christine Adams. The dramatization will be enacted as Katy Sams reads the story. Music will be furnished by Frances Morris, Dorothy Lowdermilk, and Mae Marshbanks.