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In each issue will appear articles written by various members of the faculty who have agreed to contribute to the columns of our paper, in an effort to bring about a closer relationship between faculty and students. We are indebted to each one who gives of his or her time to make this a better and more representative college paper.

Welcome To Visitors and Alumni

To the many visitors and alumnae who will come to our campus on Stunt Day, October 30, we wish to extend a special welcome. It will be the first visit for many of you and we wish that everything possible will be done by the students to make it a pleasant experience to you. Although there is no day set aside for homecoming as there is at numerous other colleges, we are building towards the idea of setting aside this day for homecoming in the future.

We know that to the alumnae of our school we owe much for the contributions they have made to the progress we have achieved. Coming to our last year in college we also realize more than ever that with the end of this year, four of the best and fullest years of our life will be terminated, and they have been short ones. We should not forget that we are responsible for what our college will be tomorrow. What we do and be on this campus will leave its imprint long after we are gone. You have many opportunities, do something worthwhile that will pleasantly color your reminiscences of college life.

We Don't Read

In the college girls' class of a church school in Raleigh Sunday morning I was startled at the response to a question asked by the teacher. The question was, "How many of you know who Hugo Black is?" And out of a class of sixty college girls approximately seven raised their hands. Perhaps there were some who had a vague idea, but were afraid they would be called upon to enlighten the rest of the class and therefore did not raise their hands—but they deserve no credit. When we consider that these are a few of the people who will have a hand in the government of the future, we wonder what kind of a government we will have by people who are not interested enough in national affairs to know what is going on in our capital today. It is not because they do not have the opportunity to know what is going on, they do not take advantage of the opportunity. A large percentage of the student body here subscribe to the daily papers, where every day is recounted news of national and international interest.

We have not yet realized the responsibility that is ours as the future generation, and it is time we did it. It is appalling that with the numerous radio news flashes, news reels at the theatres, magazines and newspapers that only seven out of sixty acknowledged acquaintance with Hugo Black. It is no excuse that they were girls, because it is as much a woman's business as a man's to be cognizant of current events. But it may be that the same percentage would result if the question were asked of a group of boys. Let's hope not.

You Have the Time

Don't forget to leave time in your schedule to attend the various concerts given by members of the faculty and dramatic productions given by the Little Theatre this year. You cannot afford to miss one of these entertainments that are given for your benefit. Often we do not realize the value of the things which are too close to us.

Maybe you think you have come to college to be educated, but your education will be far from complete if you only attend the classes you register for. Of course this is a necessary function and we would have no colleges without classes, but classes and grades are not all there is to a college education.

There are many who do not approve of extracurricular activities, but you will be called upon many times after you leave college to participate in or take charge of exercises where the knowledge gained from experiences you had here in various exercises will be of great aid to you.

The excuse offered most often for not attending concerts and plays and taking part in extracurricular activities is that you do not have time. It is to be noticed that we usually can find time for things that we want to do, and it seems that those who have the most to do, do more. You take time to go to movies, football games, and the Fair. Surely you can find time to attend exercises at your own school that you would possibly receive more benefit from, and you would certainly get many returns for your effort. And those offering the entertainment would certainly be gratified by your interest.

The Student Speaks

[Note: Any article which you wish to be published in this column may be mailed or given to the editor. We reserve the right to withhold any article which we think unsuitable for publication.—The Editor.]

Last week we saw the picture of our Japanese friend and classmate on the front page of The News and Observer with an adjoining interview about the war. She had requested before the interview that the reporter ask her nothing about the war, and you can very well sympathize with her request. And yet she was quoted as having expressed her opinion toward the war that is going on between her country and China.

I think that such a mistake is of no little importance. Somebody owes her a public apology and, certainly, a private one.—F. D.

ROME TODAY

By Dr. HELEN PRICE

When Homer wanted to describe miraculous speed, he used the simile of the speed of the human mind in thought: "And even as when the mind of a man darts speedily—of one who hath travelled over far lands, and considers in his heart, 'Would that I were here or there.'" This not only illustrates speed of thought, but shows one of the joys of travel and a gift which results from it—that one can easily be transported in an instant to distant places. If only this professor could take along Meredith's student body today, they would in the twinkling of an eye be walking through the streets of modern Rome, for, ancient as is her name, Rome is a very modern city. But what a wise old city she is, too. She has seen so many changes and survived so many vicissitudes that a person visiting her feels very youthful and inexperienced.

Rome is now living under one of her many new regimes. She has been for fifteen years the capital of the new Fascist state with a virtual dictator at the head. The ruins of her ancient greatness of the time when she ruled the whole Mediterranean world have been given new and beautiful settings. Reconstructions and excavations have been skillfully accomplished to impress the modern Italian with his glorious past. New public buildings have been erected to supply work for the workmen and places of recreation and training for Italy's youth. Agricultural projects are being carried out, all kinds of industry encouraged, and social reforms inaugurated.

Rome on her seven hills is indeed a wise old city. She has seen such reforms before and also the evils consequent to the strong autocratic power that enforces them. Whether this present regime causes her to rise or fall, it will, however, be temporary, for Rome is eternal. She holds within her experience the whole range of European civilization. Though she was at first only a crude and warlike people, she was able to assimilate the culture of Greece, adopt and spread the religious gift of the Hebrews, and impress her language and civilization on the whole world. Like all great ideas and ideals, Rome is eternal.

Prophecy

It is not necessary to take absolutely literally the prophetic message of the Mormon Church to its members in order to profit from it. Here it is:

Within the next few years we shall, in the normal course, suffer a depression far more serious, affecting intimately far greater numbers of people, than the one we are now finishing.

To prepare for this coming disaster we must avoid debt as we would avoid a plague. Let us live strictly within our incomes and save a little money. Let every head of every household have on hand enough food and clothing and fuel for at least a year ahead. Do not speculate.

The Mormons know no better than the rest of us when, if ever, the next depression will come. But we know as well as the Mormons that it will be better to be individually ready for another depression and have none come, than not to be ready and have one catch us unawares. The Mormons would go to extremes in accumulating a whole year's food and fuel supply. But as the message means in good times prepare for bad times, it is as true now as when Joseph suggested it to Pharaoh long ago. Our need is not to store up grain against famine, but to guard ourselves against financial foolishness, extravagance and speculation. The future comes. We do not know what is in it. But we can each try to be ready for it regardless of what shape it may take.—News and Observer.

Dot's Dashes

By DOT LOWDERMILK

I have become one whole year older since the last 'Two came out, but that doesn't mean that this column will take on any MORE dignity since during the celebration of my birthday, my best friend told me that I had remained the same age; mentally.

Among the lovely gifts I received were some Jack Rocks, a "sock-it," a globe bank, a Donald Duck book, and a harmonica. My only regret is that Kat didn't include an instruction book with the harmonica. I'm sure I could learn to play in twelve easy lessons but as it is I blow the soprano and it comes out tenor! Guess I'll have to take a correspondence course so my friends will know what I'm playing without my telling them the title before AND after the rendition! Why, sometimes "they all laugh" when I start to play!

"NERTS TO YOU"—A Poem

A squirrel looked at a freshman Then his mother's gaze did meet: "Yes, darling," said his mother, "But that's not the kind we eat." Seen at the Carolina-Wake Forest game last Saturday: Forty-five Meredith girls pouring out of a Greyhound bus just outside of the stadium. Seen in the stadium: Sara Haddon with Clarence, Scottie with Wilbur, Mirvina with Al, Carolyn and John, Emily and Ashley, Lois and Dick, Lillian and Henry, Betty and Kirk, and Ruth and Bob. Ann Hurdle, Kat Covington and Minnetta Bartlett were also there with dates. Among the Alumnae (pronounced "Alumnum") were Ruth Smith with Joe, Kat Shuford with Bill, Mary Fay and Margaret Bullard with Archie (He would have two!) and Henrietta Castlebury and "Crick" Adams. Didn't you LOVE the way the Carolina band played "Bugle Call Rag" during the half.

Dashes: Sara Cole who called you from the Pika House? ... Nell Williams says that something so rare as a day in June is the 29th of February. ... Meredith won't need a night watchman much longer if Bruce Kitchen and Evelyn Britt continue to receive "Bulldogs" from the Citadel. ... Mary Martin, "who was that I seen you with Sunday night?" ... Ask Jane Yelverton for the names of those girls who have no interest whatsoever in Wake Forest. ... Lillian Poe knows a new song: "Moonlight and Shadows on Capitol Square." ... Mary Herring doesn't know so much about what happened B. C. but she surely is interested in A. D.! ... Luti, who "camp'ed" on your doorstep this week-end? ... Emily, didn't we have fun "checking up" on Gene's program. Wonder if he ever will change his theme song to "Way Down Upon the SWINEY River?" What a Knight! ... Jernie Reid likes the beach better than the mountains on account of its "Sandy" ... Ruth Yates didn't want her name in here but it ain't Costner a penny! She should worry. ... Guess Elsie Berry "Yates" to have hers in here, too. ... Wasn't that a good picture of Editress-in-Chief "Fannie" last week! ... Margaret Grayson tells us that Furman complains about the cold weather in "Philly" but he should worry—He's got her love to keep him warm! ... Get ready, gals, the Press Convention is on its way!

Where Are We Going?

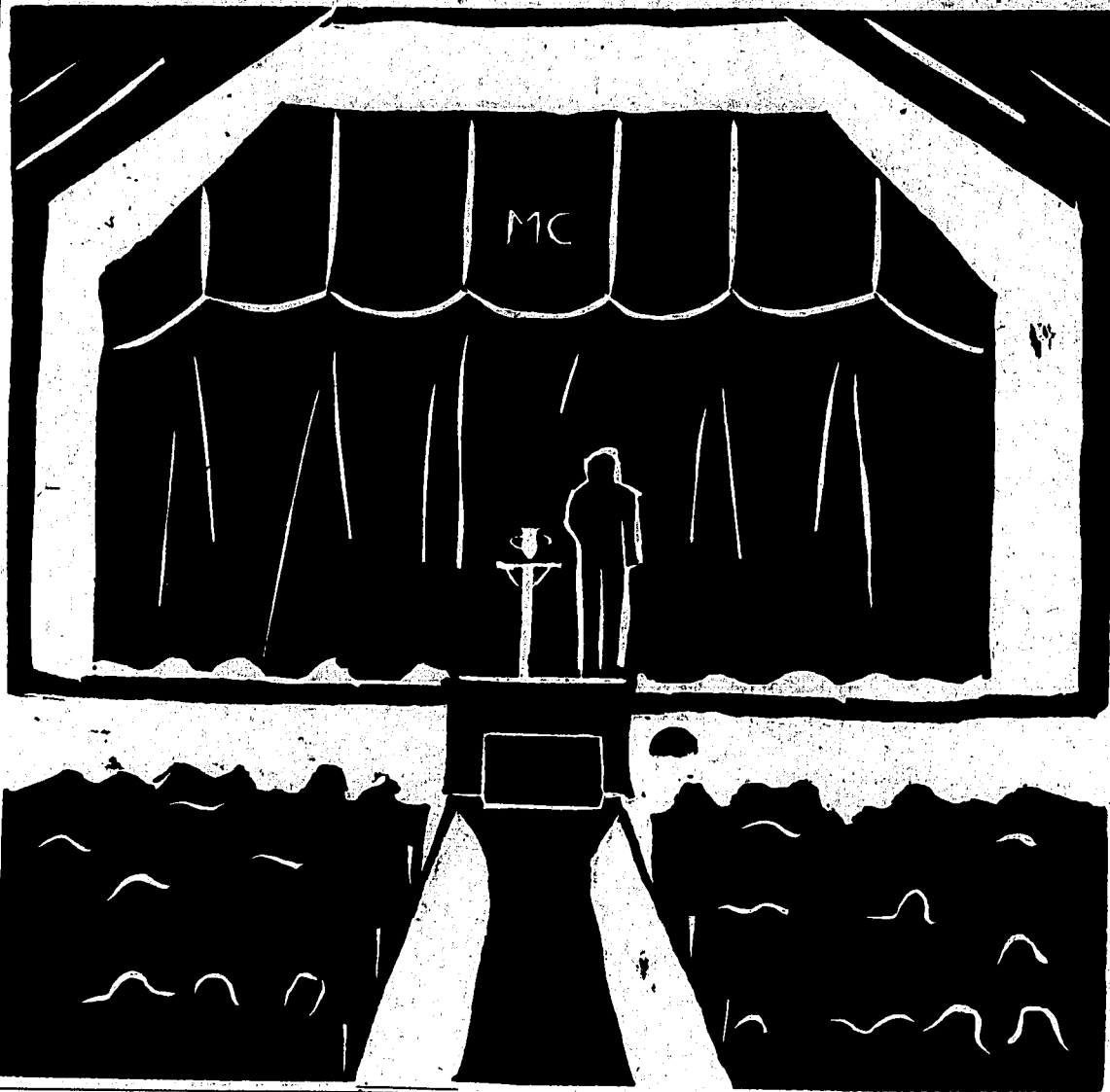
With automobiles capable of traveling 80 miles an hour and more, the city dweller is actually traveling at speeds slower than those available in the horse-and-buggy days. Clyde G. Conley declared at a meeting of the American Institute of Steel Construction in New York the other day. He said:

Today, because of this constant stopping and starting, the innumerable red stop-lights, automobile traffic will move no more than one mile an hour. Fifteen minutes by automobile to cover one cross-town block is not an unknown experience. Yet history records that old horse-drawn coaches, which once operated on New York streets over more than 200 miles, averaged eleven and a half miles per hour. Today automobile traffic does not average more than fifteen miles per hour. Put a few more cars in the streets of New York and movement will practically cease.

What Mr. Conley said is in great measure true, and his truth applies not only to speeds and vehicles. With more plumbing we live in many respects in a dirtier world. Though the light that once limited the working day is now possible at all hours, working days are being sharply shortened. And, sadly and finally, with greater and greater powers of production surplus grows right alongside of poverty and need.—News and Observer.

I PRESENT THIS CUP TO ???

By SADIE MASSEY



October

October, with a lavish hand, now spills Her wine of flame and gold upon the hills; It splashes on the slopes and blends into Rich colorings of almost every hue: Deep red and russet, orange, yellow, jade, Grape-blue and green and brown of every shade. And in the valley hang, like filmy mist, Her veils of opal, blue and amethyst, Rose-gray and violet, until it seems All earth is drowsy with the wine of dreams. I think that somewhere up around the Throne God's cup of glory must have overflowed. —Selected.

Students Elected To Represent School In 1937-38 Who's Who

(Continued from page 1) Council, Silver Shield, and Little Theatre, and was voted a senior superlative. Frances Tatum is editor of THE TWIG, senior superlative, a member of the nominating committee and Kappa Nu Sigma Honor Society, president of the Barber Biology Club, student assistant in biology laboratory, and a member of the class tennis team. Anne Poteat is president of the Senior Class, senior superlative, a member of the nominating committee, Silver Shield Honor Society, International Relations Club, Glee Club, Monogram Club, class tennis team, Acorn staff, and Colton English Club. Harriet Rose is president of the Athletic Association, senior superlative, member of the nominating committee, Kappa Nu Sigma, Silver Shield, Monogram Club, and the class tennis team.

Mildred Ann Critcher, secretary of the student government, is also associate editor of Oak Leaves, a member of the Little Theatre, Colton English Club, International Relations Club, and class hockey team. Besides being president of the Junior Class, Barbara Behrman is a member of the B. S. U. Council, Classical Club, Colton English Club, International Relations Club, class tennis team, and class hockey team. Catherine Johnson is junior editor of the Acorn, and a member of the Student Council, Glee Club, Trio, Choir, Little Theatre (associate member), and the Classical Club.

Annual Stunt Day Events Directed by Harriet Rose October 30

(Continued from page 1) To capture this cup, the most coveted of all college trophies, is the aim of all classes. At this time the winners of the afternoon's contests will be announced and the awards presented.

Assisting Harriet Rose will be Mirvina Garrett, who will supervise the afternoon events, and Betty Vernon, who has charge of the student-alumnae games. Wilba Mills and the other members of the Monogram Club will act as marshals for the day. Margaret Kramer, of the class of '37, will be in charge of the alumnae sports, and Ruby Barrett will direct the reunion of the class of '37.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING

By BETTY MCMILLAN

Virginia was lying on her bed kicking contentedly whilst she discussed with herself the probability of a universal language—thus doing away with the necessity of French irregular verbs—when I made my entry with a decisive air. Armed with pen and paper I stood at attention. Virginia ceased kicking and looked amazed. Dem stopped singing and held her breath. I stood firm and said in a fearless voice, "I'm going to the library to do English"—just like that—no bones about it. I just said it. Virginia said, "Aw," and Dem said, "Good Gracious," and Virginia took up her exercise. Dem started singing again and I set out.

Thinking longingly of home and mother, I climbed the steps and entered the library of Meredith. I came in through the left wing and tip-toed by the periodical room, fondly remembering the continued story in the Ladies Home Journal that I had begun at home and that my exit from that place had terminated.

Life-Time Schooling Is Seen By Educator

The (Raleigh) News and Observer.—Going to school eventually may become a life-time proposition.

Dr. Edwin A. Lee of New York, director of the national occupational conference, told Pennsylvania teachers today that adult education programs were being prepared which "a man may pursue as long as he shall live."

Lee warned Keystone State School leaders, attending an annual two-day congress, that they could expect to find "an increasing number of adults in their classrooms."

This will result primarily, he said, because "shorter work days and work weeks have given thousands new leisure."

The demands of a civilization becoming more and more complex, coupled with the "new leisure," will turn adults back to schools for spare time training, Dr. Lee predicted.

He viewed preparation of programs for adult training as a challenge to all educators.

Representative of a group of industrial and educational leaders who have been studying occupational problems nationally, Dr. Lee said schools for grown-ups already are functioning in many cities.

Teacher: "Jimmy, what's a peninsula?" Jimmy: "A rubber neck." Teacher: "No; it's a neck running out to sea." Jimmy: "That's a rubber neck isn't it?"

The Home Book of Quotations and the Cyclopedia of Practical Quotations. I feel sure that if Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Hoyt had been there, they would have been gratified at the popular demand on their books.

Seeing that there was no hope for my doing research there, I turned to the left where the Concordance of Shakespeare, the New Gazetteer of the World, and Who's Who were being fought over like all day suckers at a children's party.

In one corner of the room, under Beethoven, who looks like he'd gladly smash your head if he could get a tune out of it, is another bookcase of encyclopedias. On the floor behind were several girls sitting on the floor, hunting references in Curiosities of Popular Customs, The Book of Days, and Anniversaries and Holidays, in which every subject from "Barbecue" to "Kissing the Pope's Toe" is discussed.

After my head came out of its fog, I realized how much competition I had and decided to try again the next morning. As I turned to leave I saw an archway—that opened into the reading room where there are rows upon rows of shelves with the most interesting books I'd ever seen at one time, so I went in and completely lost myself in A. A. Nilne's Two People—figuratively speaking, of course.

Correction

We wish to correct the statement made in the last issue of the "Twig" that the Academic Council is composed of Dr. Charles Brewer, Miss Anna Baker, Mirvina Garrett, Jane Yelverton, and Janet Aikman. The Academic Council is composed of the heads of the various departments. The above, named make up the Campus Council.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Right this way, odds and evens! Right this way for the most colossal stunts ever presented on the Meredith campus. For months these enduring alumnae have been laboring over practices for this performance which promises to be the most stupendous stunt contest in the history of the school. The show begins at 4 o'clock, right here on the dining-room steps. Only a few more days in which to work up that odd versus even spirit!

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