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Church--Responsibility--Youth

"Dr. Alexis Carrel in his book "Man, the Unknown" presents in an unimpeachable fashion a serious indictment of our present day social and economic order." He says, "For the first time in the history of humanity, a crumbling civilization is capable of deceiving the cause of its decay. Our interest must turn aside from its present path, and take another direction. It must leave the physical and physiological in order to follow the mental and the spiritual. It is our only hope of escaping the fate common to all great civilizations of the past. Our destiny is in our hands; on the new road we must now go forward."

In order to get started along this new road successfully, we must first accept the responsibility of the church by attending religious services regularly, and incidentally making substantial offerings to defray expenses of church work, by reading religious books and papers, and visiting those in need of aid—material, mental and spiritual.

Changing conditions in the world demand that changes be made in the education of our spiritual selves. Man can no longer be required to attend church. There needs to be instilled in his heart and mind the spirit of the Saviour. We need to cultivate in him the desire to live a Christian life. It must be internal not external.

"Develop a man's body alone, and you have nothing but a beast; develop his mind alone and you have a mere mental machine; but develop his soul, and you have a personality with potentialities that cannot be measured."

When our responsibility to the church is met we, the church, must accept our responsibility to youth. Is the church willing to be accountable for all of youth's activities?

It seems but a short time before the inexperienced youth is called upon to perform the various public duties. Usually in the beginning their ideals are high and they hope to accomplish big things in a world of conflicting principles. But all too soon most of them discover it is too hard to pull against the prevailing current and find it easier to be swept along in it. If the church is to perform its duty it must recognize the efforts of the few who try to stand for the right and encourage their efforts. It must set up proper standards for these young people to follow. Since a great deal of our learning is by imitation, noticeable improvements could be accomplished by setting the right examples before youth. Furnish them with a medium for expression of their opinions, meet them with a sympathetic attitude and divert their use of leisure time. Everyone requires a certain amount of recreation for a complete life. There are amusements which could be sponsored by the church and made attractive to the young people. Give them material with which to solve their problems. Throw the light of the teachings of Christ upon the numerous problems that confront the confused world today.

Suggesting...

In the near future the senior class will discuss at length a suitable gift to leave to the school, as is customary. Although no one has asked my advice I think the following excerpt from a letter received by a student here offers a very good and worthwhile suggestion:

"As you have no doubt figured out, we did not get to see you on our trip through Raleigh on our way up here. We tried as much as we could, in the limited time at our disposal, to locate you, but the inhabitants of Raleigh do not seem to have a uniform idea of where Meredith is. We were told that Meredith was on the other side of town. In the heart of town we asked a policeman if we should follow U. S. Highway 1 to get there and he said, "Yes." We followed U. S. 1 for two or three miles without success. Inquiries at two filling stations were rewarded with the information that the college was on the other side of town on U. S. 1 and by another that it was up the road a piece and to the left. Since we were already running behind schedule and in view of the uncertainty of our board of directors as to the location of your school, we gave it up as a bad job and resumed our journey north."

The above is one example of many which have come to my attention. I have been told that once there was a sign in front of the school which was carried away by some practical joking boys. But would it not be possible for us to get a sign which would be permanent and would not involve a great deal of expense?

A "New Deal"

It seems to me that the substitution of class meetings for chapel once a month is a very good idea, and that there are several reasons for favoring it.

As it was before, there was no set time for meetings. Some were before dinner, some after, and some later on in the night. Because of this very fact many members, not hearing about the meetings, did not attend. Then, too, the waitresses were usually unable to attend meetings after dinner for their duties in the dining hall kept them busy until 7:30.

Another reason which should have been thought of quite a while ago, is that the town girls could not attend the class meetings as previously held. The following remark from a town girl was heard in the junior meeting last Friday, "This is the first class meeting I have ever attended." Imagine that from a third-year student. I daresay that it was the first for many of them.

This definitely is a step forward. Now it is up to us to cooperate and make these meetings mean something, for through them we have much to gain, and nothing to lose.—K.M.

The Centennial of College Education For Women

By MISS ELLEN BREWER

The years 1936-1937 hold a particular significance for all colleges for women, because they mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of higher education for women. The *Journal of the American Association of University Women* calls our attention to some of the notable events of these years. The first centennial celebration occurred in December, 1936, when Wesleyan College commemorated the granting of a charter to the first woman's college in the United States. This was followed in May, 1937, by the centenary celebration of the opening of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. On October 8-9, 1937, Oberlin College had special ceremonies in honor of the "Beginning of College Education for Women and of Coeducation on the College Level," for it was there that the first women students entered a coeducational institution of higher learning. They recalled to memory especially the names of Mary Hosford, Elizabeth Smith Prall, and Mary Caroline Rudd, on whom the college conferred on August 8, 1841, the first Bachelor of Arts degrees ever given to women. Miss Mary Sinclair of Oberlin College says, "To us, as to all women and to all men, the important thing is not where this happened,

but that it happened at all. These first women proved that women could accomplish in college studies what men could accomplish."

Today there are approximately 570 institutions of learning where college courses are open to women, and during the past century more than one million have received the A.B. degree. Miss McAfee, president of Wellesley College, calls attention to the fact that the first women who knocked at the door of a college sought an education equal to that of men, not as an end in itself—not to do something just to prove they could, but "to get themselves ready to do something they thought worth doing." And she adds the suggestion for us today that what we need is more women who want this same privilege—the right to know, the right to think, in order to make "a saner, more reasonable, more interesting world."

There will doubtless be celebrations in various educational groups during the year. As we approach our own Founders' Day when we honor again the memory of our benefactors, may we not feel also a new sense of gratitude to the pioneers in the field of women's education who paved the way for the establishment of colleges like our own?

WHAT WILL IT BRING?

By DOROTHY GREENE

"One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve!" boomed the big clock and Meredith College awoke from its short nap and heard the last swish of 1937's coat tail as he jumped off the edge of the world into the horizon.

1938 crept up from the other side.

"Boo!" he said into Meredith's night ear, known as C dormitory. "Oh!" cried Meredith, jumping. "Why, hello. You certainly came in a hurry. Aren't you out of breath?"

"No," said 1938. "I didn't have far to come. It was fun. I've brought more things for folks on earth this year. I can hardly wait to show them."

Meredith could not rest in her curiosity. "Tell me," she coaxed. "Please do. I want to know SO badly."

1938 shook his head. "Nop! You've got to wait and see."

"Aw, shucks!" said Meredith. "I won't tell. Honest I won't."

1938 laughed. "You know some of them. You tell me."

"What do you mean?" asked Meredith, wrinkling up her forehead (known to you as the library).

What's going to happen to you while I'm here? prompted 1938.

Meredith sat down and crossed her driveways to think.

"Exams in January?" she asked?

"Go on!" insisted 1938.

"Founder's Day in February and Dr. K. W. McGee."

"And in March—"

"Something big?"

"Well, something nice."

"I can't think of anything. Tell me."

"Wait and find out!"

"Spring holidays in April. May Day in May, and exams and commencement. And June, July, and August, lots of fun. And September, classes again. And October and November—"

"Stunt Day and Thanksgiving. I knew you'd guess those; so I just put them in." And 1938 danced up and down. "And December—"

"Christmas holidays again!" joined in Meredith. "But goodness, 1938, I know all that. Tell me some of the other things."

1938 laughed. "No, sir! My 12 months will tell you in plenty of time. Why, it wouldn't be fair to let you know now."

"All right," sighed Meredith. "But tell me, 1938, you'll be good to me, won't you?"

And 1938 laughed and teased: "Wait and see!" as he introduced January to Meredith.

Only Twenty-five Years Ago

ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT IN A "TOWN CRIER" BROADCAST

The young among you would be surprised at how much we didn't know twenty-five years ago. Look back, for example, to 1912 and a young reporter on the *New York Times* in whom I feel an almost morbid interest. His name is Alexander Woolcott; he is 25; and we might describe him in terms of things he doesn't know. Let's see: He's suffering from an inferiority complex but he's never heard of one. He's never heard of daylight saving. Nor rayon. Nor Sovelets. Nor jazz. Nor insult. Nor G-men. Nor broccoli. He's never seen a one-piece bathing suit nor read a gossip column. He's never heard of a step-in. Nor an inht-

bition. He's never heard a radio nor seen a talking picture nor listened to the whirl of an electric ice box. He's never seen an animated cartoon nor a cement road nor a Neon light. No, nor a filling station. Nor a wristwatch.

He lives in a world quite different from our America of 1937. His very ideas are different. Take two. What does he think a job is? He thinks a job something any man can get who is willing to work. And a war? Why war is a practice still carried on only by remote comic opera countries in Central America and the Balkans.

How much he has to learn.—

Reader's Digest, December, 1937.

"PUT IT IN THE BASKET"

By SADIE MASSEY



New State Park On Shores Lake Phelps

Negotiations are now in progress between State Forester J. S. Holmes of the forestry division and the U. S. Farm Security Administration for the acquisition of a new State Park on the shores of Lake Phelps, the remarkable lake in Washington and Tyrrell counties which is 16 feet above the level of the river into which it empties. Geologists say the lake bed was formed by a huge meteor which fell in that section of the State thousands of years ago.

The land around Lake Phelps is very fertile and before the Civil War some of the State's largest and most prosperous plantations were located there with huge drainage canals dug by slaves. After the war most of these plantations were abandoned.

Recently the Farm Security Administration (formerly the Resettlement Administration) has bought thousands of acres of these lands and old plantations, has been cleaning out the old canals and clearing land in order to establish a group of new farms. But the State owns Lake Phelps and the Department of Conservation and Development, which has jurisdiction over all State lakes, wants some of this land for a State park and has almost convinced the Federal government that it should have it. The tract it hopes to get for the park is that which includes portions of the old Pettigrew and Collins plantations, on which the old mansions are still standing—also the old Collins barn, one of the most unique buildings of its kind found anywhere, according to Mr. Holmes. One of the most beautiful avenues of old cypress trees to be found in the State is on one of these plantations.

Houses Completed at Cape Hatteras Park

Four houses, ranging from two to five rooms each, have been completed at Cape Hatteras State Park, except for the interior finishing and plumbing installation, according to Thomas W. Morse, supervisor of state parks for the forestry division of the Department of Conservation and Development. A fifth house will be started soon after Christmas and by summer it is hoped to have seven houses completed for rent to tourists and vacationists. The smaller houses consist of one large combination living room, bedroom and dining room, a kitchen alcove and bath, while some have three bedrooms, living room-dining room, kitchen and bath.

Work has been continuing throughout the fall at Hanging Rock State Park in Stokes County by the more than 100 men in the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp there. The large earth dam has been completed and the pouring of concrete on the large concrete dam will soon be completed, Morse said. This dam is about 200 feet long, 40 feet high and has a 40-foot spillway. Work on the bath houses has also been started, as has the grading of the bathing beach. The roadway across the top of the earth dam, which is about 300 feet long, has also been completed. Approximately one mile of roadway, the



Indecision is akin to idleness.

The past is a poor mirror of the future.

The past has canceled all yesterdays, let them sleep.

The more we give happiness, the more we have left.

To kill a little time is to murder a great big opportunity.

Doing what cannot be done is the real glory of living.

Don't stare up the stairs of success, but step up the stairs.

Unless you learn to like your job, it won't treat you well.

One may walk over the highest mountains, one step at a time.

It's not length of life that counts, it's breadth, depth, and purpose.

Every man has an appointment with success; few remember to keep it.

Nothing can stop a man who has faith in the final success of his plan.

If you can find time to grumble it is because you aren't keeping very busy.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

The exchange of goods makes business; exchange of good-will makes friends.

Read the life of Lincoln if you want to find out something about determination.

Time is an earnest, important, vital affair. Make the most of it. Use it to advantage.

Effort, fortified by study, will do more to speed success than any other thing you do.

Most difficult in the park, has been graded.

Good progress has also been made in the work at Morrow Mountain State Park in Stanly County. In addition to the grading of several miles of roads and putting crushed rock on them, several large parking areas have been graded and sand and rock assembled for the construction of the bath house and other buildings in the recreation area.

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Among the new books recently added to our library you will find some of the most outstanding modern biographies, one of which is Marshall's *Forgotten Samaritan*, the story of the nationally-known and loved humanitarian and reformer, Dorothea Dix. Her unhappy childhood and young womanhood are dealt with in a most sympathetic and understanding manner. For 46 years she worked for the improvement of the conditions of prisons and poorhouses. She is directly responsible for the establishment of at least thirty hospitals for the treatment of mental diseases.

He Did Not Die at Meyerling by Henry Lanier tells the life of Rudolph, Crown Prince of Austria, who did not commit suicide forty years ago at Meyerling, as the world has been led to believe, but came to America and became a prominent business man. It is proclaimed "one of the most outstanding 'scopos' of modern historical journalism." Other biographies are *The Brief Hour of Francois Villon*, who mourned the brevity of life and lived it rapidly; *Of All Places!* by the Abees, Patience, Richard, and John, who tell about their stay in Hollywood and making friends with Gable, Taylor, Muni, Temple, Durbin, Loy and all the other celebrities; *The Dreyfus Case* by Alfred Dreyfus and his son, Pierre, is an exciting detective story, melodrama and tragedy as well as a biography; Dargan's autobiography, *Anatole France*; Emil Ludwig's biography of *The Nile* is an engaging story of the river whose path crosses thousands of miles of Africa and thousands of years of history; *Hawaii, the Isles of Enchantment* is related by an accomplished author, Gessler, and is beautifully illustrated by a famous illustrator; the spirits of this romantic and picturesque island is caught in the pages of this book.

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