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## It's April First!

Have you forgotten what day this is? In case you're very gullible we feel that its our duty to remind you that it's the first day in April.

Please don't faint because of the startling news on page one. You see its slightly exaggerated and so forth, in other words, in case you haven't guessed it, it ain't so!

However, please don't doubt pages 2, 3, and 4, for they're strictly "on the level."

Here's hoping we haven't (April) fooled you too much!

## Here's To This Year's Officers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was printed here last year, but because of its appropriateness we have decided to use it again.

As the time rolls around to choose student officers again, most of us find ourselves recalling last spring when we chose the ones who are now filling important positions on our campus. These girls have faithfully performed their duties for nearly a year now, yet few of us realize what a large debt of gratitude we owe to them. When they were elected congratulations were showered on them from all sides; doesn't it seem that praises should be even more in order now that they have nearly completed their duties? Have you ever stopped to think what a large contribution these students have made to our school year? It is through their efforts that all of our traditions have been carried on, our school spirit molded, our social life made more attractive, and every aspect of college life improved. It is due to the time, thought and energy of the student officers that this year has been one of the smoothest, and best of all Meredith's forty. So let us not forget these students who have more than fulfilled the hopes we had for them last spring, and when the elections are over, let's congratulate the old officers as well as the new. For a splendid job, officers of 1939-40, "an orchid to you!"

## Collegiate Chapels

Cambridge, Mass.—(ACP)—American college chapels are performing vital service for the cause of religion in being "inter-denominational adventures in church unity, prophetic of an increasing unity among all men and women of religious good will."

This is the belief of Harvard University's Dean Willard L. Sperry, chairman of the Board of Preachers, as stated in his annual report.

"Churches which are not ready to meet and match, in the conduct of their own affairs, the tolerance and sympathy which mark the college chapels, must expect to forfeit the enthusiasm of returning graduates and to suffer accordingly," he stated.

"The college chapels are not, as is so often charged, the centers of denatured religion, short of strong convictions, and reduced to some lowest common denominator," Dean Sperry said.

"They are inter-denominational adventures in church unity, conducted under the conditions natural to life of the place; and so far from being treasonable

betrayals of the past, they are prophetic of an increasing unity among all men and women of religious good will.

"The American college chapel, our own included," he continued, "is a unique phenomenon in church history, without any considerable precedent in the past and without present parallel in most other lands.

"It is a meeting place for all sorts and conditions of persons more concerned for the Christian religion in its entirety than for a particular sectarian statement of that religion. In due time some one must attempt to appraise the influence which it is having upon contemporary church history.

"Thousands of young people go into life from our American colleges, not merely familiar with, but believing in, the non-sectarian and inter-denominational character of the chapels which they have attended in student days. If they return to the churches from which they came, they ask of those churches something of the tolerance and catholicity which they have found in their chapels."

## Your Interest In N. Y. A. Workers

On March 4th the House Subcommittee on Federal Security Appropriations opened a series of hearings on the appropriations offered by President Roosevelt for N. Y. A. The President's budget offered a strange contrast to the conviction of many people that Franklin D. Roosevelt is a true friend of Youth; for in this budget there was provided a stupendous increase in funds to be applied to building an army and navy, balanced by an even greater slash in relief and social security money of all sorts. For N. Y. A. specifically, the President suggested a cut. What does this mean for N. Y. A. Youth? It means that 41,000 college boys and girls, 119,000 high school boys and girls, and tens of thousands of non-school youth will be deprived of the educational and vocational advantages offered them under the National Youth Administration. In North Carolina it means that about two thousand high school and one thousand college students, not to mention work-project N. Y. A. Youth in large numbers, will lose their jobs to be added to the growing host of North Carolina's unemployed youth.

Some people have questioned the worth and fairness of N. Y. A.—Is it worthwhile? Is it sound in principle? Is it fairly administered? Those, however, who have had real contact and experience with the N. Y. A. program know that it provides real aid to thousands of young people on a basis of work through which they maintain and build their self-respect and potential value as citizens, and that many college heads and others have testified that it is administered in a manner far superior to that of most government agencies. Furthermore, these people have stated that through N. Y. A. it is possible to have much valuable work done that could not be accomplished otherwise. But N. Y. A. workers do not need to be shown the advantages of N. Y. A. You, as their friends, are primarily concerned with ways and means by which we can save the N. Y. A. That is the problem we face today.

It is a well-known fact that congressional pressure is what will make the difference one way or the other. We must write personal letters to our representatives in Congress, we must urge our parents and friends to do the same, we must publicize our efforts and program throughout the State, we must circulate petitions and resolutions gathering thousands of names endorsing our cause, and we must send those expressions of mass sentiment to our congressmen. The person to whom such communications should be addressed is Representative Malcolm Tarver, chairman, House Subcommittee on Federal Security Appropriations, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Copies should be sent to North Carolina Senators Josiah Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds, and to N. C. representatives. Following is a list of N. C. representatives with their districts: (1) Lindsay C. Warren; (2) John H. Kerr; (3) Graham A. Barden; (4) Harold D. Cooley; (5) Alonzo D. Folger; (6) Carl T. Durham; (7) J. B. Clark; (8) Wm. O. Burgin; (9) Robert L. Doughton; (10) Alfred L. Bulwinkle; (11) Zebulon Weaver. Let them hear from you!

Write Representative Tarver and your congressman not to cut N. Y. A. funds and help mobilize support behind this movement to save the N. Y. A.!(Signed) N. C. N. Y. A. Association, Box 225, Chapel Hill, N. C.

## We Quote . . .

"College men and women are peculiarly sentinels on the outer walls. There was never more need for clear thinking and courageous doing by college men and women than there is today. We of the universities must more aggressively, more earnestly, more militantly combat these fallacies and heresies and expound and 'sell' representative democracy. It is the bastion of our liberties; and the foundation of our faith must not be undermined." Diplomat Joseph E. Davies (Wisconsin '98) urges collegians to fight the fallacies of today's world.

"The time has come when we must give thought to men's hearts and not confine our considerations so exclusively to men's minds. We have been altogether too little concerned with our knowledge of men, altogether too complacent with the development of things for men to use, and altogether too little concerned with the spirit in which men use them." Brown University's Dr. James Pickwell Adams points to new fields for higher education.

"A person's intellectual capabilities do not decline after he is 40, if he uses those capabilities. The average person may show a little decrease in speed, perhaps, but in real intellectual accomplishments no substantial decline is indicated." University of California's Dean Frank H. Freeman can cite many tests to prove his theory that keenness of mind does not decline in "frightening forties."—Carolinian.

## TAKES and MISTAKES

Oh, boy! Back to studies again and with nothing to distract our minds this time. Isn't it wonderful? However, knowing that all work and no play makes all of us dull girls, we're enclosing a few attempts at humor we found from the pens of other scribes.

**This Collegiate World**  
 Dictionary Dope: The newest volume of the Dictionary of American English being published by the University of Chicago is handing down to posterity many words and phrases dear to the hearts of slang-minded collegians. For instance, "flunk" is defined as "complete failure in a course, examination, or an act cetera." "Gas" is unpretentious talk, especially of a political kind. "Flumadiddle" is also included in the latest volume, which includes words from "flinty" to "gold region." It even includes "gin palace," which is a "grog shop of a pretentious or gaudy appearance."

**Is That All?**  
 Giraffes grow up to be about sixteen feet tall.

**Have You Heard These?**  
 Confucius say: "Woman who sit on thumb-tack is better off."  
 Confucius say: "Woman who swallows chewing gum is stuck up."  
 And these?  
 He has a head like a doorknob—anyone can turn it.  
 Unconquerable as chewing gum.  
 A bathing suit is a garment with no hooks but plenty of eyes on it.

**In the Language of Flowers**  
 A yellow chrysanthemum means slighted love.  
 A daisy means innocence.  
 A lily-of-the-valley means return of happiness.  
 A pansy means thoughts.  
 A rhododendron means danger, beware.  
 A red tulip means a declaration of love.  
 A tulip of mixed colors means you have beautiful eyes.  
 A yellow tulip means hopeless love.  
 A red rose means true love.  
 After reading this, girls, you'll know what your boy friend wishes to say to you when he gives you flowers!—Tecco Echo.

Squirrels are bright,  
 Though impolite,  
 As we cultured humans view them;  
 They wisely eat  
 The nuts they meet,  
 While we just listen to them.  
 —Los Angeles Collegian.

"You should see those two cooks tangle! Awful feud in the galley."  
 "Yeah, I know—I ate some of it."—Crow's Nest.

This Ilmerick was worth one pass:  
 I once knew a feller named Guesser,  
 Whose knowledge grew lesser and lesser.  
 At last go so small  
 He knew nothing at all,  
 And now he's a college professor.  
 —Plainsman.

"I'm fed up on that," said the baby, pointing at the high chair.—Plainsman.  
 Lucy: "If I was your roommate, I'd put poison in your coffee."  
 Liz: "Yeah! If I was your roommate, I'd drink it."—Tiger Rag.

## WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE!

By "BEP" PRUITT



## B. S. U. Notes

By LUCY McNEELY

**RIDGECREST**  
 "What a world!" I said, and sniffed the sweet, fresh, mountain air. "What a place!" I said, and looked down into the valley below where rolling green hills cuddled beside a silvery lake, dotted with sails. "What an awful thing it is that we have to go home tomorrow." That was four years ago, and I still remember it, as if I were there this very moment. I only have to close my eyes and feel the bigness, the power, the beauty, and yet the simplicity of that moment, when all that whole glorious week at Ridgecrest came to a high point when I stood on that mountain. And yet they say Ridgecrest now is even bigger and better than ever. It's hard to believe it was so perfect then.

As for the details: the dates are June 19-27. The cost about \$20. The friends you'll make from 18 states and hundreds of college campuses. The fun — unmeasurable. For further details you may write to Manager Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C. but you had better do it now; space on the assembly grounds is at a premium.

\* The principal speakers: Dr. Ted Adams, Chester Severe, Charles A. Wells, Dr. Charles St. John of the Bowers Mission in New York, and perhaps Mrs. Eubank.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES

Miss Kichline will teach Rel. 32 at 11:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This part of the course concerns Vacation Bible School methods. All who are interested are invited to drop in at their convenience to as many classes as possible.

## PERSONAL SERVICE

Some of the girls here at Meredith tell me that they stay sleepy all the time, and that it's the hardest thing in the world for them to keep their eyes and minds open. Well, let me tell you! Meredith B. S. U. is always wide awake and thinking of new ways to help people. The Y. W. A. has broken the record for personal service this year. So that you may understand exactly what this organization is doing, let me show you some of their work. They helped one of our maids to get the money to buy chairs for a colored choir. One of the groups gave fifteen Bibles to a Sunday School class at the Prison Farm. They are planning to do this again. These girls seem to be ready with something for every holiday. At Thanksgiving and Christmas some girls delivered baskets to poor families, while at Valentine's they sent valentines to the preventorium. The next thing that they plan to do is take Easter cards to the preventorium. The Y.W.A. has also been making tray cards for the infirmary and have been visiting St. Luke's Home and giving programs there. Next month they plan to give a program at the county home and take some oranges.

An Easter egg hunt was given Monday the 18th, for the children of our colored workers and they hope to give one at the detention home soon.  
 The B. T. U. is most interested in extension work. It is helping the B. T. U.'s in the Raleigh churches and helping churches outside of Raleigh in conferences.  
 The World Fellowship Group has been teaching Sunday School lessons in the jails and at the prison farm and have given programs for old people.  
 More power to our B. S. U.  
 Have you taken time out to count your opportunities for service this

summer, along with all the good times you are planning? If not, there's no better time than now to begin.

For the few who wish to do full time work in Sunday School or B. T. U. courses and who are lucky enough to be accepted on the staff of workers, there will be four weeks of directed teaching. And add to all the wonderful experiences while working, the joys of a week at Ridgecrest for either B. T. U. or Sunday School Conference. Mr. L. L. Morgan and Mr. Nathan C. Brooks will direct these groups as they travel and work all over North Carolina from the mountains to the coast. Miss Kichline can give you further information about this phase of summer service.

But all of us cannot do full-time work in the summer. Fortunately, there are numberless opportunities to work at home. Even the largest and most efficient of our churches will need Sunday School teachers, B. T. U. leaders and workers, and helpers for the missionary organizations. The growth and pleasure we would gain for ourselves would far outweigh the good we could do, and yet the people at home really appreciate even the slightest service.

Then there are the children whom we can get to know in story hours, Sunbeams, and Bible Schools. Perhaps we are at the best age of all to help the children and let them help us. In even one week of Bible School God can open up a whole new world to us through the children who teach us.  
 And don't forget the personal element. Outside the church organizations, there will be situations in which you can find a very important place, if you look for it. Remember, too, that everything you do strengthens you and makes you happier. I dare you to set out to find your place and make this your happiest summer!

## "I Feel So Sorry For Myself . . ."

By ELLA EDDINS

"No, thank you just the same." I hear myself backing out of a high-pressure sales establishment. "But, we have the very latest styles. All the college girls are wearing the gored skirts. You will not find another dress in Raleigh as cute as this. Besides, green looks just as nice on you as blue. You ought to try . . ."

Yes, but I had shut the door! Where can I try now? These sales-girls are so insistent. Trying to tell me what I want. They greet me with that stenciled smile and a "Can I help you, madame?" And do they help me? No! I tell them exactly what I want—a dream of a dress, tight-fitting waist, full swing skirt, blue. . . . You have to have some little knockout number to date in. But instead of helping me find something, these sales-girls just waste my time pushing me dress after dress, telling me that this little dress is the cutest thing I have ever seen in my life, insisting that this is just what I have been looking for. . . .

"No, thank you!" Thank goodness I can walk out. This little shop looks promising. . . .  
 "I feel so sorry for myself. . . ."  
 "No, thank you. . . ."  
 I'll bet she thanks me. I have brought out every dress in the shop. And do you think she appreciates it? No! I'll bet she doesn't know what it is to try to please a customer—especially these snippy college girls. I have to smile when my feet feel as if someone has jumped up and down on them and speak enthusiastically when I would

## Susy Snoop Says . . .

Susy has really been snooping around the freshman dorm, for she has found out that in spring a young man's fancy turns to what some girls have been thinking about all along. Just ask any freshman "How to win your man and hold him," and she'll answer, "Peroxide." We were talking about love and Jerry came in and shouted: "Happy Day! I've been using the wrong formula!" (Couldn't have been trig, eh, Jerry?) Week-sil is getting more Tech-minded these days. Her favorite seat is the radiator! When Susy asked Beth what to say about her roommate, Beth said, "Just say 'Celeste' and everyone will laugh." (Do I hear any giggles, Flo?) Libby is still singing, "Way Back in 1939 A.D." Miss White certainly does like 305-306 D, especially since their mattresses have had such glorious sun baths! Everyone be sure to look in the "Howler" for Nan's picture! Annie Mae has made Page two at last. Harris she got love in her heart? Is Virginia Bailey learning to put on "Ayers" or just appearances? Theda was looking in Preston's window at a wedding gown. I wonder Woodley like it. Wonder how Kitty F. can make David Womble into an English theme, or did she just Brewer him up? It's a surprise about Fay Marsh—ask her about R. L.—Steve for short! It seems as though both of the Mary Lois' are interested in Wake Forest!!!

Margaret certainly has got Fred caught in her Webb—and he's headstrong about her—or should I say "Armstrong"? There's nothing like rivals as room-mates, especially when Kitty C. and Margaret are concerned. Wake Forest—Woody be interested in Rebecca's coming to summer school? ?? ? Betsy Savage thinks love is grand when it's "Dish'd-out to you!!" Who is that freshman who complains that boys "just don't like her," but who has rated an average of one orchid a semester? ?? ? Pansy certainly likes a variety—an aviator at State, a military man at Citadel, and a "Jerker" at the University of Florida! (Nice going, Pansy!)

Ask Winnie Davis why she gets so Fa"Teague'd by all her writing, especially to the boy who was out the other Thursday! Is it true that Bunny is a "one-man" girl, or is that other picture on her dresser just "Joe"king? Marian, are you "Owen" anything these days? Ask Adelaide B. if her efforts were "Futrell" for that Easter corsage. Boylie if her life is still "Privette", ing around Charles. "Duke" about that dress (?) material from State whose colors belong to Carolina. Ethel Stevens about her poetry. Flo about that mix-up after the names of the freshman escorts were printed. Suzanne Bagnal how to break up and make up within a week.

But I can't resist one crack at a sophomore. Dopey has certainly gone into the meat business because she surely has learned how to "Butch'er 'em!

So long—and bye now—Gee! but spring holidays were short!—But—

like to throw coat hangers. I have to encourage them to buy a dress which makes them look like clowns. I hate to sell people things they don't want, but little Jimmy must have his teeth filled next week, and the mortgage is due. . . . Here comes another customer. Perhaps she will buy something.