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"We the People . . ."

The next few weeks will find us deep in elections. Then it will be impossible to speak of elections in general, because specific candidates for office will loom too large in our minds.

Elections are of interest to all of us, for their outcome will determine to a large extent what our student life will be. In order that the people who are to serve as our officers be truly representative it is necessary that all students participate in the elections.

We are striving to make our Meredith life more democratic, and with increasing democracy must come increasing responsibility for the individual. It is the privilege and the responsibility of the citizen in a democracy to exercise his suffrage. How we vote is a matter of no concern except that we satisfy our own minds, but that we vote is a matter of concern to everyone. Voting will give us an opportunity to choose what we are to do—the direction in which we are to travel. By voting we choose those who are to be our leaders, and they in turn are responsible to us for the way in which they use the trust we have placed in them.

It is the responsibility of the citizen to vote, and do it intelligently. By voting intelligently we do not mean, voting for the candidate whom we support, but voting, after having given the girls, their qualifications, and the job they are to hold due consideration, not just on the basis of casual acquaintance, but on merit. It is our responsibility to be informed on all sides of a question, and form our opinions accordingly.

We are the people—we elect our officers, and in order that this may be done as satisfactorily as possible to all concerned, all students are urged to register and vote in all the coming elections. This is our job.

Religious Emphasis

A great agnostic once remarked that if there were no God men would have of necessity created Him. We were constantly certain of our own inadequacy and of our need for a power that is higher than we.

We are conscious of our need, but all too often we consider our religion as just a sector of our lives, and fail to realize that it is the sum total of all that we do and are, not simply just what we believe.

Kahlil Gibran in his *The Prophet* in speaking of religion says:

"Have I spoken this day of aught else?
Is not religion all deeds and all reflection,
And that which is neither deed nor reflection,

but a wonder and a surprise ever springing in the soul, even while the hands hew the stone and tend the loom?

Who can separate his faith from his actions or his beliefs from his occupations?
Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

Whenever you enter into it take with you your all?"

According to this conception, we must remember that our religion is not our daily devotions, our attending church, or any other single manifestation, but all this and the beliefs which prompt it and our class work, our associations, our play. —All that we do.

And so next week as we place emphasis on religion we are placing emphasis on living —living more fully and more usefully.

Collegiate Creams

(On invitation of Martha Ann Allen the column for this issue of *The Twig* is contributed by Miss Lois Byrd, director of the Meredith News Bureau from 1936-41, and now city reporter for *The Raleigh Times*.)

You like to write? Then why don't you?

The best bet why you don't now, or in the future, is that you know nothing of using a typewriter and you don't like to sit on a hard chair for any length of time. Out side of these practicalities and the little matter of liking to work, your success in this field is bounded only by your originality and enthusiasm.

While writing to a great many persons connotes composing the "great American novel" or an array of short stories, the term covers a field of work, poorly paid as it is, which should offer increasing opportunities for women. Just this week Jonathan Daniels, editor of *The News and Observer*, speaking to the meeting of the North Carolina Press Women, told them that opportunity for women in the newspaper field was at its zenith. But he also warned them that they must do a more efficient job than they did in the last war. "It is no compliment," he said, "that when an editor can not hire a cripple, a man blind in one eye, or deaf in one ear, that he turns to a woman reporter." But the fact that 50 women in North Carolina qualify for membership in the working press of the State is itself an indication that they have earned their way.

Isn't it, fascinating to be a reporter? Well, no, it is lots of hard work, but most reporters would not trade jobs. This is a field in which a pair of strong legs, common sense, and ability to remember names and faces, and how to locate people stand you in good stead. Accuracy and a knowledge of city and State government is essential. Newspapering is a broad term which in itself covers a variety of fields, the music and dramatic criticism, the book reviews, feature stories of all types, and the woman's page. This latter is not a task to be lightly referred to as the society editor, but presents a challenging field for attractive endeavor in layouts, pictures, columns, and intelligent handling of women's activities.

Just now food is the most important thing in America. The home economics student who knows her vitamins, food preparation, meal planning, and can write constructively or strikingly about it, has a guarantee of a job. Clothes and shelter, the fields of fashion and interior decoration, all need their proponents in print. Some women design the covers and plan the layouts for the women's magazines, though men rate high in this field also.

The interpretation of agricultural research and the popularization of the 4-H clubs and other agricultural organizations open writing positions for women. Not so interesting, but well paid, are the numerous trade journals, the bakers, the florists, the automobile manufacturers, and others who publish monthly trade journals. The college publicist, who may have many high sounding titles, but who must give an account of students and interpret the achievements of higher education is a position that is here to stay. And just in case none of these have struck a responsive cord there is the whole of the book publishing business and the magazine and periodical world.

With all of this around it behooves us to learn to write a sentence and spell the words in it.

Student League

The Student League of Women Voters has as its project of the year the elections on the campus. The club will take over the mechanics and the publicity of the elections. The publicity will not popularize a particular candidate, but will strive to arouse the personal interest of every voter. Election officials will be members of the club who have been appointed by the Nominating Committee. There will be a registration day and voting by ballot as in the past. The aim of this project of the Student League is to make each student a voter.

Purely Personal

It's a funny world. Jenois Proctor looks starry eyed these days over a sailor who is stationed in Indiana.

Dopey "beams proudly" now that A. P. is president of the ministerial conference at Wake Forest.

What does Cora Lee Burnette mean when she goes around singing "Down by the Ohio?"

Cornelia Handley seems quite concerned about the fact that Mickey is "deep in the heart of Texas."

The girls in the senior class are becoming very interested in fathers these days. Mrs. Winston said if they wanted to know what their husband was going to be like 20 years from now, to take a look at their fathers.

Ask Anne Ray if it's brotherly love!

We hear that Dox Nixon is rapidly acquiring the enviable reputation of being some little cutie's "sugar daddy." . . . Some of his dormitory mates will swear to the fact that they saw him downtown buying some little trinket for his heart-throb. (The Technician).

Would you like to know why history repeats itself? Ask Evelyn Hampton.

It must be wonderful to be an S. G. Then you can stay home from required lectures and check.

Laura Ann Cavendar and Helen Flack have developed a great interest in the Friday night social at Edenton Street.

At last Margaret Martin has the wings of an angel—she was sporting a tiny pair of silver army ar corps wings a few days ago. Who are they, Margaret, and why have you changed your mind about wearing them?

It's a good army custom for a buck private when he gets promoted to add Pfc. to his name and likewise lieutenant. Captains and all designate their rank with suitable abbreviations. What gets us down is the H. P. connected on Nancy Carroll's name?

A few people have seen a man in a white uniform coming out here to see a certain senior. Is there a doctor in the house, Fanny Buck?

First floor B certainly needs another telephone because the one they have is being monopolized by Etta Taylor, Julia Margaret and Martha Ann. How 'bout it, girls?

It's too bad the freshman rules are so skimpy for privileges because that one who has a chance to go out every night certainly is missing a lot.

Why isn't everybody going to Wake Forest's Midwinters? Mmm.

There must have been something special going on in Delaware 'cause June Baker was ever more excited about going home last week end.

Watch out—don't let a fake smile around election time win your vote?

The draft seems to be striking home at Meredith — we hate to lose our newest pianist.

Wonder how all the Meredith Angels felt sitting through Hellzapoppin? Was it a good show?

That other Pruitt twin and Lawrence seem to be following Bep and Dox's example.

Sims and Canadays just naturally go together, don't they?

We move that the S. G. members leave drawers straighter next time.

Let's hope Beth likes co-ed life, but we'll hate to miss her at Meredith.

Lex Bonner's being seen around Meredith dating his "Kitty." Her roommate seems to favor Raleigh boys or boy too.

Last fall's supervised teachers are having a wonderful time gloating over this semester's unfortunates.

Dr. Dwight Bradley Speaks for Institute

"Preparing Democracy for War" Is Subject of Editor's Address

Dr. Dwight J. Bradley, director of the Congregational Christian Council for Social Action, and editor of its magazine, "Social Action," speaking at the fourth session of the third Institute of Religion at the United Church in Raleigh on Monday night, February 2, speaking on the subject "Preparing Democracy for War's Aftermath," said that mass production and mass education are two factors that have affected life on this planet more than any others, and that they have created a 'situation of revolutionary importance.

"The world is now engaged in a great civil war . . . between two groups . . . representative of two attitudes toward the use of mass production and mass education," Dr. Bradley stated, saying that it would be a great mistake to call this a war between nations—it is not important that we are fighting Germany, Japan and Italy, because they are completely dominated by those who are hostile to the continuance of the way of life called democracy, and there people in America who are dominated just as much by that same tradition. We are just as hostile to them as to the people in other nations who fight against democracy, and we are allied with the people in those countries who believe in democracy. Actually, Dr. Bradley said, it would be foolish to embark on a war against the Japanese just because they are Japanese — that would throw the world back at least a thousand years.

By over-simplifying the situation, we may say that there are two great movements in the world concerned with the more complete and more efficient use of mass production and mass education, Dr. Bradley continued. One we call democracy. It involves the extension of a type of attitude toward life and persons which grew up and extended rapidly during the time when mass production and mass education were also extending themselves widely. This democracy did not rise in the 19th century, nor in the 18th nor 17th, but took its rise in the Old Testament prophets, and has come down to us through the ages. The second great movement concerned with the use of mass production and mass education is one controlled by those who consider the state supreme, and believe the individual to be at his best when serving the state. The individuals are made up of reflexes which can be counted upon to respond to certain stimuli in the right way.

And what are we to do: First, beat Hitler. That is the main sector of the great civil war. But certain things must be done first in America. First, we must make a democratic attack upon the relations between the whites and the Negroes in the United States. We will harvest a Hell if the white man continues any longer in any part of the world to assert himself as the master of the world. This includes such things as putting Negro blood into the same blood bank with white blood. Dr. Bradley said Hitler himself could

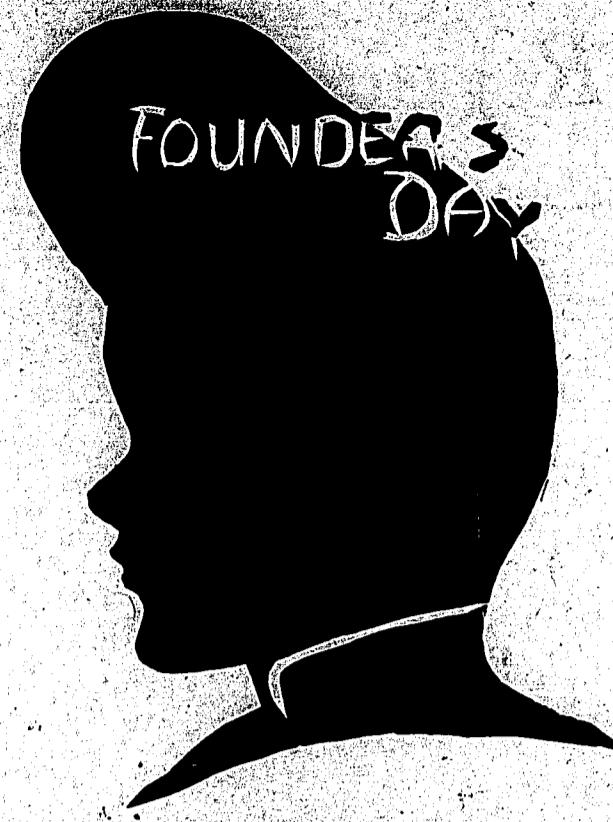
Cleo is awfully interested in the S. G. at Wake Forest. Earl must be a good influence?

Djd Jones have a good explanation last Saturday, Hazel?

A lot of Meredith girls would like to go to Mid-Winters in spite of the Technician's cracks at us. We hope State and Wake Forest will come through with numerous bids.

Mrs. Wallace will have to buy a whole new wardrobe if she pleases her methods class.

Eloise is being patriotic in letting the border patrol claim Scott.



—BEVERLY ANNE MONEY

Scatterings

These are morsels from here and there. The poems are taken from Ted Malone's "Between the Bookends" which appears in *Good Housekeeping*. Perhaps you may like them.

There have been times like these,
remember

On the Other Hand . . .
Alone with a book by the fire—
that's swell

Alone on the dunes—there's a
certain spell

In that. Or alone is a pleasant
way

To go for a walk on a stormy day.
It's thrilling, alone, with the reins
in hand,

And to be alone with some work
is grand.

Alone in a mist, with a moon—
that's magic.

Alone on a Saturday night—
that's tragic.

Margaret Engelman

Are they going to talk like this
about us?

Draw the Veil

If there's anything worse
Than a waffle that's cold

Or mashed potatoes
Three days old,

It's suddenly meeting
A fat old hen

That you loved in high school
In nineteen ten.

W. P. Farbstain

Rooms Renovated

The Day Students' rooms are now cases of "before and after". There was a "before" when everything seemed to be falling apart. Now the "after" is practically a fashion plate, with more improvements coming. There are two rooms for the town students. The first has been converted into a social room with a color scheme of blue and rust. Drapes, couches, tables, and shelves carry out this scheme. The other room is for study and for depositing books. There are three "pigeon-holes" with a place for each person's books. In this room, too, are the coat racks. On Founder's Day the rooms will be open for visitors. Those responsible for these changes are Virginia Melvin and Eleanor Vereen, student co-chairmen of the committee, Miss Ellen Brewer, adviser, and voluntary student helpers, the Wake County Chapter of the Alumnae Association and the Administrative Board of Meredith College. There is really a surprise in store for the person who stops by and sees the "after" version of the day students' rooms. So, won't you stop by?

—Confucius