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Thought for the day . . .

"I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."—Josh. 1:15.

As the new staff takes over . . .

With this issue, we, the members of THE TWIG staff, relinquish the paper to Martha Hamrick and the new staff who will publish the last two issues. We hand it over reluctantly feeling that we have not reached completely our goal, but with a feeling of assurance that the new staff, too, will continue working toward bringing THE TWIG into the place it deserves, toward making it a real college newspaper.

We have endeavored to convert THE TWIG from an insipid, school-girlish diary, serving only as a record of past campus happenings into a news organ of campus influence by printing the facts of each situation and the opinions that actually prevail. Some articles have met with severe criticism. There are those who have said, "you only destroy by criticism and offer nothing better." We have worked on the idea which we once quoted from Associated Collegiate Press, "If there is a possibility of reform, criticism is justified; THE TWIG cannot be expected to offer a solution to every problem it discusses." Our Staff has considered it a responsibility to discuss and present facts about current situations here, whether they concern the fact that registration was mass confusion or that students have broken the honor system. A staff must insist on freedom to print the news even though it may, at times, be unfavorable to specific persons. The staff of a newspaper accepts a great deal of responsibility, but after having accepted that responsibility, it must not be dominated by fear of criticism. The staff must adopt a sound reasonable policy and stick by it regardless.

We say to the new staff, do not be discouraged if there are those persons who seem to remember out of six pages of print nothing but an error, accuse you of not representing the College if a petty grudge is not published, or distort and twist true statements you have printed.

The staff is under obligation to every student that it is representing to make THE TWIG a true student publication. THE TWIG should be brought to have the influence that any good college newspaper has, an influence for good and for reform when it is needed.

It is this thought that we leave with the new staff in turning THE TWIG over to you. We hope that you will want to help carry out the policies we have begun.

A Vote of Thanks . . .

As this is our last issue, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the staff who has worked and cooperated in running the paper. A vote of thanks go also to Dr. and Mrs. Cooper, for furnishing us pictures, the club reporters, guest writers, members of the faculty who have given advice and encouragement, and the student body as a whole who have helped make THE TWIG a "student publication."

THE EDITOR.

What values did we gain?

The student body of Meredith is settling down again after a period of intense interest in student government and in changing student regulations. As the dust we stirred up blows away and we can see the picture clearly, are we able to find any real values gained from all our labor?

Perhaps the most basic value that came from the period was our adoption of an honor code, built on three fundamental principles: first, that a student is honest at all times; second, that a student is always a good citizen; and third, that a student assumes responsibility for others. These three principles are necessary not simply for student government but for all effective democratic government.

Consider the three principles carefully. A student is honest at all times. This does not mean that one simply refrains from cheating and doesn't steal. It means that one doesn't do the little things, either, such as "forgetting" to sign up for a chapel cut or putting down a few extra pages of parallel and intending to read them later.

Second, a student is at all times a good citizen. This entails being responsible for one's own conduct, for one's obligations to the college community. It means that a student knows and practices "the law." If a student should break a regulation, she corrects the mistake herself. Each student carries out her obligations, privileges, and responsibilities as a member of the college community.

Third, a student is responsible for others in the community. A current attitude is "I go my way and you go yours—I'll do what I'm supposed to but the other fellow can take care of himself." Such a narrow, self-centered attitude contradicts Christianity, in which our first concern is supposed to be for the other fellow. When each student helps others to live by the honor code, then only will the code become effective.

Ten years from now it won't matter a particle to us whether during our college days we came in at ten-thirty or eleven. But ten years from now it will matter whether we learned here to be responsible citizens. If every student would live fully by the honor code, we could throw away every rule in the handbook and, with a few general agreements to avoid confusion, live as mature, intelligent persons.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

While the student body is in a general state of reorganization, perhaps this is the time to seek one more change. In any school as large as Meredith, there are necessarily many things that need improvement. Still, the telephone situation here is in need of a change and a quick one. On the main switchboard there are four outside lines, and one of these is reserved wholly for the president. We do not begrudge this plan, for we recognize its importance. But how can three lines serve a faculty and student body that totals about 600?

Some telephone calls are trivial and we admit it, but others are important. Often an attempt to reach Meredith's switchboard means thirty minutes or an hour of dialing, and just as futile are trials to reach anyone in town. Some people have neither the time nor the incentive to be so persistent.

Perhaps the state of affairs can not be remedied immediately because of restrictions on telephone material. Could an investigation be made? Could we obtain the support of the administration and the faculty? We do not want to seem selfish. We would like to get our calls from home, from boys, and from any other people that need to contact us, but we want the faculty to get theirs, too.

This is not a radical change, an impractical change. It is merely another change that would make life more livable at Meredith. Martha Hamrick.



Sauntering with Sawyer

by LIB SAWYER

There is hardly a more fascinating process than the daily building of a newspaper. And those who intimate that newspapers are antiquated in a time when news is spread, in only a few seconds, over such devices as the radio, evidently have not studied the problem too well.

A newspaper renders thousands of services every day that a radio could never be equipped to do. Just notice a few of its services and render your own verdict.

If there were no newspaper, what would people find to put over their heads when an unexpected shower comes upon them? What would the neighborhood kids wrap up their limp wares at the corner rummage sales with, if newspapers were not handy, just the right length and width?

And wouldn't the cook have difficulty in concealing the three meals for her family of eight that she conscientiously describes as "left-overs"?

Perhaps newspapers have even been responsible for forestalling many divorces by keeping the kitchen floor protected from man's indelicate footprints on its newly scrubbed surface. The newspaper has also proved a shield,

perhaps not so trusty as King Arthur's Knights'; but defensive nevertheless, for behind it the father can shrink from his offspring when they pursue him for picture show money, or his wife wants to scold him as early as breakfast for forgetting to shave.

Surely the neighbor's dog would feel slighted if he did not receive his daily game of dodge with a rolled-up newspaper swung by the man next door in the continuous attempt to keep him off the grass. Or how could the paper salvage captains at Meredith College maintain their rank without paper to collect? And, without newspapers, we would have nothing to criticize the weather for failing to follow. Oh, yes, and a newspaper can also be used to read.

These are a few of the thousands of uses of a newspaper, but, happily, since this is not a term paper and I am not required to "exhaust the subject," I'll stop here. The staff hopes you have found THE TWIG of some practical use to you in at least a few of these ways. Really it has been lots of fun writing for you and thanks for your help in making THE TWIG a desired and needed branch of our college.

Temporary Regulations

Beginning April 15 students will not be required to wear socks or hose on the campus, except for Wednesday and Saturday night dinners and on Sunday, when hose are required. They will be allowed to go as far as the Varsity Theater before 6:00 p.m. without socks or hose. Students are expected to wear hose, when dating in the parlors.

Effective April 15, 1946.

March 29, 1946.

The following changes have been made in freshmen and sophomore class privileges; these changes have been passed by the student body, the Student Government Council, and the Faculty Committee on Student Government and are now in effect until the end of the school term for 1945-46.

FRESHMEN

1. Freshmen who are on the Eligibility List may take three evening privileges per week.
2. Freshmen may go out unchaperoned in groups of two until 7:30 p.m. if they are returning to the college at 7:30 p.m.
3. Freshmen may ride unchaperoned in groups of two to and from a destination until 7:30 p.m. if they are returning to the college at 7:30 p.m.

SOPHOMORES

1. Sophomores may go out unchaperoned in groups of two until 10:30 p.m.
2. Sophomores may ride unchaperoned in groups of two to and from a destination until 10:30 p.m.
3. Sophomores may go out unchaperoned until 7:30 p.m. if they are returning to the college at 7:30 p.m.
4. Sophomores may ride unchaperoned to and from a destination until 7:30 p.m. if they are returning to the college at 7:30 p.m.

NANCY HARRIS, President,  
Student Government Association.

By F. A. LEE.

"EXCHANGING"

Irate Wife: I want an explanation, and I want the truth.

Hubby: Well, make up your mind. You can't have both. Tar Heel.

The Older generation thought nothing of getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning—and the younger generation doesn't think much of it either.

Income taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay on what we think we are worth. Hilltop.

Dr. Hirsch: "If the President of the United States died, who would get the job?"

Student: "A Democratic undertaker."

Soldier: "Say, do you take anything off for cash?"

Salesgirl: "This is a department store—not a burlesque."

Here's to her eyes and her nose;  
Here's to her hair and her toes.  
And just to get the best of her  
Here's to all the rest of her.

Clipped.

Bill: I really am in a fix in English.  
Jim: What's the trouble?

Bill: Miss Martin says I must write legibly, but if I do that she will find out that I can't spell.

Sailor's voice from rear seat of taxi: "I say, driver, what's the idea of stopping?"

Driver: "I thought I heard someone tell me to."

Feminine voice: "Drive on, I wasn't talking to you."

First Mosquito: "Hooray, here comes a new arrival."

Second Mosquito: "Good! Let's stick him for the drinks." Tar Heel.

HONOR CODE

All life at Meredith is based upon the honor code, which is drawn up and defined by the students of the college.

The honor code means that:

Each student is expected to be honest and truthful at all times.

Each student is personally responsible for her own conduct, for her abiding by the college regulations. If a student breaks a regulation, she is expected to correct her offense by reporting herself to the proper authorities—in an academic matter, to the instructor concerned; in an administrative matter, to the officer of administration concerned; and in a student government matter, to a member of the Student Council.

A student is responsible for seeing that the honor code is carried out at all

times. If she is aware of a violation of the code by another student, it is her duty to see that the offender corrects the violation.

The honor code is violated when a student is dishonest or untruthful, when a student fails to report herself for a rule infraction, or when a student fails to correct a violation of the code by another student.

Three basic principles underlie the honor code—at all times, a student shows absolute integrity, fulfills her community obligations, and assumes responsibility for her fellow citizens in the community. The students of Meredith have adopted and agreed to live by this honor code because they believe it to be the basis of successful and efficient government.