

GUEST EDITORIAL

"BUTLER FINISH"

When you buy beautiful silver today, you may choose between three finishes. There's the "bright" that mirrors everything within its range, but scratches easily from contact with other surfaces.

I like the soft finish in manners, don't you? It isn't flashy or showy, but it is natural, unaffected, sincere. As I have observed it in college girls, I have been able to close my eyes and see back of it the years of polishing by Mother, by the other members of the family, by the girl herself.

Mary's kindly consideration of others becomes almost instinctive.

Satisfaction

There is a glow of satisfaction that comes out of contacts with people like that. You can probably recall a note you received expressing in a happy college-girl way appreciation for something you had done.

Not long ago I was standing at the entrance to a public building. Many people had held the door open for others to pass through, but sometimes perfunctorily, scarcely looking at the other person.



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girl's gesture—a difference so slight it could be better felt than described—a little bend of the head, a shy smile into the eyes of the old lady, the offer of a steady hand, that made hers a gracious act, not just a polite one. And when the girl turned, she was recognized, as you have already guessed, as another Meredith girl!

Sometimes we'd like to pin a medal for meritorious service on those whose everyday courtesies have extended "beyond the call of duty," but why should we? They would be, of all people, the most astonished and disappointed. Perhaps the greatest disappointment we could give them is that of not being surprised, for gracious living comes from kindly feeling. And when it comes to Meredith girls we may learn to expect the unexpected.

Miss Ellen Brewer.

ANNUAL EMPHASIS

Stop and look around you. Is there anything missing on the Meredith Campus? What about the social graces? Are they all there?

No, that doesn't mean a smooth dancer in fancy evening dress, sophisticated clothes, or affected mannerisms. But it does include holding that door for the person behind you, having consideration for the peace of mind of the girl who does have a test tomorrow, or avoiding embarrassing another girl's boyfriend by wearing the wrong thing in a public place.

Is Meredith perfect in that? No, however must we may wish it, Meredith isn't perfect in all those things and we can't pretend it is. Of course, once something is brought to our attention we always change it—like the dating procedures in Johnson Hall. But we are all human, and we all forget sometimes.

To keep the social graces at Meredith it seems, from experience, that a little reminding is all that is necessary. But where will it come from to do the most good? The students themselves take initial interest in reviving themselves spiritually during Religious Emphasis Week in the spring. They hold themselves to a high academic standard by public opinion punishing an offender. The Student Government members, elected by the students, keep alive the rules we must abide by to have a smoothly functioning college community.

All this has been tried and proved true. Since they have functioned so well, why shouldn't a program be devised to remind us once a year of the things which add to our esthetic sense and make a happier group?

Social Emphasis Week has been suggested to fill this role. November 12-16 is the selected date to prove or disprove the theory that reminding brings improvement. The student body must make the result a success or a failure, according to its recognition of the problem.

Some things planned for the week are: a speaker to direct our thinking on the subject, special theme assignments in English classes, and a panel discussion. Specific problems which have obviously come to the attention first for emphasis are: manners in the dining hall which sometimes slip, courtesy to those we live with in our own suites, consideration for the girls on our halls, the speaker in chapel, and the minister at church.

It can't all be done in a week, but a start can't be made any sooner. Should we wait to start until some of our manners become unbearable to ourselves and more noticeable to others? We can give our full co-operation for the success of Social Emphasis Week, and then—let's see what will happen.

A. H.

She walks in beauty like the night Of cloudless climes and starry skies; And all that's best of dark and bright Meet in her aspect and her eyes; Thus mellowed to that tender light Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

Byron.

Beauties in vain their pretty eyes may roll; Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

Pope.

Views From Other News

Here's a recipe for all Meredith girls to add to their files.

A good many husbands are entirely spoiled by mismanagement in cooking and as a result are not tender and good. Some women keep them constantly in hot water. Some let them freeze by carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways. Others roast them. Some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be expected that any husband will be tender and good, managed this way, but he is really quite nice when properly treated.

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance as in buying mackerel; nor by the golden tint as if you wanted salmon. Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to the market for him as the best is always delivered at your door. Use a preserving kettle of the finest porcelain if possible, but if there is nothing else, an earthenware pipkin will do, if handled with care.

See that the linen you wrap him in is nicely washed and mended with the requisite number of buttons and strings sewed on. Tie him in a kettle with a strong silken cord called comfort; duty is apt to be weak.

Make a clear steady fire of love, neatness, and cheerfulness. Set your husband as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzes, do not be anxious. Some do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar called kisses; but very little vinegar and pepper, if any. A little spice may be used with judgment. Stir him gently; you cannot fail to know when he is done. If you treat him thus, you will find him agreeing very nicely with you, and he will keep indefinitely, unless he is set in too cool a place.

—The Appalachian.

Appalachian State Teacher's College.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

What is your definition of an education? In formulating my personal definition of an education, I have decided that an education is mental, social, and spiritual development. Think about that definition. Now, don't you feel that Meredith does educate us? Each individual at Meredith has opportunities to develop mentally, spiritually, and socially, and to ever augment her capacity for growth in these respects.

Mental Development

For our mental development, Meredith offers a curriculum that is well-planned and well-adapted to what we want to learn. We have lectures and chapel programs that encourage us to think. Our faculty members are those who know their subject matter and who know how to teach it. They are guides to help us form the right kind of mental attitudes towards ourselves, towards others, towards our school, our community, and our world.

Spiritual Development

Meredith offers us many opportunities for spiritual development. Our chapel speakers, our faculty members, our programs at vespers and family altar all help us choose high spiritual ideals that we strive to obtain. We are all proud that Meredith is a Christian college and that the ideals she strives for are Christian ideals. At Meredith each student has individual opportunities to benefit by, and contribute to the spiritual life on our campus.

Social Development

For our social development Meredith offers each of us a chance to live with others in dormitory life, which in itself is invaluable to us for our social adjustment. At Meredith, too, the administration, the faculty, and the Student Government all strive to uphold high social standards. Receptions, teas, banquets, and parties are given which, of course, help us learn to be poised and tactful in social situations. Why then, you may wonder, are we bothering to have a Social Emphasis Week, when we have opportunities on our campus to develop socially? The Student Govern-

Fooling Phyllis

Now that the Corn Huskin Bee is over, with all of its hog calling and gaiety, we "angels" can settle down and learn to be a "lady." Yep, we are going to have Social Emphasis Week. Think we need it? Well... Mr. Brown, who spoke to us in chapel a few days ago would have been shocked at all the pants here Wednesday night, but he should be pleased at our emphasis on social behavior in the weeks to come. I thought his ideas were wonderful. Wonder how we could learn to use our hands as do Italian women?

Can you realize that already November is here? With it old man Winter has come. My goodness, why it seems as though it were only yesterday when everybody was calling out, "I'm so glad to see you—haven't you gained weight?" and the "Oh when did you get your pin? It is lovely. Have you seen so and so's new ring?" Speaking of rings and pins, the boys must think that the Angel Farm is a good place to deposit them, but we hardly object to that fact, do we? I heard somewhere that over—in fact, way over—half of the angels were pinned, engaged, married, or going steady. And for those left—and maybe we had better include all of us, here are some hints that I hope will be helpful:

Keep away from track men—they're unusually fast.

Never make dates with biology students—they enjoy cutting up too much.

The football hero is all right—he'll tackle anything.

Watch out for the baseball man—he hits and runs.

Don't play cards with a civil engineer—he's a bridge specialist.

Remember, here are eight desirable qualities about a girl:

- 1. Dress well.
2. Don't eat much on dates.
3. Pleasant conversationalist.
4. Don't eat much on dates.
5. Don't be snooty.
6. Don't eat much on dates.
7. Be a good dancer.
8. Don't eat much on dates.

Last but not least, I read somewhere about a professor giving his reasons for classifying women as angels. They are always up in the air; always harping on something; and they never have an earthly thing to wear.

ment and the Social Emphasis Week Committee, feel that, even though we do concern ourselves with social behavior on the campus, in comparison with our spiritual and mental development, our social development is most neglected. Meredith has no definite program for social growth as it does for spiritual and mental growth. Through Social Emphasis Week this year we are trying to initiate such a program.

Of course, one week can do little towards the social development of anyone, but our committee, with the co-operation of the student body, plans to continue its efforts throughout the year. We certainly do not want Meredith to be a society school—far from that! But we do feel that social adjustment and development is a very important phase of our college life and should not be neglected. When a Meredith student shows bad manners, the reputation of the school suffers. More important than the school's reputation, however, is the individual's development. As important as social relationships are in this world, certainly everyone should have the advantage of many opportunities and situations to help him learn tact, friendliness, and good manners.

We certainly do not want the main emphasis of our college to be on the social. Our ideal is to have that emphasis equally given to our mental, spiritual, and social growth so that our capacities may continually increase for even greater mental, spiritual and social development. Through this type of an education, we will become more well-rounded individuals who are more capable of taking a role in society as college students and college graduates.

Sincerely, Jean Joyner.