

A Difficult Challenge

It is with a deep sense of humbleness that we, the new staff, present to you, the reader, our first TWIG. As editor, I now find myself placed in a great position of responsibility, for besides keeping abreast of the news and maintaining an efficient staff, I must do my best to make sure that this publication at all times reports the news and happenings of Meredith College in the best possible manner. This organ of our college not only influences the thoughts of our campus but also shows outsiders just what Meredith College is really like. It is this last idea that is so challenging to our staff. Therefore, I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we always will be open to suggestions from you and truly are counting on your continued co-operation and contributions.

Bess and her staff have indeed made an enviable record. Editing and putting together a newspaper is no easy task, as we discovered this past week end. At one point, we were quite sure that you would receive a blank issue! However, with much guidance, we finally succeeded in creating this first paper. As time passes and we become more familiar with our work, we sincerely hope that the TWIG will go forward.

Therefore, we, the new TWIG staff, accept our duties humbly and yet with eagerness to push to greater heights the difficult challenge which the others leave behind. To them go our thanks for a job well done!

THE OBSERVANCE OF MOTHER'S DAY

We who take Mothers' Day for granted would do well to become aware of its beginnings. The first Mother's Day was celebrated in Andrews Methodist Church, Grafton, West Virginia, in memory of Mrs. Anna R. Jarvis, at the request of her daughter, Miss Anna M. Jarvis. In 1907, two years after the death of Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Jarvis asked friends to her home to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death. On this occasion, the plans were made for a national memorial and Mother's Day as a national observance was begun.

Although we now usually take the morning church service to exalt womanhood, formerly this service was longer and much more impressive. White carnations, the floral emblem of motherhood, because of its sweetness, purity, and endurance were set in the platform of the church. After a brief address on motherhood, the carnation salute, when each held high his flower, was given. It is the custom today to wear white flowers for a departed mother and the red flowers for a living mother.

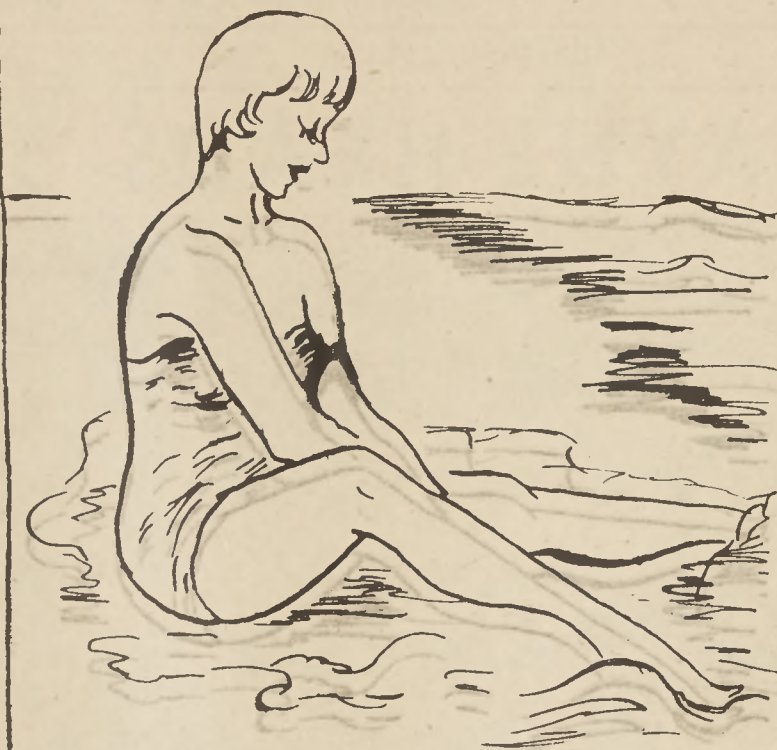
Mother's Day will mean more to each of us if we will remember the deep religious significance and earnestness behind this occasion and honor our own mothers accordingly.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

"Honesty is the best policy"—an old adage, but yet very applicable to Meredith College campus. Dishonesty is in many forms—the most common are stealing and cheating. These two are found at Meredith to some degree; as the end of school draws nearer, there is a tendency for these crimes to increase. In most cases, though, stealing and cheating are limited to a very small percentage of the student body.

There is another form of dishonesty which is quite prevalent on our campus. It is the kind that comes in the category of "little white lies"—or the subtle evasiveness of indirect answers. Even details that are changed by slight insinuations sometimes grow into larger and more serious problems. Accepting responsibilities that you cannot, or do not, fulfill is also classed in this "lukewarm" dishonesty—lukewarm dishonesty that often erupts into a boiling hot situation. Into this class, the offense of breaking into cafeteria lines is also inserted. There are many, many more examples, but it should be sufficient to point out that as mature college students—some of us even lofty seniors—we can solve the problem by honesty in every situation and on every occasion.

Mother's Day



"AT LEAST I'M Thinking about you, Mother"

SHENANIGANS

When I saw the exam schedule posted last week,¹ it suddenly dawned on me that those benign upperclassmen were telling the truth who said that the second semester fairly flies by. What with May Day, Playday, graduation recitals, concerts, threats of "panty raids" and other unusual happenings, these last few days have really proved to be exciting.²

Mish strictly left me with some mighty big shoes to fill (figuratively speaking, of course!) when she gave me her job for next year. At least I'm glad she'll still be around the TWIG office for me to pester her about how one goes about making a column silly, interesting, and informative all at once, as she has done for the past two years.³

Naming this thing was a terrible problem. I thought of "Tessie's Tidbits" or "Smarty Marty," but nothing goes with Nancy except nose or nonsense, and neither of those jibed with my lofty concept of self-respect. (Choke.) "Shenanigans" implies nothing save a colloquial term for trickery,⁴ and I hereby solemnly promise not to trick anyone. Just don't believe everything I say.

Have you all heard the joke about the taxi? It seems that a girl, who was standing on a street corner, said "Hey, call me a taxi." The guy standing near her said, "All right, you're a taxi." That, dear friends,

is the best joke of the season, according to the girl who has been telling it at every opportunity for the past two months.⁵

Haven't the grounds been looking good recently? We have such a big lawn full of grass out in the court that it smells extra good just after it has been mowed. Mornings are so much more interesting these days, too: They arrive sooner, and it isn't nearly so hard to get up for breakfast as it was last winter.

It's an amazing thing to me how girls, intelligent college students, no less, will lie out in the sun for the express purpose of getting a tan, with the express purpose of looking brown and beautiful in an evening dress, and come creeping back three hours later looking as bright and unappetizing as a freshly boiled beet. Of course, I suppose some people on campus have a little more sense than I do about trying to get tanned in a hurry.⁶

As you can probably see, I haven't quite forgotten my term paper yet.⁷ But then, it didn't affect me, affect me, affect me. . . . See ya!!⁸

¹ Johnson Hall, bulletin board.
² *Ibid.*, college calendar, 1953-1955.
³ Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.
⁴ "Peanut" Swindler
⁵ Rare exceptions, however.
⁶ My topic was "Hyde Park." Anything you want to know about it?
⁸ *Passim*, all over.

CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS

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PRICE LATIN CLUB

Organized in the spring of 1954, the Price Latin Club has done much this year in fostering interest in the Latin language under the leadership of Jane Lancaster, president; Betty Ann Smith, vice-president; Jane Maynard, secretary; Jody Gibson, treasurer; and Mrs. Zeno Martin, sponsor. Programs for the six meetings held this year included a talk by Dr. Poteat, Latin professor at Wake Forest College; a Christmas party at Mrs. Martin's home; a talk by Dr. Helen Price, former Latin teacher at Meredith, in which she used slides that she made on her trip to the Aegean region; a supper at the Parkerteria, where H. Taylor Vaden, Raleigh's community Ambassador to Denmark, spoke and showed slides; and at the final meeting a play, entitled *Magna Iter*, given in celebration of Latin Week. At this final meeting, a gift was presented to Mrs. Martin from the Latin Club to thank her for all she has done for the club. Jane Lancaster, who has served excellently as president this year and who did much to organize the club, was also recognized. The officers elected for next year are as follows: Annis Smith, president; Miriam Lundy, vice-president; Anita Farris, secretary; Shirley Jordon, treasurer; and Mrs. Martin, sponsor.

BSU NEWS

There will be a workshop on Vacation Bible School work sponsored by the B. S. U. next Tuesday, May 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be held in the Hut with Ann Parr presiding. Those students who are leading the discussion groups are: Delores Blanton, Nancy Drake, Marjorie Jackson, Gwen Maddrey, Effie Sneeden, and Jo Ellen Williams.

On Sunday, May 8, at 5:00 p.m., a delegation of Meredith students is going to Duke. This delegation is going with the idea of promoting friendly relations between the two colleges and supper will be served. Transportation will be provided. All those who are interested, contact Shirley Spoon for further details.

The B. S. U. has recently chosen its officers for the executive council for next year. They are: Shirley Spoon, president; Martha Ann Roberts, enlistment vice-president; Nancy Young, social vice-president; Molly James, secretary; Jane Maynard, treasurer; Ann Parr, Y. W. A. president and workshop chairman; Pat Kerley, Sunday school director; Janice Dennis, Training Union director; Marjorie Jackson, program chairman; Margaret Slate, music chairman; Nancy Joyner, publicity editor; Pam Hartsell, publicity artist; Martha Bramlett, arrangements chairman; Joy Curtiss, extension chairman; Martha Bone, College representation chairman; Mary Katherine Cole, Presbyterian representative; and Sally Newton, Methodist representative.

The greater council, made up of four committee members with each of the officers acting as chairman for a group, will be selected soon.

A picnic for all the college students in Sunday schools or training unions in Raleigh is being planned by the B. S. U. It is to be held at the Chimney on Friday, May 13, at 6:00. Martha Ann Roberts is in charge of planning the picnic. There will be entertainment and good food for all who wish to come.

FACULTY-SENIOR PICNIC

The annual Faculty-Senior Picnic will be held May 11. The time and place of this event will be announced soon.



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