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Emersons Win In The Final Debate

Unanimous Vote Cast Senior Normal Class
Plays Under Way.

The society triangular debate came to a close on April 13th, when the silver loving cup, by a unanimous vote was given to the infant society, the Emerson. The Poes and Laniers, the old rivals, had debated on March 21st, resulting in a victory for the Poes, who then challenged the Emersons.

The question was, "Resolved: That the United States Should Grant Immediate Independence to the Philippine Islands," and was upheld on the affirmative by Vera Wester and Gertrude Mercer, for the Poes, while Carol Truitt and Blanche Wood, spoke for the Emersons on the negative.

All four speakers did most commendable work, as the speeches evidenced more careful preparation, background, organization and more oratory than had been previously exhibited. Miss Truitt's delivery, enunciation and precision were most remarkable, while her colleague, Miss Wood added to it strong summations, and a most composed, yet forceful appeal, which won instant commendation. Miss Wester, some what affected by a nervous attack was unable to do as well as she had done previously, but her colleague, Miss Mercer, delivered a most emphatic speech.

Vera Wester, first speaker for the affirmative, spoke as follows:

"Resolved: That the Philippine Islands Should be Granted Immediate Independence." This means that the next session of our Congress shall pass a bill granting to these people complete independence. In its provision shall be made for the evacuation of all American officials within a reasonable time, which shall be agreed upon with the Filipinos. Friendly relations are to continue, and we shall be ready to advise; however they shall have that for which they clamour— independence.

(1) It is our moral duty. At the time we took them over, the bill provided: "they shall be given ultimate, if not immediate independence." The Jones Bill we passed in 1916 provided: "they shall be granted independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein." Likewise our every public act and utterance

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Edwin Swain To Sing At Commencement

A finishing touch to the commencement program was effected when it became known that Edwin L. Swain, popular New York baritone would sing for the Alumnae Concert during commencement. Mr. Swain has appeared here several times, mostly in the summer, and has been most favorably received by students and faculty.

Mr. Swain has been engaged by the College Entertainment Bureau to give the concert on the special alumnae night during commencement. His recent hits in other cities and states warrant a good program here, and the college is to be congratulated on securing him for the occasion.

Active work is being done on the three one-act plays—"Jazz and Minuet," "Enter The Hero," and "The Knave of Hearts"—to be given on May 20th, by the Senior Normal Class. The casts chosen the first of the month by the capable director, Miss Ethel Theodora Rockwell, from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, are regularly meeting and practicing, and are showing all evidences for success with the plays. The following are the members of the casts:

JAZZ AND MINUET

Richard Townsend, Inez Peterson
Robert Trowbridge, Mary S. Helig
Lord Deveraux, Ascnath Wellons
Flapper, Evelyn Short
Colonial Maid, Jeanette Powell
Maid, Irma Jenkins
Maid, Virginia Ratcliffe

ENTER THE HERO

Mrs. Cary, Pauline Troy
Ruth, Annie L. Brinkley
Ann, Mary Grace Lyon
Hero, Irma Sermons

KNAVE OF HEARTS

King of Hearts, Pompdeble, Mary
Ellerbe
The Chancellor, Pauline Lippard
The Manager, Carol Truitt
Queen of Hearts, Violetta, Helen
Newell

Knave of Hearts, Mabel McInnis
Ursula, Sybil Williams
Lady, Ruth Harrell
Spice Bearers, Ida Laura West,
Grace Robinson, Martha Williams,
Louanna Overcash, Mildred Pate, Julia Hobgood

Blue Hose, Margaret Dupree
Yellow Hose, Rebecca Johnson
Trumpeters, Velma Talton, Vara
Blackman

Heralds, Nannie Evans, Linda Cobb
Fiddler, Jean Morton
Chief Herald, Cecil Bryant
Cook, Elizabeth Woody
Fool, Elizabeth Allen
Vegetable Man, Martha Moseley.

Doralita Larkins Is New Vice President

At the last Y. W. C. A. meeting, Doralita Larkins was elected as Vice President of the Association to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Anne Batts. Miss Larkins was Chairman of the Social Committee, thus making her very efficient for the office of Vice President.

The incoming president formally announced the cabinet for the coming year. The names had already been published, but had not been formally announced to the Association.

The old president gave her farewell speech in which she expressed her appreciation for the cooperation shown her during her past year.

Turn about isn't fair play when the peroxide blond becomes a brunette again.

Adversity is the only scale that gives the correct weight of our friends.

The State College Glee Club and Orchestra.

The college and town people were unusually fortunate in being given the opportunity of hearing the concert given here, in the Auditorium of the New Campus Building, Saturday evening, April 23rd, by the State College Orchestra and Glee Club. The audience, in consequence of the fact that State College Band so delightfully entertained here last year, was anticipating with much pleasure the concert. There was no disappointment, for the entire program spoke of master directorship. "Dad" Price and the director of the Glee Club, Franz Strickland, brought upon themselves much honor and praise as a result of the delightful evening's entertainment given by the State College boys.

The program was as follows:

Orchestra:

Raymond Overture.....Thomas

(The Queen's Secret)

Glee Club:

Gypsy Trail.....Galloway

The Lotus Flower.....Shuman

Orchestra:

L'Arlesienne.....Bizet

(Suite de Concert)

Glee Club:

Three Clocks.....Starke

Only Waiting.....Williams

State College Quartette:.....Selected

Orchestra:

Egmont.....Beethoven

(Overture)

Glee Club:

A Little Close Harmony.....O'Hara

Popular Melodies.....Selected

Bass Solo.....Selected

Mr. W. R. McRackan

Orchestra:

Huldigungsmarsch.....Grieg

State College Quartet:

A Tramp's Reunion.....Selected

Glee Club:

Negro Spirituals.....Selected

Finale:

College Song—

Orchestra and Glee Club.

The popular songs given as encores were timely, full of "pep" and appealing to the audience.

Immediately following the concert, the State boys were entertained at an informal reception at the "Y" Hut by the "Y" Cabinet and Student Council.

National Y. W. C. A. Sec'y Visits College

Miss Stella Scurlock, one of the National Secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. was a recent visitor on our campus. She is being sent out by headquarters to different colleges to help the girls of the colleges solve problems of the present day that come up before them. While here she held conferences pertaining to such, and she also conducted the morning watch service.

On Sunday night Miss Schurlock spoke to the student body, her subject being, "What is right and what is wrong." Anything, she stated, was right when it meant growth. When growth stops, it becomes wrong. "We cannot list the right and wrong of the world, what we should do and should not do, but we must make the choice ourselves."

Miss Scurlock had a vivid personality and she was very appealing to the girls. She spoke on topics of interest to them, and she took up for the modern girl. "She is the same girl she has always been."

Group Enjoys Washington During Their Vacation

The College Affected By Fire In City School

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, the elementary school on Fifth Street was practically destroyed by fire. Everything was burned except the records and the brick walls. This building, formerly used as a high school building, was being used by the sixth, seventh and eighth grades when the fire occurred. School was closed until arrangements could be made to accommodate the pupils.

Mr. Rose, the city superintendent, began immediately to make arrangements for these grades to be housed for the remainder of the school year. Upon conferring with the college authorities, the city school officials decided to accept the offer made to use several of the class rooms of the Administration Building and part of West Dormitory.

During the holidays the rooms in the Administration Building were fitted up and also several in West Dormitory. There had to be some construction work done in the old dormitory and work there is still going on. The rooms were ready for the students when school opened after Easter holidays.

Owing to the room being used in the basement, on the west side, of the Administration Building, two of the faculty members have changed their classroom. Mr. Flanagan is using room 113 on the first floor while Mr. Deal's language classes have been moved to the Men's Club Room, the latter being moved to the Teco Echo Staff room.

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College Girls Enjoy An Easter Picnic

The fact that college girls do not have to go home to enjoy their holidays was verified during the Easter holidays by the thirty-two girls who remained at the college. Everything that was within reason for them to participate in was theirs to have and to indulge in.

Prominent among the many and varied types of entertainment was that of the picnic Saturday afternoon, April 16th, at Public Landing, which was followed by a pleasant moonlight joy ride.

Most tempting country ham, pickles, pimento and cheese sandwiches, pineapple sandwiches, apples, oranges, cakes, punch and cold drinks composed the delightful lunch. Other than obtaining pleasure from the lunch, the crowd had a wonderful time exploring the premises which mother nature had provided with so much beauty. Several girls had the privilege of viewing a body of water that was many times bigger than they had ever seen.

The students who enjoyed the holidays at college are indeed grateful to Miss Morton and Mrs. Day for securing means to take them on the picnic. To Miss Keel for the planning and assistance in the lunch, and to Messrs. Wayne and Fornes for their kindness and generosity in taking them, and cooperating so nicely to make it an occasion long to be remembered.

Many Wonderful Sights

The Washington trip was a great success, is the verdict of all in the party. To a congenial group of people, five days of Pullman-Steamer-Hotel-Bus experience together makes it seem like a jolly house party. When these days are filled with constant shifting to new scenes, following a schedule of sight-seeing long looked forward to, interspersed with happy surprises and novel experiences, they are days of enchantment.

There were apparently three elements in the group, but college girls, teachers and High School girls and boys mingled together so happily that they made a most harmonious unit.

The members of the faculty in charge of the party were Miss Jenkins, Mr. Picklesimer and Miss Ross, with Miss Toland as chaperon of the Greenville High School group. The other members of the faculty were Misses Dean, Turner, Bonewitz and Davis. The girls in the party were as follows: Jessie Tharpe, Elise Dunn, Julia Clarke, Nora Lee Gaddy, Clyda Woodard, Margaret Butt, Maude Boyette, Gladys Kilpatrick, Sarah Burton, Jenkins, Louise Grissom, Pauline Martin, Iola Tankard, Ruby Swindell, Myrtle Gardner, Louanna Overcash, Louise Robinson, Vallie Sumrell, Nancy Withers and Mary Forbes. The High School girls and boys were as follows: Lillian Hardee, Evelyn Hart, Kathleen Robinson, Elinor Barr, Katherine Gross, Katherine Smith, Johnnie Gray Currin, and Florence Overton. Two from the town, Martha Moye and Rosa Exum, were also in the party.

Excitement ran high and it seemed to the girls that the time would never come. The news spread that the finest special Pullman cars ever seen in Greenville were on the side-track, so many went down in the afternoon to see them. The bags were on the porch ready by 5 o'clock and most of the girls had hats on at 6 o'clock, although the cars were not to be taken possession of until ten. The prize goes to Miss Davis for quick action. At 9:29 she had told the people going good-bye at 9:30 she decided to take Miss Goggin's place and at 9:45 she was on her way to the station, and was the first to find her section in the car.

A crowd from town went to the station to see the group settled. Every-

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Presbyterian Girls Are Guests At Party

A most enjoyable party was given the Presbyterian girls by Georgia and Aline Johnson at their home at 7:30 p. m., April 20th.

Various amusements were introduced throughout the evening, and it was with much reluctance that the girls had to bid good night when the hour of ten approached.

Cake and lemonade were served, after which each girl was taken back to the college by a gentleman friend, which at least gave some girls at college a bit of pleasure which they might have enjoyed at home during the holidays.

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IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR COLLEGES?

In this new age which has sprung up as a direct result of the world war, everybody has to go to college, and yet the good people of the country are frequently maintaining that the colleges and universities are the melting pots vice and skepticism rather than the fountains of knowledge. Just what is wrong with our colleges? Something must be wrong, or at least there is a cause for this stampede of criticism.

You say that "the rapidly increasing number of college educated people tends towards a more highly developed civilization and intellectual freedom," but it may not. After the fall of Rome a steady stream of barbarians from the North brought classical culture to a standstill. It was known as the Dark Ages. Just so have our colleges been swamped with a great inrush of students which has led some to compare this with the Dark Ages following the fall of Rome.

Why do college students commit suicide? Probably because they think with Percy Marks, "If college boys are the cream of the earth, God pity the skimmed milk." The great military upheaval through which the world has just passed has shown the youth graver and sterner realities than ever before, and from it has grown a feeling of futility of future life. But are the colleges responsible for the philosophy of life with which present day students are becoming saturated?

Are college students who swarm in from the high schools mentally competent to pursue an advanced college course? Many think not. They go to college and accept the education that is handed them as a plate of food from the mess hall shelf; they gobble it down, strut out on the roost and crow to the world, "I am a college graduate." As one man has said, "The average finished product might well bear the label 'made in a mould in an American College.'" It makes one think that students are being shot through the chute of standardization, regardless of their mental limitations. It may be that the colleges are rightly blamed for the undigested knowledge to which students have been exposed. The personal element in education is lacking. It is now like army routine.

In some respects the college is falling short of the true traditional purpose. Students go forth with exceptional knowledge in the major field, but can not unify and relate one subject to the other; they have probably been trained for a remunerative position, but have no philosophy of life, no definite attitude, and no viewpoint except in their own field. Can this be attributed to the curricula of the colleges or to the "age of specialization?"

College authorities are recognizing more than ever, student events, but while this is true, students are making extra activities a vocation, and the curriculum is the avocation. Colleges

in allowing this are permitting bad mental habits. The curricular activities of a college should make up the major work and truly prepare a student to become a scholar as well as to meet life's problems.

We conclude that something must be wrong, but the greatest ill and its remedy is hard to select. Instead of this being the age of enlightenment, it may be the Dark Age, from which a new civilization will emerge to bask in the sunlight of a new school.

THE ELECTION STRUGGLE.

The campus has been, for several weeks, in the throes of a hot struggle for the election of the president of the Student Government Association, but due to the persistence and steady "potting," an election was finally secured. The first ticket, composed of Bessie Willis, Ethel Spratt, Annie Batts, and Margie Caldwell, would have undoubtedly resulted in the election of Miss Willis had she not withdrawn from the race. In the first election Misses Batts and Spratt ran close together, but a two-thirds majority was not secured until the students had voted seven times.

After the first failure to elect the struggle was a unique one, the balance swaying almost evenly between the two. The voting days were interspersed with mass meetings and many fiery campaign speeches, which when in discussing the merits and qualifications of the two candidates, had little influence on the voting.

The seeming bull-dog tenacity of the voters was merely firmness in believing the separate candidates most capable. Those who finally changed their votes did so in order to secure the election, and not because of any change in opinion concerning the candidates. Never has better spirit been shown either, as the campus politics for some four weeks were absolutely free of "mud slinging" and ridiculing of candidates. The only trouble was division of opinion.

Now since Miss Batts is elected, after such a struggle, all indications point toward a willing cooperation by the student body, and the request for 100 per cent support is practically unnecessary.

WEINER ROAST ENJOYED AT HUT.

One of the many events enjoyed by the girls remaining at the college during the Easter Holidays, was the weiner roast given at the Y. W. Hut Monday afternoon at 5:30, by Mrs. Judson Blount and Mrs. J. B. Spilman.

The first thing to attract the attention of the guests, was the fire in the large fire place. Later, they enjoyed roasting weiners and toasting marshmallows over the coals. Pickles, sandwiches, and lemonade were among the other things enjoyed.

Most men think that they are ambitious because they find fault with their present condition.



KATE KALKILATE SAYS:

*When I was very young
I thought that college ladies
walked in state, now
that I'm one, I'm surprised
to find they often roller skate.*

INK SPOTS

The Poe cat may be up a tree, but he's still purring.

April showers may bring May flowers, but they bring them down from your bonnet if you get caught in one.

The signs "No children in the halls" have caused the Freshmen to stop, look, and listen before making a headlong rush down the halls to catch classes.

Those who rubbed elbows with the Capitol city aristocracy on Dupont Circle during the holidays, are now "just folks."

In the fall it's "Hooray for the pumpkin pie." In the spring it's "Hooray for strawberry short-cake."

The Teco Echo office is now "far from the maddening crowd." It is now on the third floor of the administration building.

When a woman marries a man and the honeymoon is on the wane, then she begins to find him out—nearly every night.

One way for a young man to find a girl out is to call when she isn't in.

Lovers may refuse to say good-bye forever and yet put in two or three hours at it.

People probably get the blues because they fail to look at things in the right light.

It sometimes happens that the man who dubs his house a castle has the moat in his eye.

The world is but a fleeting show to which all are admitted free—but it sometimes costs a lot to get out.

Statisticians are experts who can prove that figures sometimes lie.

The man who gets caught in the rain loses all interest in silver-lined clouds.

Clipped and Gathered

THE DOG-WOOD GROVE.

It is with something of the worshipful attitude of a Pagan, that I approach the dog-wood grove, on the south side of our campus. In the winter, when nothing but the gnarled, black limbs of the trees are seen, I cannot make myself believe with the coming of warm weather, the grove will be dressed in the white confirmation robes of spring. I love a dog-wood tree in bloom, and yet, I cannot say that with close inspection, the single white corolla, with its dirty yellow center, is the queen of flowers. A lone dog-wood tree is a beauty in itself, but to get the touch of an old Druid grove, there must be scores of them. Each enhances the simple beauty of the other.

Something there is about our dog-wood grove that reminds me of the maidens in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King." Perhaps I think of Elaine, who was called the "lily-white maid of Astolat." Could Tennyson have seen the blossoming white of our campus, he would have compared Elaine to a better advantage.

I never wonder why the birds sing so light-heartedly in our grove. What an environment in which to be born, and there learn to test their untrained wings! What an added strength must be given them, when they open their eyes at morning, and peep out on a white, pure world!

I never have known, but somehow, it seems to me that Dante must have made love to Beatrice in a dog-wood grove. He could have had no higher inspiration than the woman he loved, in a setting of white dog-wood blossoms.

How I hate for spring to go, because with it will disappear my spring time shrine—our dog-wood grove.

—Bessie Willis

SENIORITY BEHIND THE SCENES

Outwardly (deceiving exterior) the Senior is the perfect embodiment of knowledge, dignity and the other essential qualities of the to-be-teacher. Yea, the senior—"It" is the wonderful compact you have heard so much about, a compact of all the good, minus all the bad. The Senior is above reproach; "It" never errs from the paths of pedagogical perfection. Seniority is, paradoxically speaking, human perfection in concrete form. And, Seniority means conceit, egotism, vanity!

Yes, that's what he who looks at the impenetrable exterior thinks, that's what he says, even. It isn't so! Seniority doesn't mean vanity, egotism, conceit; Seniority says wasted opportunities, hopes not realized, smashed illusions, good-byes. It means we have, soon, to learn what, throughout a vast amount of common experiences has been truly our "Alma Mater," our loving mother—It means we realize we don't "know it all," yet Seniority means we realize wasted opportunities, now that it's too late, opportunities for turning the little we did know into useful material for future use. All these make "Seniority"—not so inviting, is it—but you bet your life, it's great! Nothing like being a Senior! No other school like our Alma Mater! No other teachers—no other officers—no other president like ours!

—Mary Holt.

DO COLLEGE DIPLOMAS HINDER.

Some prominent man in Chicago made the statement the other day that college diplomas meant a handicap to the young man in securing a job or position. This claim has been made before, and there is doubtless some

reason for the assertion.

If the work to be undertaken is purely mechanical, a general course in college is not going to help a person to meet the first requirements of that job as much as a course in practical application would. The reason that the handicap comes in is that the college graduate often expects too large a salary at the very beginning. He has been told that he has been making big money by going to college and firmly believing this, he seems to detest the idea that he must start out receiving no larger salary than his classmate, who probably left school as early as he reached the ninth or tenth grade.

At one time a college diploma necessarily meant a profitable job to a man for the first year out of college. Today, conditions have changed. The opportunities of self-education then were few, but now are many. The age and consequently the mental development of the average graduate then was far above what it is now. Furthermore, the number of scholars sent out from our higher institutions has increased far more than the vacancies which strictly require such men from the very beginning. But whether there is a demand for the scholarly man or not, there is always a need for him.

Speaking in financial terms the college graduate may have to make a sacrifice for the first few years, but as compensation he may have the pleasure of living in a peculiar world where he may see things with a different eye, and experience things with a cultivated sense of feeling.

To one who has really won it, the college diploma is not a handicap unless he makes it so. But college graduates are not always immune from the false belief that a man may permanently stand on a false reputation or name.

If the nature of the work taken up by the man just out of college follows along the same line as that taken in college, like the practice of medicine or the teaching profession, the person's ability is not going to be so minutely questioned as in the case of the aspiring young business man. In the world of business, it is becoming not so much a question of who you are or what your reputation is as it is of what you can do now.

The first lesson that the educated young business man has to learn is that of humbling himself. If a college graduate will see to it that his materialistic motives do not overshadow his better spirit, his success will not be confined to business, but will be stretched to include life itself.—Old Gold and Black.

NEW COUNCIL INSTALLED.

A very unique installation of Student Government Officers was held Thursday night in the Campus Building. A mock council meeting was held by the old officers and each new officer was reported by them for some misdeed.

After they had been called in and their cases discussed, it was decided that their punishment should be to serve a year on the council. The new officers are:

Annie Batts—President.
Pauline Anderson—Vice President.
Vallie Summerell—Secretary.
Sara Long Johnson—Treasurer.
Elizabeth mith—Pres. Y. W. C. A.
Mary Cummings—Chairman of Campus Committee.
Mary Morton, Agatha Lewenburg, Sara Gurley, Evelyn Hutchinson, Anne Kanoy, Ruth Jones—House Presidents.

: ALUMNAE :

ALUMNIE DAY CHANGED.

Alumnae who are planning to come back to the Alma Mater for commencement will be interested to know that Alumnae Day has recently been moved back from Monday, June 6th, to Saturday, June 4th.

A letter from Gertrude Chamberlain who is teaching in the Philippines was published in the Cheraw Chronicle several weeks ago, in which she gave an interesting account of some of her varied experiences. She says that she enjoyed surf-bathing in December and that when the thermometer falls to 63 degrees the weather is considered very cold, though it seldom goes above 100 and there is little suffering from heat. The hottest months are April and May and those are spent in Barguino, up in the mountains, writes Gertrude.

The following teachers attended East Carolina Teachers College and now teaching in the Greenville City Schools:

Helen Brown, West Greenville School.

Laura Foley, West Greenville School
Estelle Green, In Superintendent's office.

Christine Johnston, Evans Street School.

Hazel Kennedy, Evans Street School
Mary Shelton McArthur, High School.

Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, Evans St. School.

TO THE CLASS OF '24.

My Dear Classmates:

It may be a little early to mention this, but I was just wondering if you have forgotten that this is the year of our reunion?

It was indeed disappointing to the few of us who were present at Commencement in '25, to see that so few of our big class had returned. I realize that in 3 years we can become very much scattered here, there and everywhere. Many of our number I find have married (I am still single) and we just wish you all the happiness that one is capable of enjoying. However won't you desert those husbands for just a little while and make a desperate effort to come to our reunion? Let's come out 100 per cent and show the classes now taking our places in the classroom how to go back to the dear old Alma-Mater with the same jolly good spirit that we had just three years ago. I can think of nothing more wonderful than to walk down those familiar corridors and stop to chat a while, except instead of saying "what page did he say our lesson was on?" we will say, "Oh, where are you teaching now?" and "I didn't know that you were married." etc.

I have already begun to look forward with the greatest anticipation to Commencement and am trying to arrange by some hook or crook to be right there, even though I am away down here in Florida.

Should you have a few spare moments with nothing to do I'd be just thrilled to death if you'd sit down

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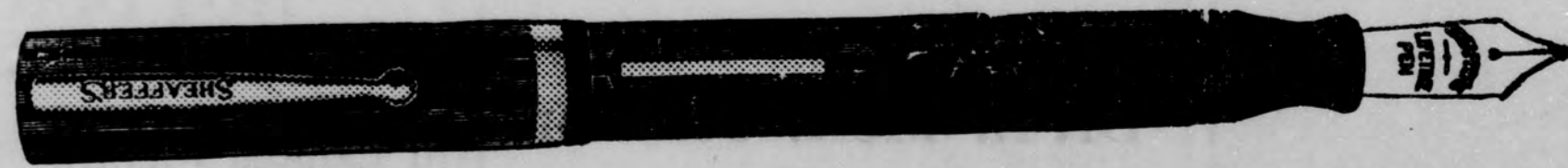
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Allright girls, let's go 100 per cent to Commencement.

Most cordially and sincerely your old classmate and friend,

Lillian Cartright,
First Vice Pres.

"Would you like to take a nice long walk?" asked a girl of her not too peppy caller one night recently.
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(Emersons Win)

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has tended towards that end. Such men as Roosevelt and Wilson advocated our taking this step, even back in the time they were in office.

After we have thus led them to expect it, they as earnestly desire it. They are 90 per cent strong for independence. The small element opposed to it, are inactive in governmental affairs.

(2) Conditions there now warrant their independence. An autonomy, which was established in 1916, is functioning actively and securely. Elections there are honest and fair. Political conditions are excellent.

Educationally, they surpass the United States. Their leaders are products of their efficient schools, which are universal in extent.

We fought for our own independence when we were far less advanced than these people. Other nations less homogeneous, more warlike, and inferior in all ways to these advanced Filipinos, now successfully govern themselves. They merit our taking this step they desire, thus fulfilling our law.

Miss Mercer, second speaker for the affirmative, listed the following reasons for independence:

"We should grant immediate independence to the Philippine Islands because economic conditions and military conditions demand it.

They should have the right to determine their own economic life; to regulate their commerce, industries and tariffs because "no man is good enough to govern another without that other's consent."

They will be more benefit to us if granted independence, because they cost us \$50,000,000 annually for defense purposes and \$60,000,000 annually in lost revenue, which places a great burden on American taxpayers, while only a few capitalist are benefited.

There is no danger of foreign aggression in the Islands because of treaties and the unbroken promises of foreign countries.

We spend \$26,000,000 annually to maintain our army in the Philippines, which means \$754,000,000 has been spent for the time we have held them. This is an economic loss instead of a gain."

Carol Truitt, of the negative side, proved these points:

"The question of Philippine Independence should be settled not in terms of sentimentalism or commercialism, or upon the admitted accomplishment of our nation in the Islands but out of consideration for the welfare of the Filipinos themselves.

We of the negative admit these facts: First—that the Filipinos like all other people should eventually have their independence. Second—that the Filipinos have been wrongly treated. Third—that the United States should grant the Filipinos their independence.

Consider with me my first point. That the Philippines should not be granted immediate independence because the people are not ready. They are not ready for they have produced few great leaders. They are a heterogeneous people, they are in the tropics, they have had insufficient experience in self-government, and they have no middle class. When a people not ready are granted independence, failure insues.

Second: Since the people are not ready we know that sudden freedom would cause economic disturbances. Why? Conservative capital would be withdrawn, existing trade would suffer, resources would remain undeveloped and revenues would not keep pace with governmental needs.

In further upholding the negative side, Blanche Wood, made the following points:

First: That immediate independence would lead to military unbalance in the Far East, because it would remove the American protection from over the Islands, and would leave them exposed to exploitation. In such a situation, they would be regarded as a prize, resulting in conflict for possession and disturbing the peace of the entire world. It would remove the American Army and Navy from the Philippines, and this would be removing the world's greatest potential military power almost entirely. Adept in trade and politics, industrious, persistent beyond all measure, and willing to wait patiently the long future to effectuate their purpose, the Japanese would find the Philippines a fruitful field for expansion and exploitation.

Second: A plan for gradual emancipation extending over a term of three decades or more would be better, because they must have time to reduce illiteracy, time to develop a middle class, time for their development of natural resources, and time to develop genius for government. In 1915 the literacy fell far below 20 per cent. In 1926 there was only one-third of the children in the entire population in school. Schooling is the only means they have for increasing their percentage of literacy.

Again, this plan would be far more suitable, because this period of years would give them time to develop a middle class. In the United States the backbone of our nation has been our middle class. That has been true

in the case of every democratic country. The Filipinos have no middle class whatsoever, and they cannot stand as an independent nation without that support.

It is not a wise policy to give them independence until they have come to a full realization of their buried wealth which they have in their natural resources. Let them have time to educate themselves to the idea of native control of natural resources. Until they are masters of themselves and their wealth, we would be making a great mistake, and one which the Filipinos themselves would later regret, if we gave them independence. Give to the Filipinos the knowledge and thorough understanding coupled with an education which will enable him to develop those resources.

Furthermore, this plan would be better, because the people need time to develop genius for government. Think, for just a moment on the time it took for the system of woman suffrage in our country to become in any measure effective. The whole scheme was gradual, you cannot get away from that, and yet who dares deny the great possibilities that arise from this gradual movement. In this case, America needs to lead gently by the hand the young folk until they are able to walk alone.

Virginia Blount, of the Lanier Society acted as chairman of the debate, while Mr. McGinnis and Mr. Slay were time-keepers.

Local men acted as judges, and they were as follows: Messrs R. E. Lee,

George Hadley and Fred Forbes.

The auditorium was uniformly decorated in red and white, and blue and white, and it was said that it looked better than on any former occasion.

The striking contrast in type of songs and yells was most noticeable. The Poes, nearly doubling the Emersons in number, and having a tin pan and "Kazute" orchestra, were unusually vivacious and jazzy; on the other hand, the Emerson songs were characterized by stateliness, and dignity, since they used tunes from "popular old favorites." Mary Cummings, as cheer leader for the Poes, and Julia Clark for the Emersons proved themselves unu ually capable.

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK.**MAY 1st TO 7th.**

National Music Week will be observed this year by a series of feature musical programs, to which the public is invited. The arrangement of the programs is as follows:

Monday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, May Day Festival.

Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Recital by piano students from Senior and Senior-Normal classes, and choruses by the Glee Club.

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Alice: "Don't worry, dear, you have a host of friends."

Mae: "Yes, but so few of my friends are hosts."

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thing was quiet by 11:30, most of the girls perhaps dreaming of what they would see during the three days ahead. The Pullman was taken as a matter of course and an onlooker would not have dreamed that the occupants were not accustomed to traveling in large parties on special cars. The first excitement was sunrise across Albemarle Sound.

The arrival in Norfolk was heralded in the paper the afternoon before, so the faces of friends greeted some of the party as the train pulled in. Newspaper men, a reporter and a photographer, welcomed the crowd and caused great excitement by requesting them to get ready to have their picture taken for the Virginian-Pilot and Landmark. This appeared in the paper the next morning, with a good write-up.

Mr. Hodges, a representative of the Norfolk Board of Commerce, Mr. Lipscomb, of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, and J. Earle Wagner, of the Washington-Norfolk Steamboat Co., accompanied the party on the sight-seeing tours in and around Norfolk.

After breakfast at the Southland Hotel, where half the dining room had been reserved for the party, a special train took the party to Cape Henry and Virginia Beach. The girls enjoyed the ocean and the sand dunes, but had to view the landscape from the old light-house hill instead of from the new light-house, as the keeper had painted the steps in their honor. There were compensations, however, all along the way for any disappointments. One of the most delightful surprises of the trip was a stop-over to inspect the "Cavalier," the magnificent new hotel at Virginia Beach.

Luncheon was served on the mezzanine floor of the Southland Hotel. The afternoon was spent visiting the Navy Yard, but most of the officers and sailors had been shipped to China much to the disappointment of some of the party. An hour or so was spent at the Navy Hospital, where they received a warm welcome. A government launch took the party from there to the steamer, the "District of Columbia."

Discovering the wonders of the boat, trying to see the harbor and dressing for dinner divided the attention of the girls until dinner was served. This seemed a most festive occasion.

Mr. Connor, of Washington, took charge of the party in place of Mr. Wagner, and was conductor until the return. He, with the officials on the boat turned it over to the girls, and they declare the trips both ways among the most delightful features of the tour. They gathered around the piano and sang, they danced, they strolled about the deck or sat watching the moonlight on the water, hating to go to bed, even though they enjoyed their good outside staterooms.

When they reached Washington, they found themselves in the midst of the thickest throng that had ever visited the Capitol at Easter, estimated at 55,000. They seemed to be the only Southerners there. They rubbed elbows with parties from Detroit, from Connecticut, from New York State from Canada, from Buffalo, and many other places, but always with people who rolled their r's and sounded the final g's and they found people turning to look at them as curiosities because they did not. Each member of the party had cause to feel proud of her fellow-travelers, as she saw no group better looking or better behaved.

The itinerary as planned was carried out with few changes. The scaffolding on the White House hid it from view. Just as the buses passed the White House, the Presi-

dent stepped out and stopped as if he had expected his friends. All noticed he looked just like his pictures, and he had on a blue suit and a brown hat.

The weather was ideal all the time, except for a quick thunder storm and shower at Mt. Vernon. The cherry trees sent forth a special second blooming it seemed, for the benefit of the Greenville party. The tulips, whose fame had not been spread abroad, were as beautiful as the famed cherry blossoms.

The first morning was spent on a sight-seeing tour of the residential section, by the homes of Hoover, Mellon, Mrs. Wilson, that in which Queen Marie was entertained, and many others. Then, they went to St. Albans Cathedral, where Wilson is buried, and to Arlington and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Saturday afternoon was spent at Alexandria and Mt. Vernon. The party went out on a special car and returned at twilight on the boat, getting an opportunity to see the sunset on the Potomac.

The theatre party Saturday evening was at the new Earle Theatre where there was an excellent vaudeville show.

Sunday morning all joined the Easter parade, many going to a Catholic Church, where admission was by ticket but there seemed to be standing room only at all the churches. Some went to Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church to hear a North Carolinian, Dr. W. A. Lambeth.

Sunday afternoon was spent in the museums and at Smithsonian Institution. The only complaint was that there was so much to see and little time to see it in. One girl said she felt as if she had mental indigestion, she tried to take in so much in so short a time.

Sunday evening was spent in the Congressional Library, which most agreed was the most beautiful building they saw at all. From there they went to the Union Station, but as none wished to leave the city they did not tarry there long.

Monday was a full day, so in order to get ahead of the rush they agreed to get up for 6:30 breakfast. This would have seemed a hardship at home but not there. Even then, they had to stand in line an hour at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but forgot the inconvenience after getting in and seeing real money made, although they were not allowed to bring away souvenirs.

An extra drive around the "Speedway" to see the famous cherry blossoms that came out "especially for us," proved that the pictures had not done them justice. The Lincoln Memorial shared honors with the Library of Congress as one of the favorite

sights, and the Pan-American Building was a close second choice. The guide here was a North Carolinian and his comments added much to the interest of the time spent there.

Washington Monument! Tired feet, blistered heels, hunger—nothing could keep most of the crowd from walking up to the top of it, and none regret it now. Just seeing the stone from North Carolina among the other stones from the different states was worth it. All were ready for lunch after climbing up and down the 898 steps.

Monday afternoon was spent at the Capitol, with visits to the President's room, the Senate Chamber, the House of Representatives, the Hall of Fame, and the Statuary Room. Other parties may tell of seeing Congress in session and try to make these girls envy them, but they enjoyed it just as they found it and felt that they did not have time to fool with mere Congressmen. Many sandwiched in a flying shopping tour on the way back to the hotel, to a special dinner at five o'clock. At 6:15 the boat left the dock, with a happy and wiser party than the one that touched it three days before. All felt quite at home on the boat, going to the same staterooms and taking the lead in the social "Tarheel Borne," etc., for the sake of the Northerners on board who were coming South to see the sights. They only wished they could bring boat and party on to Greenville. There was no trouble, however, rounding the crowd up at bed-time. Tuesday morning, they were allowed to sleep later, getting up for eight o'clock breakfast, so the others could get out of the way, leaving more room in the dining room. All left the boat reluctantly. The hour before time for the train to leave gave time for visits to the ten-cent stores and other places for finding souvenirs.

The train left Norfolk at 10:10 and arrived in Greenville at 4:48. The box lunch and crossing the sound were the only events of the day that roused the drowsy travelers.

Each member of the party feels that no other Washington party ever had as good a time and when others talk of the joys of Easter they only smile as if they are the only ones who had a great Easter vacation.

NEAL-BATEMEN

Gladys Bateman was married on April 16th, to Mr. Samuel William Neal, Jr., at Smithfield, Virginia. Gladys was president of the Young Woman's Christian Association of the college in 1924, and was graduated with the class of that year. The wedding comes as a surprise to her classmates and friends.

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Miss Belcher, in Sociology, said:
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 real pain."

He, after an enjoyable ride with her, "I'm going to ride by after you retire and blow my horn."

She: "Oh, that's all right, I'll have the shades pulled down."

A contractor who professed to be fond of children became very angry because some little fellow stepped on a new pavement before it was dry.

His wife rebuked him, "I thought you loved children," she said.

"I do in the abstract, but not in the concrete," he replied.—Literary Digest.

"No, Auntie, it's thhe same piece
but the piano has been tuned."

"It's in the pencil yet!" —Children
The Magazine for Parents.

7A, taught by Miss Jones, is occupying Mr. Flanagan's classroom, num-

The officials have worked hard in order that the pupils would not lose any time, and it is hoped that no further conflicts will enter into the present schedule.

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