



Dr. Elizabeth Vaughan, new head of the sociology department at Meredith, gives an interview about her war experiences to Louise Britt, reporter for the campus Sociology Club.

Dr. Vaughan Relates Experiences As a War Prisoner; Miss West Interviewed

By LOUISE BRITT

Meredith has acquired a vivacious lady with many an interesting tale to impart as the new head of the department of sociology and economics. She is Dr. Elizabeth Head Vaughan, native of Athens, Georgia, who received her A.B. and M.A. at the University of Georgia, studied at Vanderbilt, and received her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina. She taught for three summers at Georgia, one year in the University of the Philippines in Manila; and, since 1947, at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C.

Dr. Vaughan's hobbies, traveling and gardening, have proved to be very significant in several ways. While making a trip around the world in 1936 she met Milton James Vaughan in Manila, and in 1937 she married him in the Philippines. Mr. Vaughan was an American civil engineer; when war broke out in the Far East in 1941 he enlisted in the army. After being captured by the Japanese on Bataan, he died in the Cabanatuan military prison.

Japanese Prisoner

With her two children, Elizabeth and Clay, Dr. Vaughan retreated with the natives of Negros Island back into the hills, where they lived for several months before surrendering to the Japanese in June of 1942. The prisoners were kept in a small camp of about 147 for about nine months; during this time they received no food except that which they could furnish themselves. In March, '43, they were moved to Manila, where there were over four thousand other civilian prisoners. There they stayed until February of 1945, when they were released by American forces. In April of that year Elizabeth and Clay sailed for the United States, and are now

living in the duplex house on the Meredith campus.

Out of these experiences which Dr. Vaughan says are her only "claim to distinction," came her doctoral dissertation, *Community Under Stress*, published by Princeton University Press in 1949. In her book she discusses such problems as the patterns of survival and adjustment, and the effect of previous cultural background on reactions to calamity. Dr. Vaughan found that women held up better during internment as prisoners of war than did men, and points out that all of the suicides and most of the mental breakdowns during the imprisonment occurred among the men.

Miss Doris West

Another interesting person has been added to the staff of the sociology department at Meredith; she is Miss Doris West, a native of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss West received her A.B. from Earlham College and her M.A. from Ohio State. She has held graduate assistantships at Ohio State, Duke, and the Bureau of Applied Social Research at Columbia. She has had one year of teaching at Bowling Green State University.

Although her hobby is horseback riding, Miss West says she is not the "sports type" and is not a football or baseball fan. Miss West says she "just loves Meredith."

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MRS. McLAIN JOINS RELIGION FACULTY

A newcomer on the staff of the religion department this fall, but a familiar and well-known person on the Meredith campus, is Mrs. Ralph E. McLain. Since her arrival in Raleigh, she has been busy as a homemaker—although she still holds her love of teaching. She has taught or worked in schools, churches, recreational, or mission groups since high school days.

Though close ties for her are in North Carolina and Georgia, Mrs. McLain was born in Zanesville, Ohio. She received her A.B. at Mushingum College, where she majored in religion, with about as many other courses in German, literature, and French. Incidentally, while there she acquired her teaching certificate.

Instead of teaching, however, she went on a scholarship to Peabody Teachers College, where she received her M.A. in the field of religious literature. Since that time she has had several graduate courses at Union Theological Seminary, where she was privileged to have work under James Moffitt; and at the University of Chicago divinity school. She has, by the way, had all of Dr. McLain's courses except one.

As the wife of a college professor, "Mrs. Mac" says that events are always exciting—"You never can tell what is going to happen." Her main interest currently is her work as superintendent at the junior department of Pullen Memorial Sunday School. She is also chairman of the Good Will Center Board. Sewing, cooking, decorating, and weaving, her newest hobby, are evidence of her domestic touch.

Mrs. McLain is quite pleased to be on the staff at Meredith, for, in her own words, "I love teaching college girls."

Enrollment Figures Given By Registrar

As released by the office of the registrar September 29, the total enrollment of Meredith for the 1950-51 session is 617. This total includes 204 freshmen and transfers, 314 former resident students, 78 nonresident

FROM THE MUSIC WORLD



By JANE SLATE

Pianos bang, voices screech, the organs thunder—the music for the year of '50-'51 is well under way. The new year brings with it two additions to the music faculty: Miss Whitaker, head of the public school music department, replacing Mr. Wilmot; and Mrs. John S. Townsend (Rebecca Barnes, '46) as assistant in voice. Another new face to be seen around the music building is that of Mr. William Zimmerman, who is taking the place of Mr. Pratt during his absence.

With the merger of the choir and the glee club, a new and larger chorus is the music organization on our campus. This chorus, under the direction of Miss Donley, now has approximately sixty members. (I might add that we really have a good time in rehearsals and we'd like to have some more of the new students come join us. "The more the merrier!")

Of great interest to many of the student body will be the reduction in the price of the

Chamber Music Guild tickets this season. These are exactly half-price for students—now only \$1.80. That's quite easy on your pocketbooks, but please don't get the idea that the concerts are also of a lesser quality. Believe me, the four concerts to be given this year feature top performers, including the Paganini String Quartet. Watch the bulletin board for ticket sales.

The exact date for the recital of Mr. E. Power Biggs, organist, has not been set, but I might tell you that he will be the first to give a recital on our organ since a new console and new additions to the tone structure have been added.

In closing the music news for now, I call attention to the recital of Miss Martha Hamrick tonight in the new auditorium. It is to be the first of the season and I can think of no finer way to begin the music year at Meredith. Two of the numbers on the program will be the G Minor Ballade, by Chopin, and Poems of the Sea, by Ernest Block.

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included 197 freshmen and transfers, was only 538.

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