

NOBUKO KAWANO



Japanese Student Feels At Home, Has Trouble With Shakespeare

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Meredith has made Nobuko Kawano feel "quite at home."

That is what our 1953 Japanese special student, a twenty-two year old graduate of the Baptist Seminary, Fukuoka, had to say about her welcome here.

"The kind people here at Meredith—the students, faculty, and Dr. Campbell—have not given me the slightest excuse for being homesick," Nobuko reassured us happily. She got out the three letters he had received last week from her brothers and sisters and showed us the photographs of her family enclosed within them. They ranged from a small, barefoot boy to an adult girl modeling a Japanese dress. "Perhaps they, too, will someday be able to study in America," Nobuko continued. "Many people might think that three years away from home is a long time, but it doesn't seem possible that three months have slipped by already."

On November 26, Nobuko will be leaving Meredith for Henderson, N. C., where she will spend her first Thanksgiving. She will be visiting Dr. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Henderson, the per-

son most responsible for her visit to the United States. Nobuko proudly showed us the small orange book, *Journey to Japan*, which Dr. Gardner had dedicated to her father, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and chaplain at the Baptist Seminary in Fukuoka.

Originally her parents belonged to the Shinto religion, although she herself had always belonged to the Christian Church in Japan. "My brothers and sisters and I were brought up in a Christian home," Nobuko explained to us. "My father became a Christian in 1920 in the Christian Mission school, where he was the first graduate. Since, then, he has visited the United States twice, once in 1934-37 and again for three months in 1950, when he spoke at Ridgecrest."

Although the Shinto religion was denounced at the close of the war, the Christian movement, compared to the Shinto religion (worship of the Emperor) is still small. However, according to Nobuko, a great movement of Christianity is moving across Japan. The International Christian University, which is being partially financed by the United Christian Youth Movement in America,

STRICKLAND WINS FRESHMAN AWARD

Mrs. Kelman Speaks To Science Club

The Barber Science Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night, November 11. Shirley Cliatt, president, called the meeting to order and presided over the business. Dr. Mary Yarbrough, head of the chemistry department, and Dr. John Yarbrough, head of the biology department, were named official sponsors of the club.

Anne Clark, program chairman, then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Helen Kelman, former biology instructor at Meredith. Mrs. Kelman spoke on the effects of X-ray on the genes. She explained to the group how X-rays are measured and the behavior of the genes when a certain number of units come in contact with them. An account was given of the after effects of X-ray with regard to the person, the organ being treated, and the number of units administered. There was then a group discussion on the subject, after which refreshments were served.

has had an invaluable influence on turning people to Christianity.

Although Nobuko is enjoying her schoolwork, she still finds that the transition of Japanese into English is a slow tedious process. She turned to her Japanese-English dictionary and sighed. "Oh, this Shakespeare! It's impossible for me to understand the words without a great deal of study. However, it's getting easier, for I've recently found myself thinking in both Japanese and English."

Nobuko also finds it hard to "catch on to the other girls"—that is, learn the customs of an average American girl. "The members of my suite (Ruth Barnes, Shirley West, and Phyllis Tribble) have been most helpful," she smiled. "We have a good time all the time." Indeed, it was her suite who first noticed that many Meredith students were not calling Nobuko by name, as it seems difficult to pronounce (all three syllables have the same stress.) So they affectionately began addressing her as "Shorty," which Nobuko likes very much. (In the Japanese)

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Phis Sponsor Square Dance to Raise Funds

Last Tuesday night the old auditorium was the setting for one of the most successful parties held to date on the Meredith campus. The Philaretian Society, under the leadership of Connie Moore, sponsored a square dance in order to raise funds for the proposed interior decoration of Phi Hall. From 8:00 p.m. until 10:30, Astros and Phis alike danced with their dates, some of which were imported from Wake Forest and State Colleges.

Highlights of the night were the calling of figures by Mrs. Eudelle Smith, entertainment by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity from Wake Forest, and refreshments. Alyce Epley, chairman of the square dance committee, planned the entertainment.

CHAPEL TALKS

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see the back end of the bus going out through the drive, when you get to the telephone out of an unfinished bath a half-second after the caller hangs up, when you are trying to comb your hair to have your picture made and your hair does the way that hair does when you are going to have your picture made—I recommend this word for you. Say, "This is interesting." It is so far superior to and so much more acceptable than the things which people customarily say at such times.

"Its principle advantage, however, is that it is true. Whatever we run into—threatening, distasteful, painful, tragic, unjust, undeserved, hateful, and senseless, no less than that which is delightful and fulfilling—it is interesting.

"I commend to you the awareness, a heightened awareness, that God is operating here and now. Let us not put off waking out of our sleep so that we find ourselves, cheated and regretful, realizing 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.' Let us resolve, in the words of the Psalmist, 'I will live mindful of Thee now in the land of the living'."

Miss Maxine Garner
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AA ANNOUNCES HOCKEY STICK WINNER, HONORARY VARSITY

Jody Strickland was awarded the freshman hockey stick at the annual awards dinner on November 18. This award is made each year to the freshman who has shown the most interest and ability in playing hockey. This year's winner is from Wilson. She has been very active in hockey, playing in both the game with Carolina and the one with St. Mary's. Also she has shown an interest in other college activities.

Members of the honorary hockey varsity were named at the same time. Such honorary varsities are chosen at the end of each sports season. This year's hockey team members and their positions are: Jean Pace, left wing; Ruth Champion, left inner; Ann Lovell, center; Bess Francis, right inner; Rebecca McRackan, right wing; Kitty Barbehenn, left halfback; Joyce Bailey, center halfback; Jane Williamson, right halfback; Catherine McRackan, left fullback; Ruth Jeanne Allen, right fullback; and Shirley Cliatt, goalie.

Meredith Defeats St. Mary's, Ties Carolina

Meredith scored two points while St. Mary's failed to score in the last hockey game of the season, November 12. Both points were scored in the first half of the game, one by Ann Lovell, center forward, and the other by Joyce Bailey, center half. Other players were Jean Pace, Ruth Champion, Bess Francis, Rebecca McRackan, Catherine McRackan, Kitty Barbehenn, Jane Williamson, Ruth Jeanne Allen, Shirley Cliatt, Pat Wheeler, Jody Strickland, Bonny Morgan, and Betty Vance.

In the hockey game between Meredith and Carolina at Chapel Hill on November 5, both teams scored one point. Both points were scored in the last quarter of the game. The scorer for Meredith was center forward Ann Lovell.

With a successful hockey season completed, the AA has turned its attention to soccer. Regular practice began on November 17 and will continue throughout the season on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. Coach Cunningham and Manager Lyn Belton request that those interested come to practice regularly.

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