

# Dr. Louise Lanham Retires After Eighteen Years Service to Meredith



Dr. Louise Lanham is shown above in her classroom.

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"Come in," said Dr. Louise Lanham as she smilingly invited me into her classroom where she was holding a one-thirty office hour, a practice that is just one example of her service to Meredith students. Dr. Lanham, after eighteen years at Meredith, is retiring at the end of this term to return to her large, old-fashioned home in Spartanburg, S. C. Here she will take care of her ninety-year-old mother who is "remarkably active," Dr. Lanham says.

A native of Spartanburg, S. C., and the daughter of a country doctor, Dr. Lanham journeyed to Lynchburg, Va., for her college training. She received her A.B. degree with a major in English from Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Her graduate work was done at the University of North Carolina from which she received her Ph.D. degree in 1936. Dr. Lanham liked languages while she was in college and took, along with English, as many languages as she could. Greek is one of the ones that she studied.

Teaching has always been satisfying and interesting to Dr. Lanham. Upon graduation from Randolph-Macon, she worked as an instructor in English there. She also taught at Lander College in Greenwood, S. C., and at Columbia College in Columbia, S. C., before coming to Meredith. At these last two institutions she served, as well, as dean of women.

"It doesn't seem possible," says Dr. Lanham, thinking about the eighteen years that she has been here. "My work here has been, as someone has said, almost the kind of work you'd pay someone to let you do." She has found it satisfying

# Big Sister Breakfast Given to Juniors

On Friday, May 7, the freshmen entertained their big sisters at a breakfast at the chimney. The girls rose early in order to go by for their big sisters and get to the breakfast by seven o'clock. The breakfast, consisting of orange juice, ham, grits, toast, pecan rolls, and coffee, was served buffet style. The big sister-little sister breakfast is a traditional affair.

# Academy of Science Held in Greenville

Dr. John Yarbrough and Mr. R. Tullock attended the North Carolina Academy of Science on Friday, May 7, at East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C. Dr. Yarbrough is secretary of the academy. At the same time, the first meeting of the Collegiate Academy of Science, which is sponsored by the N. C. Academy, was held. Attending from Meredith were Betty Vance and Helen Frye. Betty presented a paper on "Mass Cultures of Chlorella as Food Sources."

pleasure class: 1st place, Maude Johnson, 2nd, Julia Adcock; intermediate class: 1st place, Elizabeth Jones, 2nd place Pansy Lee; beginner (sec. 1) class: 1st place, Fannette Gore, 2nd place, Patty Melvin; beginner (sec. II) class: 1st place, Carol Everett, 2nd place, Mary V. Newsome; costume class: 1st place, Kay Marshall and Emily Johnson, 2nd place, Jeanne Grealish and Kitty Brown.

# WHAT WILL YOUR CLASS GIVE?

Gifts to Meredith College from graduating classes have been appropriate indications of the times. Some examples are as follows: in 1915, the seniors donated to the Belgian War Relief Fund; the 1918 girls bought an American flag and \$200.00 worth of war bonds; the seniors of 1928 gave \$200.00 to help the college debt; moreover, the 1932 and 1933 classes had amounts in the closed Commercial National Bank; and during World War II the classes of '42 and '43 bought \$300.00 in defense bonds.

Other years the seniors have contributed to the need of the college. The class of 1902 donated \$350.00 to start an endowment fund; 1911 girls gave \$680 and those of '19 added \$650. An unusual gift was provided by the '07 seniors — a skeleton for physiology class. Two casts of Greek sculptors were left by '13. Some benches for the court and the sundial, which used to be near Faircloth in the court, were given by the class of 1917. Two stone benches were donated by '22, and a marble bench was left by 1926.

Two pillars were given for the gate by the '27 group, and the '36 girls left funds for the cement walks by the Johnson Hall steps. Also the three classes of '38, '39, '40 contributed to paving what was called Front Avenue, which we call "the drive."

Other than these gifts, there were funds left for the home economics department's library in 1914, a curtain for the old auditorium stage (1916 and 1929), and new furnishings for the college parlors (1921). The classes of 1931 and

1937 provided for furniture for the rotunda, which a guest speaker has recently called "the sunken garden." Caps and gowns were bought by '23 and '41.

But more pertinent to this college generation, the class of 1952 gave furnishings for the foyer of Jones Hall, and 1953 provided the speaker's stand and stage furniture.

A portrait of Mr. O. L. Stringfield was given by the class of 1912. The 1924 girls followed this thought with an oil portrait made of Dr. Charles E. Brewer. This year's class has contributed a sum of money to the fund for the portrait of Dr. Carlyle Campbell. This project has been a campus-wide effort.

Thus it can be seen that the Meredith graduating classes have shown imagination and feeling in their variety of gifts.

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and interesting to work with books, to study poetry, to get to know authors as one knows people.

At one time sponsor for the Philaretian Society, Dr. Lanham has for the last two years been faculty adviser on the *Oak Leaves* staff.

THE TWIG extends a tribute to Dr. Lanham for 18 years of unselfish service to Meredith College and its students. Her pleasant smile and kindly disposition will be missed on our campus next year.

# Horseshow Winners!

Sally Dean, president of the Hoop Point Club, was presented the Zeno Martin trophy at the Meredith College Horse Show on May 1.

Other winners in the event and the class that they rode in are as follows: drill-pair class: 1st place, Mary Alice Simmons and Mary C. Cole; advanced class: 1st place, Sally Dean, 2nd, Libby Raynor;

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