



Louise White

LOUISE WHITE IS NEW TWIG EDITOR

Louise White, newly elected editor of THE TWIG, is no stranger to TWIG readers, for her special contribution for the last year has been a very spicy and enjoyable article entitled "Lou's Remarks."

Louise is a history major from Morehead City who has also been hall proctor for third Faircloth and secretary of the International Relations Club. Besides being a member of the TWIG staff and a part of the Student Government Council, Louise belongs to the English club, sings in the church choir, and works diligently as an assistant in the history department. Her future plans include—more school, for she expects to do graduate work after leaving Meredith.

We congratulate Louise and wish her the greatest success for the coming year.

A Visit With Mr. Charles Deane

By NANCY McGLAMERY

When I had finally tracked him down and cornered him for an interview, I found Mr. Charles B. Deane a quiet, humble little man, justifiably proud of his first session as president of the Meredith Board of Trustees.

The board had made big plans for Meredith, and Mr. Deane was so full of them that it was difficult to get him to talk about himself, but he told me that he was born in Anson County, North Carolina, the son of a tenant farmer, who moved to the textile community of Rockingham where his son grew up.

Mr. Deane is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Law School (1923). In college he became interested in campus politics, the college library where he served as an assistant librarian, and the fascinating debates held by the college literary societies. In 1927 he married Agnes Cree who attended Meredith for a year, and they now have three children: the oldest daughter, Cree; Carol, who married John Becker of England and is active in the presentation of ideological plays for moral disarmament; and Charles, Jr., a junior at Wake Forest.

After graduation from law school, Mr. Deane became attorney for the Farmer's Bank and Trust Co. in Rockingham and soon entered county politics upon election to the position of Registrar of Deeds for Richmond County. After eight years Mr. Deane considered retiring from politics, but his election to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1938 changed his mind. He served in Washington until 1957 and is at

present concerned with the general insurance company which he established in Rockingham in 1942.

Mr. Deane expressed deep concern for two phases of our national life: (1) defense, and (2) the breaking of barriers between countries, creeds, and races. In this connection he has travelled throughout Asia, Europe, and Africa, and returned with many interesting stories to tell. He cites an experience concerning a Mau-Mau detention camp as his reason for not signing the Southern Manifesto. Upon asking a Kenyan why he hated the white man, he received an unforgettable answer: "Because the white man considers himself so superior to the black man."

Mr. Deane plays golf — "Not as much as the President" — but at present most of his spare time is being used to prepare talks for college commencements and various other groups in the state.

Mr. Deane has a long history of Baptist work, having served as recording secretary for the Baptist State Convention for 26 years, as a Wake Forest trustee, and now as a Meredith trustee — the position he now considers most challenging. His eyes lit up again as he called the meeting just ended a "historic meeting" and said it was "a privilege to be a member and president at a time when Meredith is about to make the most far-reaching enlargement since its beginning." And it was a privilege for me to talk with such an interesting and warm-hearted man as Mr. Charles B. Deane.

LIBRARY RECEIVES RARE BOOKS

By LYNDA EVANS

A rare book is a treasure to any library. Recently our library attained just such a mark of discrimination, the facsimile edition of the *Lindisfarne Gospels*, when Drs. John and Elizabeth James Dotterer presented it to the college in honor of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Augustus James.

The story of this manuscript began on Holy Island, or Lindisfarne — an island in the North Sea just off the east coast of Northumberland, England — where in 635, St. Aidan founded a church and monastery, the first establishment of Celtic Christianity in England. About 700, Eadfrid, a Bishop of Lindisgarne copied the four Gospels in round Latin characters. A little later the manuscript was ornamented with exquisite tracery and illuminated by Ethelwald. Another Lindisfarne monk, Bilfrid, made a jewel-studded and metal cover to enclose the book. Over the Latin words, Aldred wrote the Anglo-Saxon translation about 950.

Called one of the most beautiful books in the world, the manuscript

Book Auction Is Successful

By SUE MATZNER

Meredith has a new activity which should join its time honored "traditions" such as Stunt, Corn Husking, and Playday. This new event is called a Book Auction which was sponsored by the Colton English Club and held on March 6. Sounds boring, doesn't it? Believe me, it isn't. Certainly seeing Dean Peacock in a garish green shirt and straw hat is far from being boring. He was there, gavel in hand, carrying on in the proper auctioneer fashion. The selling was hot and heavy — so much so that he was forced to quit at 8:00 and let Mrs. Allen of the physical education department take over. By the way, the sale went on at a feverish pitch from 7:00 to 9:00 — an hour longer than expected.

The high spot of the evening was the financial duel between Miss Josy and Dean Fleming over T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*. Dr. Rose and Miss

"Junior Alumnae" Active on Campus

By LELA CAGLE

A small but energetic club which has the reputation of getting things done is the Granddaughters' Club. In an informal talk to the club many years ago, Miss Ida Poteat made the statement that this club has a "unique distinction" and suggested that the phrase would be a good motto for them. The motto was adopted and has stood through the years for the unique distinction of those students having mothers or grandmothers who attended Meredith.

As a result of their close connections with the Meredith alumnae, the "granddaughters" have become known as "junior alumnae." The main function of the club is to help in assisting Miss Mae Grimmer, the club sponsor and Alumnae Secretary, with the many alumnae meetings, seminars, and other functions.

Miss Grimmer fondly calls them the "alumnae service club." Some of the various services which the granddaughters perform are ushering, paging, registering and even keeping a nursery for the Alumnae Seminar in April and decorating the class dolls for Commencement week end.

The first introduction a new granddaughter receives is the delicious, get-acquainted breakfast given by Miss Grimmer every fall at the Alumnae House. The real "initiation" comes when the granddaughters set to work on the Needlework Guild Drive. This drive is in co-operation with the Raleigh Needlework Guild to raise money for baby clothes to be distributed by the Raleigh Guild to needy babies.

Interest in others led the club to invite "Bibi" Sporre, student from Sweden, to speak on her home environment and education in Sweden in contrast to American customs. Bibi made an interesting observation — the young people in both countries are much alike, only their customs differ.

The granddaughters have also sponsored a faculty-student tea as part of the program to promote better faculty-student relations.

Perhaps you wonder why the club is called the Granddaughters' Club. The idea, as explained by Lou Winstead, president, is that Meredith is the Alma Mater or "mother Meredith" to the girls' mothers, making the daughters the "granddaughters" of Meredith.

The officers for the year are: President, Lou Winstead; Vice-President, Pat Maynard; Secretary, Alice Jo Kelley; Treasurer, Lelia Davenport; Co-Chairmen of Needlework Guild, Liz Miliken and Willilou Mason.

is preserved in the British Museum, and the Meredith College Library is the proud owner of one of the few editions of the *Lindisfarne Gospels*.

The Fifth Column

By JUANITA

Our fair campus is just bursting with excitement these days. The Hunter Hall is making itself known on West Campus, and one can observe Mr. Belcher already running out at lunch hour and other free moments to check on his new "infant phenomenon."

This whole new expansion program is something to get excited about, but a member of the Class of '58 considered the year 1966 and lamented that she would be 30 years old by then.

"Oh, night will no see thirty again, Yet soft her wing, Miranda; Pick up your glass and tell me, then—

How old is Spring, Miranda?"

OGDEN NASH.

Incidentally, Meredith was fairly well represented at the recent Ogden Nash program held in the State College Student Union, but for those of you who were not fortunate enough to hear the witty man of verse, this excerpt: He described an early stage in his career as one of C plus success — similar to that of a lady wrestler.

... But then, Nash, famous for his play with words and ridiculous rhyme schemes, can be replaced should the necessity arise, and Dr. Rose could get the nomination. She recently told her bibliography students, "Indentation is always an indication of subordination. . . ."

Have you made plans for the summer?

Its' true . . . Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every Need, I mean.

Many changes have taken place at Meredith during the last four year period, and evolution has been such as that from the Dark Ages — like maybe the freshmen don't have to be chaperoned by an upperclassman for a semester any more, and like maybe also there are many week ends to be had. BUT . . . Most colossal of all is this "do" — Sunday breakfasts are no longer served at the ungodly hour of 7:30 to 8:15, but, as you know, at the later time. The memories of trudging to the Sunday breakfast with the roosters will disappear with the senior class.

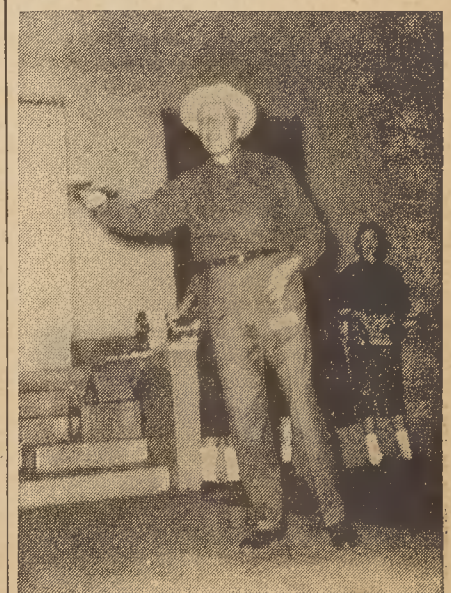
From the department of theology: J. B. Phillips has made modern speech translations of the letters of Paul and of the Gospels. Should he prepare similar translations for the remaining books of the Bible, an appropriate title might be, "Phillips' 66."

Tizzy says, "I'm making progress in trigonometry — today I learned how to spell it."

Another senior has a car on campus. It's a big, sort of hard to handle car of the Buick variety, and because of its obstinate nature has been christened "wretched grechen."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Even this name, Peanut, does not compare to Peabody, the Green Giant.*

the English Club, who found that such a money raising venture can be successful.



Our Venerable Dean

PALIO IS A THING OF THE PAST

By ANNABEL RAY

All colleges are remembered by their graduates for the customs and activities which are peculiar to their Alma Mater. A custom which Meredith has now abandoned causes many alumnae to think occasionally of their school days here and to remember that custom, Palio.

In 1935 the idea of Palio was introduced by two of the Meredith faculty, Miss Marian Warner of the Physical Education Department and Miss Ida Poteat of Art Department, who had seen the original festival in Italy. The proposal was tried under the sponsorship of the Athletic Association and for some time was an annual event. However, in 1950 changes began to be made in the procedure for this celebration, and for the first time the event was held on the night of Founder's Day rather than the same day as Stunt. Later, in 1952, the date was changed to the spring.

In the same year of these changes there began to be murmurings from the student body against the festival because of the work involved in the preparation. An editorial in the TWIG of 1952 prophesies "Palio will remain with us, a part of Meredith." She was wrong, however, for Palio was abandoned in 1953 by vote of the student body because of a lack of interest.

The original festival in *Vienta*, Italy, was accompanied by much pageantry and spirit for it celebrated the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin on July 2, and was associated with the founding of the city. The city was divided into cantons, each with its own banner and customs. In the religious parade the members of the cantons wore their own costumes and carried their flag.

The celebration's most important event was the horse race composed of one entrant from each ward. The contestants, accompanied by the singing, banner waving crowd, rode their horses down the chapel aisle where both horse and rider were blessed by the priest before the race. The canton entering the winning horse was awarded a banner to keep for the following year. The giving of this banner gave the fes-

tival its name, for *Palio*, means banner in Italian.

The Palio celebration at Meredith was a modified version, but there was nevertheless, a striking parallel. The competition was among the classes which represented the cantons. The celebration began with the classes marching up the drive dressed in costume to carry out an original theme and singing one of the college songs. At the first Palio a ragged crowd of "common people" straggled behind to lend the suitable Italian atmosphere. The Grand Procession included the Meredith band, horseback riders, caricature heads of the faculty, class clowns, and the judges wager. The parade ended before Johnson Hall with the formation of the class numerals.

The winning themes for the classes in the parade have been varied and quite original. These themes included "World Peace," "Grandma's Doughnut Shoppe," "The Crew of the Meredith Victory," and the class of '45 "Set the World on Fire" with human matches.

After the processional came the horse race with the representatives from each class — "not real live Dobbins, but nags composed of darling ladies stooping gleefully under hides." The contestants in this event were cheered on by original class yells.

The classes then assembled on the steps of Johnson for the singing of their original song. After which the judging takes place. The winning class, whose numerals were awarded the Palio banner by Dr. Helen Price who began that tradition in 1942. The events of the afternoon were closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

That evening each class presented an original stunt, and the class having the highest percentage of their member participating in Palio was awarded with the reserved seats for the evening's activities.

This celebration must have added much to the class and school spirit with the whisperings, secret practice at 6:00 a.m., costume making and suspense as the big day ap-

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