

Carolina Playmakers Appear at Meredith Under Auspices of the Two Societies

THREE PLAYS PRESENTED GREATLY ENJOYED BY AUDIENCE

PART OF GREATER MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEW AMERICAN FOLK-THREATRE

On Wednesday night, March 20 the Carolina Playmakers presented three of their plays at Meredith College, appearing under the auspices of the Philaretian and Astrotekton Literary Societies. The plays which were presented at this time were *Quare Medicine*, by Paul Green; *Job's Kinfolks*, by Loretta Carroll Bailey; and *The Man Who Died at Twelve O'Clock*, by Paul Green. All three of these were written by playmakers themselves. As usual, the plays were greatly enjoyed by the audience and the evening was considered a great success.

The work which has been done by the Carolina Playmakers is only a part of the larger movement toward a new American folk-theatre. The first state to put forward such a movement was North Dakota which had an organized club of Playmakers under Frederick H. Koch in 1905. North Carolina adopted the idea and put an Extension Division in the University in 1919. Since then, the work of the Playmakers has grown so rapidly in our state, that they have become known all over the country for their talent and originality. The Playmakers now have a theater of their own which may well serve as a model for town theaters throughout the State.

In the six years of their existence, the Playmakers have produced thirty-eight of their own plays, which represent a wide variety of scenes, themes, and characters. Besides the plays included in the two volumes of *Carolina Folk-Plays*, a number of others have appeared in *Poet-Lore*, *The Drama*, *The Theater Arts Magazine* and other periodicals, and in various collections of one-act plays.

The only requirement for membership in this group is an active participation in the work of playmaking—either in the writing, the acting, or the production. The center of the whole organization is the Producing Staff which plans the work and shapes the policy.

The tryouts are open to all—students, instructors, and residents of Chapel Hill alike. Usually, there are a hundred or more candidates. The Cast Committee, in conjunction with the Producing Staff, makes the assignment of characters. Frequently an author acts in his own play. This often gives much enthusiasm and real life to the play which otherwise, it could not possibly obtain. The spirit of the tryouts is very fair and without any prejudices whatsoever. The new plays are chosen each year from the selections written in the English 31 course by numbers of students. This course is devoted to dramatic composition, and the classes are conducted very informally. There is no text book and no uniform series of lectures. The course is an experimental one which tends to bring out the best writing qualities in those who take it. The plays undergo many changes in the course of writing, and are rewritten almost countless numbers of times. Despite the harder sides of this course, it is a fascinating one, and it is chosen by a large number of students interested in such work.

The Playmakers have as their aims: First: To promote and encourage dramatic art, especially by the production and publishing of plays.

Second: To serve as an experimental theater for the development of plays representing the traditions and various phases of present day life of the people.

Third: To extend its influences in the establishment of a native theater in other communities.



MABEL BAGBY

Mabel Bagby Elected Editor-in-Chief of Oak Leaves

EDITOR FOR 1929-30 POSSESSES BUSINESS AND ARTISTIC ABILITY

THIS YEAR MANAGING EDITOR OF THE TWIG

One of the major offices on the campus that demands artistic as well as business ability is that of Editor of *Oak Leaves*. These two traits are admirably combined in Mabel Strother Bagby of Wilson, who has recently been elected to that position for the year 1929-30. Mabel is one of the most outstanding students having exhibited her talents as Managing Editor of *The Twig* and Treasurer of the B. S. U. this year. She has also served as freshman representative to the Student Council and on the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet. We are without a doubt that our annual next year will win a name both for Mabel and for Meredith.

NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

PEOPLE OF NATIONAL REPUTATION TO TAKE PART IN PROGRAMS

TENTATIVE PROGRAM CONTAINS MANY INTERESTING FEATURES

Eight people of national reputation in their respective fields will have part in the programs of the forty-fifth annual convention of the Teacher's Association during March 21, 22, and 23. Among the speakers will be Dean William S. Gray, of the University of Chicago; Mr. Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the *Journal of the National Education Association*; Dr. Bess V. Cunningham, of Columbia University; Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of North Carolina State College; Miss Harriett Hayes, of Columbia University; Miss Frances E. Sabin, of the Classical Bureau, Columbia, and nationally known speakers for the Modern Language and Commercial Education groups.

It may be necessary to make changes in the tentative programs which are submitted below, but the main features for the meeting will be practically those outlined. Delegates to the meeting and other teachers and friends of education who attend, therefore, are assured of a worth-while program not only for the general meetings, but departmental programs that will be unusually interesting.

The musical features for the meeting will be of unusual interest. The musical numbers in other years have been a demonstration of what can be done in musical education in the city schools. The association this year is featuring the music in the rural schools. The Catawba county band

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE YEAR IS LOOKED FORWARD TO EAGERLY

PREPARATIONS OF SEVERAL WEEKS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

There has been quite a stir for the past several weeks among various and sundry members of the Junior Class. This all indicates that the much anticipated Junior-Senior Banquet is almost here. In fact, the date for that important occasion is Saturday evening, and both Juniors and Seniors are looking forward to it eagerly.

As to just what the idea to be carried out is we do not know. That will all be known Saturday evening, when the young ladies with their gallant escorts promenade down the court (unless it rains) to the dining hall, where the banquet is to be held. This is one of the most important social functions of the whole year and just at this time much interest is centered around it.

Monsieur Pierre de Lanux Lectures at Meredith on the Work of the League of Nations

Monsieur Pierre de Lanux, director of the Paris information office of the League of Nations and the noted author of "Henry IV" and "Young France and New America," spoke at the Meredith College auditorium on the evening of March 15.

Monsieur de Lanux informed us of the nature of the League's work. After the three years of unsettled conditions following the war, the League began to attempt the solution of world problems. Such propositions as the financial restoration of Austria were dealt with. A dispute between Greece and Bulgaria, which almost resulted in war, was recently settled. These are representative examples of the great service that the League has rendered.

Monsieur de Lanux showed that the public has come to look on the abolition of war in a new light. The time has passed when only idealists thought of it. It has become a practical proposition. There are several reasons for this change. The majority of people realize that material interests are at a better advantage in times of peace. Then, too, pledges have been taken to abolish war, and public sentiment would be turned against any nation that went to war in defiance of these treaties. The fourteen council mem-

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will give two concerts. This band is composed of the children of the rural schools of Catawba county. This band was organized by W. F. Warlick of the Conover school, whose work was sponsored by County Superintendent J. A. Capps. The children from the consolidated schools of Wake county—about 200 of them—will do the choral work for the convention. They are being trained under the supervision of W. A. Potter, president of the State Music Teachers Association, who is assisted by the music teachers in the various Wake county schools. Another unusual musical feature will be the Raleigh city teachers chorus, which will sing at the final general session.

Carrying on a project that was undertaken on a large scale last year, special provision will be made for commercial exhibits this year. The exhibit hall will be located in the gymnasium of the Hugh Morson building. The exhibits will be very much worth while, since the largest textbook and school supply houses will be represented. The registration booth will be located in this hall also.

OLD MEREDITH GIRLS VISIT NEW MEREDITH ON FRIDAY

ALUMNAE ATTENDING STATE TEACHER'S MEETING HAVE LUNCH AT MEREDITH

Friday, March 22, at 1:00 o'clock saw a large group of visitors at Meredith College. Who could they be? There was a special table prepared in the middle of the dining room, and there were good things to eat! It was soon found that these were Meredith Alumnae who were attending the State Teacher's Meeting in Raleigh. The Raleigh Chapter of Alumnae brought them out to the College and carried them back in cars. The object was to show the "old" Meredith girls "new" Meredith. There were present about fifty Alumnae in all.

North Carolina Student Volunteer Conference Meets in Raleigh

MANY INTERESTING SESSIONS HELD AT THE UNITED CHURCH

DELEGATES FROM FIFTEEN OR TWENTY COLLEGES IN STATE ATTEND

The eighteenth annual session of the North Carolina Student Volunteer Conference met in Raleigh, March 15, 16, and 17. The sessions were held in the United Church. The delegates were entertained by colleges in the city and by friends. There was an attendance of about seventy delegates from fifteen or twenty colleges in the state. Those representing Meredith were Misses Lillian Odum and Gladys Blaylock.

Mr. Grover L. Angel of High Point College expressed the purpose of the conference on the opening night when he said that the group was a band of young people who had gathered to study the problems of missions and how they can be met.

Nearly all the speakers for the conference were persons connected in some way with student activities in the

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Iva Carroll Speaks to Hugh Morson High School Honor Society

ALSO TAKES PART IN CEREMONIES

INTERESTING AND INSPIRING TALK

Iva Carroll, President of the Kappa Nu Sigma Honor Society, took a leading part in the initiation services of the National Honor Society of the Hugh Morson High School Friday morning. Twenty-nine members were taken into the Society. Before the initiation Iva spoke interestingly and briefly of the Honor Society at Meredith, mentioning some of the ideals for which it stands. She gave the following purposes of the Honor Society: To foster a high scholarship; to get people to see the increasing importance of scholarship for itself; to develop among the students a love for scholarship; to interest more students in doing advanced work; and to create a more friendly and sympathetic relationship between the faculty and students. She also told how members are elected and said that although high ideals of scholarship were the most important purpose of the Honor Society that other things, such as character, service and leadership were considered in electing members.

After this inspiring talk, Iva led in the initiation of the members. All of the members had small candles which were lighted from a large one by Iva. She then led the group as they took the oath of the National High School Honor Society.



JANIE BURNS

Janie Burns to Give Graduating Recital

PROMISES TO BE ONE OF MOST BRILLIANT

JANIE A SUCCESSFUL SENIOR PRESENTED HAS HELD MANY OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICES DURING FOUR YEARS AT MEREDITH

On Tuesday night, March—, at 8:30, Miss Janie Burns will give her graduating piano recital. During her four years at Meredith, Janie has displayed a remarkable musical talent, and her recital promises to be one of the most brilliant of the year. It marks the culmination of four years of most successful study.

Janie is one of the most loved girls on the campus. She has an attrac-

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RALEIGH CHAPTER OF MEREDITH ALUMNAE ENTERTAIN FACULTY AND SENIORS

TEA GIVEN AT WOMAN'S CLUB WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

On Wednesday afternoon, March 20, from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock at the Woman's Club, the Raleigh Chapter of the Meredith Alumnae entertained the Seniors and Faculty Members of Meredith at a delightful tea. A large number called during the afternoon, and every one enjoyed it immensely. The Seniors appreciated especially the courtesy extended them.

Meeting the guests at the front door were Mrs. J. W. Bunn and Miss Mary Martin Johnson. In the receiving line were: Mrs. M. A. Huggins, President of the Raleigh Chapter of Alumnae, Miss Janie Brown, President of the Senior Class, Miss Mae Grimmer, Alumnae Secretary at Meredith Col-

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Interesting Travelogue Presented by Elliott Tours Company

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF FOREIGN LANDS SEEN ON SCREEN

A very interesting "Travelogue" was presented on Thursday evening, March 21, in the Meredith College auditorium by the Elliott Tours Company. The many delightful places visited by the parties of this company were described and shown in beautiful pictures, which were thrown on the screen. These tours are made to many countries and especially to islands in the southern seas, such as Bermuda and Cuba. This "Travelogue" charmed those members of the audience who were at all interested in traveling and "seeing the world," and made them more eager than ever before to "answer the call of distant corners of the earth."

T. E. L. Class of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church Gives Tea for Meredith Girls Attending There

EVENT HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. GILBERT STEPHENSON

MISS DOROTHY KELLAM SOON TO BE MARRIED IS HONOR GUEST

Complimentary to the Meredith girls who attend the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church the T. E. L. class of that Church delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon at the Hillsboro Street residence of Mrs. Gilbert T. Stephenson from 4:30 until 5:30 o'clock. Miss Dorothy Kellam, who leaves soon for Atlanta to be married to Mr. E. W. Sartain, was honor guest.

Mrs. E. A. Branch met the guests at the front door, and Mrs. M. B. Maynard introduced the receiving line, which stood in the drawing room, and was composed of Mrs. Gilbert T. Stephenson, Miss Dorothy Kellam, Mrs. George Coggin and Mrs. T. E. Browne.

Directing the guests to the dining room, presided over by Mrs. R. L. McMillan, were Miss Grace Lawrence and Mrs. F. R. Moss. At the central table, tea was poured by Mrs. G. H. Fergu-

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Dr. Brewer Talks to Inter-City Rotary Club Gathering at Edenton

EDENTON, ELIZABTH CITY AND HERTFORD ARE THE CITIES TAKING PART IN MEETING

SUBJECT OF SPEECH IS WHAT VOCATIONAL SERVICE MEANS TO ME

Dr. Brewer had a delightful trip to Edenton last week. Although the rain and wind kept the trip from being a pleasant one there and back, he had an enjoyable time while there.

The purpose of his trip to Edenton was to make a talk for the inter-city Rotary Club gathering. The representatives from Elizabeth City, Hertford, and Edenton meet once during the year in each of the three cities, and have a program. Musical selections by members of the club and other groups, a stunt by the Rotary Club of Hertford, and talks comprised the

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Reidsville Man Wins Presidency on First Ballot

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS ARE POSTED DAY BEFORE ELECTIONS

SECRETARY VOTE UNFINISHED

(From Davidsonian)

Pointing a majority of the votes cast in the student body election Pritchett was chosen as the student body officer for the year. The four men now in this position by the student body election committee were C. R. P. F. R. Brown, T. W. Broharc, Z. V. Long. Pritchett won over men with a majority of all votes on the first ballot, a feat unprecedented in the past few years.

The two vice presidents chosen from the rising junior class by the student body are Thad Brock and Walter W. Fralay. These two men won on the second ballot from Dean Rusk, H. S. Covington, C. H. Godykoontz, and P. W. Glidewell. Glidewell, Godykoontz, and Covington were eliminated on the first ballot, Dean Rusk on the second.

The secretary-treasurer of the student body is chosen from the rising sophomore class. As *The Davidsonian* goes to press the race for this position had not been completed, but was being run off between R. F. Norton and D. E. King. The men nominated

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