

**ALUMNAE COLUMN**

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**Alumnae Secretary**—MAE GRIMMER, '14, Meredith College, Raleigh.

**GASTONIA LUNCHEON**

The alumnae from all over the state who met in Gastonia last week to attend the annual W. M. U. Convention had a delightful time at the Meredith luncheon, which was held Thursday at the Woman's Club. The luncheon table was inviting with its attractive arrangement of yellow flowers and paper napkins bearing Easter motifs.

Mrs. W. T. Tucker, of Gastonia, presided, and graciously welcomed the visitors. After the invocation a night letter from Miss Mae Grimmer, alumnae secretary, was read and responded to in a telegram worded, "Your message fine. Poor substitute for you. The thirty-five alumnae send love and greetings. Pledge our whole-hearted cooperation." Also a motion was made to send Miss Grimmer a message in flowers.

The alumnae were glad to have Mrs. W. N. Jones, president of the State W. M. U. and trustee of Meredith College, as their special guest and speaker. She talked directly to the alumnae, stating that she was counting strongly on their generosity and interest in helping raise the \$50,000 for the Fannie Heck Memorial, which this year is pledged to the Convention debt. She, also, pleased her hearers with the statement that Meredith would continue its policy of holding up its high scholastic standard which makes it an outstanding liberal arts college in North Carolina and known as such in the South and throughout the United States.

Mrs. J. S. Farmer and Mrs. J. W. Bunn, both from the home base, were called on to give close-up news of the college. And every person present was asked to participate in the "Who's Who," by giving a short account of herself. The singing of the Alma Mater brought the luncheon to a happy conclusion. Many thanks are due the local alumnae with Mesdames B. Capps and Andrew McCarter, chairmen of the general arrangements and program committees respectively, for their efforts in making not only possible but successful this get-together.

The alumnae present were: Mrs. W. L. Wyatt (Lulie Marshall), Mrs. J. S. Farmer (Foy E. Johnson), Miss Alva Lawrence, and Mrs. J. W. Bunn (Maude Davis), all of Raleigh; Mrs. R. G. Parker (Sallie Calvert), of Jackson; Miss Margaret Duncan, of Draper; Mrs. C. L. Thomas (Marguerite Free-

man), of Raeford; Miss Effie Salter, of Morehead City; Mrs. M. P. Blair (Mary E. Banett), of Marshville; Miss Louise Ledford, of Shelby; Mrs. J. B. Futrell (Hattie Davis), of Winston-Salem; Miss Mabel King Becker, of Leaksville; Miss Catherine Tatum, of Salisbury; Mrs. W. E. Clark (Buna Lawrence), of Asheville; Mrs. T. M. Stanback (Ada Middleton), of Spencer; Miss Vera Ruth, of Burlington; Mrs. Fulton O. Floyd (Lois Miller), of Fairmont; Mrs. P. E. White (Mattie Macon Norman), of Leaksville; Mrs. H. T. Stevens (Mary Warren), of High Point; Miss Hattie Edwards, of Thomasville; Mrs. C. B. Falls, Jr. (Madeline Moore), Mrs. E. A. McCarter (Lucile Irvin), Mrs. B. Capps (Mattie Moore), and Mrs. W. T. Tucker (Annie Clifford), all of Gastonia.

Others present were: Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; Mrs. George Pennell, of Asheville; Mrs. Chas. E. Maddry, of Raleigh; Mrs. Paul P. Davis and Mrs. Egbert Davis, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. D. T. Andrews, Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro; and Miss Sallie McCracken, trustee of Meredith College, of Thomasville.

**CLASS REUNIONS COMMENCEMENT**

- 1931  
 '06 (25-year)  
 '14  
 '15  
 '16  
 '17  
 '21 (10-year)  
 '29

**B. S. U. NOTES**

**"LOVING HUMANITY" IS GROUP SUBJECT**

On last Friday night the Home Service Band's subject and meeting theme was "Loving Humanity." Dr. B. W. Spilman was the speaker for this meeting. He spoke informally and in a most personal manner. The Foreign Service Band had a joint meeting with this group in order to hear this inspiring message from such a noted Baptist layman.

**B. S. U. COUNCIL HEARS DR. SPILMAN**

Another most helpful talk given by Dr. Spilman was one at the weekly B. S. U. Council meeting which met at its usual time on Tuesday night. A most striking application of scripture reading on the Crucifixion was made by Dr. Spilman.

**Y. W. A. CIRCLES MEET**

Sixty members of the six Y. W. A. circles on the campus met in their respective circles last Sunday night. Missionary topics were used in the plans for the program.

A special feature of the Mary Warren Circle was the presenta-

tion before the group of members of a packet of letters sent by Japanese Y. W. A. members. Some of these letters expressed thanks for the Christmas greetings sent by the Mary Warren Circle, and others told of their new experiences as Christians in a heathen land. The letters were written in Chinese, and a translation of each of the letters into English was sent by Mrs. Dozier, missionary to Japan and mother of Helen Dozier.

**MISS ELLIOT AWAY**

Miss Elliott, Student Secretary and adviser of the B. S. U. Council, was away the first part of this week making several speeches in high schools in the eastern part of the state.

**G. A. HOUSE PARTY AT MEREDITH**

The G. A. House Party which was an event on the campus last year will be held again this weekend for Girl's Auxiliary members from all over the state. Extensive plans for this house party are being made. The B. S. U. is planning an informal party for these girls. They will live in the college dormitories during their stay. Miss Alva Lawrence is the able director of the whole house party.

**LIFE OF J. C. HARRIS RELATED BY DR. SPILMAN**

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 forced to flee from Savannah on account of an epidemic of yellow fever. They went to Atlanta where Harris registered at the Kimball House as "J. C. Holland, Savannah, Ga., one wife, two bowlegged children, and one bilious nurse." That register sheet is still in the possession of the Kimballs.

Harris was very fortunate in obtaining a new position easily. Again his old friend Harrison offered him a job—this time on the *Atlanta Constitution*. Soon, due to the resignation of one of the reporters, Harris began to reproduce Negro dialect stories. This was the beginning of the widely-told Dr. Spilman stories of "Brer Rabbit and Brer Dog," "Brer Benjamin Ram," and "Brer Ba'r."

Throughout his life he was handicapped by his lack of education and his overwhelming timidity. Although he was offered goodly sums for reading his dialect stories or for lectures, he absolutely refused to do either because of his timidity. He seldom went to social functions for the same reason.

Harris was intimate with few people. However, between himself and James Whitcomb Riley, the great Hoosier poet, there sprang up a strong and enduring friendship. One week out of each year Riley always spent in Atlanta with his friend.

The works of Joel Chandler Harris comprise four hundred

volumes of 50,000 words each. There are twenty-eight books of Uncle Remus stories alone which are known wherever the English language is spoken. There are two types of Uncle Remus stories: the type which explains all sorts of natural phenomena and the type which is based on the Negro's fear of strange and unusual noises. In writing his Uncle Remus stories Harris effaced himself and made Uncle Remus, a poor unlearned Negro gardener, stand out as a figure which all the world to know and love.

**BRIDE-ELECT HONORED WITH LOVELY TEA**

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 tions, and the rooms were attractively decorated in spring flowers. Misses Carolyn Mercer and Mary Yarborough received the guests at the front door, and in turn presented them to Miss Alice Keith. Miss Mae Grimmer introduced the guests to the receiving line, which was composed of Misses Martha Galt, Nell Paschal, Mary and Doris Tillery, Mary Ruth Greaves, Emily Cheek, and Mrs. Paul Tillery.

Receiving elsewhere were Misses Annie Cooper and Annie White. The tea table was very charmingly presided over by Misses Ida Potcat and Mary

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Crawford. Russian tea, fancy cakes, dainty sandwiches, nuts, and mints were served by Miss Ruby Johnson, Dorothy Taylor, Mary Bess Van Landingham, Anna Rogers, Ruth Britt, Eleanor Lamm, Pauline Barnes, and Charlotte Palmer.

Miss Helen Price and Mrs. Isaac L. Battin stood at the door and bade the many guests goodbye.

A strange combination on a phonograph record:  
 Are You Lonesome Tonight?  
 Ain't That a Grand and Glorious Feeling?

They said Adam was the first radio bug, for he made a loud speaker out of spare parts.

**S-T-A-T-E**

MON.—TUES.—WEDS.  
**"50 MILLION FRENCHMEN"**  
 With  
 OLSEN AND JOHNSON  
 A Gay Comedy in which an American Girl turns Paris Topsy-Turvy  
 Also  
 COLOR REVUE  
 PICTORIAL AND NEWS

THURS.—FRI.—SAT.  
 ANN HARDING in  
**"EAST LYNNE"**

With  
 Conrad Nagel - Clive Brook  
 Also  
 CARTOON AND NEWS

**P-A-L-A-C-E**

MON.—TUES.—WED.—THURS.  
**"BIRTH OF A NATION"**  
 (WITH SOUND)  
 THE SUPREME TRIUMPH OF ALL TIMES  
 Also  
 SOUND NEWS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
 RICHARD ARLEN in  
**"Conquering Horde"**  
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