

ALUMNAE COLUMN

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CLASS REUNIONS COMMENCEMENT

1931

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

LUNCHEON AT MEREDITH FOR ALUMNAE TEACHERS APRIL 10

Again Alma Mater is glad to welcome you home for the annual State Teachers' Assembly April 10-11. And the local alumnae Chapter, according to its custom of the past several years, will entertain the alumnae who attend this convention at a luncheon at the college. A notice reading as follows will appear in the teachers' program pamphlet:

"Meredith alumnae (all former students) who are attending the State Teachers' Meeting are invited to a luncheon in the dining hall of Meredith College on Friday, April 10, at 1 o'clock. The members of the local alumnae chapter will be hostesses. At 12:45 special cars marked with Meredith stickers or pennants, will be at the various places where sessions are held to transport the alumnae guests to the college. The transportation committee will, also, see that these guests get back in time for the afternoon session."

Let us hope that every alumna who attends this Assembly will honor the local chapter with her presence at this luncheon.

HOSPITALITY WEEK-END

Last year the College inaugurated "Hospitality Week-End," which, because of its success, bids fair to become an annual custom. The date set aside for this occasion this year is April 11-12, at which time Meredith will be hostess to high school junior and senior girls who are contemplating a college career. So, alumnae, now's your opportunity to send us all the girls in your community answering this description; and in turn, we at the college promise to put our best foot forward in welcoming and entertaining them. Beforehand, just drop a card to the Alumnae Secretary at Meredith College, telling her the names of the girls who are coming and what time to expect them. The larger the crowd, the better we'll like it.

SAMPSON COUNTY ALUMNAE ORGANIZE

On Saturday afternoon, March 7, at 2:30 o'clock, the alumnae of Sampson County met in one of the social rooms of the Baptist Church of Clinton to organize a permanent chapter. Miss Mac Grimmer, Alumnae Secretary, acted as chairman, and in her talk preceding the election of officers, emphasized the necessity for organized alumnae units. She stated it is a recognized fact that no college, no matter how large, how small, how rich, how poor, can do without its alumnae. Every wide-awake college is aware it has four estates instead of three in its government, administration and development—the trustees, faculty, students and alumnae. And it is the alumnae which forever form a link between the college and outside world.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Mrs. J. Sebron Royal (Fannie Turlington); Vice President, Mrs. J. Abner Barker (Florence Butler); Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Herring (Emma Carlton), and Reporter, Miss Donnie Honeycutt.

Those present were: Mrs. T. Perry Bullard (Lula Howard), Mrs. O. E. Underwood (Ethel Shearin), Mrs. J. Abner Barker (Florence Butler), and Miss Juanita Butler, all of Roseboro; Mrs. C. S. Royall (Ella King), of Salemburg; Mrs. Edward Seay (Eva Daniel), of Turkey; Mrs. J. Sebron Royal (Fannie Turlington), Miss Donnie Honeycutt, Mrs. Joe R. Best (Lucile Kelly), Mrs. Roscoe Turlington (Mallie Underwood), Mrs. Richard Herring (Emma Carlton), and Mrs. W. B. Stewart (Florence Hubbard), all of Clinton.

The next meeting will be held the early part of June at the home of the president of the chapter.

DUES

Pink check forms were mailed to the alumnae on March 11-12 as reminders that it is again time to pay the yearly associational dues of \$2.00. Although the response has been pretty good so far, the treasurer is hoping to report in the next issue that it has been very good.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ricks (Lucile Jones, '27), of Whitakers, a son, T. E., II, on February 27.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone, Jr. (Louise Parker, ex-'30), of Benson, a son, "Dan" Mathew, on February 27.

VISITORS

Charissa Potcat, '27, of Atlanta, Georgia, spent the week-end of March 6 with friends at the college and in Raleigh.

Mrs. Mary Thompson Simmons, of Mt. Airy, visited the college recently.

Euzelia Smart, '30, of High Point, and Mary Hamby, '30, of Castalia, spent the past week-end with friends at the college, having come especially to attend

DR. SPILMAN RELATES HISTORY OF MEREDITH

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eral Assembly of North Carolina took official notice that the baby had been born—and gave it a charter.

"The charter was very freely given, which was in striking contrast to the way Wake Forest College came into legal being. When the application came before that body for a charter for Wake Forest College so fierce was the opposition to it that when the vote came it was a tie. Senator W. D. Moseley, from my home county, Lenoir, was in the chair presiding over the State Senate. He cast the deciding vote and gave Wake Forest legal status in the commonwealth.

"Such a storm did it create that the professional politicians made it so hot for Mr. Moseley that he left the state and went to the wilds of the territory of Florida and was afterwards elected the first governor of that state.

"Everybody was glad to see Wake Forest's little sister appear. But the problem to secure the money for buildings and equipment was not an easy one to solve. For months the trustees struggled with that problem.

"I have seen Meredith through every step of its onward way."

"Where were you living when Meredith opened for students?"

"In Raleigh. I was elected Sunday School secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in January, 1896. I came to the work April 1, 1896. I was twenty-five years old. I found two other young men in the city in charge of Baptist affairs—Mr. Josiah William Bailey had been elected editor of the *Biblical Recorder* at the Baptist State Convention meeting in Greensboro in December, 1895. Mr. Bailey was twenty-two years of age. At that same Convention Rev. John E. White, a young pastor at Edenton, was elected to the position of corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention. He was twenty-seven—a veritable Baptist Boys' Brigade.

"But there was a veteran in the field—Rev. O. L. Stringfield. He was the agent of the trustees of the newly to-be-established college. He was having a hard pull for it. We three youngsters got behind the movement and helped to push.

Before anything could be done in the Sunday School work sentiment must be created for it. So a campaign was put on to create an interest in this line of work. A series of meetings was provided and for years I went over North Carolina campaigning to create a sentiment for the Sunday School work.

"Rev. Mr. Stringfield lived five miles south of Raleigh. While the associations were in session he found no difficulty in securing

the graduating recital of Lucile Hamby.

crowds to whom he could speak for the college to be. But they lasted only during a period of about three months. When the Associations were not being held Mr. Stringfield and I planned to go together. I provided the meetings and did the advertising and for weeks at a time we went together thousands of miles speaking on the work. I always spoke first in the meetings; then we took the bridle off and he turned loose for the college to be.

"During the day and often far into the night he followed his public appeals with personal visits to the homes and to places of business. I have never seen a man with such boundless enthusiasm and such powers of human endurance. He had made up his mind that the young women of North Carolina should have the opportunity to go to a school which, flying the flag of Christ at the masthead, should rank in scholarship with the best in the land.

"The story of that campaign, could it be written, would read like a romance. In every nook and corner of the state we went together. I am glad that when I came to Meredith for an extended stay this time I was assigned a room in the building named for him.

"Which reminds me that I spent a night in Old Meredith with Mr. Stringfield. It was the night before Meredith (which was not named Meredith then—but Baptist Female University) opened for students. Mr. Stringfield had come in from a long trip and was not at all well. By the time night came he was really ill. We placed him in a bed in the college and called Dr. Elizabeth Delia Dixon to him. I spent the night with him. The next day early Dr. Dixon pronounced it a case of typhoid fever; and Mr. Stringfield was taken to Rex Hospital.

"And so the man who more than any one man had been responsible for the opening of the new school could not be present when it had the formal opening."

"Why was the name changed?"

"There were several reasons for the change. First of all a

college cannot be Baptist—the first part of the name was wrong. Second a college cannot have sex—it was not female. It could be a College for Women—or as it was expressed often in those days, for females. And it was not a university and we did not wish to assume a thing which was not true. So it became The Woman's College and then Meredith."

"Were you ever officially connected with the college?"

"Only as a trustee. I was a trustee when the call came for me to take up the work as Field Secretary for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. I felt that it would perhaps be best not to mix up too much with state affairs when I was an official of the Sunday School Board which is a Southern affair. I recovered from that feeling and have for many years been rather closely affiliated with North Carolina Baptist affairs."

"Do you find much difference in the new Meredith?"

"From the college which opened its doors in September, 1899, I find quite a number of differences. Two new presidents have come along since then. If my memory serves me correctly only two members of the faculty are yet with us—never mind who they are; nobody would ever suspect it from the elasticity of the step and the general appearance. If Bailey, White and I were a part of the Boys Brigade they were members of the Girls Brigade in those days.

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