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DECISION DAY!

WELCOME, NEW GIRLS!

Decision Day To Be Held For New Girls Today During Chapel

Today Climaxes Two Weeks of Rushing by the Two Societies—Astros Give Picnic and Traditional Wedding—Phis Present Tableaux as Well as Bonfire—Flowers and Candy Given to New Students.

At the chapel exercises this morning when Meredith new girls make their decision as to which literary society they will join, the extensive rushing program of both societies climaxed.

NEW PRESIDENT OPENS 41ST YEAR

Dr. Carlyle Campbell Calls for Scholars To Face Crisis

Dr. Carlyle Campbell, new president of Meredith College, spoke at the formal opening of the forty-first annual session of the college Thursday night, September 14th.

Dr. Campbell, who made his initial public appearance before the students and patrons following his acceptance of the presidency two weeks before, climaxed his address with a quotation from the famous ghost scene in Hamlet.

"Who but the scholar," declared the speaker, "may dispel the gloom that hangs over our present civilization?"

Announcement was made that Miss Dorothy Green, of Danville, Va., had been awarded the Lowndes Scholarship of the Margaret Fund given by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Campbell went on to say that "we claim to operate a liberal arts college, but liberal cannot mean anything unless the education the student receives is the kind that liberates."

"An education to be liberal must be administered by liberal people in order to produce certain results in personality."

Dr. J. Rufus Hunter, president of the board of trustees presided and introduced the new president. Special music was rendered by Miss Jean Marie Stewart, violinist, who played "Romanie," by Wieniawski, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Lee, and Miss Helen Sharp, soprano, who sang "Fear Not, O Israel," by Buck.

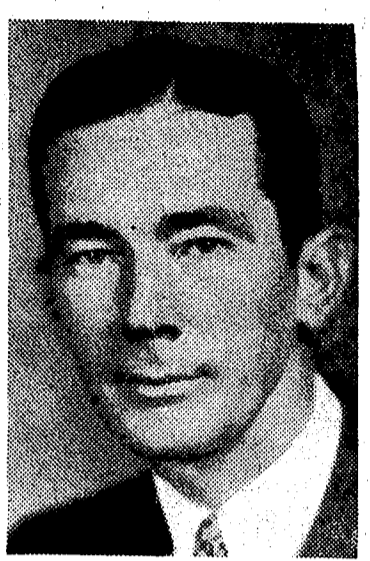
Miss Catherine C. Carl played the organ processionals for the seniors who wore caps and gowns for the first time, led by their class president, Miss Edna Earle Coggins, of Inman, S. C.

DOROTHY GREEN WINS W.M.U. SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Brewer Presents Margaret Fund Award to Student With High Scholastic Average

At the formal opening of Meredith College, Thursday night, September 14th, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, former president, presented the Lowndes Scholarship of the Margaret Fund to Dorothy Green of Danville, Va., and Ogbomoso Nigeria, West Africa.

College President



DR. CARLYLE CAMPBELL Who replaces Dr. Charles Brewer as President of Meredith.

9 CHANGES MADE IN FACULTY FOR COMING SESSION

Dr. Campbell Succeeds Dr. Brewer; Three New Instructors in Music Department; Former Members of Faculty Return.

Meredith College opened its 41st session September 14, under the direction of its new president, Dr. Carlyle Campbell, and with a number of new members on the faculty.

Dr. Campbell succeeds Dr. Charles E. Brewer, who resigned last spring after serving as president of Meredith for 24 years.

Dr. Campbell began his career as instructor of English at Buie's Creek Academy in 1911, and remained there until 1920, with two years' interruption during the World War.

He taught English at Coker College, in Hartsville, South Carolina, from 1923 until 1925, and served as president of the college from 1925 through 1936.

In 1937 he joined the State College faculty and comes to us from the position as head of the English department there.

There are three faculty changes in the music department, due to the absence of teachers on leave for further study. Miss Jean Marie Stewart of Saranac Lake, N. Y., a recent graduate of De Pauw University, serves as professor of violin, replacing Edgar H. Alden, who is studying at Oberlin College.

COLLEGE JOURNALISTS TO MEET OCTOBER 26-28

The Associated Collegiate Press convention will meet October 26-28 in Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa.

REGISTRATION OF MEREDITH SHOWS SMALL INCREASE

547 Students Register For Fall Semester; Sophomores Lead in Number of Out-of-State Students.

At this date, the Meredith College enrollment shows a slight increase over that of 1938-39. Even though the college has undergone many changes this year, that is in its management, it boasts the enrollment of around 550 students, with new girls coming in every day.

To alumnae, friends of the school and the student body, it will be interesting to know approximately the number enrolled in each class. Up to the present date the senior class has an enrollment of 90, which is an increase of 5 over last year's class.

The freshmen class lacks 10 having as many as that class last year had. When all of these numbers are put together we have a grand total of 547. Of this number, 95 are day students.

That leaves 452 girls who are boarding students. This year we have 40 girls who have transferred to Meredith from various colleges.

As usual, none of that group are seniors, but 19 are juniors, 13 sophomores and eight freshmen. Another increase made this year is in the number of out-of-state students.

The sophomores lead with 15 members who come from places outside of North Carolina. There are in all 41 out-of-state students.

FRESHMEN HAVE ORIENTING PLAN

New Girls Introduced To Different Phases Of College Life

The Freshman Council, headed by Minetta Bartlett and advised by Miss Ethel English, sponsored an orientation program this year which provided plans for the introduction of college life and ideals to the new girls.

By coming to school three days earlier than the old students, the freshmen were able to complete library training, physical examinations, psychological tests and student government training by the end of the first week.

The Freshman Council, composed of 16 members, is organized so that it may give individual attention to each freshman in helping her to adjust herself to college life.

Each counselor directs a group of 10 girls and throughout this year these groups will meet to discuss phases of college life. At the first group meeting held on September 12, introductions were made and immediate problems solved.

Last Monday night the freshman counselors met with their groups to work out study schedules and to discuss their interests in extracurricular activities of the school.

The Freshman Council is made up of Betty Fleischmann, Margaret Jane Childs, Sara Cole, Virginia Council, Carolyn Critcher, Kathleen Jackson, Catherine Scott, Nancy Carroll, Rowena Daniel, Gretchen Fanny, Mary Holloway, Catherine Wyatt and Minetta Bartlett, chairman.

October 21—Stunt Day!

As a result of a vote by the student body, Stunt Day at Meredith has been scheduled to be October 21. Last spring the students voted that the fifth or sixth week-end after the opening of school should be set aside in order to avoid conflicts with the mid-semester tests.

This year Stunt Day will be under the direction of Aileen Snow, of Maplewood, New Jersey, who is president of the Athletic Association.

The afternoon events will include the polo, the horse race, the alumnae stunts, contests in the different sports, and the singing of an original song by each class.

At night each class, under the direction of the class president, will present an original stunt. The winners of the various afternoon contests will be announced, and the cup will be awarded to the class giving the best stunt.

ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN NEW GIRLS DURING 1ST WEEK

Major Organizations Give Reception; A. A. Board Entertains; Juniors Have "Little Sister" Party.

During their first days of college life the new girls have been entertained at a series of parties given by student organizations and individual classes.

On September 17, the major organizations gave a formal reception in the parlors. Dorothy Butler greeted the guests and introduced them to a receiving line made up of Dorothy Green, Dr. and Mrs. Carlyle Campbell, Ella Eddins, Dean and Mrs. J. G. Boomhour, Aileen Snow, Miss Anna May Baker, Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, Miss Betty Adkerson and Miss Mildred Kiehlne.

Minetta Bartlett invited guests into the blue parlor where ice cream and cakes were given.

The Athletic Board gave a unique party in the gymnasium, which was decorated in maroon and white, school banners and pennants.

After being introduced by a John Paul Jones, athletic events were held and games were played. A grand march was held, which led outdoors and where ginger ale and cracker jacks were served.

Their "Big Sisters" entertained the freshmen on September 15 at a party in Astro Hall. After hearing the song of the odd classes, a Horace Heidt program was carried out. Juanita Stainback, president of the junior class, quizzed the freshmen who, with their big sisters as escorts, were called to the front to distinguish musical sounds.

Freshmen and their big sister participants were: Jeanette McDaniel, Martha Carter; Geraldine Couch, Marjorie Fowler; Caroline Duke, Sarah Hayworth; Mary Garvey, Helen Whitehead; Virginia Bailey, Lucy Allen; Bobbie Green, Nancy Bradsher; Joy Dunn, Betty Fleischmann; Elizabeth Brownlee, Agnes Graham; Sarah Parkson, Mary Gwin Oliver; Lytton Tingley, Ada Wall; Evelyn Dillon, Rachel Poe; Mary Gardner, Lena Futrelle; Marie Sugg, Mary Frances Brown.

RALEIGH MINISTERS SPEAK AT MEREDITH

Several Raleigh ministers have spoken to the Meredith College student body in chapel during the past week.

On September 21, Dr. S. L. Stealey of the First Baptist Church spoke on truth. Living a revealing life, love and idealism in truth, seeking truth, and finding truth were points brought out by Dr. Stealey.

Mary M. Hood Chosen Freshman President By Big Sister Class

Freshman President



MARY MARSH HOOD Who has been chosen to lead the Class of 1943.

Juniors Announce Result of Election to "Little Sisters" in Meeting Sept. 26th; President Held Many Responsible Offices During Her Years in High School.

Following the tradition of choosing the president for their "little sister" class, the juniors announced the election of Mary Marsh Hood of Kinston, North Carolina, at a meeting with the freshman class, Tuesday night, September 26.

The announcement was made by enacting a skit entitled "The Turnip." The idea presented was that the person being able to lift a huge turnip was to be class president.

Attempts were made by a number of juniors, after which the newly-elected president was called upon to try, and showed her capability by succeeding immediately. Taking part in the skit were: Mary Elizabeth Foster as the "Turnip"; Ida Willa Howell as an old man; Marietta McLennan, as an old woman, Helen Byrd, Rachel Poe, Jean Ellis, Lucile Wyatt, Sarah Hayworth all portraying children; and Helen Whitehead, "big-sister" of the freshman president.

Following the announcement, apples were served as refreshments.

The newly-chosen leader of the class of '43 attended Grainger high school where she entered into a number of activities, showing her ability by holding a number of responsible offices.

She was president of her senior class, chief marshal, and state Hi-Y president. Besides these honors she held the position of photograph editor of her high school annual, was a member of the student council for four years, vice-president of the girls' Hi-Y, and a member of the debating team.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hood. Other class officers will be elected by the freshmen in the near future.

Present officers of the junior class are: Juanita Stainback, president; Marietta McLennan, vice-president; Ida Howell, secretary; and Rachel Maness, treasurer.

STUDENTS FILL VACANT OFFICES

Publications Staffs Are Completed; New Soph. Marshals

Because several girls elected to fill places on the publications staff, in the literary societies, and classes did not return this year, there were several elections on September 20 and 27 to replace those girls who are not back.

Both the Philaretian and Astrotekton Literary Societies elected sophomore marshals for the year 1939-40; Elizabeth Pruitt, of Hickory, N. C., for the Phis, and Betty Clingan, of Covington, Va., for the Astros.

Martha Olive, of Wade, N. C., was elected sophomore editor of the Oak Leaves. On the Acorn staff are two new assistant art editors, Catherine Wyatt, of Raleigh, N. C., and Janie Parker, of Woodland, N. C., and a new senior editor, Evelyn Holyfield, of Rockford, N. C.

Ada Wall, of Shelby, N. C., a transfer from Mars Hill, will be business manager of the Twig this year; Rachel Maness, of Troy, N. C., will be a managing editor, and Helen MacIntosh, of Rochester, N. Y., will be exchange editor.

MEREDITH GRADS SECURE POSITIONS

Twenty-Seven of Last Year's Teaching Seniors Have Been Placed in Schools

Meredith College has been very fortunate in the placement of the teaching seniors of the year 1938-39. The final report is not yet complete, but the present list of girls and the schools in which they teach are as follows:

- Lena Abernathy, Clinton; Nellie Ball, Hurrell's Store; Louise Briggs, Hookerton; Lucille Brunson, Norlina; Dorothy Byrum, Wincoff; Mary Kate Collier, Clement; Dorothy Crawford, Dunn; Alta Critcher, Angler; Mildred Ann Critcher, Lexington; Grace Croom, Cerro Gordo; Jamie Beryl Green, Fountain; Zule Ingle, Union Grove; Elizabeth Jackson, Rolesville; Anna Lee Johnson, Garner; Katherine Kalmar, Goldsboro; Bruce Kitchin, Contentnea; Edna Martin, Tabor City; Sadie Massey, Clayton; Doris Parker, Lewiston-Woodville; Charlotte Peebles, Bethel Hill; Frances Price, Ayden; Frances Summerlin, Chiquapi; Flora M. Snyder, Garner; Annie Lee Tarleton, Peachland; Geraldine Tuttle, Welcome; Marian Upchurch, Guideway; and Virginia Vaughan, Grimesland.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! MAKING ANNUAL

Publication Room Is to Don New Clothes For the Year

Flash! Lights are beginning to reveal the profile of faces to later appear in the 1940 annual. The annual staff seems to have something new and different in store for us. It has designed a different attire for each class rather than the usual drapes. Freshmen shall be distinguished by yellow sweaters, sophomores by blue shirts, juniors by yellow sweaters adorned by lace collars, and seniors by drapes. This is only the beginning, what next?

Plans for the Oak Leaves were made the first week in June when Kathleen Jackson, the editor, and Rebecca Vaughn, business manager, went to Washington to confer with the representative of the Benson Printing Company.

Co-operation is the word that will spell success this year, for the three Meredith publications, The Twig, The Acorn and the Oak Leaves, are working closer together than ever before. The publication board is in formation but the faculty advisers are yet to be chosen. Plans have already been made for the refurbishing of the publication room with new rugs, lamps, waste baskets and venetian blinds.

DR. COOPER PRESENTS RECITAL OVER WPTF

Program Included Selections Of Well-Known Composers; Bach, Mendelssohn, Bossi

On Wednesday evening, September 27, Dr. Harry E. Cooper, head of the music department at Meredith, presented the first of his organ recitals from 8:00 until 8:30 p.m. The program was presented by remote control over radio station WPTF.

Dr. Cooper's program included the following selections: "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier," by Bach. The composer lavished his wealth of musicianship and devotion on a great number of these chorals. He was deeply religious and by this piece we are brought very close to the heart of God. "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor," by Bach was heard on the program. The third selection was "Andante" from "Sixth Organ Sonatas," by Mendelssohn. This movement is the finale from the sixth and last of Mendelssohn's sonatas for organ. It is full of quietness and repose, quite unlike the usual closing rondos of most sonatas. The next selection was "Scherzo in G Minor," by Bossi, an Italian organist and composer. He has produced in this scherzo a pleasing example of jest and brightness. The closing number was "Fantasia in A Major," by Franck, the leading composer of organ music since Bach. This is one of his most brilliant compositions.