



## Seniors Elect Superlatives From Class

Eleven Girls Hold Titles; R. Poe, J. Parker, H. Byrd, M. MacLennan, N. Bradsher, S. Hayworth, H. R. Spruill, L. Watkins, J. Stainback, and J. Pittman

The eleven superlatives of the Meredith Class of 1941 have been chosen and will be featured in the *Oak Leaves* this year. The girls chosen are: Rachel Poe, Miss Meredith; Janie Parker, most attractive; Helen Byrd, most versatile; Marietta MacLennan, most original; Nancy Bradsher, cutest; Sarah Hayworth, most popular; Hannah Ruth Spruill, wittiest; Lillian Watkins, most intellectual; Juanita Stainback, most athletic; Ada Wall, most stylish; and Josephine Pittman, best all-round town student.

Rachel Poe, who is from Oxford, besides being president of the student body, is a member of the Silver Shield Honor Society. She was vice-president of her class her freshman year and a marshal for the Philaretian Literary Society her sophomore year. She has served on the B. S. U. Council and the A. A. Board and was secretary of the Student Council her junior year. She is chairman of the nominating committee and a member of several clubs on the campus. She is also listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Janie Parker is from Woodland and is a member of several clubs. She has served in the B. S. U. and Y. W. A. and has been active in the Astrotekton Literary Society. She was a May Day attendant her junior year and will be May Queen this year. She has served as a member of both the *Twig* and the *Acorn* staffs.

Helen Byrd is from Bunnlevel and is vice-president of the Student Government Association. She was president of her class her sophomore year and a member of the Student Government Council her junior year. She has been active in the B. T. U. and Y. W. A. as well as her class stunts for all four years. She is president of the Home Economics Club and a member of the Little Theater. She —Continued on page 2.

## YWA's Hear Miss Currin

Circle Leaders Make Plans for Year With Help of Miss Currin at Meeting Oct. 31

On Thursday night, October 31, the Y. W. A. circle leaders of Meredith College entertained as their guest, Miss Mary Currin, State Young People's leader of the Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina. Miss Currin was here for the Halloween dinner, after which she talked with the circle leaders in the rotunda.

The meeting was a brief one and was concerned largely with plans for the Meredith Y. W. A. this year and the duties of each leader. Miss Currin particularly emphasized the aim of college Y. W. A.'s—"to enlist all Baptist girls in giving missions to the world."

In the course of her talk Miss Currin mentioned two coming events of particular interest to Y. W. A. members. The first is a vesper service to be conducted by Miss Kathleen Mallory, recording secretary of the Southern Baptist W. M. U., at the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Sunday, December 8, at 4:30. The second is the Lottie Moon Christmas offering made annually by the Y. W. A. to the Foreign Mission Board. This year's offering will be of particular importance because this is such a crucial time for the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, owing to the necessity of remaining from China and possibly Nigeria the wives and children of the missionaries now there.

## LECTURER



DR. MILDRED H. McAFEE

Dr. Mildred Helen McAfee, president of Wellesley College at Wellesley, Mass., who lectured Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Meredith College auditorium, speaking under the auspices of the college lecture committee.

Dr. McAfee has been president of Wellesley College since July, 1936, going there from a two-year term as dean of college women at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O. A native of Parkville, Mo., she holds a B.A. degree from Vassar College, a M.A. degree from the University of Chicago, and a LL.D. degree from Oberlin College. Her educational experience has covered a wide field from high school teaching and religious educational work to the teaching of French, English, and the social sciences in college, and varied with tenures as dean of women and as an alumnae secretary. She has been a member of the faculty of the Francis Parker School in Chicago and directed girls' work for the Fourth Presbyterian Church of that city. She has taught economics at Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., economics at Bryn Mawr, and sociology at Centre College, Danville, Ky., and served as executive secretary of the Vassar College Alumnae Association.

## Major Play To Be Presented November 22

Leading Roles To Be Played by Gretchen Fanny, Clarice Burns, B. Hardy and M. Graves

With many earnest practices, final shaping of plans, and committees, and the "thousand and one" details which go into the making of a successful play, the Little Theater, under the able leadership of its president, Rosanna Barnes, is getting ready for its fall production, the first major play of the season.

The play is "Lady Windemere's Fan," and is being directed by Miss Frances Bailey, head of the speech department.

The girls' roles are as follows: Lady Windemere, Gretchen Fanny; Mrs. Eryllyn, Clarice Burns; Duchess of Berwick, Evelyn Bowens; Lady Agatha, Nathalie Woodward; Lady Plymdale, Laura A. Brown; Lady Juggburgh, Mary Gwinn Oliver; Lady Struffield, Catherine Wyatt; Mrs. Cowper-Cowper, Dot Pender; Rosalie, Celeste Hamrick; Miss Graham, Martha Anne Allen; Mrs. Arthur Bowden, Mary Elizabeth Foster; Lady Parsley, Elizabeth McNeil.

Among those boys from State who are giving much aid and support, and the roles they are playing are: Lord Windemere, Bill Hardy; Lord Darlington, Marshall Grover; Mr. Dumby, Ben-Limlick; Lord Augustus, George Dewey, and Mr. Hopper, Jim Simms.

Those composing the committees are: Staging, Frances Snow, chairman; Carolyn Duke, Lolita Kenan, Doris Jane Bordeaux, Alice Justice, Virginia Ayer, and —Continued on page 3.

## COMMUNITY SING

On Sunday afternoon, October 27, at 4:30, Meredith College held its first Sunday Community Sing on the steps of the dining hall.

## Ten Meredith Girls Listed In "Who's Who"

President of Major Organizations and Editors of Publications Honored

Ten Meredith students have recently been elected to the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. These include Juanita Stainback, Rachel Manes, Rebecca Vaughan, Catherine Scott, Rachel Poe, Sarah Hayworth, Rosanna Barnes, Sadie Allen, Betty Brown MacMillan and Helen Byrd.

These students were recommended to the "Who's Who" by committees of both students and faculty members. To be included in "Who's Who," a student must have a combination of the following qualities to indicate that he is outstanding and an asset to his school: character, scholarship, leadership in extracurricular activities, such as athletics, societies, religion, and the possibility of future usefulness to business and society.

The purpose of the "Who's Who" is to act as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college career and to act as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done. It also acts as a recommendation to the business and social world and as a standard of measurement for membership comparable to such agencies as Phi Beta Kappa and Rhodes Scholarship Award.

Rachel Poe is president of the Student Government Association; Juanita Stainback, president of the Athletic Association; Sadie Allen, president of the B. S. U.; Catherine Scott, editor of the annual, *Oak Leaves*; Betty Brown MacMillan, editor of the magazine, *The Acorn*; Rachel Manes, editor of the newspaper, *The Twig*; Rosanna Barnes, president of The Little Theater; Sarah Hayworth, president of the senior class; Helen Byrd, vice president of the student body; and Rebecca Vaughan, president of the honor society, The Silver Shield.

## "Barber of Seville" Here

Woman's Club Sponsors Series of Annual Concerts; First Concert Wed., Nov. 6

The 1940-41 series of the Woman's Club concerts got under way here November sixth in the Memorial Auditorium. Rossini's opera, "The Barber of Seville," was the first presentation. Completed in only thirteen days, this immortal work was first published in 1775. Many composers and impresarios were interested in seeing that the whole work was set to music.

This opera was written in two acts. The intriguing love story is centered in the fair Rosina, the ward of Dr. Bartolo, who is in love with her and who guards her jealously from his rival, the rich young Spanish nobleman, Count Almaviva. The count, in his winking, disguises himself as Lindora and as Don Basilio, the music teacher. With the aid of Figaro, The Barber, the count is able to outwit the doctor at every turn. At one time when Count Almaviva, disguised as Don Basilio, is making plans for his marriage with Rosina under the ruse of giving her a music lesson, the real Don Basilio arrives on the scene and tells the doctor the truth. Dr. Bartolo rushes out to get a notary to perform his own wedding with Rosina, but before he can return, Rosina and Almaviva are married.

Bartolo is astounded when he returns to find his ward already married to one whom he did not know to be a count. He is placated, however, when he is presented with the gift of Rosina's dowry, and everyone is satisfied and the opera ends on a joyous note.

This gay libretto, with its sparkling humor and quantities of arias, is considered... "the finest flower of the older Italian musical comedy."

## TO RULE ON MAY DAY



Janie Parker of Woodland, N. C., and Margaret E. Bunn of Zebulon, N. C., who will be Meredith's May Queen and Maid of Honor, respectively, in the annual Spring Festivities.

## Students Hold Legislative Assembly

Martha Olive, Beth Perry Among Officers; Sixteen N. C. Colleges Take Part; Thirteen Meredith Girls Participate in Assembly

The fourth annual session of the Student Legislative Assembly was held in the State Capitol on October 25 and 26, 1940. Meredith College was among the sixteen North Carolina colleges which participated in the activities of the week-end. The assembly is carried on just as is the regular legislature of the state in order to give college youth an opportunity to gain experience in this branch of the state government. State College sponsors the legislative assembly and provides for the entertainment of the participating colleges.

The session got under way with a meeting of the Democratic and Republican party caucuses to elect officers. On the Democratic ticket Martha Olive and Beth Perry of Meredith were nominated as clerks for the House and Senate respectively. After the meeting of the caucus, a joint session of both houses was held. At this time, brief speeches were made by the leaders in planning for the assembly, and Mr. Edwin Padgett, director of forensics at State College traced the history of the legislative assembly. Mr. Zon Robinson, of Wake Forest College, urged the students to use their influence to increase the number of high schools taking —Continued on page 3.

## Meredith Girls Attend B.S.U. Convention

Elizabeth Tucker and Addie Davis Elected Third Vice President

The week-end of Nov. 1-3 was spent by 25 Meredith girls, and approximately 275 other North Carolina students at the Baptist Student Union Convention in Hickory. The convention opened officially at 5:45 in the First Baptist Church where students from 23 colleges in North Carolina gathered for a banquet. Dr. I. G. Greer was speaker.

The Friday evening session opened with a devotional "Be Still and Know," after which Harold McManus, president of the North Carolina Convention welcomed the students, and Dr. R. K. Redwine, the host pastor, also gave a welcome speech. The program that followed included a "Survey of Conquests" by Elliott Galloway who told of his experiences in a denominational school, Wake Forest. Bill Troutman, from Appalachian, representing a State School, Miss Mary Lee Ernest, former Meredith graduate, who told of her experiences as a worker in the State, and Mr. W. Perry Crouch, the representative from the "South." The speaker for the evening was Dr. Solon B. Cousins of the University of Richmond. A quartet from Meredith composed of Virginia Varnell, Alma Carlton, —Continued on page 2.

## Scatterbrained Bus-Catcher Petitions for Private Bus

By JUANITA STAINBACK

Aw! My gracious . . . That was the bus we were supposed to have taken to Durham! Well—why did we stand here and let it go right on by? It was Charlotte on the front and I thought we were supposed to take a Greensboro bus—and a Greensboro bus doesn't come until an hour later. Oh—oh—oh—And he's going to meet that bus that is fading into the distance.

What's the matter, Honey? You look a little sick!

I am sick! That's the bus we missed!

Well, have you ever missed a bus? It seems to be some idiosyncrasy of mine for if it's possible, I miss nearly every bus I'm supposed to take. The first appearance of this failing came two years ago when a friend and I went to Troy to see my roommate. To begin with we got on the wrong bus at the bus station and then we had to get off—feeling exactly like one of those counterfeited pennies—and get on the right bus. We got to Troy safely (believe it or not!), but on the return trip that little falling popped out again. Of course, we had to

sight-see the town of Troy, and while we were doing so, the bus left Troy at a time earlier than we had expected. Consequently, when we cheerfully walked into the bus station and found that the bus had departed, we called the next town to hold the bus while we scrambled into a car to chase it. However, the car that we climbed into was a new one and could not go but 35 miles an hour, and the bus could only wait a few minutes! We were really frantic—only some of us weren't particularly anxious to get back to school. The back seat sounded like the two cheering sections of a football game, but we made the bus and finally got here in one piece.

My next mishap was on a trip from Blowing Rock. My bus was due in Winston-Salem at 6:15 and at 6:00 we were 20 miles from Winston. I could just see myself turning a park bench into a bed. As the bus drove into the Winston station, I saw the Asheville bus—the one I was to catch—drive out of the station. The bus driver knew of my predicament and honked for the —Continued on page 2.

## Janie Parker To Be Ruler of the May Court In the Spring

### Publication Heads At Press Convention

Duke Host to Annual Fall Convention of State Collegiate Press Association

The fall convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association is being held in Durham, November 7-9.

More than 100 delegates representing student publications of 17 leading colleges and universities throughout the State are attending the convention. Duke University is acting as host.

Delegates registered Thursday afternoon in the lobby of the Washington Duke Hotel, convention headquarters, and attended a reception on the Duke Woman's campus that evening. The convention began formerly Friday morning with a general business meeting which was followed by a luncheon at Duke. Group discussion meetings under the direction of John A. Park, C. A. Upchurch, Jr. and J. H. Hardison of Raleigh, and Gordon Lewis of Durham occupied the afternoon.

Dean H. J. Herring of Duke University was the guest speaker at the annual banquet Friday night.

The convention will adjourn after the committee reports have been given today.

Officers of the Association are Fabe M. Clements, Greensboro, State College, president; Gene Vereen of Kingsport, Tenn. Davidson, first vice president; Polly Goforth of King's Mountain, Flora Macdonald, second vice president; Norvell Ashburn of Kingsport, Tenn., Wake Forest, treasurer; Frances Stator, Reidsville, Woman's College, secretary; and Stephen S. Sailor of Raleigh, executive secretary.

Meredith students attending the convention are Catherine Scott, Martha Olive, Elizabeth Hostetler, and Rachel Manes.

## Professor Writes Book

Dr. E. Winston Compiles Third Book Based on Social Research

Dr. Ellen Black Winston, professor of sociology at Meredith has written a new book, *Foundations of American Population Policy*, which was released by Harper and Brothers on October 16.

The basic objectives set forth in the book, in contrast to those of autocratic countries, relate to issues which are fundamental to the strengthening of a democratic land. This study considers ways of increasing the level of living for the majority of the people, conserving natural resources, providing more educational opportunities, and enriching culture as a foundation for an American plan to combat the steady decrease of births among important groups of society.

Research compiled by the Bureau of Census, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, and the National Resources Planning Board was used as a basis of the book, written first as a report for the committee on population studies and social planning of the National Economics and Social Planning Association.

The book marks the third for Dr. Winston who is the co-author of "Seven Lean Years" published two years ago, and also of "The Planting South."

Margaret E. Bunn to be Maid of Honor, Selected by Popular Vote of the Student Body; Ada Wall and Mary Frances White Were Candidates; Classes to Elect Rest of May Court

In a recent election the students of Meredith College elected Janie Parker of Woodland and Margaret E. Bunn of Zebulon for May Queen and Maid of Honor, respectively.

Ada Wall of Shelby and Mary Frances White of Statesville were also nominated by the students to serve in the capacity of May Queen. After Janie Parker received the most votes for May Queen, the other contestants were automatically made contestants for the place of Maid of Honor, and when voted on Margaret Bunn was chosen for the place.

Janie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Parker of Woodland, North Carolina, where Dr. Parker is a practicing physician. Janie was preceded at Meredith by her mother, two sisters, and a cousin. Mary Lois Parker (now Mrs. Meachem) was May Queen in 1934. Janie's cousin, Dorothy Dean Brown, who is now Mrs. Oscar Cruch, was May Queen here in 1937.

Majoring in art, Janie hopes to continue the study of her favorite subject at an art school in New York City, Washington, or Philadelphia next year. She says she is perfectly happy when she is dealing with nature with paint brush and canvas.

Her intimate friends suggest that Janie is very sociable in that she likes to write letters and that the "B-Hive" is her main stay.

Last year Janie was secretary of the Astrotekton Literary Society. Also in 1940 she was the bride, Miss Ima New Girl, in the traditional wedding of Miss New Girl and Mr. Astrotekton.

Margaret E. Bunn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bunn of Zebulon. Mr. Bunn is an auditor for the state government, here in Raleigh. Mrs. Bunn teaches the seventh grade in the Wakelon school. Margaret also has a brother who is working in Raleigh for the U. C. C. Margaret says she looks more like her father than her mother.

Margaret is majoring in Primary Education. She sang soprano in the Meredith College choir for three years, but did not join that group again this year. Margaret and Betty Fleischmann, also a senior, represented their class as members of the May Court their Sophomore year.

## Advisers for Committee Chosen

Misses Bailey, Kramer, Dr. Henderson Chosen For This Year's Advisers by Nominating Committee; Will Attend All Meetings

Miss Frances Bailey, Miss Margaret Kramer and Dr. Edgar Henderson have been elected advisers for the nominating committee. They were elected by the nominating committee and will serve for this year. The advisers will attend each meeting of the committee.

The nominating committee is composed of the heads of the major organizations on the campus.