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### Alumnae Luncheon

President Campbell was the speaker at the luncheon sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Meredith Alumnae on Wednesday, November 20 in Eard's Dining Room, Charlotte. This proved to be one of the highlight occasions of the Baptist State Convention for all Meredith girls, past and present. There were one hundred in attendance.

Margaret Shields Everett Howland (Mrs. R. L.), president of the chapter, presided. Other officers helping with plans were: Beth Carroll Taylor (Mrs. Cooper E.), chairman of the luncheon committee who also introduced Dr. Campbell; Martha Davis Lowrance (Mrs. Bomar), vice president; Elsie Jackson Howard (Mrs. Vance), secretary; and Helen Eighme Asbury (Mrs. Louis, Jr.), treasurer.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president emeritus, returned thanks. Louise Brockwell Joslin (Mrs. Langdon), sang two numbers: "To a Hill Top" and "Love's In My Heart." The eleven trustees of the college who were present were recognized and Dr. J. Rufus Hunter, president of the board, spoke briefly to the group. Also Jane Yelverton Wells (Mrs. Sim H.), president of the Alumnae Association, and Mae Grimmer, Alumnae Secretary, brought greetings and thanked the local chapter for making possible such an enjoyable get-together.

Among the guests especially recognized were Rosa Hocutt Powell (Mrs. J. L.), missionary of Nigeria, West Africa, now on furlough; Mr. Norman Price, instructor in the Department of Religion

in the college; Mr. F. B. Hamrick, bursar, and Mildred Kichline, religious secretary.

The floral arrangements of chrysanthemums and favors given by Eckerd's carried out the college colors of maroon and white. Telegrams were sent by the group to Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the college 1915-1939, who will celebrate his 89th birthday on November 25, and Dr. I. M. Mercer, retired professor of religion, who is ill at his home in Raleigh.

The luncheon came to an end with the singing of the Alma Mater accompanied on the piano by Mary Pruette Carroll (Mrs. J. D.).

### The Register

Alumnae who have registered since the October issue of the TWIG are: Permelia Cobb Gwynne of Yanceyville, Undine Futrell Johnson of Winston-Salem, Vallie Blanchard Johnson and Lucile Johnson Dixon of Bolling Springs, Ella Sue Gravitte of Thomasville, Bessie Frank Johnson of Rose Hill, Elizabeth W. Nanney of Albemarle, and Helen Hilliard of Raleigh.

### Loyalty Fund

The Loyalty Fund, a new thing to Meredith alumnae but tried and tested by alumnae of other colleges, has been launched. Letters from fifteen class chairmen have been sent out in explanation of the idea. It will not be long until every alumna on the mailing list hears about the Loyalty Fund personally.

### The Ida Potat Loan Fund

The Ida Potat Loan Fund has been one of the projects of the association since 1934. There is on hand \$1,524.49 with eight loans out. Miss Ida was deeply interested in this fund because it helped girls through college. December, being Miss Ida's birth month, was suggested at the council meeting on October 19 as an appropriate time to pay special attention to this fund. Those who wish to make a contribution are asked to send it to the alumnae office.

### Coupons

Don't forget to send to the alumnae office all the coupons from *Ortagon* and *Kirman* soap products, *Lucianne* tea and coffee, *Rumford* (postal in the can rather than coupon) and *Health Club* baking powder, and *Ballard's* Obe-lisk flour.

### Magazines

The four magazines on which we receive fifty per cent commission are: *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Country Gentleman*, and *Jack and Jill*.

The magazines on which we receive thirty per cent commission are: *American Boy*, *American Girl*, *American Home*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Christian Herald*, *Etude Music Magazine*, *Harpers Magazine*, *House Beautiful*, *Hygeia*, *Look*, *Nature Magazine*, *Open Road for Boys*, *Parents' Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Poultry Tribune*, *Science Digest*, *Vogue* and *Youth Today*.

Give one or more of these for Christmas gifts. All subscriptions should be sent to the alumnae office.

### With the Chapters

Henderson will meet on Monday evening, November 25, at the home of Ada Shearin Parker (Mrs. W. W.).

Lee County will have a dinner meeting on Saturday, December 7. Person County will have a dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 26.

Wake County had its November meeting at the Woman's Club on

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Monday evening with a musical program as a special feature. Anne Simms, program chairman, introduced the following musicians: Mr. Ed Hill, tenor; Mr. John Farmer Cole, accompanist; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Alden, violinists, and Miss Aileen McMillan, pianist. Miss McMillan and Mr. Alden are members of the Meredith College faculty.

Katherine Moseley was appointed chairman of the Ida Potat Loan Fund. Alumnae will pay especial attention to this fund during December, Miss Ida's birth month. The chapter voted to help the Silver Shield, leadership society, give a tea for the seniors of the two high schools in Raleigh. One of the surprises of the business session was a letter read (and composed) by Laura Weatherspoon Harrill (Mrs. L. R.), president of the chapter, giving personal items of rumor and news.

Anne Thacker, social chairman, introduced the hostesses for the evening: Mary Lee Bivens Tyner (Mrs. B. Y.), Lullie Marshall Wyatt (Mrs. Wm. L.), Sarah Coleman Gibson (Mrs. M. R., Jr.), Edna Frances Dawkins, Norma Rose, Margaret Kramer, Mildred Kichline, Pauline Olive Hamrick (Mrs. F. B.), Mary Lynch Johnson, Lillian Horton Ammons (Mrs. Fred), Kate Mathews, Carolyn and Susannah Mercer, Mary Rodwell Hunter, Mary Lee Sears Johnston (Mrs. Henry, Jr.), Grace Owen Cooper (Mrs. Thomas), and Adelaide Harris.

We regret the loss of Sally Lovelace, member of the Class of 1934, who passed away on June 5 following a severe illness of two years. We extend deepest sympathy to her mother, Mrs. E. Y. Lovelace (Frances Eagles, ex-'06) of Macesfield and her sister, Mrs. C. A. Dawson (Frances Lovelace, '31) of Stantonburg and other members of her family.

We also regret the passing of Mrs. L. H. Kernodle (Lucile Holmes, ex-'21) in Memorial Hospital, Danville, Virginia, on October 25. She is survived by her husband and one son. We extend deepest sympathy to them and other members of her family.

### We Extend Deepest Sympathy to:

Ella Sue Gravitte, '38, of Oxford and Thomasville in the passing of her father, O. C. Gravitte at his home in Oxford on August 23.

Mrs. Fred Sloan (Rosalee Morrow, '32), of Franklin in the passing of her baby daughter, Patsy, on October 23.

Mrs. Robert Perley (Julia Reddick, '39) of Raleigh and Carolyn Reddick, a student in the college, in the passing of their father, James W. Reddick of Fountain on October 31.

Mrs. F. W. E. Coenen (Susan Creech, '25) of Chapel Hill in the passing of her brother, Edwin Klutz Creech, on November 3 at his home in Goldsboro.

### The Reunion Classes are:

1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1939.

### Marriages

Frances Elias, '31, of Asheville, N. C., and Berkeley, California, and Mr. John Irving Bacon on October 4. At home, 2240 Russell St., Berkeley, California.

Jennie Ballard, '33, of Norwood, and the Reverend James Craig Gillespie on May 4. At home, Reidsville.

Katherine Blalock, '34, of Oxford and Mr. Edward Grantham Cheatham on August 31. At home, 175 Soo Chow Road, Shanghai, China.

Jessie Holcomb, '35, of Asheville and Mr. Charles K. Caldwell on May 22. At home, 2017 Oak Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Margaret Bullard, '38, of Raleigh and Mr. Bland B. Pruitt on November 17. At home, Louisburg.

June Fay Sewell, '38, of Seffner, Florida and the Reverend Edwin Perry on September 5. At home, 19 Loring Street, Newton Center, Massachusetts.

Edna Martin, '39, of Mount Olive and Mr. Rae Wilson Scarborough on October 30. At home, Burlington.

Frances Aycock, ex-'36, of Goldsboro and Mr. William Cary Smith on October 26. At home, Goldsboro.

### Births

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Heber Peacock, Jr. (Edyth Tyner Bacon, '38), of Berkeley, California, a son, David Jackson, on July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rex Buchanan (Virginia Norwood, '35), of Raleigh, a son, William Tom, on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bragg, Jr. (Doris Bailey, '35), of Oxford, a son, Larry Brown, on December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Callis Burns (Cynthia Cowan, ex-'37), of Knoxville, Tennessee, a daughter, Cynthia Jane, on August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. McNeill (Alberta Atkinson, '28), of Morehead City, a son, Robert Hayes McNeill, II, on September 16.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brunt, Jr. (Agnes Blanchard, ex-'37) of Winston-Salem, a daughter, Nancy Swain, on September 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Brown, Jr. (Charlotte Palmer, ex-'33), of Albemarle, a son, Richard L. Brown, II, on October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Rand (Elizabeth Purnell, '26), of Garner, a daughter, Margaret Harrison, on October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Kendall (Josephine Arnette, '34), of Shelby, a son, Plummer Whitelaw, Jr., on October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Mason (Clyda Parish, '27), of Newport, a son, John Rufus, on October 27.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baird Stoval (Frances Wastkin, '32), of Virginia, a son, Charles Stradley, on November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Plummer (Margaret Johnston, '31), of Wilmington, a daughter, Catherine Anne, on November 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis V. Vestal (Lorena Brinson, ex-'32), of Raleigh, a son, Hiram Oliver, on November 9.

## First Civic Concert Here

Artur Rubinstein Gives Piano Recital; Auditorium Filled to Capacity of 4,000

Raleigh has shown a tremendous artistic growth in the past few years since the organization of the local Civic Music Association, and one cannot escape the conclusion that much credit is due to the leaders of this organization for the progress made. T. S. Johnson, president of the Association, greeted the membership briefly and called attention to the policy of the Association that there be no reserved seats.

The 1940-41 series of the Raleigh Civic Music Association got under way on the night of November 12 in the Memorial Auditorium with a recital presented by Artur Rubinstein of Poland, one of the world's foremost concert pianists. Rubinstein, master in expressing moods and giving to the piano a very beautiful singing tone, made his initial appearance in Raleigh on this occasion and played to a capacity audience of nearly four thousand, even though it was a rainy night.

The opening number by the Polish pianist was an arrangement by Busoni of Bach's *Prelude*, *adagio* and *fugue* in C major for organ.

A great hymn of passion, Beethoven's *Sonata*, the *Appassionata*, completed the first part of the program, after which an encore, *Impromptu*, opus 90 number 4 by Schubert was played.

Opening the second part of the program the artist played a group of numbers by Chopin. Those included were: *Barcarolle*, opus 60, *Valse* in a flat, *Mazurka* in C minor, and *Scherzo* in C sharp minor.

Closing the program Rubinstein played three Spanish numbers by Albeniz: *Navarra*, *Evocacion* and *Triana*.

At the end of his last group the pianist played two more encores, *Liebestraum* by Liszt and the *Fire Dance* by De Falla.

Pianists in general seem inclined to build their programs with an eye not only to the psychological effect of the sequence of numbers, but also to the suitability of mixing various types of music. Rubinstein's program was both unusual and interesting in that it was made up of half-classic—Bach and Beethoven—and the rest entirely of romantic and modern Polish and Spanish music—Chopin, Albeniz and De Falla.

The second concert presented by the Civic Association will be a song recital by Jan Klepura, tenor, on Friday, December 30.

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## Mr. S. Riley Is I. R. C. Speaker

Stress on Lack and Need of Understanding Between U. S. and South America

The International Relations Club held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, November 15, 1940, in the Rotunda. Mary Elizabeth Foster of Elkin, the vice-president of the organization, presided at a brief business meeting, after which she introduced Mr. Samuel Gayle Riley of the Meredith College History Department.

Mr. Riley spoke on the relations between the United States and her South American neighbors, stressing the lack of understanding between the countries which he said has been due to a large extent to the differences in culture between them. The Latin American countries are of old Spanish culture, while the United States is of Anglo-Saxon origin. In the past the policy of the United States has not been such as to breed very deep-seated friendships between the Americas. Our policy of being "Good Neighbors" is fairly recent. The speaker emphasized the present need for understanding and cooperation between the nations of this hemisphere. The Rome-Berlin axis has made constant attempts to gain footholds in South America, because it is rich in resources and sparsely populated. The Nazis have done a great deal of propagandizing in South America, with much success, but the United States has to a great extent neglected her very excellent opportunity of forming valuable friendships and alliances with these countries. In recent years there has been better Pan-American feeling, and all the nations are now pledged to the support of the new Monroe Doctrine. It is imperative that well-informed citizens of this country become more interested and more friendly with the nations of their sister continent.

Other hints and steps that she gave in the growing-up process are:

1. Grow up to be self-directing. Be sure to cooperate with others, but do not lean on your friends and parents too much.

2. Learn to accept yourselves—that doesn't mean to stop working to try to improve yourself, but to accept yourself with what you have and strive to develop what you have and make from it the best that you can; develop your personalities and make the most of yourselves.

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4. Work together and think together with men more than you do—not think of them as being altogether such different human beings from you.

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## Club Programs On Vocations

Miss Mary Abernathy Talks to Sociology Club; Report Is Given by Alma Carlton

The regular meeting of the Meredith College Sociology Club was held in the rotunda at 6:45 on Tuesday evening, November 19. Eva Butler, the president, presided at a brief business meeting. Prior to the main speaker, Alma Carlton gave a brief report on a pamphlet citing many of the vocations opened to those who wished to enter the sociological field. Then the president of the club introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Mary W. Abernathy of the North Carolina Employment Service, who spoke on Vocations.

The club is making a special study of vocations this year, and all of their programs are planned with this in view.

## General Metts Speaks Here

In chapel on Tuesday, November 12, Adjutant-General J. Vann Metts, commander of the North Carolina National Guard, was guest speaker. His speech was based on Armistice Day. Throughout his speech, he brought out the fact that only through strength can we demand justice. He, also, emphasized the idea of patriotism, which was the love of one's home and country and living one's life in these in a way so that one may be strong enough in any eventuality to defend it as opposed to that idea of great emotion, of bands playing and joining the army without much thought and feeling behind it.

The Home Economics Club met at 4:45 on Friday afternoon, November 22, in the rotunda. The theme for the program was "Being A Successful Hostess and A Welcome Guest," following the theme for the year which is "Adventures in Charm." After the minutes and roll call the following program was presented:

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## Mrs. Morgan Gives Talk

Lectures on "Growing Up" in the Morgan Manner; Five Ways to Grow Listed

On November 9, Mrs. Mildred Morgan from Iowa, who was in Raleigh giving lectures on love, courtship and marriage at State College, talked in chapel.

She used as her theme for the morning, "Needing to Grow Up in the World." She pointed out the fact that some don't grow up (if they can get a man without it), but that as one grows older he is much more fun to live with and to know if he continues to grow all his life. In that way he never grows up.

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## Music Club Holds Meeting

Program Is Practice of Playlet on "The Life of McDowell"

On Tuesday night, November 19, the McDowell Music Club held its regular monthly meeting. After the club was called to order by the president, Annie Laurie Overton, the minutes were read and all those members who so desired gave a musical current event.

Esther Meigs, program chairman, turned over the rest of the meeting time to the cast of the play, "The Life of McDowell," for a practice period. This play on the life of the composer, McDowell, will be presented in the December meeting.

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