

'39-'40 Year

In Review



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Nancy Brewer of Wake Forest reigned over the May Festival at Meredith College, May 4, 1940, and she is pictured here with members of her court who wore identical net dresses in pastel shades trimmed with black lace. Front row (seated) left to right, are: Lola Mae Stroupe of Cherryville, freshman in lavender; Betty Clingan of Covington, Va., and Louise Dickie of Henderson, sophomores, both in yellow; and Marie Sugg of Snow Hill, freshman, also in lavender. Standing in the back row are Frances Dixon of South Boston, Va., and Mary Lanier Seagraves of Fuquay Springs, seniors in pink; Bebe Dickenson of Kinston, the maid of honor in periwinkle blue; Nancy Brewer, queen, Janie Parker of Woodland, and Jean Beddingfield, juniors in pale blue. Janie Parker is the present May Queen.



Above is a scene from the mad tea party, one of the highlights in "Alice in Wonderland," given by the faculty on March 31, 1940. Only once in every college generation does the faculty present this production for the students. Miss Ada Pfohl held the leading role of All o. The students always highly enjoy watching their dignified professors masquerade for a night.



Miss Edna Barle Coggins, above, of Inman, S. C., was president of the Senior Class composed of ninety members. She was chosen by her classmates as the cutest senior; she is listed in *Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges*; she was a member of the Kappa Nu Sigma scholastic society, and she served on the student council.



Pictured at the right are Mrs. Jane Hill Yelverton Wells, president of the Alumnae Association, and Miss Norma Rose, recording secretary, as they display dolls dressed in duplicates of the class day dresses of former graduating classes.



Pictured above is Dr. Mildred McAfee, president of Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., who lectured Nov. 7, on "What Has Our Nation a Right to Expect of College Women in Times of National Crisis?"

Pictured at left are Miss Ruby Padgett, Lincolnton, N. C., and Mr. C. G. Weber, Raleigh, N. C., who serve as dining room hostess and steward, respectively. Mr. Weber came to Meredith last spring; Miss Padgett, in the fall of 1940.



Kappa Nu Sigma members at the Old Rose Inn. The honor society entertained at a dinner and reception on April 12, 1940. Shown above are members of the group, Virginia Lee Watson, Carolyn Critcher, Dorothy Green, Bebe Dickenson, Minetta Bartlett, Frieda Culberson, and Helen Jones. The new members were Helen Turner and Lillian Watkins. Honorary guests were Jonathan Daniels, Mrs. Carlyle Campbell, Dean and Mrs. J. G. Boomhour, and Miss Anna M. Baker.

Below is the junior hockey team which proved to be the champion team for the year. Pictured, from left to right, are: Myrtle Peterson, Clinton; Amelia P. Ult, Hickory; Lucy McNeely, Arlington, Va.; Dorothy House, High Point; Eleanor Harrell, Burgaw; Mildred Ward, Williamston; Janie Sawyer, Sanford; Nancy Calloway, Concord; Virginia Lancaster, Sharpsburg; Catherine Chiffelle, Slatersville, R. I.; Elizabeth Pruitt, Hickory; Margaret Martin, Mount Olive. In the background is Rachel Lewis of Middlesex, who is manager of hockey.



At left is Frances Speight, Philadelphia painter, who began his study of art under the tutelage of Miss Ida Poteat several years ago when he was a student at Wake Forest College. February, 1940, one of his landscapes "Straws for the City's Horses" was awarded first prize at the 135th Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture sponsored by the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

At right we see a group of students who took part in the annual stunt day pageant. The clowns in the foreground are two of the four clowns, who added to the fun. The girls in the background are juniors whose white shepherd's crooks symbolize their desire to find the real "crook," which the seniors hide from them each year. The juniors were awarded the prize for the most original and attractive pageant procession, and in the evening their stunt "Heavenly Daze" also won for them the coveted stunt cup.



The United States Senator from North Carolina, Josiah William Bailey, above, delivered the Commencement address on June 3, 1940, on which day President Carlyle Campbell awarded diplomas to the graduating class. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Solon B. Cousins of Richmond, Va., and the society night speaker was W. T. Host, Raleigh newspaper correspondent.



Above is Nora Binder of Mount Atry. Nora was a graduate of 1940. She was president of the Colton English Club and did much toward establishing the Browsing Room.

