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Formal Exercises Begin School Year

Speakers, Seniors Faculty Highlights

The formal opening of the forty-fourth session of Meredith College was held in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, the seventeenth of September. The principal speakers were Mr. LeRoy Martin, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. J. S. Farmer, secretary of the committee.

After the organ prelude, played by Dr. Harry E. Cooper, the senior class made its first public appearance in caps and gowns. Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, a member of the Board of Trustees, read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Dr. Campbell recognized other members of the Executive Committee, paying especial tribute to Mr. R. N. Simms, who has been a member of the committee for forty-two years and for many years its chairman.

New members of the music faculty rendered selections. Mr. Stuart Pratt played "Soaring" by Schumann before Mr. Martin's address, and Miss Beatrice Donley, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Phelps, sang "Ewig" by Wolff and "Take Joy Home" by Bassett, after.

Dr. Campbell introduced the speakers of the evening. Mr. Martin spoke from the point of view of a trustee. He emphasized the benefits which the girl will receive from a college such as Meredith, and also the obligation of the student to the college and to the world in such a time of crisis.

Mrs. Farmer spoke as an alumnus telling why she was grateful for her four years at Meredith — for what she learned from books, for the contacts with faculty, for friendships, for high ideals gained, and most of all, for the enrichment of her spiritual life.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, Dr. Feezor pronounced the benediction.

Immediately following the exercises, the faculty and administrative staff introduced the new faculty to the Executive Committee at an informal reception in the college parlors.

Tuberculin Tests Given At Meredith

For the first time, Meredith College as a whole has received tuberculin tests. In doing this Meredith is following a precedent set by many colleges and recommended by the American Student Health Council, the State Board of Health, and the Extension Department of the Sanatorium.

These tests are not unknown to Meredith students as some have been given tests by the Wake County Tuberculosis Association.

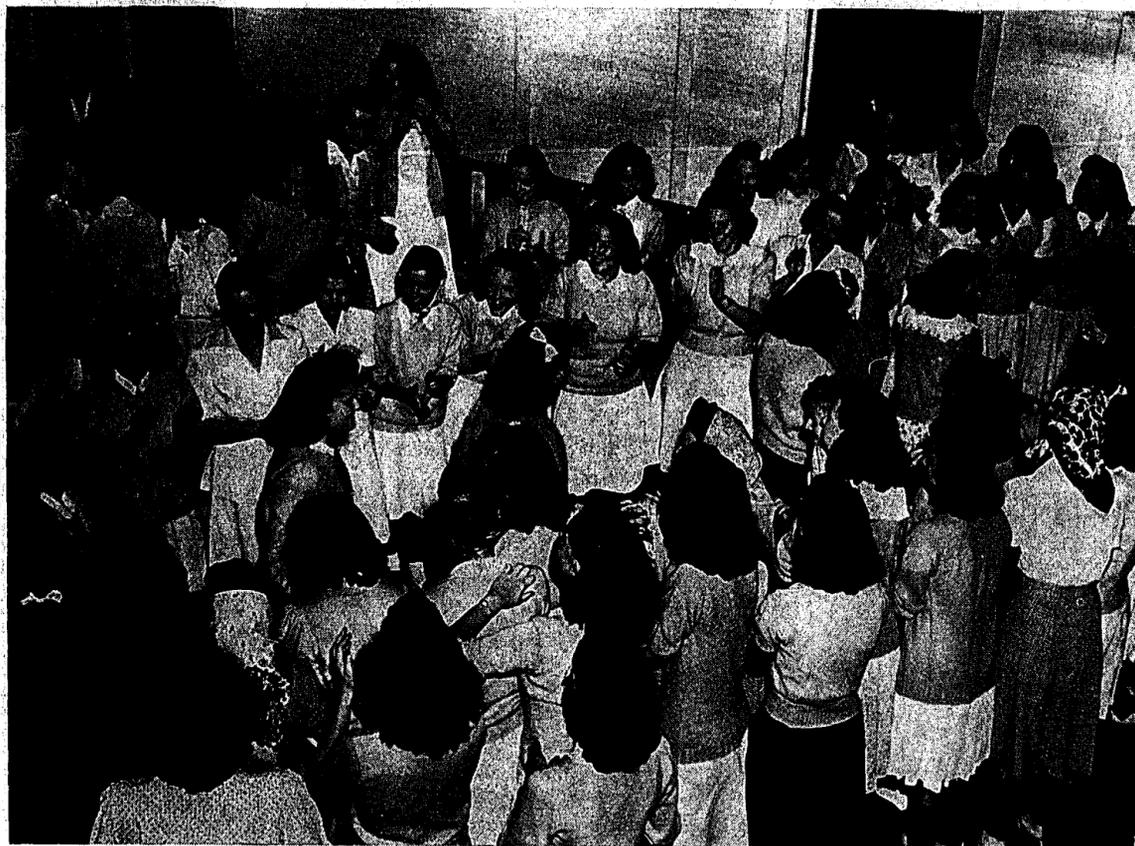
If any girl should have a positive reaction, she will be given an opportunity to have an X-ray picture made by the head technician of the North Carolina Sanatorium.

Dr. Bessie Evans Lane, director of the Student Health Service, is giving the tests, which the college is making possible.

An address explaining the tuberculin tests was made in chapel by Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn, member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, last Monday morning.

JUNIOR CLASS ENTERTAINS

On September 22, the Junior Class entertained the transfers at a coffee in the Blue Parlor. Virginia Ayers and Ann Ray Kramer poured. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Dean and Mrs. Davis, and Miss Baker were the faculty members present.



Astros — We dood it!



Freshman Officers—Elizabeth Shelton, Viola Hoyle, Trina Reid, Ethel Chiffelle, Janie Allen.

Most Newcomers Pledge to Astros

89 Join Astro Society;
Phis Receive 70

Saturday, October 3, at chapel, 12:30 p.m., the Astrotekton Society received 89 new girls as members, and the Philaretian Society received 70 new members. In contrast, last year the Phis received 102 and the Astros 76.

Decision Day, which climaxed two weeks of rushing by both societies, began with the new girls entering the dining hall through the door of the society of their choice, the Astros the east door and the Phis the west door, where they were greeted by the cheers of the old members of the society. Both doors were decorated with the colors of the corresponding society, and the dining hall was decorated in like manner. After the new girls all had entered, the old members of the Philaretian Society led by Adelaide Bunker, President; Adelaide Charles, Vice President; Evelyn Allen, Secretary; Margaret Long, Treasurer; Anna Lou Toms, Sergeant-at-arms, marched in singing the Phi song, followed by the Phi call. The Astros then marched in led by Marguerite Ward, President; Sue McNeely, Vice President, and Shirley Dickenson, Treasurer, singing the Astro song, after which the Astro call was given. The festivities were also enjoyed by Billy Astro, the Astros' goat and mascot, who watched from the court, and Miss Mary Frances Cooper, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Cooper, who is the Phi mascot. She was dressed in the Phi color, purple, and carried a giant Teddy Bear.

At 8:00 a.m. the Phi fire truck arrived, and the students rode from Johnson Hall to the highway and back. The Astro mule cart gave similar rides.

Chapel at 12:30 marked the final decision of each new student, the prospective Astro entering through the west door of the auditorium, the Phis through the east door. The two societies then marched in similar to the method of breakfast.

The Philaretian installation was held in Phi Hall at 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening. The Astro initiation was held from 6:45 to 8:45 in the tunnel. It was followed by formal installation and a reception in Astro Hall.

McDOWELL MUSIC CLUB MEETS ON SEPTEMBER 25

The McDowell Music Club held its initial meeting of the fall on Friday evening, September 25, in the Rotunda, with Margaret Robeson, president, presiding.

Club business constituted the program that evening. A club sponsor was selected and Mr. Stuart Pratt, a new member of the music faculty, accepted the sponsorship. It was also decided that the club is to meet every other Monday evening at 9:00 o'clock in the first floor social room in Jones Hall as the Carnegie music set is installed there.

Officers of the club have announced that new members among music majors and non-music students are wanted, and all who would like to join the club are asked to meet with the group on October 12.

ANNUAL SNAPSHOTS

Rachel Lovelace, editor of the *Oak Leaves*, has asked that all snapshots be turned in to Adelaide Charles, 220 Faircloth, as soon as possible.

Jive Overheard From School Frosh

My frantic family carried me here, the product of weeks of laborious toil on patience and pocketbook. The first chance I had to meet all future angels was a get-together party in the Hut. I was palpitating — such pulchritude! Everybody seemed to me to be slick chicks, and everything was tuzzywuzzy (wonderful) — except me. I felt like a goon (a drip but more so; personality of a droop; combined with a face to haunt houses). When I reached my room and retired to slap the Simmons between the percale, I was feeling dismal.

It's always darkest just before the dawn, and it was as I rose at the breakfast bell. With fears, I went to breakfast. Imagine my surprise and 134 others' when we all were too, too dev with our curlers, pallid faces, and the other breakfast accoutrements of a Meredith angel. I felt that perhaps my face wasn't so terrible after all.

The next few days were a rat race (hurry-hurry). We took tests and tests, were instructed and instructed, and most of all, entertained and rushed. It seems there were two societies, Astro and Phi. The problem was to choose between these two.

We all got acquainted, and I had a schmoozable (wonderful) roomie

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420 STUDENTS ENROLLED; TRANSFERS NUMBER 36

The official enrollment of Meredith College for the fall semester as released by Dean Benson W. Davis' office makes a total of four hundred and twenty-nine students. One hundred and seventy-four are at Meredith for the first time. One hundred and thirty-eight of these are Freshmen representing several states and the majority of the counties in North Carolina. There are thirty-six transfers coming from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Mars Hill Junior College, Campbell Junior College, William and Mary, Mary Washington, Brenau, Peace Junior College, St. Mary's Junior College, Averettes Junior College, Furman University, Aix-en-Provence University, Aix-en-Provence, France.

Dean Davis says that the officials of the college are pleased with the enrollment because a decrease was expected due to world conditions.

POSTOFFICE SCHEDULE

Daily except Saturday and Sunday.
8:00-8:25 a.m.
2:30-3:10 p.m.
3:40-3:50 p.m.
Saturday
8:00-8:25 a.m.
1:35-1:45 p.m.
Sunday
8:20-8:40 a.m.

Civic Music Concerts Scheduled; Syigeti To Open Series October 16

The first concert of the Civic Music Association will be presented on the evening of October 16 in the Memorial Auditorium when Joseph Syigeti appears in a violin recital.

Proclaimed "the greatest artist among violinists," Syigeti was born in Budapest, Hungary. At the age of twelve the young Hungarian was declared ready for concert appearances by Joachim, greatest violinist of the 19th century. One year later Syigeti made his debut and followed up his first public performance with concerts in Berlin and Dresden. From these cities he went on to London and Paris, and soon he was in constant demand for concerts throughout Europe.

Leopold Stokowski heard Syigeti play in Europe, was impressed and invited him to the United States. So, in the fall of 1925, Syigeti made his American debut as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Stokowski and scored rousing success. A week later he repeated this performance in New York's Carnegie Hall with equal success.

The remaining concerts in the local series are to be presented on the evenings of November 9, December 4, January 12, January 25, February 15, and the final concert on April 15.