

## 1942 GRADUATES ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

### Teaching, Scientific and Defense Work Among Occupations

Members of the class of 1942 are carrying on the traditions of Meredith College and are taking an active part in contributing to national defense.

Consisting of one hundred and thirteen members, a large majority of the class, fifty-two, are teaching school. Ruth Adams is teaching at Leaksville, N. C.; Mildred Askew at Pittsboro, N. C.; Anne Barrow at Sanford, N. C.; Dorothy Beale at Norfolk, Va.; Helen Betts at Wake Forest; Ethel Brown at Greensboro, N. C.; Frances Buchanan at Sanford, N. C.; Annie Ruth Caison at Warsaw, N. C.; Nancy Calloway at Bee Log, N. C.; Nancy Carroll at Goldsboro, N. C.; Catherine Chiffelle at Kenly, N. C.; Mary Elizabeth Coleman at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mary Frances Cooper at Wilkinson, N. C.; Ruby Craig at Pittsboro, N. C.; Lou Denning at Fuquay Springs, N. C.; Ellen Ann Flythe at Rockingham, N. C.; Frances Foster at Madison, N. C.; Virginia Franko at Walkerton, N. C.; Rachel Fulton at Garner, N. C.; Eloise Garris at Sanford, N. C.; Virginia Gilliland at Bunn, N. C.; Virginia Greene at Woodsdale, N. C.; Eva Grice at Youngsville, N. C.; Bertha Marie Harrell at Lucama, N. C.; Cornelia Herring at Zebulon, N. C.; Claire Hill at Williamston, N. C.; Mack Howard at Newton Grove, N. C.; Nancy Johnston at La Grange, N. C.; Peggie Royster Jones at Raleigh, N. C.; Madeline Kivett at Pfafftown, N. C.; Virginia Lancaster at Middleburg, N. C.; Josie Lassiter at Louisburg, N. C.; Virginia McGougan at Chadbourn, N. C.; Margaret Martin at Rockingham, N. C.; Nancy Nuckols at Louisville, Kentucky; Martha Olive at Hope Mills, N. C.; Alice Page at Henderson, N. C.; Nauwita Page at Star, N. C.; Gwendolyn Parker at Windsor, N. C.; La Rue Pearce at Norlina, N. C.; Celeste Perry at Goldsboro, N. C.; Myrtle Peterson, Bellarthur, N. C.; Cathryn Porter at Siler City, N. C.; Mary Hester Powell at Kinston, N. C.; Jenois Proctor at Concord, N. C.; Elizabeth Pruitt at Kinston, N. C.; Aileen Rogers at Speed, N. C.; Janie Sawyer at Sanford, N. C.; Nancy Stroup at Youngsville, N. C.; Mary Swann at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mildred Ward at Williamston, N. C.; and Mary Cooke

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## NOTED PIANIST GIVES CONCERT

### Russian Artist Appears Here

Alexander Brailowsky, celebrated Russian pianist, who was heard in recital in Raleigh in the Memorial Auditorium on the evening of December 4, was born in Kiev, in southern Russia. His father, a musician of achievements, was quick to recognize the boy's extraordinary ability, and he himself supervised his early pianistic training and studies at Kiev Conservatory.

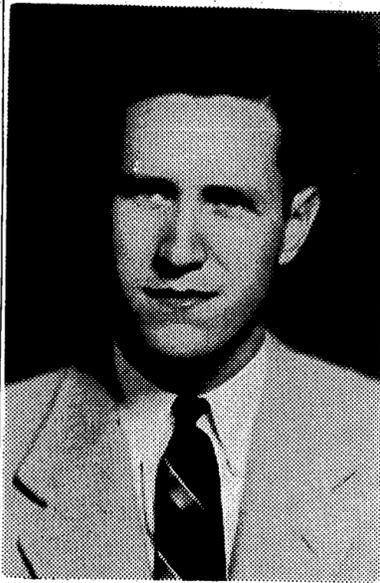
At the age of thirteen, young Brailowsky was taken to Vienna to become a pupil of the great Leschetizky. It was Leschetizky's custom to invite the elite of the Viennese musical world to his house to hear his outstanding students. At one of these "house concerts," the celebrated teacher had presented his first world-famous pupil, Ignace Jan Paderewski. At another, he introduced Brailowsky, who was destined to be the last of Leschetizky's disciples to achieve international renown.

At the outbreak of the first World War, the Brailowskys moved to Switzerland and later to France. Not long after his arrival in Paris, he made his first public appearance. The boy's debut recital created such a sensation in Parisian musical circles that offers of engagements began to pour in from all the capitals of Europe. One of the first of these engagements took place in Brussels in the presence of Queen Elizabeth, who repeatedly invited the young man to the Royal Palace to play sonatas for violin and piano with her. The bonds which bound Brailowsky to Belgium were later to become even stronger. In 1936 the Belgium government added to the "Kreisler Prize" and the "Casals Prize," the "Brailowsky Prize" biannually awarded to Belgium's most gifted young pianist.

His European reputation established, Brailowsky embarked on his first concert tour of South America. Two years later, the pianist made his North American debut. Audiences and critics alike voted him a place in the front rank of the virtuosi of his instrument.

Since 1922 Brailowsky has revisited South America on eight different occasions, climaxed by a Jubilee tour of the continent. Since 1924 he has

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Dr. Elliott Healy

## Meredith Professor Reports to Navy

Dr. Elliott Healy, professor of modern languages at Meredith since September of 1940, paid his final farewells to the college on December 1 as he made preparations to take on his new duties in the service of his country. Dr. Healy has a commission in the Navy as a lieutenant, (jg.). His plans at present are such that he will leave within a few days for his assigned station.

Because he is required to live in a dormitory while at his post, Dr. Healy will be unable to have Mrs. Healy accompany him. He stated that for the present she would return to her home in Denver, Connecticut.

Dr. Healy formerly taught at the University of North Carolina where he did his graduate work. His undergraduate work was completed at William and Mary.

## Meredith Student Honored For Poetry

Sidney Anne Wilson, a Meredith day student from Raleigh, has been honored by the Paebar Publishing Company of New York, having been asked permission to print her poem, "Retrospect," in their *Anthology of Verse* published every ten years. Sidney Anne, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Wilson of 1808 Park Drive in Raleigh, has attended Peace Junior College for two years, Greensboro College last year, and is now finishing at Meredith. While at Peace, she was the poetry editor of the magazine, *Voices of Peace*; and at G. C. she was a reporter on the newspaper, *The Collegian*. She has in her own collection of verse around fifty poems.

"Retrospect" was first published in the *News and Observer* as the North Carolina Poem in October this year. It was soon after that that she received word from the Paebar Publishing Company and that the poem was printed in the *Meredith Acorn*. More of her poems will be published in the next issue of the *Acorn*, the Christmas issue.

### ANNOUNCEMENT!

The "Oak Leaves" requests that all snapshots for the annual be turned in to Adelaide Charles in room 220F.

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE SPONSORS DEFENSE PROGRAM

### ORGANIZATIONS TO ENTERTAIN

#### Orphans and Blind Children To Come On Saturday, December 12

Meredith College will entertain with a play, "Heidi," given by the Little Theater and a party by the three other campus organizations, for Orphans from the Methodist, Catholic, and Oxford orphanages, children both white and colored from the blind school and a few other less fortunate children in Raleigh Saturday afternoon, December 12 from 2:30 to 4:30. Formerly, a Christmas play by the Little Theater was taken to Meredith to see one. The Little Theater, Student Government, Athletic Association, and the Baptist Student Union are all working together on the event. A general committee composed of the following girls are working on the plans:

Elizabeth Coleman—representing the Student Government.

Gloria Anderson—representing the Baptist Student Union.

Sue McNeely—representing the Little Theater.

Rosetta Purvis—representing the Athletic Association.

The cast of the play which the Little Theater is working hard on is:

Pete.....Frances Crane  
Barbel.....Dayre Davis  
Peter.....Elizabeth Shelton  
Uncle Alm.....Dorothy Turner  
Heidi.....Nelda Ferguson  
Granny.....Mary Jo Clayton  
Brigitte.....Elva Glenn Miller  
Pastor.....Betty Miller

## COUNT SHOWS 134 FRESHMEN

The following statistics have lately been released from the office of the dean:

Freshman Class, 1942-1943  
No. of resident freshmen..... 114  
No. of non-resident freshmen.... 20  
Total..... 134

No. of out-of-state freshmen..... 16  
No. of states represented..... 8  
No. of N. C. counties represent'd 48

Other States  
Florida ..... 1 Pennsylvania... 1  
Kentucky ..... 1 Rhode Island... 2  
Maryland ..... 2 South Caro.... 4  
New Jersey... 2 Virginia ..... 3

## Senior Class Announces Selection of Rings

The Senior Class ring and pin committee announces that the rings have been selected and ordered. Sheila Gulley is chairman of this committee, and Minnie Morris Huggins, Evelyn Bowers, Hazel Stewart, and Dorothy Boone are her committee members.

The rings are of the same pattern used by last year's senior class, having a black onyx stone with the Meredith seal in the center. On this seal is the date and the name of the college. The pins are like the center of the rings with a guard of either the year or degree.

About one-fourth of the class ordered rings which are expected to arrive after Christmas. The date of arrival is uncertain because of the present labor and transportation problems. Another order will be taken later.

### Thorough Plan Covers All Phases Of Home Defense

With an efficient and well-planned Civilian Defense program that was begun last December, the students and faculty of Meredith are again cooperating with the College Defense Committee which has as its chairman, Miss Margaret Kramer of the chemistry department.

The faculty members on the Defense Committee who were appointed by Dr. Carlyle Campbell at the beginning of the program include Miss Kramer; Miss Myrtle Barnette, head nurse of the infirmary; Miss Ellen Brewer, head of the home economics department; Miss Annie May Baker, Dean of Women; Dr. Benson Davis, Dean of Administration; and Miss Christine White, head of the physical education department.

Each year, a Student Defense Committee is appointed to represent each class. Carolyn Duke, president of the Student Government Association, recently appointed the following as representatives of their respective classes: Kathleen Clarke of Severn, senior; Eleanor Vereen of Raleigh, junior; Frances Snow of McAdenville, sophomore, and Mildred Blackman of Raleigh, freshman.

In order to carry out their three-fold aim—training people to take part in defense work at college, training students to be prepared to take part in defense work in their own communities; and making students and faculty more conscious of Civilian Defense and its place in the war effort—numerous projects have been undertaken.

Among them has been the teaching of defense courses. Because these courses are taught by specialists in their fields, students are urged to take every possible advantage of them. Miss White is the first aid instructor; Miss Barnette, the home nursing instructor; Miss Brewer, the instructor in nutrition; and Miss Eliza Dickinson and Miss Elizabeth Cameron are instructors in preliminary training for life saving.

The courses in first aid, nutrition, and home nursing will be repeated next semester. A more advanced life saving course will be taught as a follow-up of the present one.

The latest project of the Civilian Defense program at Meredith is the forming of first aid squads and posts on the campus with Miss White and Miss Barnette as co-chairmen. Stationary first aid posts will be under the supervision of Miss Barnette and Miss Gladys Shipman, assistant infirmary nurse. Mrs. Mary McCoy, Edgerton and Miss Dickinson will assist the supervisors. Traveling detachments will be supported by Miss White and Miss Cameron. After these stations are organized and preliminary courses are completed, they hope to be qualified as a Volunteer First Aid Detachment under the American Red Cross.

The scrap metal drive, which has been going on for some time, is still in progress on the campus. A drive for scrap silk, rayon and nylon hosiery will be started soon.

The committee wants to remind all campus residents that the next blackout for this area is to be a surprise blackout. Since it will not be announced in advance, students are reminded not to leave lights on in their rooms or bathrooms when they leave the room for any period of time.

## MEREDITH LASSES PONDER OVER COMING CHRISTMAS VACATION

Either you have a lot this year or not much—Christmas holidays, of course. The OPA or WPB or one of those innumerable Washington agencies decided that they did not want any college students "gumming up the works" of what they call a smooth-running transportation system. Subsequent suggestions arrived at all colleges that they either dismiss from December 15 to January 15 or just December 25. Colleges being colleges with very definite schedules and students being students with very definite ideas about Christmas vacations, these suggestions had to be just suggestions to all with, perhaps, the exception of Duke which gives its students only Christmas Day.

Meredith angels (you all know this) receive a little extra, being dismissed from December 17 through January 6. This has one drawback—spring holidays were cut to one day. Those boys in red and white

across Hillsboro Street have exactly the same holidays as the lasses from Meredith. What a coincidence! Who's going to have fun with whom traveling to and from home or wherever you go Christmas. The other schools in Raleigh have similar holidays, too.

What you are going to do during the vacation is a problem for many and not a problem for others. Some have part-time or even full-time jobs. Several have said they were going to build up the morale of the armed forces (some will probably help tear it down). A great many girls are just "gonna sleep an' EAT."

Just to make the Freshmen feel happy, they ought to know that, while the upperclassmen at William and Mary have exactly the same holidays as the Meredith girls do, the poor Frosh have from December 19 to January 4. You all can go home now and have a good time.