

With the Alumnae

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1945 REUNION CLASSES

ELLEN BREWER, General Chm.
 1905 - 1915 - 1916 - 1917 - 1918
 1920 - 1934 - 1935 - 1936
 1937 - 1943

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Bulletin—Jane Greene, '29, Duke Library, Durham.
Friends of the Library—Bernice Kelly Harris (Mrs. Herbert K.), '13, Seaboard.
Hospitality—Margaret Craig Martin (Mrs. Zeno), '30, Raleigh.
Ida Poteat Loan Fund—Dr. Mary Yarbrough, '26, Raleigh.
Loyalty Fund—Lois Stafford Kelly (Mrs. Paul), ex-'27, Raleigh.
Nominating—Blanche Burke Satterfield (Mrs. F. G.), '20, Durham
Reunion Classes—Ellen Brewer, '18, Raleigh.
Social—Co-Chairmen — Minnie Farrior, '13, Hester P. Farrior, '18, Mary Farrior Baker, ex-'23.

Alumnae Opposes Merger; Chapters Hold Meetings

The proposal being agitated to sell the present properties of Meredith and start a Baptist University at Wake Forest is being strongly opposed by organized and other alumnae groups, as revealed by meetings held during Meredith Week—October 16-23—and the week following. The chain of alumnae meetings already reported include: Wake County chapter on the 17th at the Hut on the College campus; Winston-Salem on the 18th with Margery Wilson Perryman; Salisbury and Wilson on the 19th with Nell Gordon Isenhour and Mary Williams Creech, respectively; Clinton at the First Baptist Church, Kinston with Pauline Stroud Jones, and Chapel Hill on the 20th; Alamance County with Edith Bowden Kraus, and Greensboro with Netta O. Liles Martin on the 21st; Greenville with Lelia Higgs, and Pittsboro with Elizabeth Chapin Hatch on the 23rd; Apex, Durham, and Henderson on the 24th with Mrs. John Link, Elizabeth Kendrick Faucette, and Ada Shearin Parker, respectively. Other groups reporting that they expect to have meetings very soon are: Charlotte, Goldsboro, Littleton, Mount Olive, New Bern, Person County, Charlotte, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Chapter Heads Hear Campbell

Marguerite Mason Wilkins presided over the second annual meeting of Chapter Presidents held at the College on Saturday morning, September 30. After the singing of Alma Mater, President Wilkins led in a short devotion, "Vision for the New Day."

Dr. Campbell, the only speaker of the day, explained the Expansion Program, giving history of its beginning, its success, its progress. He spoke of the enthusiastic way in which Raleigh accepted the Program, as manifested by the fact that at the close of the Campaign the quota was far exceeded. He asserted that the alumnae have splendid opportunity of bringing the Program to a successful conclusion.

Round table discussions were engaged in before and after luncheon. In these the duties of a chapter president were shown as follows: (1) to stress purpose of Alumnae Association, (2) to stress aims for 1944-45, (3) to make executive committee of officers and committee chairmen, (4) to meet executive committee at scheduled times, (5) to know the projects of the Association.

General Loyalty Fund Chairman, Lois Stafford Kelly, presented in a very unique way the necessity of stressing a higher percentage of active members in chapters. The goal for 1944-45 is 30 per cent instead of 25 per cent, she pointed out. Also she emphasized that at commencement there will be roll of honor of active alumnae names.

Coupons were not slighted, for they've been a habit since 1931. President Wilkins presented a prize—box of candy!—to Mary Lee Sears Johnston, president of Wake County Chapter, for having brought in the most coupons. The goal for the Association is one million. It was

revealed that to date 426,096 have been collected.

A panorama of student personalities was presented. Mary Jo Clayton of Aberdeen, Maryland spoke on Student Government; Mildred Thornton of Wisconsin, on the Baptist Student Union; and Nelda Ferguson of Durham on "What Meredith Means to Me."

A coffee hour arranged by Margaret Craig Martin (Mrs. Zeno) was held in the Faculty Parlor. Mrs. Carlyle Campbell poured coffee, and assisting in serving were the following Granddaughters: Josephine Britt of Enfield, Doris Carroll of Charlotte, Stella Lassiter of Potocasi, Kathryn Monteith of Sylva, and Elizabeth Sawyer of Elizabeth City. Other Granddaughters who helped register were Angeline Shields of Scotland Neck, Peggy Parker of Henderson, and Lucille Sawyer of New Bern.

Those who attended this meeting were: President Marguerite Mason Wilkins, Madge Daniels Barber, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania; Dot Beale, of Norfolk, Virginia; Margaret Bright, of New Hill; Mary Ida Butler Bridger, of Bladenboro; Lillian Draughan, of Dunn; Lelia Higgs, of Greenville; Anne Simms Haskins, of Hampton, Virginia; Mary Lee Sears Johnston, of Raleigh; Lois Stafford Kelly, of Raleigh; Bert Brown McMurray, of Asheville; Betty Rose Prevatte, of Henderson; Lois Sawyer Pritchard, of Greensboro; Fannie Turlington Royall, of Clinton; Helen Canaday Simms, of Littleton; Mary Esther Williams, of Durham; and alumnae secretary Mae Grimmer.



Marguerite Mason Wilkins (Mrs. R. Bruce), '30, of Durham, President of Alumnae Association, presided at second annual meeting of Chapter Presidents at the College, Saturday, September 30.

May Luncheon Gala Affair

The college dining hall, decked with cut spring flowers, a huge birthday cake, candles, and other party trimmings, was the setting for the annual alumnae luncheon following the commencement meeting of the Association on May 27, 1944. Beth Carroll Taylor, '22, as toastmaster welcomed the three hundred assembled guests and had charge of the program, planned to honor especially the incoming alumnae and the twelve reunion classes.

The program opened with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," after which the toastmaster proceeded with the traditional service for inducting members of the graduating class into the Association. Ann Ray Kramer, president of the class of '44, presented her class doll, the forty-third in the series, and a class gift of twenty-five dollars for the Ida Poteat Loan Fund.

Recognition of the reunion classes took the form of birthday greetings, and attention was centered in the huge birthday cake on the toastmaster's table. Laura Weatherspoon Harrill, '27, retiring president of the Association, served to each of the twelve class representatives slices of the cake containing symbols, which the toastmaster interpreted thus:

For the Class of 1902, a boat. "From her first class Meredith sent out her first missionary, Miss Sophie

Lanneau. We honor her today, and class she represents."

For the Class of 1903, a wedding ring. "If you do not understand the significance of the wedding ring for the Class of 1903, do let us explain. One hundred per cent married! What a record!"

For the Class of 1904, a ruby horseshoe for good luck. "Very, very special honor to the Class of 1904 on their Ruby Anniversary! With our congratulations go the love and appreciation of all here assembled. The loyalty of this class is shown by the fact that in one family alone there are four Meredith graduates and a trustee of the College."

For the Class of 1919, a skull. "What a debt of gratitude we owe the Class of 1919, for not until they came along do we have any record that classes had bones—backbones, funny bones—any sort of bones! And now on their Silver Anniversary will they rise again and take a bow?"

For the Class of 1920, a key. "The Class of 1920 holds the key to our hearts for their loyalty. Of all the reunion classes they have sent back to Meredith the greatest number of daughters."

For the Class of 1921, four stars. "The Class of 1921 boasts a general, and that makes her a four-star class. General Moultrie Drake Betts led the Women's Army of Wake County gloriously over the top in the recent Expansion Drive."

For the Class of 1922, an owl. "To the Class of 1922 goes the owl for wisdom, for twenty per cent of their number hold advanced degrees. Another record-breaker!"

For the Class of 1934, tin-lizzie. "With all the tin and tin-lizzies gone to war, we had a time salvaging something for the Class of 1934. But we'd turn the world upside down to make your tin anniversary a shining success. Our hats off to you, ten-year class!"

For the Class of 1939, an airplane. "Mid pleasures and palaces though you may roam, We'll furnish an airship to fly you back home."

For out-of-state members 1939 ranks at the top, thirty-three and one-third per cent of them!"

For the Class of 1940, a camel. "This is the class that graduated when Dr. Campbell was a freshman at Meredith. May the Campbells keep coming to these reunion occasions, hooray! hooray!"

For the Class of 1941, a loving cup. "1941 takes the cup for athletics. Starting during their college years by winning the basketball championship for three successive years, may they keep up their good record by showing the rest of us how to get back to Meredith commencements on a gallon and a half of gas!"

For the Class of 1942, a bottle. "If 1942 is the baby of the reunion classes she is certainly a healthy child, for she is the largest member of the whole alumnae family, and one of the most active."

As an additional feature on the program, R. H. Satterfield, field representative of the College, appearing as Dr. C. Q. in a broadcast from station MCBAB (Meredith College Bigger and Better), presented a quiz program. Members of his audience, picked at random by his three roving assistants, Maude Davis Bunn, Davie Belle Eaton, and Katharine Davis Ogburn, answered for prizes of war stamps his questions on the Expansion Program, coupon project, and related subjects.

The awards for the highest percentage of active members among the reunion classes went to the Class of 1922 with 55 per cent, and the Class of 1917 topped the non-reunion group with 69 per cent. Late mails revealed that the Class of 1920 went over the top by actually reaching the goal, 100 per cent active membership in the Association. The awards were books, which were received by representatives of the respective classes and then presented to the college library.

The singing of the Alma Mater brought the event to a close. Serving on the Social Committee for the occasion were Lillian Horton Ammons, chairman, Ruami Squires, Mary Louise Ott, Susan Rudisill Godwin, Inez Poe Ray, Peggy Royster Jones, and Olive Hamrick Miller.

Reunion Classes Report

Three 1944 reunion classes have reported having special class meetings after the luncheon of May 27. All twelve of them reached the goal of at least 25 per cent active membership in the Association. In fact one class, 1920, reached the top, 100 per cent!

Vera Lee Thornton, permanent secretary of the Class of 1934, writes: "Fifteen members of our class had a meeting in the Faculty Parlor. Even though ten years have passed since we left Meredith, we found that very little change had taken place in our looks, and absolutely no change in our class spirit. We had a grand time recalling the old days, the achievements of the class. Also we checked on the additions—future Meredith girls. We

planned to have another meeting at the 1945 commencement. Those present were: Katherine Davis Ogburn, president, Jessica Creech Frommelt, Gwendolyn Crowder Riddick, Mary Florence Cummings Howard, Martha Davis Lowrance, Magdalen Davis Cotton, Ann Early Sermons, Margaret Shields Everett Howland, Irene Little Still, Jean Simpson, Ruami Squires, Vera Lee Thornton, Marian Vinson Jester, Sarah Elizabeth Vernon Watts, Miriam Wilson Jacks."

Elizabeth Hostetler Ponton, acting chairman for 1941, reports: "After luncheon we adjourned to the Hut for our class meeting. No business was transacted, but we expressed a two-fold hope: one, that a much larger percentage of our class become active members of the Association; two, that many more be at the 1945 reunion. Neither our president, Sara Hayworth, nor our secretary, Ida Willa Howell Friday, could be with us. Those attending were: Olive Hamrick Miller, Virginia Wrenn, Annie Laurie Overton, Betty Fleischmann, Sadie Allen Allren, and Elizabeth Hostetler Ponton."

Mary Elizabeth Holloway in reporting for her class writes: "Graduates of 1942 came back for the reunion in surprisingly large numbers. In fact so many arrived in time for the luncheon that there were not enough places reserved. Most of the group met together later, so there was an opportunity for visiting with each other. Living up to its reputation of informality, the Class met in Phi Hall without pomp or ceremony. Catherine Wyatt read a telegram from Addie Davis, president, expressing her regrets at being unable to get to the reunion. Then the group practiced the song they were to sing to their little sisters at the Class Day exercises. Most of the time was spent in catching up on all of the latest news about everyone. Of course everything else stopped while everyone admired Louis Dickie Formyduval's young daughter, Alice Ann. Maybe the next reunion will see even more 1942 graduates back."

ALUMNAE LUNCHEON

Meredith alumnae and friends attending the Baptist State Convention will get together for a luncheon at Efir's dining room on Wednesday, November 15, at 1 o'clock. Plates will be one dollar each. Send your reservation to Mrs. Cooper E. Taylor, 1641 Providence Road, Charlotte, by November 12.

ACTIVE ALUMNAE CHAIN LENGTHENS

The names of the links that have been added to the active alumnae chain are: Mary Covington Avent, Jeannette Biggs, Alice Bryan, Annabel Bridger Caldwell, Katie Carpenter, '44, Ruth Wright Carter, Kathryn Chapman, Genevieve Chiffelle, '44, Florence Sawyer Combs, Margaret Grayson Covington, Edwina Martin Crowther, Elizabeth Daniel Fitchett, Virginia Gilliland, Mae Grimmer, Anna Ruth Dixon Gyles, Lorene Woody Hammett, Ruth Crissman Harris, Margaret Nash Hester, Geraldine Gaddy Holbert, Bessie Gray Gill Holleman, Helen Edwards Holland, Helen Knott, '44, Edith Bowden Kraus, Velma Patterson Lawrence, Ruth Sample Lowery, Grace Porter McLaurin, Bert Brown McMurray, Marion Harris Marks, Annie Mary Matthews, '44, Helen Privette Murray, Dixie Lee Bale Mylum, Amelia Pruitt Nichols, Myra Olive, Charlotte Peebles, Lucy Hayes Pittman, Cathryn Porter, Maie Hinson Porter, Susie Mae Porter, Mildred Ann Critcher Raper, Inez Poe Ray, Norma B. Robertson, '44, Wave Aileen Rogers, Blanche Sharpe Rogers, Carmen Rogers, Onie Shields, '44, Helen Canaday Simms, Maxine Smith, Bess Tilson Sprinkle, Marjorie Freeman Strickland, Mildred Thomas, Evelyn Marshburn Turner, Eleanor Vereen, '44, Dolly Byrd Vernon, Harriet Mardre Wainwright, Mary Lib Wilkerson, '44, Marguerite Mason Wilkins, Mary Esther Williams, Frances Pittman Woodard, Beulah Bailey Woolard, Roberta Royster Wortman, Gretchen Fanny Wyatt, Daphne Owens Yelverton, Dorothy Foster Johnson, Lois Stafford Kelly, Elizabeth Knight Langley, Maurine Winfree Patterson, Virginia Farris Watts.

Marriages

Dr. Mary Susan Steele, '13, of Wagram, and Mr. Edmund Thomas Smith, on October 12. At home, Wagram.
 Lelia Holding, '30, of Wake Forest, and Lt. Benjamin Thompson Aycock, on October 9. At home, Presque Isle, Maine.
 Charlotte Tedder, '30, of Nashville, Tenn., and S/Sgt. Frederick James Swift, on October 7.
 Mabel Bowling, ex-'35, of Rougemont, and Lt. (jg) Douglas Lyons McGuire, on October 11. At home, Seattle, Washington.
 Jean Davis, ex-'37, of Winston-Salem, and Lt. Commander Claus R. Moberg, on October 15. At home, Hollywood, Florida.
 Dr. Pearl Trogdon Huffman, '37,

of Philadelphia, Pa., and Dr. Roy Otto Scholtz, on October 7. At home, Baltimore, Md.

Elizabeth Garner, '42, of Hampton, Virginia, and Mr. Marion O'Dell McKinney, Jr., on October 21. At home, Hampton.

Dorris Cline, '43, of Shelby, and Lt. Robert Lee Brooks, USMCR, on May 13. At home, Shelby.

Vinita Penland, '43, of Burnsville, and Sgt. J. Kenneth Robertson, on June 16. At home, Burnsville.

Carolyn Aydtlett, '38, of Durham and Elizabeth City, and Mr. James W. Carson, USNR, on October 14. At home, Camp Parks, Calif.

Mary Frances Cooper, '42, of Raleigh, and Mr. Albert H. Pridgen, Jr., S 2/C, USNR, on October 7.

Births

Born to:

Mr. and Mrs. D. Glenn Auman (Henrietta Castlebury, '36), of Virginia Beach, Virginia, a daughter, Muriel Victor, on November 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Samuel Brown (Annie Keith Brown, '33), of North Augusta, S. C., a son, Jerry Samuel, on November 12.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Paschal McLaurin (Grace Porter, '37), of Sanford, a son, Arthur Porter, on February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Vincent (Willene Yost, '35), of Eggertsville, N. Y., a daughter, Margaret Anne, on July 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Muchemore (Rosetta Purvis, ex-'44), of San Diego, Calif., a daughter, Ann Horton, on September 13.

Lt. and Mrs. Stencil M. Stroud (Helen Powers, '41), of Goldsboro, a daughter, Miriam Rebecca, on September 16.

Sgt. and Mrs. J. C. Williams (Celeste Perry, '42), of Las Vegas, Nevada, a daughter, Celia Anne, on September 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruark (Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins, '32), of Red Springs, a daughter, Rena Westbrook, on September 27.

Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Williams, Jr. (Eleanor Edwards, '37), of Cary, a daughter, Nancy Ellis, on September 29.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Stephens (Jewell Ballentine, '34), of Varina, a daughter, Sandra Jean, on October 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Egert (Margaret Wyatt, '23), of Staten Island, N. Y., a son, John Seaton, on October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Liddell Munford (Margaret Fuquay, ex-'42), of Durham and Baltimore, a daughter, Dheadra Woody, on October 17.

Captain and Mrs. Hugh L. McKinney (Edith Hall, ex-'42), of Lillington, a son, on September 13, who died the same day.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Walden, Jr. (Ruth Bailey, ex-'43), of Rocky Mount, a daughter, Martha Winona, on October 17.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Epperon (Anne Murray, '39), of High Point, a daughter, Judith Allen, on October 19.

We Extend Deepest Sympathy to:

Oreon Bostick Moncrief (Mrs. A. J.), ex-'32, of Toronto, Canada, in the passing of her father, Reverend Wade Dobbins Bostick, retired missionary from China, at his home in Wake Forest on September 23.

Anne Richie Harris, '44, of Raleigh, in the loss of her brother, Joseph Parker Harris who was killed in action on Saipan Island on June 15.

Ruth Alice Ward Sloop (Mrs. Frank), '36, and Marguerite Ward, '43, of Hertford, in the loss of their brother, Paratrooper Ivie Alphonso Ward, Jr., who was killed in action in Holland on September 18.

Adelaide Bunker, '43, of Mt. Airy in the death of her father at his home on October 8.

Pullen Belvin Jones (Mrs. Wm. N. H.), '29, of Raleigh, in the passing of her father, Charles H. Belvin, on October 9, after an illness of several years.

Virginia Hester Eddins (Mrs. S. C.), ex-'33, of Wilmington, Susie Hester Knott (Mrs. Bruce), ex-'41, of Wendell, and Marguerite Hester, ex-'41, of Fort Bragg, in the passing of their mother, Mrs. J. R. Hester, at her home in Wendell on October 12.

Cleone Cooper Mumford (Mrs. C. G.), '27, of Raleigh, in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Annie T. Cooper, of Salemburg, on October 14.

We regret the passing of Myrtle Hair at her home in Columbia, S. C., on October 13. She was a student in the College one year, 1934-1935. We extend deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Catherine Hayes Weeks (Mrs. Percy L.), '34, of Staley, in the death of her father, J. W. Hayes, of Mullins, S. C., on May 31.