

Alumnae Supplement to The Twig

MEREDITH COLLEGE, RALEIGH, N. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1945

ALUMNAE SECRETARY AND STAFF



Pictured above are Mae Grimmer, Executive Secretary, and her three student assistants in consultation over the TWIG Supplement. The girls, left to right, are Virginia Highfill, junior from Winston-Salem, Mary Frances Keene, sophomore from Dunn, and Lena Glenn Highfill, freshman from Winston-Salem. The office in Vann Hall is the center for all alumnae activity.

Alumna Serves With Red Cross Overseas

Annie Laurie Overton '41, Directs Club in France

Annie Laurie Overton, '41, who has served for more than a year in recreational work for the Red Cross sends an interesting report on her work in England and Southern France. On July 3, 1945, she arrived at the Calais Staging Area near Marseilles to help open a new Red Cross Club. Within a few weeks she was assigned to the opening of another center and was appointed its director. This honor of having her own club, which was named "The Annie Laurie Club" by a committee of officers and GI's, came to her just a year after graduation from the Red Cross School in Washington.

Before beginning her present activities in southern France, Annie Laurie saw a nine month period of service with the Air Force in England. She sailed from New York for England in September 1944 on the same ship with Churchill and his party after their meeting in Canada. Commenting on her work in England, she writes: "It's been more fun and play than it has work. You wouldn't call doing something for the boys who were going out on bombing missions work. It was a pleasure to sit and listen to what they had to say—things that were on their minds and that had to be told to someone who would listen. It was fun (Continued on following page)

Alumnae Chapter Presidents Hold Meeting at Meredith

President Campbell Speaks on Present Conditions and Future Plans at the College

The third annual meeting of the Meredith Alumnae Chapter Presidents convened at 11:00 a.m., on October 6 in Vann Hall. Nine chapters sent representatives to the meeting, which proved both informative and inspirational for all who attended.

Marguerite Mason Wilkins, presiding officer, set the theme for the day, "Keepers of the Light," with her opening devotional on "The Light of the World." Using the college seal as her emblem, she pointed out that Lux stands for high standards of scholarship and high standards of social and spiritual life and that it becomes the responsibility of all alumnae to keep the light burning.

Introduction of delegates included the following: Gertrude

Foster Boone, '40, president of the Chapel Hill Chapter; Helen Rivers Smith, '36, president of the Craven County Chapter; Mary Esther Williams, '40, vice president of the Durham Chapter; Kathleen Jackson, '37, president of the Elizabeth City Chapter, and Annie Sarah Barkwell Abbott, '30, vice president of the Elizabeth City Division; Ada Shearin Parker, '08, president of the Henderson Chapter and Betty Rose Prevatte, '44, from that chapter; Frances Pittman Woodard, '37, president of the Kinston Chapter; Dorothy Foster Johnson, '38, president of the Mt. Gilead Chapter; Martha Medlin Wardlaw, '29, president of the Wake County Chapter; Helena Baker, representative of the Norfolk Chapter.

In the business and discussion session which followed, the highlights of the fall calendar were reviewed, and special emphasis was placed on Meredith Week, October 8-15. Specific suggestions for chapter activity during this week were made and the groups were urged to send at least two members each as representatives to the Council meeting on November 10.

President Campbell, speaking on present conditions and future plans with special emphasis on the Expansion Program, brought an optimistic overall view of the College. He urged alumnae to do their part in evidencing interest in this project, "Our Light of Tomorrow."

The meeting was adjourned for a luncheon hour, during which time the delegates saw the Meredith cafeteria in operation.

After lunch, discussion was continued with reports on the **Twig Supplement**, the Loyalty Fund, and the Coupon and Magazine Projects. The prize for bringing the most coupons, awarded to Helen Rivers Smith, was a beribboned basket filled with coupon bearing products.

The program was concluded with talks by "Campus Lights," student leaders at the college. Those appearing included Mary Elizabeth Banks, of Apex, president of the Granddaughters' Club; Elizabeth (Continued on following page)

Graduates Receive Advanced Degrees

Seven Awarded M.R.E. And One Gets M.A.

The record of Meredith alumnae who continue study after graduation is a gratifying reminder of the sound basis for scholarship which an A.B. degree from the College affords. The following list includes those alumnae who have completed work for advanced degrees since the listing in the November (1944) College Bulletin.

The W.M.U. Training School conferred the degree of Master of Religious Education on the following girls in 1945: Zubie Ingle, '39; Daphne Penny, '41; Ethel Brown, '42; Evelyn Hampton, '43; Dorothy Devault (Mrs. T. B. Milligan), '39. Ann Carolyn White, '44, received the M.A. degree from Cornell University and is now studying in her chosen field of sociology on a fellowship at the University of Chicago.

Through error the 1944 list did not include two recipients of the M.R.E. degree in 1942: Virginia Anne Craver (Mrs. Das Kelley Barnett), '40, from the W.M.U. Training School and Ruth Martin, '40, from Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Information on alumnae who are now engaged in graduate study will be welcomed for an article in an early issue of the **Supplement**.

ADDITION

To the list of gifts made to the College last commencement by alumnae should be added a donation of \$25.00 by the Class of 1920. The gift was omitted from the list which appeared in the September issue of the **Supplement**. The class, celebrating its twenty-fifth reunion, presented the money in quarters, artistically tied with maroon and white ribbons. The presentation was made at the annual commencement luncheon.

Three Books Added To Alumnae Shelf

Since the last report on the Friends of the Library project, three volumes have been added to the Alumnae Shelf in the Meredith College Library. All are gifts from Ruth Livermon Kilgore, '21, of Germantown, Pennsylvania. **A History of Taxation in North Carolina during the Colonial Period** by Coralie Parker, Ph.D., is a dissertation presented in candidacy for her degree from Columbia University. Dr. Parker, a graduate of Meredith in the Class of 1921, is now teaching economics at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. The other two volumes, **China and Child Life in China**, are teachers' handbooks for use with instructional sound films. They were both prepared by Ruth Livermon Kilgore.

Chapter In Craven County Sets High Goal

The Craven County Chapter of Meredith Alumnae held the October meeting on Wednesday, October 17. The addition of one new member, Betty Ann Lutz Burton, increased the chapter enrollment to twenty-two. A report of the meeting of chapter presidents at the college was given by Helen Rivers Smith, who represented the group at that gathering. Special emphasis was placed on the part which chapters can play in the Loyalty Fund Drive, and the Craven County Chapter was commended for having reached already this year the 30 per cent goal of active membership. They set as their goal for the current year 100 per cent active membership in the Association.

The Craven County Chapter held regular meetings during the summer months, working to keep up the Meredith spirit in that section. Their September meeting was a social honoring the five local girls who are now at Meredith as students.

Chapel Hill Alumnae Plan Year's Work

The Chapel Hill Chapter of Meredith Alumnae met Friday evening, October 12, at the home of Gertrude Foster Boone, president, with Eva Grice as joint hostess. Mr. R. H. Satterfield, Director of Public Relations, was the speaker of the evening. In presenting the opportunities of Meredith College, a church related school, he said, "As goes Christian education, so will go democracy, for church and democracy are dependent upon Christian education." Mae Grimmer, Alumnae Secretary, introduced Mr. Satterfield to the group, and Mrs. Satterfield was a special guest.

A business meeting followed the speech, at which time the various projects for the year were discussed. A social hour followed, and plans were made for the next meeting in November.

Elizabeth City Chapter Begins Second Year

The Elizabeth City Chapter of Meredith Alumnae began its second year's work with a meeting last week in the home of Kathleen Jackson, chapter president. Officers for the coming year include Annabel Hollowell Highfill, vice president, Frances Harris Horner, program chairman, and Mrs. Harry Tunstall, coupon and magazine chairman, with Louise Sawyer serving as her assistant.

Several new members were welcomed into the chapter, and those present heard an interesting and enthusiastic report on the recent Chapter Presidents Meeting held at the College. Kathleen Jackson and Annie Sarah Barkwell Abbott represented the group at that meeting.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Gregson, and at that time further plans for the year's work will be made.

Pennsylvania Group Has Luncheon Meeting

The Brotherly Love (Pennsylvania) Chapter of Meredith Alumnae had an all-day meeting at the home of the president, Madge Daniels Barber, in Ardmore, Pennsylvania on October 6. At the business session after a luncheon, the following officers were elected: Madge Daniels Barber, president; Beth Huntley Lain, secretary. The chapter forwarded to the Alumnae Office 1,163 coupons and four magazine subscriptions.

As an added project this fall the group voted to send a Christmas box to a junior girl at the Alexander Schools, Union Mills, N. C.

The next meeting of the chapter will be on December 8, a luncheon meeting with Ruth Livermon Kilgore.

Mt. Gilead Alumnae Honor New Students

The Mount Gilead Chapter of Meredith Alumnae met in the music studio at the high school for the September meeting. Joint hostesses for the occasion were Janie Parker Dixon, Ella Parker Ledbetter, and Frances Haywood.

The chapter president, Dorothy Foster Johnson, presided over the meeting which was opened with the singing of the Alma Mater. Special guests for the occasion were Edna Frances Dawkins, Assistant Dean of Women at the College, Mary Lou Dawkins and Iris Scarborough, freshmen at Meredith this fall, and their mothers, Mrs. Dawkins, and Mrs. Scarborough. One new member, Mildred Colvard, who is teaching home economics in the high school, was enrolled.

The president appointed committees to head up the work of the chapter for this year. Iris Scarborough rendered a piano solo, and Edna Frances Dawkins spoke to the group on changes at Meredith and the progress of the Expansion Program. A short social hour followed the meeting.

Dean Burk Addresses Wake County Chapter

The Wake County Chapter of Meredith Alumnae met Monday evening, October 14, in the Hut at the College. The president, Martha Medlin Wardlaw, presided at the business meeting with Gladys Dowell, secretary. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. B. Moore Parker, Hettie Farrier was elected assistant treasurer.

Mary Lee Sears Johnson, president of the Chapter 1943-1945, reported that for the purchase of a twenty-five dollar bond the fund needed an additional \$2.50. This amount was raised by those present and a beginning was made on a fund for another loan. Mary Farrier Baker received the coupons brought to the meeting and urged (Continued on following page)



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Marguerite Mason Wilkins

The Presidents Council on October 6 was a golden opportunity to become acquainted with some of the chapter presidents. We had a wonderful time together, especially at the lovely tea in the Hut, arranged by Anne Simms Haskins, '31. The log fire (it was a cold rainy day!) and attractive tea table made a scene where spirits could blend and friend hold fellowship with friend.

The next big occasion for Meredith alumnae is Homecoming Day, November 10. How I wish every alumna could go back to the College on that day. Since that is too much to hope for, we are asking for a representative group at the Alumnae Council at 11:00 a.m. There will be two representatives from each chapter, one from each graduate class, the executive committee of the General Alumnae Association, and the alumnae trustees. And any alumna who can come will be most welcome!

At 2:00 o'clock the Palio will begin. This distinctly Meredith tradition, Palio, is new to some of us. It is a student festival approved by

Miss Ida Poteat and first put on when Miss Marion Warner was a member of the physical education department at Meredith. Each class parades in costume and enters various contests. The alumnae also parade, our stunt being planned by the Raleigh Chapter.

In the evening, at 6:45 through courtesy of the local chapter, there will be an after-dinner coffee hour honoring the visiting alumnae, new members of the faculty, and other guests. The annual Stunt Night, when each class presents an original play, climaxes a full and interesting day.

I have observed that the alumnae who go back to the College from time to time are the ones who are most interested in the local chapter work and all alumnae projects. When we go back, we are overcome with such a flood of memories that we are made conscious of the debt we can never repay to a college that is Christian. When we don't go back, it is so easy to become engrossed in many things and forget our love and loyalty to Alma Mater. Let's all go to Meredith for Homecoming Day!

LOYALTY CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Margaret Craig Martin

As the Loyalty Fund Drive gets under way in earnest, I should like to remind you once more of the goal which we have set for ourselves this year. Not content to have reached the minimum 30 per cent active membership in the Association last year, we have set our aim higher, and we are anxious and eager to achieve the 40 per cent goal this year. That means, of course, an increase of three hundred alumnae actively engaged in forwarding the interest of the College, actually giving to the Loyalty Fund.

You have received recently our Loyalty Fund envelope. I hope that you were impressed with the record thereon—so impressed that you have already signed on the dotted line, written your check, and sent the envelope on its way back to Mae Grimmer. If you haven't done so yet, don't delay. Add your name to the active membership Chain of Names. The following links have been added since the last issue of the **Supplement**: Rachel Baker, '45, Alma Carlton Barnett, Viola Alderman Barrett, Ma & Elizabeth Bell,

Lucile Kelly Best, '21, Life Member, Gertrude Foster Boone, Janie Cash, '45, Maude Hall Childs, Mary Kate Collier, Margaret Grayson Covington, Joyce Dawson, Nelda Ferguson, '45, Sara Mull Gardner, Helen Garvey, Eva Grice, Lucille Parker Guthrie, Frances Batchelor Harris, Anne Simms Haskins, Margaret Hollis, Lucy Grindstaff Howell, Pauline Goodwin Jobe, Dorothy Foster Johnson, Irene Dixon Johnson, Lois Stafford Kelly, Ruth Livermon Kilgore, Helen Knott, Emily Miller Lay, Lt. Betty Brown MacMillan, '41, Life Member, Louise McMillan, Fannie Paul Malpass, Elizabeth Murray, '45, Mildred Oliver, '27, Life Member, Mary Louise Ott, Annie Laurie Overton, Mary Hester Powell, '42, Life Member, Bessie Rogers Dewis, Mary Catherine McIntyre Rodgers, '45, Mrs. I. W. Rose, Louise Bennett Satterwhite, Nancy Allen Snuggs, Dorcas Stanley, Winnie Davis Turner, Martha Medlin Wardlaw, Pauline Patton Wood.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1945-1946

Council Meeting, November 10. Also Palio and Stunt Night.

Open House at the College during Baptist State Convention, 5:00-6:00, November 13 and 14.

Founders' Day, February 15. (Note change of date from November 9 to February 15, traditional time.)

Alumnae Luncheon during W.M.U. Convention, March 12-14, in High Point.

May Day. Commencement, May 31-June 3.

Alumnae Day, Saturday, June 1.