



Egon Petri To Appear In Concert

Egon Petri, world-famous Dutch-American pianist, comes to Raleigh January 22, at 8:00 p.m. to present the fourth concert in the Civic Music series. The pianist, born in Hanover, Germany, the son of a Hollander, Henri Petri, the famous violinist, came to America in 1940 as a result of the German march on Poland, where he and his wife lived.

In America Petri first taught at Mills College in Oakland, California, and later conducted master classes in Colorado Springs, Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, and New York. In 1941 he received appointment as Pianist in Residence at Cornell University and established his home at Ithaca, New York, where he now resides.

Egon Petri made his debut as a concert pianist in Germany and Holland in 1902, playing at the Dutch court twice that year. Since then he has toured Europe and the United States giving concerts. The artist holds the degree of Doctor of Music from Manchester University, England, and has received the decorations, the Greek orders of Phoenix and Redeemer, and the Polish order of Polonia Restituta.

Petri enjoys playing the music of the composers Debussy and Ravel, but his preference lies in their predecessors. Before a solo concert, Petri may send as many as twelve complete programs for selection and he holds in readiness all the concertos of Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Mozart, and others.

The famous pianist has recorded the works of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Liszt, and Chopin, the Polonaise in A Major being the best seller. Columbia records is the company for whom Petri records.

Of his performance the *New York Herald Tribune* states, "His intellectual and emotional approaches to music are so flawlessly balanced and his technical equipment so stupendous and comprehensive that no musical product, classic or romantic, lies beyond his scope."

Focus Week Chairman Entertains at Coffee

Helen Wallis, chairman of Religious Focus Week, entertained at an after-dinner coffee in the game room Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, for the chairman of the different committees for the Focus Week. Elizabeth Shelton presided at the coffee table and the hostess served nuts and cookies. After the coffee, there was a business session at which the members of the Committee of 100 were chosen.

Building to Begin Soon

After several weeks of consultation, the College Administration, the Head of the Meredith Music Department, and members of the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees have tentatively approved the plans for the new auditorium and music building. It is thought that these plans will be in shape to be offered to prospective contractors for bids within the next week or two.

Although the auditorium-music building will probably be the only building to be undertaken within the year, the Trustees have asked the architect, William Henley Deitrick, to prepare a proposed plan for a Science Building at the same time in order that an overall picture may be gained of the buildings to be erected under the expansion movement. Mr. Deitrick, well-known Raleigh architect, has been working on these drawings and has already submitted a suggested plan which is being studied and revised by the Heads of the departments to be housed in this building.

The new auditorium will seat approximately 1,000, and will also house the entire Music Department. Since it will be erected on the part of the campus immediately east of and adjoining the area that is now used for parking space and will extend toward the "Hut," it will be possible to house the entire Music Department beneath the auditorium due to the fast sloping ground from the driveway toward the "Hut." It will, of course, face almost directly west with the entrances to the Music Department being located on the back and north side of the building.

Class Room Buildings

The location of the classroom buildings has not been definitely determined, but it is possible that there will be very little change in the new location over the present site of these buildings. It has been pointed out that scarcity of materials will, no doubt, prolong the completion of the building to be started this summer, but it is hoped by the Trustees that the Commencement in 1947 can be held in the new auditorium.

With the architect chosen, the plans already drawn up, and a good possibility of the plans being offered for bids from prospective contractors very soon, the idea of Meredith expansion no longer seems remote.



—Photo by Cooper

The six seniors pictured above who are to graduate at mid-year are from left to right: Ann McLendon, Carolyn Kenyon Worrell, Mary Bryan Fleming, Peggy Mejette, Augusta Elmore, and Eva Fitzgerald.

Dr. Osusky Speaks On 'Future of Europe' and 'Russia and U. S.'

Institute of International Education Sponsors Checkoslovakian Lecture

On Thursday and Friday nights, January 10 and 11, at 8 p.m. in Meredith College Auditorium, Dr. Stephan Osusky, native of Czechoslovakia, delivered two lectures: "The Political Future of Europe" and "Russia and The United States."

Dr. Osusky, after studying in his own country, came to the United States and received the degree, Doctor of Laws, from the University of Chicago. He has had many years of personal acquaintance with the movements of world history. In 1919, he was a delegate to the Paris Peace Conference; for eighteen years he was chairman of the Supervising Commission of the League of Nations; for twenty years, he was ambassador to France, and represented Czechoslovakia on the Reparations Commission in Paris from 1919 until 1932. Since 1940, Dr. Osusky has been a member of the "Czech Government in Exile" in London, was her first diplomat there and has lectured at the University of Oxford. In September, 1945, he came to the United States and has been speaking under the auspices of the Institute of International Education. He has lectured in 26 colleges in nineteen states.

Six Seniors Graduate At End of Semester

TURNER TO SPEAK FOUNDERS' DAY

On Friday, February 15, the annual celebration of Founders' Day will be observed in the College Auditorium. Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the first Baptist Church at Greensboro, N. C. will deliver an address in commemoration of the event.

It has been announced that classes on that day will meet only the first two morning periods, after which the student body will assemble in the auditorium for the address. No other classes are scheduled to meet on that day.

In the afternoon the faculty and trustees will be at home to friends of the College at a reception from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Rose and Blue parlors. At 8:00 in the evening the Student Government will act as hostesses at a reception in the parlors.

In his lectures, Dr. Osusky said that "civilizations have failed because they did not adjust to changing conditions. He thinks European civilization has enough superior qualities to survive, and has a great inventive spirit, yet. The United States can help this rejuvenation."
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Diplomas To Be Awarded February 2, College Parlors

At the end of this semester, six girls will have completed requirements for graduation from Meredith. Five of them will receive their diplomas in a graduation exercise on Saturday afternoon, February 2, in the College Parlors.

Augusta Elmore, of Morganton, has majored in primary education, with related subjects in music and art. She goes from Meredith to a position on the faculty of the Rosemary School of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Eva Fitzgerald, of Pinchurst, is a major in psychology; her minor subject is sociology.

Mary Bryan Fleming, Raleigh, is taking a major in the Department of Education, with a minor in sociology. She plans either to teach or to engage in social work after graduation.

Peggy Majette, of Grimesland, N. C., has taken her training in primary education. Her minors are in health and physical education. She has accepted a teaching position in the first grade at the Virginia Street School, Goldsboro, N. C.

Carolyn Kenyon Worrell, Raleigh, is a sociology major; her minors are in psychology and economics. For the next several months following graduation, she will be at home with her husband, who has recently returned from Berlin, Germany.

Anne McLendon, of Lexington, N. C., plans to return to the College and receive her diploma with the graduating class of 1946 on June 3. In the meantime, she has accepted a position in the Charlotte Public Library, and will remain there until next September. After that time, she will enter the School of Library Science in the graduate school of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Anne has majored in French and history, with sociology and Spanish as related fields.

Most of the girls are graduating in less than four years by gaining credit through attending one or more summer school sessions.

FOCUS WEEK TEAM BRINGS "CHRIST MY IMPERATIVE" THEME TO MEREDITH CAMPUS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-22

"Christ My Imperative" is the theme for Religious Focus Week, which will be February 17-22. Plans for the week are being made under the direction of Dick Howerton, State Student Secretary; Miss Billie Ruth Currin, Director of Religious Activities on Meredith Campus; and Helen Wallis, student chairman of Focus Week. The Committee of One Hundred has been selected.

The speaking team for the week are: Dr. Kelly Barnette, Chapel Hill; Dr. Claude U. Broach, Charlotte; Mrs. Kay Ferrell, Chapel Hill; Rev. W. W. Finlator, Weldon; Rev. Harry Gamble, Statesville; Rev. R. T. Howerton, Raleigh; Dr. Clarence Jordan, Americus, Ga.; Dr.

Frank H. Leavell, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. W. Marshall, Richmond, Va.; and Mr. William Poteat, Chapel Hill.

Chairmen of committees for Focus Week are: faculty, Dr. Julia H. Harris; program, Liz Shelton; hospitality, Jo Hughes; classroom visitation, Kitty Johnson; publicity, Dot Howerton; music, Jane Watkins; seminar, Evelyn Straughan; informal discussion, Ruby Greene; personal conferences, Nancy Harris; arrangements, Deleano Hall; entertainment and recreation, Frances Thompson; continuation, Virginia Highfill; books and literature, Lib Davis; and pause for power, Mitzi Roddick. The treasurer for the week is Mary Martin, and the recording

secretary is Betsy Dell Maxwell.

In addition to chapel services, seminars, and informal discussions, team members will talk with students in personal conferences. Recreation is being planned for students, faculty, and visiting speakers. The purpose of Focus Week is to bring Christ into every aspect of our daily living. Students who were here two years ago are looking forward to Focus Week because they know what it can mean to a college. Others are looking forward to it, because with the outstanding theme, the plans which are being made, and the enthusiasm already shown by the students, it promises to be a high-light of the year.