



## Lania Talks At Institute

Lee Lania will address the Institute of Religion audience on Monday evening, February 18, at eight o'clock in the auditorium of the United Church on Hillsboro and Dawson Streets. The theme for the 1946 Institute is "What Price Peace?" Mr. Lania will speak on the subject of "Minorities in a Democratic World."

Mr. Lania is a naturalized citizen of Austria, having been born in Russia. A notable Jewish leader, he is known as journalist, novelist, playwright, scenarist, and lecturer. His present residence in the United States follows an earlier career, says the Institute calendar, "of amazing adventures. . . . He posed as a Fascist, and worked at the same desk with Mussolini for a year, lived with Hitler for ten days while he interviewed him—and miraculously lives to tell the story."

During the evening, the regular Institute schedule will be observed, beginning with the Fellowship dinner at 6:00 p.m., class sessions at 7:00 p.m., the address at 8:00 p.m., and an open forum following the address.

## YOUNG ORGANIST TO APPEAR HERE

Richard Ellsasser, 19-year-old concert organist, will appear in recital in the Meredith College Auditorium on February 26, 1946.

Richard was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1926. His early life was the typical one of a child prodigy. His great musical talents include the rare gift of perfect pitch. The study of piano was begun; and at the age of 9, he was firmly established in the East as a concert pianist of "immature, but brilliant proportions."

In 1935 he joined a boys' choir where he became interested in the organ. His progress on that instrument was phenomenal; and in less than a year, he was giving recitals in Cleveland and nearby cities playing a program of all Bach.

From his New York debut in 1937, his career has been glorious. His annual mid-western, eastern, and southern tours have been triumphs applauded by critics and audiences.

His educational progress has not suffered from his musical

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Above are pictured Rev. W. W. Finlator, Rev. Harry Gamble, Dr. Frank Leavell, Dr. Clarence Jordan, Miss Marjorie Moore, and Mrs. Kay Ferrell, several members of the Focus Week team. The team will arrive Sunday, February 17, and Focus Week will be observed February 17 through February 22.

## Focus Team To Arrive On Sunday, February 17

Week's Program to Include Coffees, Teas, Conferences, Discussions, Chapel Programs, and Classroom Visitation

"Christ, My Imperative," is the theme of the Religious Focus Week scheduled at Meredith College for February 17 through the 22, when eleven outstanding religious leaders will visit the campus. The week's activities officially begin with an informal tea, given by the committee of students and faculty members in charge of the program, for the team members in the Blue Parlor at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, February 17.

Each day's program opens with a meeting of the Planning Committee and team members at 8:00 a.m., in the Rotunda. Team members will visit classes each morning, in addition to conducting chapel services at 10:30 a.m. and Pause for Power at 1:40 p.m. Afternoons are to be free for personal conferences of students with visiting members and for recreation. After chapel services at 7:00 p.m. each evening, seminars will convene for one hour, and informal discussion groups will meet in the social rooms on each hall at 10:00 p.m. every night.

### Visits to Raleigh Churches

Other features of the program include the team members' speaking at various Raleigh churches on Sunday morning and night, February 17, and a party in Phi Hall at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday night. Also, three informal teas will be held in the Faculty Parlor from four until five o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. These teas are for the entire student body and faculty. A book exhibit and book store will be set up in the library to provide reading material for the seminars and opportunity to buy some recommended books.

### Speakers

Visiting speakers for the week are to be: Miss Marjorie Moore of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; Mr. William Poteat, Assistant Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Dr. Kelly Barnett, minister at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Dr. J. W. Marshall, Personnel Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; Mrs. Kay Ferrell, Y.W.C.A. at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Rev. R. T. Howerton, State Student Secretary

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## FOCUS TEAM EXPRESS PERSONALITIES THROUGH LETTERS

### Gamble Contributes His Religious Poetry

At the request of a group of Meredith students, team members submitted, soon to be for student display, letters in which they expressed their personal interests, hobbies, and general personalities. Some letters were rather formal, others strictly informal. Some team members reviewed their lives briefly, others chose a specific topic about which they wrote and expressed their philosophy through opinions. In various ways, the team, composed of leading Baptist men and women throughout the South, wrote to express themselves to the faculty and students in order that we may know them better before their arrival.

Harry Gamble, pastor from Statesville, writes inspiring poetry, poetry chiefly of a religious nature. "The Church Building," "North Carolina at Sunset," and "Hills In White" are his contributions to an eager audience.

Then there is Miss Marjorie

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Moore, who is managing editor of *The Commission*. She contends that "Today's Woman Knows Her 'Place,'" and that place, oddly enough, is in the home. Miss Moore has recognized the affects of World War II on modern woman and she seems prepared to prove that "every Meredith woman will be an American citizen and a world citizen."

Frank Leavell, secretary of Southern Baptist Student Work, is the man to receive our thanks for Focus Week on our campus. With the suggestion and original idea of Dr. Jesse M. Bader, whose idea was tried on the Furman University campus in 1941, Dr. Leavell started a Focus Week on Baptist college campuses.

Claude Broach, pastor at Charlotte, refers to one team member as the "ladies' man," himself, of course. Why a ladies' man? He is sole possessor of a wife, two daughters, a maid, a female dog with a litter of pups, five of which are, you guessed it, female pups. Besides his interest

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in the opposite sex, he seems to have established himself as handball and golf champion among his friends.

W. W. Finlator, pastor at Weldon, lives in a world of "happen to," for all his memories are based on events which just "happen to" have happened. His interests at present, however, lie in politics, people, food, and Meredith. His favorite star is Walter Pidgeon, favorite novelist Charles Dickens, favorite poet Robert Browning, and his favorite pursuit "life itself."

J. W. Marshall, better known as "Bill," becomes stifled when he can't tell one or many of his myriad of jokes; yet in all his mirth, he's really a proud sort of man. Proud? Oh yes! He hails from Texas, and it takes only a minute to find that out from him personally. His two children, Ann Lynn 3½ years old, and William Earl, 6 weeks, rate a huge place in his big heart.

To read about the team members is one way of getting acquainted; to know them is another.

## FOCUS WEEK WILL INCLUDE INFORMAL GATHERINGS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND MEMBERS OF TEAM

Several informal gatherings have been planned for faculty, students, and team members during Focus Week.

On Tuesday afternoon, February 19, from four-thirty until five-thirty, the faculty will entertain the Focus Week team at an informal coffee in the Blue Parlor. Miss Anna May Baker and Mrs. Carlyle Campbell will pour the coffee. Members of the faculty and administrative staff and their husbands and wives are invited. Miss Edna Frances Dawkins is chairman of the committee for the coffee, and working with her are Miss Ellen Brewer and Miss Phyllis Cunningham. Miss Julia Harris is chairman of the faculty committee for the week.

The purpose of the coffee is to give the faculty an opportunity to become acquainted with the

Focus team early in the week.

Tuesday evening, February 19, at nine o'clock, there will be a party in Phi Hall for all students, faculty members, and Focus Week team. The theme for the evening is a secret, but watch the bulletin boards for suggestions of what to wear. If you wish to hear Bill Marshall sing his famous Texas song, and see the other team members display their various talents, you will find your way to Phi Hall at the appointed time. Frances Thompson is chairman of the committee for the party. Working with her are Geneva Wither- spoon, Ruth Martin, Mary G. Turner, Sue Betty Chapman, Lois Harmon, Katherine Wyatt, Dot Singleton, Betty Hefner, and Mary Frances Carpenter. Miss Doris Peterson is adviser of the committee.

Students who wish to engage in any of the sports, with the team members, during the week may make arrangements with Frances Thompson or members of her committee.

Sunday afternoon, February 17, the committee of one hundred and seventy-five will have an opportunity to meet the team members for Focus Week. An informal coffee will be held in the Blue Parlor at four-thirty. Betty Hefner is chairman for the coffee.

On the following Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from four until five, there will be an informal tea in the Faculty Parlor for all students and team members. Imogene Grainger and Dot Singleton are in charge of the teas.

## COLLEGE COMMEMORATES FOUNDING

The annual Founders' Day program was held at Meredith College on February 15 with Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro delivering the morning address. In the afternoon, the faculty, administration and trustees of the college received friends in the parlors. An evening reception was held by the Student Government Council, also in the college parlors.

Another annual event in connection with the Founders' Day exercises was the alumnae broadcast from Station WPTF. President Campbell and Mrs. Marguerite M. Wilkins, along with several students and the sextet of the college, conducted the radio program.

This academic year is the 47th anniversary for Meredith College and the 55th year since the charter was first granted in 1891. Over 600 students have enrolled at Meredith this year. This is the seventh year for Dr. Carlyle Campbell, President of the college and Meredith's fourth president. Under his leadership, the college has experienced an ever-increasing enrollment.

Architects have completed their plans for several new buildings on the campus. In the near future, contracts will be let for the beginning of the new buildings which will house the chapel, some class rooms, and the department of music.

Founder's Day this year was

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