

Alumnae Supplement to The Twig

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Speaker Chosen For Annual Meeting

Lt. Betty B. MacMillan Will Address Alumnae

Betty Brown MacMillan, '41, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of alumnae on June 1. Originally from Thomasville, Betty Brown has for the past three years been located in Washington, where she has served as Lieutenant in the USNR. She has not yet announced her subject for the alumnae meeting.

During her years at Meredith, Betty Brown received a number of honors and was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. She was elected to Kappa Nu Sigma in her junior year and was chosen editor of the *Acorn* the following year. Her majors were French and English.

After graduating from Meredith, Betty Brown taught French and English for two years in the Franklinton High School. In 1943 she decided to join the Waves. She was commissioned as an ensign after seven weeks of training at Northampton and was assigned to Naval Intelligence in Washington. Of her work with the Joint Intelligence Publishing Board she writes: "We have coordinated and edited intelligence material from all intelligence activities in Washington—Army, Navy, Air Corps, and O.S.S.—and published strategic surveys of advanced areas. It has been the most wonderful experience of my life. It has meant working hours and hours and making deadlines and get-

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Marguerite Mason Wilkins

It was a real privilege to sit at the feet of Dr. Clyde Turner on Meredith's Founder's Day and hear him tell of the founders of Meredith whom he knew personally, and to catch something of their spirit as he described it. One of the things which impressed me was their perseverance in spite of difficulties. They were willing to keep on when the going was hard.

I am afraid that most of us in this day of conveniences have no conception of this characteristic. We do things when they are convenient. When a task grows hard, we just quit. Even our religion is a matter of convenience. If it is convenient, we go to church. If it is convenient, we take an office in an important organization. Many of us will take no responsibility at all because it is sometimes inconvenient to have to fulfill that obligation, once we have accepted it. Friends, I have been striving to acquire the willingness to tackle *hard things*.

Chapters Celebrate Birthday of College

Programs Feature Dr. Johnson's History

Chapter activity over the state in recent weeks has centered in Founders' Day meetings and programs. The letter sent out by Marguerite Mason Wilkins to all chapter presidents had definite suggestions which many chapters welcomed. Reports indicate that the "Meredith Sketch," Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson's "History of Meredith 1835-1945," and President Wilkin's song "To Meredith" were widely used. The chapters reporting recent meetings include the following.

Ahoskie Chapter

The Ahoskie Chapter met with Mabel Claire Hoggard Maddrey on the morning of Founders' Day and listened to the Meredith alumnae broadcast. A wire from the group stated that the broadcast came in fine and that they were well pleased.

Alamance County Chapter

The Alamance County Chapter met on Founders' Day and used Dr. Johnson's "History" as program material.

Craven County Chapter

The Craven County Chapter met with Mary Whitty Mitchell (Mrs. Tom) in New Bern on the afternoon of Founders' Day. They heard a program on the history of the College and celebrated the first anniversary of the organization of the chapter.

Durham Chapter

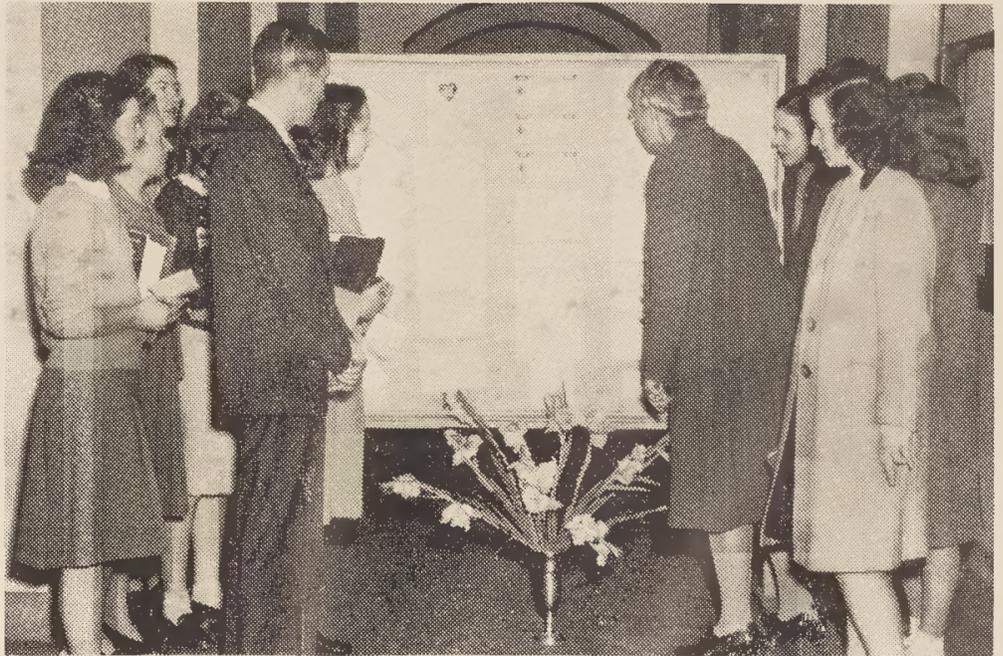
Durham alumnae enjoyed a dinner meeting on the evening of Founders' Day at Harvey's Cafeteria in Durham. Special guests were high school seniors who had shown interest in Meredith, and Dr. Johnson's "History" furnished the material for the program.

Greenville Chapter

The Greenville Chapter met on Founders' Day at the home of Elva Parkinson Smiley (Mrs. W. W.) with Lelia Higgs and Thelma Peedin Oakley (Mrs. C. E.) as assistant hostesses. All Pitt County alumnae were invited. The program consisted of talks by Margaret Shields Everett (Mrs. S. J.), on "Meredith Past and Present" and Genie Thomas Davenport (Mrs. J.

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ALUMNAE MESSAGES AROUSE INTEREST



The scene above is evidence of interest shown in Alumnae expressions of loyalty on Founders' Day. Viewing the flowers, bonds, and messages are Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of the College; Dr. Julia H. Harris, head of the English department; and a group of students.

Alumnae Send Varied Greetings To College

Flowers, Bonds, and Messages Express Loyalty

Alumnae used varied means of sending greetings to their Alma Mater on her forty-seventh birthday. From Emily Boyd Garrison (Mrs. R. L.), '11, of Sanford, Florida came a large shipment of beautiful gladioli, which were used throughout the parlors on Founders' Day. Displayed in the silver vase presented by the class of 1920 at last commencement, they did much to dress up the College on her birthday.

Victory Bonds were also welcome gifts. The Wake County and the Durham Chapters each presented a \$25 bond and Ethel Carroll Squires (Mrs. R. M.), '07, of Wake Forest chose the same method of sending her greetings. Hers also was a \$25 bond.

Numerous felicitations poured in on the handy forms sent out by the Association, in letters, in valentines, and by wire. These were posted in Johnson Hall where friends, students and faculty read them with pride and pleasure. The following are typical messages from individuals, classes, and groups:

"Twenty-seven years ago I chose Meredith for my College. If I had to do it over, I'd make exactly the same wise choice. In three more years I hope to have a niece there—since my children number zero. Happily she'll be an 'odd'."

"Louie" Mays, '23, Portsmouth, Virginia.

"Who could you wish more success and service to you than your baby alumnae. Each step forward in the work and expansion of Meredith College thrills us all. We hold in our hearts the hope that this progress will

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Dear Meredith Alumnae:

We of the Athletic Association Board should like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the part you played in our annual Palio. I'm sure that the entire student body and the guests enjoyed your stunt. We thank you, also, for your continued interest in Meredith which is shown by your ten dollar gift to the winner of Palio.

Sincerely,
Doris Witherspoon,
Secretary.

Annual Broadcast Features Meredith College of Today

President Campbell Speaks And Group Sings Alma Mater

Alumnae participation in Founders' Day activities was climaxed by the annual broadcast sponsored by the Association. This fifteen minute program, transmitted over Station WPTF, was arranged by a committee composed of Laura Weatherspoon Harrill, Mary Lynch Johnson, and Kate Matthews. Marguerite Mason Wilkins, president of the Association, was master of ceremonies for the program on Meredith of Today, and Dr. Harry E. Cooper, head of the music department at the College, furnished organ music for the occasion.

Mrs. Wilkins brought a brief word of welcome to alumnae and friends of the College and introduced Dr. Carlyle Campbell, who spoke on Meredith of Today. He paid tribute to the part of alumnae in the founding of the College, for, as he stated, "in a living and steadily growing organism like a college, every one who in any measure,

Three Are Awarded Advanced Degrees

Information has been received concerning three additional advanced degrees awarded to Meredith graduates. Willa Lee Joyner, '43, received her M.S. in Public Health from the University of North Carolina in August of last year, and from the same institution Gertrude King, '31, received her M.A.

Margaret Kramer, '37, who held already an M.S. from N. C. State, completed work for her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Illinois. Her dissertation was "Some Studies on the Plating of Cobalt and Nickel from Coordination Compounds."

at any time, has contributed to its character and prospects is in a real sense one of its founders." He called attention to the enrollment figures, 613 students for the current year, but emphasized the fact that there was

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FUND CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Margaret Craig Martin



Founders' Day has come and gone and it really was quite a busy one around Meredith. You would have been interested in the alumnae messages and telegrams posted on the bulletin board in the administration building, for it always makes you feel better to know that in spite of the passing of time and the many things that come up in the daily routine, the thoughts of so many alumnae wend their way back to Meredith.

As for reaching our goal we didn't quite make it; but we did reach the half-way mark (20 per cent) of our yearly undertaking. And we were most gratified. May I again say "thank you" to all the class chairmen and individuals for their cooperation in this mid-winter spurt that we were attempting.

The alumnae office received many and varied gifts—war bonds, flowers from Florida, large payments for the Expansion Program, together with

"alumnae dues." I was particularly interested in one paragraph of a letter that I received. "The Twig came yesterday . . . and incidentally speaking of "dues," I had been thinking of sending in a Life Membership. I am enclosing a check and asking you to enter the correct amount and let me know. . . . This will help get things out of the way before Founders' Day. . . . Very sincerely yours, Jennie Yancey Fleming Severance, Class of 1910."

Have any of you others been thinking about this too? Do keep commencement in mind and plan to come if you possibly can.

The following names have been added to the active chain of names since the last issue of the Supplement:

Mary E. Kemp Allen, Julia Moore Scarborough Auerswald, Hazel Baity, Alma Webb Banner, Dorothy Shipman Bowman, '45,

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