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Over Three Hundred Attend Luncheon On Alumnae Day

Madge Daniels Barber Serves As Toastmaster Reunion Classes Honored

The annual luncheon was held in the dining hall immediately following the Association meeting on June 1. Madge Daniels Barber, '20, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, served as toastmaster for the occasion which was attended by approximately three hundred alumnae and guests.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, guests for the luncheon were introduced by the toastmaster. These included President and Mrs. Campbell; Miss Anna M. Baker, Dean of Women; Marguerite Mason Wilkins, retiring president of the Association; Lt. Betty Brown MacMillan, speaker of the morning; Elizabeth Hostetler Ponton, chairman of reunion classes; Mae Grimmer, executive secretary; Foy Johnson Farmer, alumna and member of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Zeno Martin, bursar; Professor and Mrs. S. G. Riley; Mrs. Charles E. Brewer; Mrs. Gertrude Royster Sorrell, former director of physical education in the College; Mr. J. G. Boomhour, former Dean of the College; Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Cooper; and resident members of the college faculty.

The Class of 1946 was inducted into the Association with the traditional ceremony and Josephine Hughes, president, presented the doll to be added to the alumnae parade of class day dolls. A contribution to the Ida Potat Loan Fund was also made by the class. Ellen Brewer, head of the department of home economics, was faculty sponsor for the class of 1946.

Elizabeth Hostetler Ponton was in charge of the recognition of reunion classes. The degree of LL.D. (Loyal, Loving Daughters) was conferred on the classes of '06, '11, '12, '13, '14, '21, '30, '31, '32, '33, '36, and '44. For 100 per cent active

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Varied Gifts Express Loyalty of Alumnae

An interesting feature of Alumnae Day was the presentation of gifts to the College—gifts from the Association, from college generations, from classes, and from individuals.

At the close of the business session Marguerite Mason Wilkins presented from the alumnae a gift of one thousand dollars for the Expansion Program. Dr. Campbell accepted the gift and expressed appreciation for this tangible and forceful expression of loyalty, a fitting conclusion, he thought, to a speech on loyalty.

The Association also made a twenty-five dollar contribution toward the rug which Mr. Martin has promised to buy immediately for the faculty parlor. Those alumnae who caught their heels in the loose

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Class of '46 Elects Permanent Officers

The traditional step-singing service was held on the steps of Johnson Hall at five o'clock on Sunday, June 2, when the four classes sang college songs and with significant ceremony moved into their places for the coming year. As the seniors in caps and gowns left the steps singing, "You're the Queen of our Hearts," the three remaining classes moved up into their respective places. The Class of '46 in a brief meeting in the grove elected Josephine Hughes permanent president and Elizabeth Shelton permanent secretary.

Hon. Walter Judd Delivers Address

Degrees Are Awarded And Bibles Presented

The baccalaureate service in the college auditorium at 11:30 Monday morning, June 3, marked the end of the 1945-1946 session of Meredith College. At that time ninety-one seniors received the A.B. degree, eighteen of them with honors. The baccalaureate address was given by Congressman Walter H. Judd, of Minnesota, who was presented to the audience by Raleigh's first citizen, Josephus Daniels, as a man who believed in preparedness before the war and

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Alumnae Establish Two New Scholarships

Announcement has been made of two additional alumnae scholarships which are available this year for the first time.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, April 26, 1946, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter of changing the Ida Potat Loan Fund to a scholarship. The committee made the following recommendations at the annual meeting, June 1, 1946: (1) that the Ida Potat Loan Fund be maintained; (2) that \$2,500.00 of the Ida Potat Loan Fund be turned over to Meredith College to establish a one hundred dollar scholarship to be known as the Ida Potat Scholarship; (3) that the committee be authorized to set up regulations governing the awarding of the scholarship. These recommendations were accepted by the Association and the scholarship was awarded on Society Night.

The Hester P. Farrior Scholarship came about through the sale of two lots presented to the college (through the Alumnae Association) by Miss Farrior in 1943, and her additional gift of one hundred dollars. The scholarship will be available to a worth-while student from the Mills Home, in accordance with the wish of the donor.

Madge Daniels Barber

Dr. Potat Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon

College Choir Sings Anthem "Glory to God"

The baccalaureate sermon was given Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 in the college auditorium by Dr. Gordon Potat, formerly a missionary to China, more recently a member of the faculty of Crozer Theological Seminary, and now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Preceding the address, Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, of the college faculty, read the Scripture lesson and offered the prayer. The college choir, under the direction of Dr. Harry E. Cooper, head of the department of music, sang an anthem, "Glory to God," by Bortniansky.

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Lt. Betty Brown MacMillan Addresses Annual Assembly

Marguerite M. Wilkins Presides Over Session And Reviews Year's Work



Lt. Betty Brown MacMillan

Lt. Betty Brown MacMillan, USNR, of Washington, D. C., addressed the Meredith College Alumnae Association at the annual meeting held in the Philaretian Hall on Saturday morning, June 1. Marguerite Mason Wilkins, president, was in charge of the business session at which time annual reports from officers and chairmen were heard.

Lt. MacMillan, a graduate of the Class of '41, taught French and English in Franklinton two years after graduation and then joined the WAVES in 1943. She was commissioned an ensign after seven weeks of training at Northampton and has served since that time with the Naval Intelligence in Washington. Taking as her subject a line from the Alma Mater, "The Fields Shall Blossom," Lt. MacMillan reviewed briefly the part which women played in recent war activity. Meredith alumnae, she pointed out, did their part during the busy years. From the alumnae ranks came seventeen WAC'S, thirteen WAVES, ten Red Cross

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Awards Are Presented At Society Exercises

Prof. H. G. McCurdy Speaks; Short Stories Win Medals

Emily Lassiter, president of the Astrotekton Literary Society, and Jane Watkins, president of the Philaretian Literary Society, presided over the annual Society Night exercises on Saturday evening, June 1. After the processions of the two societies, four numbers were sung by the sextette, composed of Rebecca Barnes, Jean Davis, Betty Jean Donley, Virginia Holcomb, Jane Watkins, and Jean White, with Emily Hine at the piano.

The presentation of the Carter Upchurch Medal of the Astrotekton Society was made to Elizabeth

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Four New Officers Will Serve 1946-1948

In the recent alumnae election conducted by the mail ballot, Margaret Craig Martin, '30, was elected president of the Association for 1946-1948. Other officers who will begin their two-year tenure with the president are Lucille Johnson Dixon, '32, vice president of the Charlotte Division; Henrietta Castlebury Auman, '36, vice president of the Greensboro Division; and Annie Craig Phillips, '17, alumna-at-large. The alumnae speaker for commencement, 1947, is Eunice Edmondson Johnston, '12.

Class Dolls Are Featured In Reunion Class Activities



Reunion classes this year were in prominence during the commencement exercises. Of the two hundred alumnae who registered during the three day period, one hundred were members of the twelve reunion classes. The following roster of reunion class representatives will be of interest to those who did not attend. 1906: Corinna Chisholm Covington of Thomasville, Mary Lee Bivens Tyner of Raleigh, Lois Rhodes Crump of Wagram; 1911: Emily Boyd Garrison of Sanford, Florida, Lila Stone Seymour of Apex; 1912: Elizabeth Bass Babington of Atlanta; 1913: Lenna Benton Banks of Apex, Kitty Poole Johnson of Weaverville; 1914: Callie Perry Newbold of Elizabeth City, Kate Johnson Parham of Oxford, Katherine Knowles Lewis of Mount Olive, Mabel Ballentine of Varina, Minnie Gosney of Raleigh, Lucy Sanders Hood of Kinston, Janie Parker Dixon of Mount Gilead; 1921: Lillian Franklin Thomasson of Bryson City, Jamie Mauney Tatum of Coolemeec, Sybil Smith

Cooper of Pass-A-Grille Beach, Florida, Nellie Olive Goodwin of Apex, Lidie Penton Freeman of Wilmington, Sallie Beal Loftin of Goldsboro, Mary Sullivan Kelley of Raleigh, Jeannette Biggs of Knoxville, Tennessee, Bert Lamm Speight of Stantonsburg, Mildred Youngblood Grant of Fayetteville, Louise Powell Varnedoe of Fayetteville; 1930: Roberta Royster Wortman of Charlotte, Blanche Sharpe Rogers of Mebane, Bonnie Lee Fox Grimsley of Dillon, S. C., Mabel Sanders of Jonesboro, Margaret Craig Martin of Raleigh, Erin Bloodworth Fulghum of Charlotte, Lillian Robertson Harper of Durham, Gladys Blalock Page of Morrisville, Della Roberson Gillam of Windsor, Mabel Bagby Sphar of New York City, Margaret Trotman Hutton of Suffolk, Virginia, Marguerite Mason Wilkins of Durham; 1931: Mildred Kichline of Burlington, Lorena Brinson Vestal of Kenansville, Margaret Broughton of Raleigh, Lois Arnette Bliss of New York City, Eleanor Lamm of Lucama, Madeline May Allen of Troy, Lyda Lee Long of Burlington,

Rosa Mae Haynes Brawley of Burlington, Mary McAden Satterfield of Milton, Martha Ruth Kendall Murray of Raleigh, Ruth Starling Hough of Goldsboro, Ruth Hough High of Wendell, Louise Mumford Maxwell of Goldsboro, Nellie Booker Dobbin of Raleigh, Mary Currin Robertson of Houston, Texas, Anne Simms Haskins of Raleigh; 1932: Clarice Holder Bryan of Garner, Elizabeth Hester Williams of Siler City, Pauline Cagle Butts of South Hill, Virginia, Dolly Byrd Vernon of Burlington, Nannie Seymore of Raleigh, Gaynelle Hinton Cooper of Clayton, Elizabeth Thornton Britton of Dunn, Irma Ragan Holland of Raleigh; 1933: Jo Broadwell Butler of Clinton, Martha Salisbury of Scotland Neck, Melba Hunt Greene of Burlington, Eleanor Hunt Reynolds of Charleston, S. C., Mary C. Shearin Waters of Rocky Mount, Charlotte Palmer Brown of Albemarle, Mary Louise Johnson Woodall of Fayetteville, Sara E. Herring of Dillon, S. C., Pauline Barnes Byrd of Raleigh, Sallie Council of Raleigh, Miriam Brady Ellis of Clayton, Margaret Briggs

Strickland of Kinston, Lula Belle Highsmith of Raleigh, Eliza Turner Lewis of Augusta, Georgia, Martha Castlebury Shaw of Raleigh; 1936: Norma Rose of Meredith, Frances Calloway Propst of Concord, Lucy Mae Perry Gentry of Durham, Henrietta Castlebury Auman of Hillsboro, Esther Mae Lanier Bell of Rocky Mount, Mabel Eakes Elliott of Virgilina, Virginia, Annie Mae Banks Andrews of Washington, D. C., Melba Gaskins of Richmond, Virginia; 1944: Ann Ray Kramer of New Haven, Connecticut, Sue McNeely Solliday of Richmond, Virginia, Gloria Anderson Cranford of Asheboro, Olene Sinclair of Clinton, Doris Hamrick Mowery of Winston-Salem, Grace Alexander of Raleigh, Eleanor Vereen of Raleigh, Richie Harris of Lincolnton, Helen Warren Jackson of Newton, Lib McNeill Calloway of Henderson, Nathalie Woodward of Raleigh, Georgie Brewer of Raleigh, Cornell Brunt Harris of Charlotte, Dorcas Stanley of Smithfield, Dwanda Bissette Roberts of Raleigh, and Oneta Holder of Lillington.