



Nine Outstanding Seniors Gain Membership in Who's Who



Pictured above are the Meredith seniors who have recently been chosen for "Who's Who." Top row, left to right: Geneva Witherspoon, Mrs. Ernestine Clark, Ruth Miller, and Joan Drake. Bottom row: Helen Wallis, Virginia Highfill, Jean Branch, Jean Griffith, and Martha Hamrick.

National Honors Awarded to Leaders

Each year students representing over 650 colleges and universities all over the country are chosen to have their biographies appear in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*. These students are selected on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and potentiality for future usefulness to business and society. This year nine girls from Meredith were chosen for this national honor. The nominations made by student and faculty committees, include Jean Branch, Joan Drake, Jean Griffith, Virginia Highfill, Ruth Miller, Martha Hamrick, Ernestine Clark, Helen Wallis, and Geneva Witherspoon.

These girls have been very active on the campus. Jean Branch, who is from Goldsboro, is a business and English major. This year Jean is editor of *The Acorn*, president of the Colton English Club, president of the Silver Shield, and a member of the Tomorrow's Business Women Club. Previously Jean was sophomore representative to the Student Government Council, vice president of the Colton English Club, secretary of the Student Council, and a member of Y.W.A. and the Freeman Religion Club.

Joan Drake, who comes from Griffin, Ga., is a sociology major. Joan was president of the Junior Class, a member of the Sociology Club and the Colton English Club, and is now vice president of the Student Council.

Jean Griffith, of Lexington, is a chemistry major. Jean has been active in the Athletic Association ever since she has been at Meredith and is now president of the A.A. Board. She has also been secretary of the Barber Science Club, sergeant-at-arms for the Astro Society, and a member of the business staff of THE TWIG.

Virginia Highfill is from Winston-Salem and is majoring in English. Virginia has been librarian and reporter for the Sociology Club, and a circle officer in Y.W.A. This year she is president of B.S.U. and has always been very active in all religious activities on the campus.

Ruth Miller hails from Wallace and is a piano major. Ruth has been active in several activities on the campus, and this year is first vice president of B.S.U., president of Kappa Nu Sigma, a member of the Silver Shield, the MacDowell Music Club, and the Granddaughters' Club. Ruth has also been on the S. G. for two years.

Martha Hamrick, a non-resident student and a piano major, is editor of THE TWIG. She holds the positions of president and accompanist of the choir. She is also vice president of Kappa Nu Sigma. She has served as business manager of the paper, as secretary of the choir, and as a freshman counsellor.

Another representative of town students is Ernestine Clark, whose major is home economics. She is president of the non-
(Continued on page four)

SILVER SHIELD ADDS MEMBERS

On Friday, November 15, the Silver Shield, honorary leadership organization on the campus, announced the choice of two associate members. The two Juniors, who were chosen on the basis of leadership and Christian character, were Mary Virginia Warren of Charlotte, and Gloria Mayer of Memphis, Tennessee.

The president Jean Branch presided at the regular convocation service held during the chapel period. The speaker for the occasion was Dean C. W. Burts, who told the legend of "The Knights of the Silver Shield" and spoke about the qualities of the knight who was true. Miss Beatrice Donley, head of the voice department, sang.

MRS. MARSH SPEAKS AT COLLEGE MEETING

Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, registrar of the college, attended the twenty-third convention of the North Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars, which convened in Greensboro in connection with the College Conference on November 13. Mrs. Marsh was the first speaker on the program, and brought to the group a report on the thirty-second convention of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars held in Atlanta last April. At that time Mrs. Marsh was appointed to the National

(Continued on page four)

Large Raleigh Chorus To Sing 'The Messiah'

On Sunday afternoon, December 1, at four o'clock, Handel's *Messiah* will be presented in the Municipal Auditorium. A community chorus of approximately 150 persons, sponsored by the Raleigh Music Club, will give the performance, and Mr. Stuart will conduct the chorus. Accompanists will be Mrs. Gladys Lawhon, pianist, and Kenneth Poole, organist. Soloists are Mrs. H. W. Wilhelm, soprano; Beatrice Donley, contralto; and H. W. Wilhelm, bass.

JUNIORS PROVIDE LITTLE SISTER PARTY

Last Saturday night at 7:30 the Junior Class entertained their freshman little sisters at a gala party in Phi Hall. The freshmen came dressed as "kid" sisters in pigtails and pinafores. The freshmen were given suckers and lollypops to complete their costumes.

The hall was decorated to represent a child's playroom with crepe paper streamers and balloons strung from the ceiling. Children's games were played throughout the evening, highlighted by a scavenger hunt. Refreshments consisted of apples, ice cream, coca-colas, sandwiches, and animal crackers.

OFFICER HOURS OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

MONDAY-FRIDAY

11:00 - 12:30
1:30 - 2:30
4:30 - 5:30
7:00 - 8:30

SATURDAY

11:30 - 12:00
1:00 - 2:30
4:30 - 5:30
7:00 - 8:30

SUNDAY

8:45 - 9:15
12:30 - 1:00
2:00 - 5:30
7:00 - 8:30

"LIFE" PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS MEREDITH

The presence of a *Life* photographer on the Meredith Campus gave added interest to Palio and Stunt this year. The representative was Gabe Benjur, a freelance photographer contracted by the Atlanta district of *Life* Magazine to take pictures of the festivities.

The College News Bureau was assisted by Jack Riley, Sunday editor of *The News and Observer* and local *Life* representatives in interesting the magazine to send the photographer. If the pictures of Palio and Stunt are used, they will appear in *Life* within a month.

MISS PETERSON REVEALS PERSONALITY BY HER LOVE OF FOLK DANCING, READING, TRAVEL AND MUSIC

By FRANCES ALEXANDER

The quite active and useful life of Miss Doris Peterson, head of the Meredith College Physical Education Department, is spiced with a delightful and fascinating interest in the folk arts, the customs, songs, music and dances of the varying groups of people in all parts of the world.

Miss Peterson has for some time made a collection of these ways of the folk groups and now has in her possession folk dances numbering more than 500. She has made her collections by listening and writing down words and melodies, for these songs and dances, being of folk nature, are not written down anywhere. The music must be handed down, and only the arrangements may be copyrighted.

Miss Peterson, having had no courses in folk arts, does her work on this subject entirely out of interest and as a branching off from her field of physical education. She has concentrated mostly on four types of folk tendencies prominent in America, Cowboy, pioneer, Indian, and Mexican.

Miss Peterson's view of the reason behind folk music is that though most of it is not good music, there is something about it that so much appeals to people as to cause it to be handed down. When asked about the folk music of our own time, she said that we could not be sure until some years hence when he could ob-

serve what had been handed down. She suggests that perhaps some of our popular music, such as: "Let the Rest of the World Go By," "White Christmas," and "Star Dust," may be in that group.

While working in Texas Miss Peterson used her folk art material as a Southwest representative working on the *Encyclopedia Britannica* yearbook committee on folk dance. Other than that she has used her material in her school work.

Another of Miss Peterson's particular interests is traveling. She has seen all the 48 states except North Dakota and Florida. Among her travels her favorite location is the Rocky Mountains, and she definitely prefers rural to urban life. While she was in college and for eight years after, she worked during the summer months in Y.W.C.A. camps. This work acquainted her with such beauty centers as Lake Geneva in Wisconsin, Glacier National Park, and Estes Park. In the future she hopes to visit the European countries. Her travel interest is in seeing new places and people, seeing how these people live, and what their customs are.

Though Miss Peterson has chosen the field of physical education for her life's work and

retains a keen interest in particularly team sports she also enjoys and is well acquainted with both the fine and domestic arts. She is quite interested in music, having taken piano lessons for a number of years while in school. She has a fine collection of records which includes Franck's Symphony in D Minor, Beethoven's Pastorale Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, and Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite. Also among her records are many folk tunes, including Xavier Cugat's album of Mexican music and several cowboy tunes.

Miss Peterson finds time in her busy schedule to carry on a varied and informative program of reading. She asserts that she spends as much time in reading as in any other single form of recreation.

While in school Miss Peterson came very close to majoring in clothing, and she still holds to her love for sewing. We at Meredith have been privileged to see the evidences of her skill as she does all the costumes for the Folk Dance recital and worked on all the new costumes for the Palio procession. One of her fondest ambitions is to get a loom and learn to weave.

And so we see another of our outstanding faculty members in the fullness of her devoted and conscientious life. Meredith tips her hat!