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... that glorious  
song of old."

"It came upon  
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## Chorus Will Present Christmas Music Sunday

### JUNIORS TAPPED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF SILVER SHIELD

Sally Massey and Marie Edwards were tapped for associate membership in the Silver Shield, honorary leadership society at Meredith, at a recent chapel program. The two juniors were chosen on the basis of constructive leadership, Christian character, and service to the school.

Presiding over the chapel program and tapping ceremony was Silver Shield president, Carolyn Massey, who introduced the speaker, Rev. Warren Carr, the pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham. He emphasized the two different kinds of honor: that which is bestowed on an individual from without, and the honor which is part of the personality.

Increased service and acceptance of responsibility, the speaker pointed out, go along with the receiving of an honor from society; humility and maturity by the individual must be gained to achieve the personal honor to balance outside honors.

The two associate members tapped at this program on November 28 will remain as associates until the spring when they will be eligible for permanent membership, along with other rising seniors.

Serving as vice-president of Silver Shield is Marjorie Joyner; Drake Morgan is secretary-

treasurer. Other members of the organization are Patsy Emory, Virginia Jones, Nancy Walker, and Betty Jane Hedgepeth.

### CAROL SINGING IS BEING PLANNED

Plans for the annual Christmas caroling in Raleigh by Meredith students on December 15 are now being completed by Bettie Yates and Bess Francis, co-chairman of the event sponsored by the A. A. Board. Chartered busses will be on hand to take students for two hours of singing carols on Friday night between 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. at the cost of twenty-five cents per student.

A special program of Christmas music is scheduled to be given during the Christmas formal dinner on Friday night in the dining hall. The music program and the dinner are being sponsored by the S. G. Council, the B. S. U., and the A. A. Board.

Lists of the Christmas mailing addresses of all registered students will go on sale next week by the A. A. Board, for twenty cents. Addresses of faculty members and the college staff are also included on the mailing list.



Getting in voice for the Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon are these members of the Meredith chorus, who seem to have caught a share of the Christmas spirit early this year. Left to right they are Mary Ann Westbrook, Lois Webb, Asha Farrior, and Norma Fagan.

### 'Ceremony of Carols' Included on Program

The sixty members of the college Chorus, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Donley, will present their annual concert of Christmas music on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the new auditorium. The program will include the first performance at Meredith of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" in which several songs are sung in Old English.

Accompanying the Chorus for the Christmas performance will be Joan Neighbors. The program for the concert is announced as follows:

- Processional
- Invocation...Dr. Ralph McLain
- Carol of the Sheep
- Bells.....Richard Kountz
- How Far Is It to Bethlehem?.....Geoffrey Shaw
- At the Cradle.....Cesar Franck
- The Christ-Child.....Peter Cornelius
- The Christmas Story from St. Luke and St. Matthew...Dr. Roger Crook
- A Ceremony of Carols.....Benjamin Britten

- Soloists:
- Barbara Bone, mezzo-soprano
- Jean Miller, soprano
- Jean Olive, soprano
- Jane Slate, contralto
- Betty Jo Smith, soprano
- Jane Stroup, mezzo-soprano
- Stille Nacht, Helige Nacht....Franz Gruber
- Benediction...Dr. Ralph McLain

### MEREDITH'S BILL TO AID JAILERS PASSED BY STUDENT LEGISLATURE

In the thirteenth annual North Carolina Student Legislative Assembly, which met from November 30 to December 2 at the state Capitol, the bill presented by Meredith College was passed overwhelmingly by both houses of the Student Legislature.

This bill, which will be sent as a recommendation to the State General Assembly, advocated the establishment of a salary rather than a fee basis for North Carolina jailers. At present, jailers receive a certain fee for each prisoner which they keep. Out of this fee, the jailer must feed and care for the prisoner and may keep the remainder of the money as his salary. This practice often leads to abuse of the prisoners by giving them insufficient care, in order

that the jailer may keep a larger portion of the fee.

Meredith's bill proposed to eliminate this abuse by paying each jailer a fixed salary which would not depend on the number of prisoners; money for care of the prisoners would be given separately.

Also passed by the legislature was a bill to eliminate segregation on public carriers presented by Livingston College. A resolution to give the United Nations General Assembly the right to use the atomic bomb at their discretion. (Continued on page six)

### JOINT CIVIC MUSIC CONCERT BY CELLIST, QUARTET IN JANUARY

A joint concert by Raya Garbousova, cellist, and the National Male Quartet will be presented in Memorial Auditorium on January 4 as the third in the current Civic Music series. This is the first joint concert of the season.



RAYA GARBUSOVA

Miss Garbousova is renowned both as a cellist and as the only woman who has ever achieved an important career as a solo cellist. Born in Tiflis, in the Russian state of Georgia, she has been on tour either in Europe or America since her graduation from the Tiflis Conservatory of Music in 1925. An American citizen today, she made her debut in this concert in a Town Hall recital in 1935.

On her current concert tour and her subsequent European tour, Miss Garbousova will play the Cello Concerto, which she introduced with the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky and which was written especially for her by the American composer, Samuel Barber.

The National Male Quartet has won distinction by a varied repertoire which includes operatic numbers, American ballads, familiar classics arranged especially for them, and selections from modern composers. They also vary their straight quartet numbers with trios and duets.

Members of the quartet include Attilio Baggio, tenor; Gene Tobin, tenor; Vernon Sanders, baritone, and Bruce McKay, bass. Baggio is an Italian who made his debut in Rome; the other three members of the quartet are Americans.

### KAPPA NU SIGMA ANNOUNCES CHAPEL

Featured speaker for the annual chapel program presented by Kappa Nu Sigma, scheduled for Tuesday morning, December 12, will be an alumnae member, Dr. Norma Rose, of the college department of English. Announcement of the speaker is made by Mary Bland Josey, president of the college chapter; Dr. Helen Price is faculty sponsor.

Besides the annual chapel program, Kappa Nu Sigma sponsors a spring lecture, preceded by a formal banquet for student and faculty members at which two juniors are chosen as associate members.

Vice-president of the chapter is Betsy Goldston; Dot Allen is secretary, while Martha Stough serves as treasurer.

### Little Theatre Gives Book Club Program

Members of the Meredith Little Theatre presented a Christmas program for the Wilmont Book Club at its monthly meeting last Tuesday. Students taking part on the program were Micky Bowen, Laurice Hlass, Margot Grimes, and Junlin Wong; the program was under the direction of Miss Judith Mayes.

Christmas celebrations in other lands, both past and present, was the theme of the readings given; Christmases in medieval France, in Palestine, in America, and in China were represented.

"The Juggler of Our Lady" was given by Micky Bowen, president of the college Little Theatre, as a selection from medieval France. Laurice Hlass, a native of Palestine, told of the celebration in her homeland and described Christmas scenes.

An American Christmas was presented by Margot Grimes, who gave a humorous selection by Cornelia Otis Skinner, "God Rest Ye Merry." The Christmas story in Chinese was read by Junlin Wong, who told how her family celebrates Christmas in that country. The program was closed by the reading of the Christmas story in English by Micky Bowen.

### Betty Penny Attends Washington Conference

Betty Penny returns today from Washington, D. C., where she attended the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

One of two North Carolina college girls appointed by Governor Scott to attend the five-day meeting held in the National Guard Armory there, Betty is a Meredith senior who is majoring in history and minoring in sociology and education. The second college delegate from the state is a student at Woman's College.

The conference, which began Sunday and will be concluded today, had as its theme "For Every Child: A Fair Chance for a Healthy Personality." Delegates were to take part in work groups, panel discussions, exhibits, and general discussions centering around the convention theme.

Betty had made plans to attend groups concerning adolescents, since she plans to teach in that age group next year.

Graduated as salutatorian of the 1947 class at Laurinburg High School, Betty has worked two summers as assistant recreation director for Waverly Mills, Inc., in her hometown.

At Meredith she is president of the International Relations Club, and a member of the Student League of Women Voters; the Sociology Club; Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary sociology fraternity; the Little Theatre; and the Student Government Council.

### 'THE NIGHT BEFORE HOLIDAYS' COMING

That last night before Christmas vacation those Meredith angels go from the sublime to the ridiculous in clothes changes. At the formal dinner everybody looks his party best; all adorned in frivolous "but-tons and bows" they really look like six hundred well-fed Christmas presents.

But wait an hour or two later and what a transformation! Bluejeans and saddle shoes have replaced the hoopskirts and rhinestones, as the girls board chartered city busses to spread an early bit of Christmas cheer around Raleigh.

A few days before that final night (when all the angels can shout with vigor—"one more day 'til we get out") the whole student body tunes up on favorite Christmas carols under the able direction of Miss Donley. We really have the talent! The A.A. Board extracts a quarter from all the students who plan to go caroling, 'cause who can sing without peanuts?

At a later hour the convoy of busses rolls up the front drive and all the warmly-clad angels clamber aboard. A songleader is assigned to each bus to keep the pitch "on pitch." After the last latecomer has piled in and the routes are assigned to each group, the wheels start to roll. 'Cause long about then somebody strikes up "Jingle Bells" and somebody gives out the bags of peanuts; then you know the caroling is underway for another "night before Christmas" or rather before school is out.

When the busses approach a

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