

ALUMNAE NOTES



Dr. Elizabeth Dotterer, President of Meredith Alumnae Association.

The Alumnae News Sheet will soon be reaching Meredith alumnae. A beautiful picture of peach blossoms and spirea surrounding two students will greet them and probably make them dream of days gone by.

This news sheet is published twice a year by the Alumnae Association of Meredith. It contains this spring a complete resumé of news that will interest a former Meredith girl. Aid in securing new students for Meredith is asked and plans suggested for establishing a file on prospective students. Members of the Meredith staff who have been ill are reported better, among them Miss Lattie Rhodes, Miss Lulu Watts, and Dr. William J. Senter. Listed are the six graduates who achieved alumnae status at the end of the first term. Fourteen

DR. JOHNSON GIVES PICNIC FOR STUDENTS

On Tuesday afternoon, April 22, the English students who are taking the Chaucer and Victorian Poetry courses were given a picnic at the chimney by their professor, Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson. The picnic is an annual event when students and members of faculty meet for an afternoon of fun, food, and recreation. Those present for the picnic included faculty and student members of the English department, Dr. Leslie Syron, Miss Mae Grimmer, and Miss Nancy Walker of Meredith; Mrs. L. A. Peacock and her mother, Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Carol of Raleigh; and Misses Jane Knight and Virginia Herring of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson, acting as chief cook, served the group hamburgers, cole slaw, crackers and cottage cheese, celery, carrots, donuts, coffee, punch, and marshmallows.

granddaughters are welcomed this year as second-generation students. Dates on which programs on campus have been planned are given, and a special invitation extended to the fifty-third commencement exercises. Miss Mae Grimmer, the Alumnae secretary, keeps a quite complete record of alumnae information on marriages and births. Included are the marriage of Emma Lee Hough, class of '51, from Charlotte, to Jack Graham McCracken on March 16; and the birth of a son, Ralph Clyde, on March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Forest Smith, our Drake Morgan of '51.

Book Review

9,064 GRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY

They Went to College, Havemann, Ernest, and West, Patricia S., Harcourt, \$4.00.

The table of contents of *They Went to College* indicates most vividly the material covered in this book, and some of the following topics are to be found there: "A Lot of Buildings Have Ivy," "Mortarboards Come in All Sizes," "Portraits of the Old Grad (Masculine Division)," "Portrait of the Ex-Coed," "College as a Road to Success," "Princeton Versus Podunk," "To Study or to Play," "The Sad Case of the Little Lost Sheep," and "But Maybe It's Not the College's Fault."

In the art gallery of *They Went to College* may be found such typical characters as the Student Who Just Sat There, The All-round Student, the Big Man on Campus; the Protestant, the Catholic, and the Jew; the students who were financially "set" and those who worked their way through.

The text has been generously provided for by information received from 9,064 graduates of more than 1,000 colleges. Dr. Robert Merton of Columbia University Bureau of Applied Social Research, and Mrs. Patricia Salter West under his direction, prepared this material statistically, and Ernest Havemann of *Life* magazine "humanized" these statistics into the story of *They Went to College*.

Random notes from this book will serve to illustrate both its authoritative content and value to student and parent. Asked, "Would you say that your college courses have helped a lot, helped some, or none in your present occupation?", 70 per cent felt they had helped a lot, and only two per cent said they had not helped at all. Men are more satisfied with the results of their college training than women, but still almost two-thirds of all the college women did feel that

college had been helpful to them. When the graduates were asked to rate their education in more general terms, they still expressed satisfaction with their college courses. If they had to do it all over again, 98 per cent would again go to college, 84 per cent would select the same college, while 14 per cent would again go to college but would choose a different institution. The vast majority would repeat their major. Whether the college woman graduated from a co-educational school or from a woman's college seems to have little or no effect upon her ultimate marriage chances, the number of children she will bear, the stability of her marriage, or her outside employment. The results of an opinion section in the questionnaire show beyond doubt that America's colleges are not turning out radicals. On questions of politics and government, the graduates are considerably more conservative than the folklore would have you believe. They appear to be fairly tolerant, although less tolerant of foreigners than of American minorities. The majority are internationalist, although an isolationist element is certainly present. Graduates

PIANO STUDENTS GIVE RECITALS

Ella Ann Lee and Audelia Aycock, special students of Stuart Pratt, head of the Meredith College piano department, have recently given recitals in Recital Hall here.

Ella Ann Lee of Smithfield, a high school senior, has been a student of Mr. Pratt for two years, during which time she has received top honors in many state-wide contests. She has recently won a scholarship in piano and appeared as soloist with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Audelia Aycock, who is a high school junior at Fremont, has studied under Mr. Pratt for three years. Before becoming a student of Mr. Pratt, she studied under Miss Helen Ashley Boyce.

Both young ladies, in their recitals, were assisted by Mr. Pratt in orchestral portions of their programs.

who were the best students in college prove to be the great source of political independents. Those who took a broad, general college course tend to be much more interested in social and political questions, to be less prejudiced, and are more often listed as "independent" voters.

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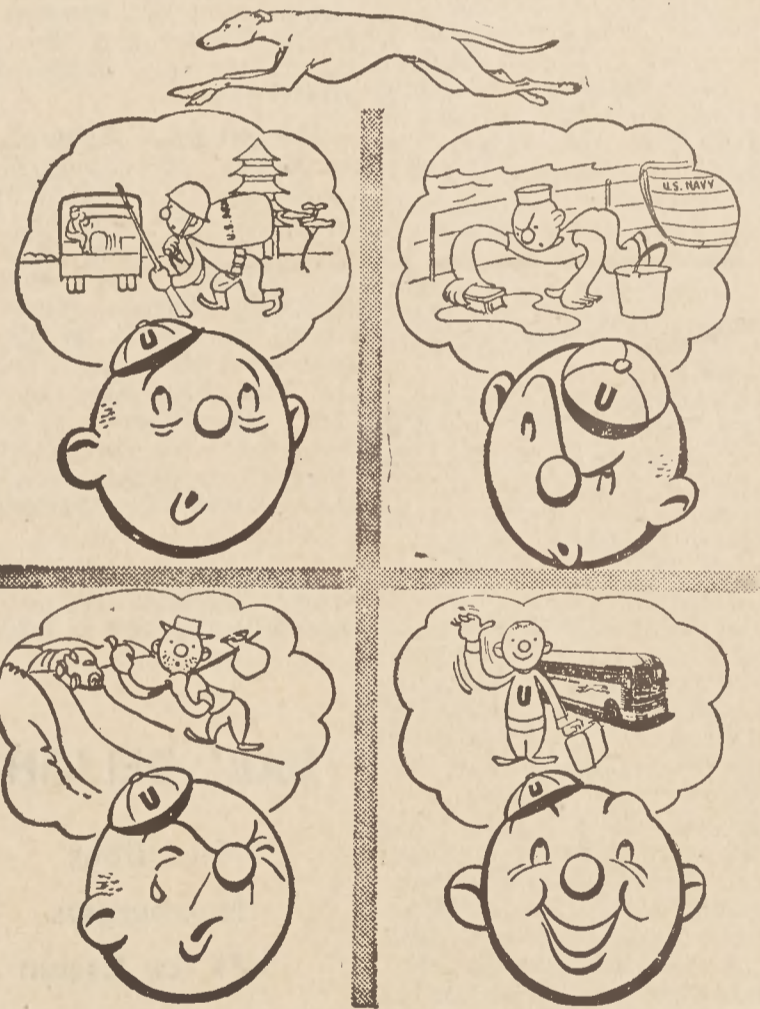
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