

### MEMBERS OF MEREDITH FACULTY MAKE INTERESTING PLANS FOR 'SOMER' VACATION

Chaucer expressed an emotion common to teachers and students alike when he said:

"Now welcome, somer, with thy sonne softe,

That hast this wintres wedres overshake."

During the last few weeks of school all of us have difficulty in keeping our minds on "the Golden Rule" when our "hearts are yearning for the swimming pool." When the last class period is over and the last exam graded, even the faculty say, "Now welcome somer . . ." Let's take a peek at the summer calendar of some of our faculty members and see what good

things are in store for them.

Two of the faculty members have heard the call to the faraway and will be visiting Europe this summer. Dr. Elizabeth Vaughan will attend the World Congress of Sociologists in Leige, Belgium, from August 24 to September 1. Later she will study at the Universities of Lansanne and Geneva in Switzerland.

Miss Jennie Hanyen, along with her sister and niece, will leave New York on June 10 via Trans-World Airlines for an extensive tour in Europe. Arriving in Paris on June 11, the group will be met by Miss Hanyen's nephew, a student this past winter at the University of Lille, who will act as their guide for the tour. France, England, Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy are the countries Miss Hanyen and her party will visit before returning to New York on August 13.

The aroma of coffee boiling in the pot and the sizzle of bacon frying in the pan will greet those around Miss Phyllis Cunningham's campfire this summer. As a counselor at Rockbrook Camp for Girls at Brevard, North Carolina, Miss Cunningham's work will include teaching camp crafts and hiking, especially overnight trips and cookouts. She'll probably be sleeping under the stars most of the time.

Miss Helena Williams will be at Rockbrook to catch a whiff of that bacon wafted on the mountain air, too. This will be her second summer as a counselor there. This year she is serving as program director.

No doubt Dr. Leslie Syron will read the market reports with special interest since she will be visiting her family on the farm near

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### The Twig Staff Has Wiener Roast May 21

The Twig Staff enjoyed a wiener roast at the Chimney on Thursday evening, May 21. The gathering was the last meeting of the group before they resume their duties next fall. Guests of honor at the event were retiring members of the staff; Doris Perry, editor; Venetia Stallings, business manager; Joan Langley, associate editor. Dr. Norma Rose, sponsor of THE TWIG, was also present.

### APPLICATION MADE TO KAPPA DELTA PI

Meredith College is applying for admission in the Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education. The purpose of this society is to encourage high professional, intellectual, and personal standards, and to recognize outstanding contributions to education. To be an active member of the Kappa Delta Pi, an undergraduate must be either a junior or a senior. Good scholastic standing, desirable personal habits, and leadership attributes are also essential to membership in the society. By having a chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi on the Meredith campus, even greater achievements should be forthcoming from the students in the field of education.

### BACCALAUREATE SERMON (Continued from page one)

He has served on the Relief and positions in the American Baptist Convention. At present he is president of the Ministerial Council of the Central Union Mission, D. C.; of the Baptist Pastors' Conference, D. C.; and of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, which represents five national conventions and seventeen million Baptists. Dr. Willingham is also a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a contributor of weekly articles to *The Baptist Leader* as well as an occasional contributor to other publications.

### The Chronicle of the Word—Cosmopolite

This is the chronicle of a word. A Syrian friend of Anne Parr's read her article entitled "Y.W.A.'s: Christian Cosmopolites," which appeared in the *Window of Y.W.A.* Being a lad of intellectual curiosity and not knowing the meaning of the word, he looked up "cosmopolite." A month later he represented Syria in a United Nations meeting for young people which was held in Washington, D. C. While there, he had a fifteen-minute interview with President Eisenhower. The President, in talking with him, asked him if he was a citizen of Syria. He thought a while, then said, "Well, I guess I'm a cosmopolite." Eisenhower gave him a peculiar look and asked him to repeat what he had said. When he did so, Eisenhower looked at the other people in the room with a sheepish grin, and asked for a dictionary!

### THE CUSTOMARY ACADEMIC DRESS HAS INTERESTING HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

Wearing a cap and gown to a college senior symbolizes a great deal. Its somber color lends dignity to graduation exercises and makes the wearer feel as if this, too, is an award of excellence, and that her exams, term papers, and daily assignments have earned for her the first major academic milestone of her life.

For the story of the gown we have to turn to the medieval guild life of the thirteenth century. In that day, the gown was standard dress for all guildsmen, university professors included. The original connotation of a university was a group of professors who had received a charter to teach from the magistrate of a medieval city and who were hired and maintained by students. Our terms "Bachelor" and "Master" are direct results of guild status, "Bachelor" being a synonym for "apprentice" while the title of "Master" in all guilds was the highest rank. The degree of "Doctor"

seems to have appeared first in the famous University of Law at Bologna, though it later was granted in theology at Paris.

The gown was no longer in popular usage around 1600 when the tight breeches and tall caps became ordinary dress. However, the gown did remain in the teaching profession. At Oxford, for example, there was a requirement that each faculty member dress according to the gown fitting his rank. Also, certain gowns were prescribed for the undergraduate students.

The hood and cap also have their origins in the Middle Ages. The hood or chaperon, as it was called, split into two parts: the cap which

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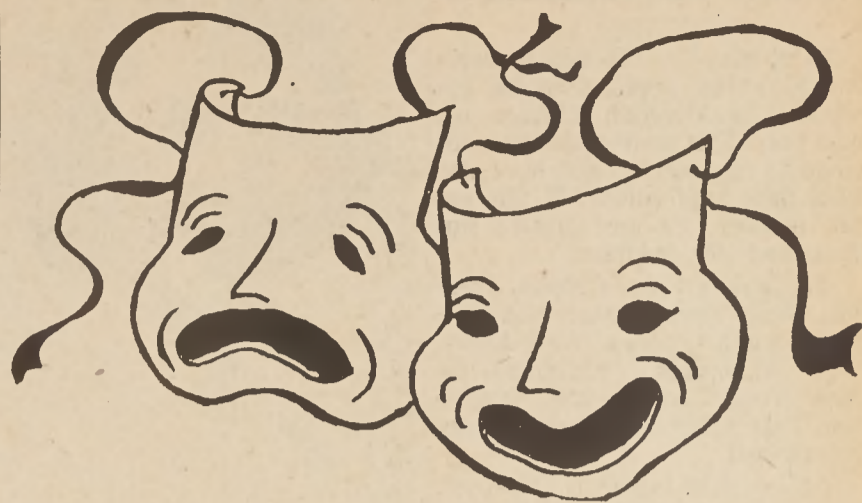
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### BACK STAGE WITH SHELL



Buzzing with plans for next year, the members of the Playhouse have been wondering what you, the student body and the general public would like to see us bring to the Meredith stage. Quite a few requests have been received for a Shakespearean production. Taking a poll around campus, I found out: Allen Hart, senior, thought it would be a good idea if the Playhouse has the talent. She thought that sounded typical of a college production and that in a girls' school it should be an all-girl cast. In fact, she would like to see such a production become tradition at Meredith. For our first play she suggested comedy. Pat Loftin, junior, said, "Good idea, but hard." She suggested boys play boys' parts for a more natural effect. She also would like to see a comedy. Peggy Smith, sophomore, said she had seen girls take boys parts and do a good job in other colleges so why not here? She requested a tragedy, preferably *Othello* or *Hamlet*. A junior, Brooksie Stone, thought it would be a welcomed different type of production. She, too, liked tragedies and stated she thought the girls could handle the masculine parts. Dr. Norma Rose said she would be delighted for the Playhouse to do a Shakespearean play. She would like an all-girl cast and a comedy for our first try. Claire Parker, freshman, said the idea sounded interesting, but she didn't like the idea of girls taking the masculine role. Loretta Briggs, junior, said, "I like the idea, but a Shakespearean play is difficult because it must be as authentic as possible." "Get boys," she said, "for the men's parts." She also wanted to see *Hamlet* or *Macbeth*. These are only a few opinions. What's yours?

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