

CLASSES READY FOR CORN HUSKIN' BEE

SENIORS SELECT SUPERLATIVES

On October 21 the Senior Class met at 5:00 in the rotunda to elect senior superlatives with Senior Class president, Peggy Bone, presiding.

The superlatives are as follows: Miss Meredith, Inez Kendrick from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Most Original, Jane Stembridge from Forest City, N. C.; Most Intellectual, Sally Newton from Kenansville, N. C.; Most Versatile, Juanita Swindler from Charlotte, N. C.; Wittiest, Virginia Byrne from Winston-Salem, N. C.; Friendliest, Nancy Wallace from Raleigh, N. C.; Cutest, Anne Howard from Concord, N. C.; Most Attractive, Lula Mae Jones from Kinston, N. C.; Most Popular, Kay White from Greensboro, N. C.; Most Athletic, Margaret Creech from Four Oaks, N. C.; Best All-Around Town Student, Becky Murray from Raleigh, N. C.

DR. SYRON NAMED HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Dr. Leslie W. Syron has recently been named head of the Sociology and Economics Department. Dr. Syron, affiliated with Meredith since 1945, received her A.B. at Mary Baldwin College; A.M., Ph.D., at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Syron succeeds the late Dr. Elizabeth Head Vaughan.

B.S.U. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN DURHAM

The annual fall convention of the Baptist Student Union of N. C. will be held November 1-3 at the First Baptist Church of Durham.

Approximately 1,200 college and university students are expected to be in attendance at the two-day conference which has as its theme, "Christ in you — the Hope." The main points of the theme will be developed by Dr. L. P. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Danville, Va.; the Reverend Bill Lawson, Baptist Student Director, Southern Texas University, Houston, Texas; and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va.

Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, will bring a series of worship meditations before each major address.



DR. L. P. JOHNSON



Barbara Browning, Tommie Bass, and Margaret Creech dress up for Corn-Husking.

Dr. Johnson Receives Honorary Degree

Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Wake Forest College. The honor came last spring at the commencement exercises at Winston-Salem. The citation read when she received the degree is as follows:

"She has contributed many articles to various journals both within her field of English and outside. Her *History of Meredith College* has recently come from the press. This is a welcome answer to a long felt need.

"She holds membership in the learned organizations in her field; better still, she makes a contribution to the efforts of these groups. She won the Carson Browning Prize from Cornell University.

"From the testimony borne by those who know her best, she has a remarkable power 'to invigorate life through learning.' Whatever she is teaching from classes of Old English verbs to Shelley's concept of ideal beauty is so exciting, so significant, so enjoyable that her students would like to share in the joy of learning and knowing.

"She has a genuine respect for sound scholarship and a corresponding impatience with both shoddiness and pedantry. This accounts for the absence of any trace of pride or ostentation about her own achievements. Under her guidance, students come to recognize and appreciate that quality of workmanship which characterizes all real scholarship.

"The striking example of the art of living which she sets in her teaching and other contacts with students is a pearl of great price. With a selflessness and patience that prompt her, far beyond the call of duty, she gives freely of her time, her sympathy, and her wisdom to the slow learner and to the troubled student. She has a keen sense of humor that can clear a heavy classroom atmosphere and soften a well-deserved reprimand. It also adds a note of contagious merriment to any goodly fellowship. Finally permeating but never obtruding itself in her teaching, counseling, and casual contacts, is the radiant vigor of her Christian faith."

A Book Tea will be held on Tuesday, October 29, from 4:30-5:30 in the Hut. The topic for discussion will be the works of Dickens. Everyone is invited to attend.

COW-MILKING AND PIE-EATING CONTESTS ARE NEW FEATURES AT THIS YEAR'S BEE

Tonight, October 25, a favorite tradition will be observed — the annual Corn Husking Bee. Sponsored by the A.A., Corn Husking began twelve years ago, October 26, 1945, from an idea originated by Doris Peterson, who was head of the physical education department at that time. Each year the festive event recurred until it became a time-honored tradition.

Corn Husking will actually begin at supper with a short form of entertainment illustrating the events. At 6:45 all students, faculty and friends gather at the dining hall steps where the program begins with a song fest.

All students and faculty enter into the spirit of the occasion by wearing costumes appropriate. After the costumed figures march in front of the judges, points are given for the most unusual costume.

Contests Follow

This is followed by the contests which are held between each class and the faculty. These include the tall tale contest, hog-calling, pie-eating, sing-song, cow-milking, and corn-husking itself.

Pie eating and cow-milking are two new contests which have been added this year. The cow-milking contest is not only judged upon the

rapidity of milking, but also upon the ingenuity which each class used in making its cow. Pie eating will replace chicken calling. This contest will be judged upon the amount consumed in a certain amount of time, rather than just the amount eaten.

The General Steering Committee for Corn Husking are Barbara Browning, chairman, and Mrs. W. K. Massey, supervisor. The contests are under the direction of Carolyn Barrington; Anna Fay Jackson is in charge of decorations; Bobbie Conley is the invitation and program chairman; Stuart James has publicity and photography; Eleanor Bowden heads the refreshment committee; Peggy Williams is in charge of hospitality and the sing-songs; with Ann Finley in charge of entertainment.

Judges Named

The judges for the contests are Dr. McLain, Dr. Syron, Dr. Wallace, and Dr. Jones with Mr. Turn as first alternate and Miss DeHoney as second alternate. There is a new addition to the contests this year; the winner will be awarded a loving cup as first prize. The winner of the Corn Husking Bee will be decided by the number of points gained in each contest won.

FOUNDERS DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 31

The forty-ninth annual Founders' Day will be observed by the student body, faculty, friends and guests of Meredith College on Thursday, October 31, 1957.

The special events will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Jones Auditorium with the processional of the seniors and speakers. The Meredith College Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Edwin Blanchard, will render the special music. Dr. Campbell, president of the college, will welcome guests and friends and introduce the speaker.

The Founders' Day address will be delivered by Dr. Robert M. Lester, Executive Director of the Southern Fellowship Fund, an agency which provides scholarships for college faculty members. Dr. Lester received his A.B. from Birmingham - Southern College and Vanderbilt University, and his Doctorate of Letters from Birmingham-Southern College. After serving as a member of the English Department at Columbia University, Dr. Lester became the Secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning. In connection with his work with the Carnegie Foundation he has published two books, *40 Years of Carnegie Giving* and *The Audit of Experience*. Dr. Lester is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and in the 1957 *Who's Who in America*. His office and home are now located in Chapel Hill.

A portrait of the late Dr. James Yarkin Joyner, after whom Joyner Hall is named, will be unveiled by his son, Colonel William Joyner, during the Founders' Day program. After the unveiling the portrait will be hung in the entrance of Joyner Hall. Dr. J. Y. Joyner was a trustee of Meredith College from 1894 until 1948 and the North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1902 until 1919.

An informal reception will be held Thursday afternoon from 4:30 until 6:00 in the Johnson Hall parlors honoring the new faculty and staff members. Meredith seniors are invited to attend. Receiving the guests in the Hostess parlor will be Dr. and Mrs. Campbell; Mr. Whisenhunt, president of the Board of Trustees; Dr. and Mrs. Massey, president of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Deyton, vice-president of Meredith and his wife; Dean and Mrs. Peacock; Miss Louise Fleming, dean of students; Mr. Belcher, business manager, and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Watts, president of the Alumni Association; Mrs. Martin, president of the Wake County Association; and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and their wives. The new faculty and staff members will receive in the Rose Parlor and refreshments will be served in the Blue Parlor. Various faculty members will introduce the guests to the receiving line, pour tea, serve, and say good-byes.



DR. ROBERT M. LESTER