

## ANNUAL FESTIVITIES TO HIGHLIGHT SEASON

### CHORUS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Members of the Meredith College chorus will present a Christmas concert December 15 at 4:00 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The music for the program includes traditional arrangements, selections in contemporary American style, and music written especially for women's voices. Selections which will be rendered by the choir are: Bach's "Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heav'nly Light"; four old English carols by Gustav von Holst — "A Babe Is Born," "Now Let Us Sing," "Jesu, Thou the Virgin-born," and "The Savior of the World Is Born"; "In David's Town" by Moore; "Come, Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly" by Breton; "Sing We the Virgin Mary"; "Glory in the Highest"; five narrative carols — "Adam Lay Ybounden," "Coventry Carol," "Torches," "O Little One," and "Patapan"; and "Gloria in Excelsis."

Soloists for the occasion will be Clara Hudson, Barbara Armstrong, and Marilyn Pruette, sopranos; and Jacqueline Harrison and Margaret Slate, altos.

Accompanying the choir will be three instrumentalists who are students at State College: Miss Myra Naterhouse, flutist; James Decker, clarinetist; and Earl Green, drummer.

The Meredith chorus is under the direction of Mr. Edwin Blanchard.

### Religious Vocations Will Be Topic of February Conference

Religious vocations for College Women will be the topic of a conference to be held at Union Theological Seminary, New York, February 14-16. Students who wish to secure information about religious vocations and the particular fields open to those with a liberal arts background will find the meetings of interest. The Seminary provides housing and meals for the delegates, and travel expenses will be the only cost.

President Millicent C. McIntosh of Barnard College, seminary professors, and leading ministers in the city will speak. Students interested in taking part in these meetings may receive bulletins about the plans from Miss Maxine Garner.

### STABLES BOAST NEW PALOMINO COLT

Meredith College had a "first" on November 17 with the birth of the first Palomino colt at the Meredith stables. The dam is a chestnut filly named Mimi, and the sire is the Palomino stallion, Trigger, who has appeared in numerous parades



Mimi's baby

### "A TOUCH OF LILAC" IS GIVEN IN CHAPEL

The religious drama class will present *A Touch of Lilac*, a Christmas play by Lyda Nagel, in chapel Wednesday, December 18, Miss Peg Gorsage, director of the play, has announced.

The plot of the one-act play centers on Lorna, played by Page Sink from Lexington, N. C. As the attendant nurse in Dr. Atherton's office, Lorna is disgusted with the wealthy, insincere patients who patronize the doctor and has given notice of her intention to leave. Hypocritically acting in the name of Christmas, the patients bring Lorna gifts — all perfume. How the unselfish attitude of one patient affects Lorna makes an interesting, heart-warming story.

Cast members are: Lelia Davenport of Pactolus, playing Natalie; Kay Currier from Franklin, Virginia, in the role of Mrs. Coffman; Barbara Sue Johnson of Danville, Virginia, portraying Mrs. Morgan; and Becky Sawyer from Kelford as Mrs. Rossi.

### PLANS MADE FOR EUROPEAN TOUR

Concerning the 1958 tour to Europe this summer, Mrs. MaBelle Smith reports much interest and progress in final plans. The dates of sailing and return have not been announced; however, a meeting was held December 3 at which other details were discussed. Two happy prospects have been added. There will be one full day at the World Fair in Brussels, Belgium, and a tour of Naples, Pompeii, and the Isle of Capri. The main cities in the itinerary are London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pisa, Monte Carlo, Nice (French Riviera) and Paris. Mrs. Smith is hoping to arrange the time so that some who wish to do so may attend summer school. She will be happy to discuss plans and prices with any one interested in going. In making appointments, she asks that she be contacted in the halls or in her room, not in the office.

### F.T.A. ENTERTAINS FIRST GRADERS

The Future Teachers of America entertained the children of the first grade from the Methodist Orphanage Thursday night, December 14, in the hut. A nursery rhyme skit was presented by the children's literature class after which Santa Claus arrived and presented each child with a stocking full of goodies. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to all the guests.



Linda Wall, Ann Fuller, Mary Cole, Becky Holland, Jane Phillips, and Jo Anne Kendall are ready to go caroling.

### CAROLING, BANQUET, PARTIES ANTICIPATED

By LELA CAGLE

On December 18, the eve of Christmas recess, Meredith students will celebrate the coming of Christmas with a banquet, caroling, and hall parties.

A special treat this year will be a gala buffet dinner in the dining hall at 6:00. Members of the kitchen staff will serve at the gaily decorated buffet table heaped with Christmas turkey, pumpkin pie, fruits and mints. A lovely Christmas tree and festive table decorations will greet the Meredith girls as they walk in. Faculty and students will dress semi-formally in party dresses and waltz-length gowns.

After bundling up in their warmest clothes, the Meredith angels will board chartered buses at 10:00 for the traditional Christmas caroling. The caroling will begin at a central location, either the Governor's mansion or capitol square from which the buses will depart to various parts of the city and the homes of faculty, trustees, and friends of the college.

Upon their return the students will celebrate with hall parties, suite parties, food, surprises, and gifts.

The Meredith campus itself will radiate the spirit of Christmas with colorfully lighted trees in front of Johnson Hall, lovely Christmas arrangements and decorations in the parlors, and the traditional Christmas tree in the Rose parlor.

### JEAN STROLE ELECTED CHAIRMAN RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

The student body recently elected Jean Strole, '59, to the chairmanship of Religious Emphasis Week. A versatile participant in many activities, she is fully capable of the responsibility of her task and privilege. A member of F.T.A., she is an elementary education major and has as her related fields history and music. She not only sings in the chorus, but accompanies the triple trio as well. First vice-president of the B.S.U., Jean has received another honor—that of being tapped into the Silver Shield.

Now, with the aid and counsel of Dr. Maxine Garner, she is making plans for Religious Emphasis Week, which is to be held February 17-21. Committee heads will be announced soon and the full week's program drawn up. The speakers have already been chosen. They are Dr. McLeod Bryan, a member of the Wake Forest department of religion, and Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church.



Miss Jean Strole

### Astros Give Annual Children's Party

On December 9, the Astros made their annual Christmas trip to the State School for the Colored Blind and Deaf.

Arriving on a bus, the girls sang with the children, whose ages range from five to sixteen, and then distributed candy and presents which they had brought. The entertainment consisted of a song by Jackie Lewis "The Night before Christmas" and a skit by other members of the society.

Most of these children are neither totally blind nor deaf, but have a deficiency in either eyesight or hearing. This year, as in other years, they seemed to anticipate the Astros' visit as much as the girls themselves looked forward to going, yet the Astros report that they were the ones who really received and who found the visit a very rewarding experience.

### Congratulations, Crooks

The Roger H. Crooks have a new baby boy, weighing seven pounds, five ounces, who arrived Wednesday, November 20. Stephen Harold's future, with his five older brothers, will be anything but dull.

Dr. Crook reports that his wife and the newest addition to the family are fine and lively. "And," he adds with a perfectly serious poker face, "the father is doing fine, too!"

### A. A. CHRISTMAS LIST

For your convenience the A. A. Board each year compiles an alphabetical list of the names of resident and day students, faculty and administration, with the home address of each. These lists will be sold on each hall by A. A. members for twenty-five cents each. It's a necessity for sending those Christmas cards or notes during the holidays, and a very good thing to take with you when you are traveling and would like to call or drop in on some of your friends.

### S.A.I. Is Visited By Mrs. Donald May

The S.A.I.'s entertained Mrs. Donald May, president of the province to which the Meredith Chapter belongs, on Dec. 4-6. Mrs. May spoke at the S.A.I. meeting on Wednesday night, Dec. 4, and afterward visited a rehearsal of the initiation service which will be held on January 7 for the pledges, Margaret Morgan and Lee Pass. On December 5, Dr. Wallace entertained Mrs. May, the patronesses and the members of S.A.I. at her home. Other plans for the near future made by the S.A.I.'s include a Christmas Party at the home of Mr. David Sutton, one of the chapter patronesses, on December 9.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTS REPRESENTATIVES

Class representatives have been chosen to serve on the nominating committee. They are Helen White, freshman; Judy McLamb, sophomore; Anne Fuller, junior; and Sally Newton, senior. These representatives will meet with the Nominating Committee to choose the slate for school officers for 1958-59. While these representatives do not vote, they serve in an advisory capacity.

The three faculty members who have been named to serve along with Miss Fleming are Dr. Crook, Dr. Garner, and Dr. Rose.

### YOUTH CONFERENCE TO MEET IN TORONTO

International fellowship and the making of new friends will be a highlight of the Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2. All Baptist youth and youth leaders who are interested in the cause of Christ around the world are invited to attend.

Special arrangements to attend are being made by the North Carolina Baptist Student Union. There will be chartered busses for North Carolina students. Plans are being made to include two nights and one day in New York; part of a day in

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