

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN TOMORROW

Meredith Receives Grant From Esso Education Foundation

Recently Meredith College received a grant of \$2,000 from the Esso Education Foundation. J. J. Tyler, District Manager of the Carolina Division, visited the college, and delivered the check. President Carlyle Campbell and Howard Belcher, the college treasurer and business manager, expressed the deep appreciation that Meredith has in being chosen to share in the Esso Foundation grants.

Money for Undergraduate Aid

The grant was given without restrictions except that the money be used to help meet expenses directly associated with undergraduate education.

The prime objective of the Foundation is to aid education, reads the letter which accompanied the check; and this fund has been set up to further this objective.

Foundation in Existence Five Years

The grants this year bring to nearly \$7,500,000 the total amount granted by the Esso Education Foundation, in its five-year existence, to privately-supported colleges and universities in the United States, in the hopes that it will prove a constructive force in helping to insure the continuance of a strong, independent segment of higher education in our nation.

COLLEGE RECEIVING 1960-61 APPLICATIONS

At the time of the TWIG deadline, December 10, 1959, the college had received 239 applications from prospective new dormitory students for the next school year. This is compared to 142 applications at this date last year.

Nine States Represented

Nine states are represented in this group with the largest number outside of North Carolina applying from Virginia. The first application was received on July 11, 1959.

Closing Date May Be Early

Acceptance of applications had to be closed on April 22 for this school year, and the closing date this year is foreseeably earlier if requests for admission continue to come in at the present rate.

Dr. John Yarbrough To Attend Meetings

Dr. John Yarbrough, chairman of the Meredith College department of biology, will attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, December 26-30.

Immediate Past-President

Dr. Yarbrough is the immediate past president of the Academy Conference, a meeting of the officers of the various state Academy organizations sponsored by the AAAS. He has served as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Academy of Science for the past eight years.

As Conference past-president, Dr. Yarbrough will give a brief paper during the December 28 morning business session and will preside at the annual banquet that night.

Will Serve On Committee

On January 4-5 Dr. Yarbrough will be in Washington, D. C., serving on the selection committee for the National Science Foundation. This committee reads, studies, and rates projects submitted to the National Foundation by state Academies of Science.

Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 19. Classes will resume at 8:25 a.m. Monday, January 4, 1960.

Physical Education Attendance Given

The following regulations for attendance at physical education activity classes were announced by the Dean's office and took effect November 23.

1. A student is required to attend at least 80 per cent of the semester's class sessions in order to receive a passing grade in the course. Absences are thus provided for illness — except in cases of extended illness.

2. In cases of extended illness, the Dean and the department head will confer with the infirmary, and make provision either to permit work to be made up, or to recommend that the student drop the course.

3. That all absences will be reported as usual to the registrar, who, in turn, will post these on the board with other absences.

Ann Rowe Chosen Focus Week Chairman

In a general election on December 11, 1959, Ann Rowe was elected chairman of the 1960 Religious Focus Week which will be held early in the second semester.

Ann has been on the B.S.U. executive council, serving as Listen chairman, and this year she is on the vespers committee. She is now a member of the student government council as a vice-president of Vann.

Phis, Astros Hold Christmas Parties

Both societies held Christmas parties in the two weeks before the holidays. The Astrotektons entertained children from the colored division of the State School for the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb, and the Philaretian party honored the ten maids who help keep our dorms clean.

Astros Entertain Children

The Astro party was held in the gym at the State School on December 9 for about 200 children between the ages of 7 and 13. Entertainment included games, a parade, and a skit; and presents were given to the children. A combo made up of children played several numbers



These students are shown sitting around the Christmas tree in Johnson Hall. This tree and the others on campus were given by Mr. Herndon, the night watchman.

SOPHOMORES WIN STUNT TROPHY; SENIOR CLASS TAKES SECOND PLACE

The sophomore class, led by their Stunt chairman Betty Bone, was awarded the silver Stunt trophy for their production of "Of Beasts and Bigsby." The senior class presentation, "Celestial Confusion," received second place recognition.

Stunt Night Is Traditional

The annual Stunt Night, a Meredith tradition since its origination in 1915, was held Friday evening, November 20. Prior to the presentation of the four class productions, the Athletic Association — sponsor of the Stunt program — was host to the student body, the judges, and other special guests at a dinner in the college dining hall.

Large Audience Present

An audience of almost 1,000 watched the presentation of the four class productions: seniors, "Celestial Confusion," Carolyn Jones,

Stunt chairman; juniors, "The Day the Fairies Smiled," Mary Parrish; sophomores, "Of Beasts and Bigsby," Betty Bone; freshmen, "Holiday For Hats," Nancy Edwards.

Judges Listed

Judges for the evening were as follows: Miss Mary Bland Josey, chairman; Miss Ione Kemp Knight, Mrs. J. Lyman Melvin, Jr., Mr. James H. Eads, Jr., and Mr. LeRoy Martin. As is customary, four of the judges were from the college community — with Mr. Martin serving as the outside judge.

Ensemble Sings

A special feature of the evening was the entertainment presented by the Meredith Ensemble while the judges were reaching their decision. The Ensemble is directed by Miss Beatrice Donley and is accompanied by Margaret Hurst.

Dr. Roger Crook Is January Forum Speaker

Dr. Roger Crook, Meredith professor of religion, will be the featured speaker at the January Baptist Student Union Forum. The Forum is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., January 13, in Hunter Hall. Dr. Crook will at that time review his book, *No South or North*, written on the Christian approach to race relations and published earlier this year by the Bethany Press.

The college library will have a wide selection of pertinent material on display prior to the Forum and on the days immediately following. Interested students are urged to take advantage of this material.

for the visiting Astros and will also play at the Astro meeting in February.

Phis Present Skit

The Phis held their party in the hut on Wednesday, December 16. Refreshments were served; games were played; and presents were given to the guests. Members of the society presented a skit, "The Night Before Christmas."

ANNE BRITT HAS POEM PUBLISHED

Anne Britt, a junior English major from Snow Hill, has been notified that one of her poems, "Christmas Tree," has been accepted for publication in the *Annual Anthology of College Poetry*.

The volume is published by the National Poetry Association and is a compilation of outstanding poetry written by college men and women representing every section of the country. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

Wake County Alumnae Meet On Campus

The Wake County Chapter of the Meredith Alumnae Association held its annual Christmas bazaar in the Alumnae House on the campus December 15. Mrs. Ted Daniel is president of the Wake County group.

Mr. Akers Moore spoke at the meeting about the Research Triangle; and a special salute was offered to alumnae affiliated with the classes of the 1930's.

TONIGHT THE COLLEGE WILL GO CAROLLING

The Christmas holidays begin officially tomorrow at 12:30 p.m., but tonight Meredith holds its annual Christmas celebration. The formal Christmas dinner is scheduled for this evening in the college dining hall; and later in the evening buses will take Meredith carolling.

A. A. Is Sponsor

The Athletic Association is again sponsoring the Christmas carolling; and about four hundred girls are expected to board eight buses for a merry two hours of singing carols to the faculty and administration. The buses will each have a leader and will follow a previously scheduled route.

Roy's Will Serve Coffee

After the buses return to Meredith, Roy's will serve coffee and donuts in the gym. Later many halls will have a hall party, after which most groups will move on to suite parties.

Chorus Presents 'Music For Christmas'

Sunday afternoon, December 13, the Meredith College Chorus presented "Music For Christmas" in Jones Auditorium. The chorus is directed by Miss Beatrice Donley and is accompanied by Joan Cope.

The program included the following numbers: "O magnum mysterium," de Victoria-Williamson; "Mistletoe and Holly Bright," Bach-Whitford; "The Coventry Carol," from 16th Century Pageant; "Pat-a-Pan," Burgundian Air-Davis; "Go Tell It On the Mountain," Spiritual-Work; "Behold That Star," Talley-Cunkle; "The Holly and the Ivy," English Carol; "Carol of the Sheep Bells," Kountz; "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" Gruber-Manney; "Glory in the Highest," Davis; "No Lullaby Need Mary Sing," Clokey; "The Lambs to the Lamb," Creston; "In David's Town," Elmore and Reed; "Angels and the Shepherds," Kodaly.

Barbara Armstrong, soprano, and Kay Robinson, contralto, were soloists.

Green, Leath Tapped By Silver Shield

Juniors Zelma Green and Suzanne Leath were tapped into associate membership by the Silver Shield November 24. Zelma is a religion major from Zebulon and Suzanne is a religion major from Shelby.

Zelma is a member of the BSU Council and serves as chairman of the Forum series. She has been active in the Playhouse and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, dramatic fraternity. Suzanne is a reporter for the TWIG, is on the AA Board, and is junior representative to the nominating committee.

Silver Shield members are chosen by the society and the faculty on the basis of service to the school, Christian character, and constructive leadership.

HOME EC. DEPARTMENT SPONSORS FOODS DISPLAY

Saturday and Sunday afternoons the home economics department sponsored a Christmas foods exhibit in Hunter Hall. Displayed were cookies, cakes, breads, and candies which members of the various foods classes had made for the occasion.

Suggestions were given as to ways such foods could be used as decorations and as gifts.