

The President's Lady

# Let's Take a Peek into the Home of Mrs. Carlyle Campbell



Mrs. Carlyle Campbell prepares menus for senior suppers. The picture above her is a treasured painting of the Campbell honeymoon cottage.

By ELIZABETH PONTON

Often the wife of a college president loses her identity in the busy affairs of her husband. But Mrs. Carlyle Campbell, the wife of Meredith's learned and witty president, has endeared herself to all who know her. Not only does she accompany Dr. Campbell to the nu-

merous and demanding College functions, but she also finds time to be an active member of the Pullen Baptist Church, to participate in community affairs, and to entertain graciously in her Furches Street home.

The Campbell's living room is filled with gifts from family friends

and Meredith students. Unusual items include a Chinese painting, several Korean etchings, and a painting of the Campbell's honeymoon cottage in Blowing Rock. Set against soft green walls and carpet, these meaningful paintings, as well as other lovely decorations, give the house a warm and friendly air.

About ten years ago, Mrs. Campbell began the delightful custom of entertaining the Meredith seniors in her home. Every year she and Dr. Campbell invite all members of the senior class to come for dinner. Usually, but according to the enrollment of the class, Mrs. Campbell has six or seven "Senior Suppers," inviting about twenty girls each time. Mrs. Campbell is famous for her delicious menus — especially for her tetrazinni.

Cooking is one of Mrs. Campbell's favorite pastimes. She has special ways of preparing the usual foods as well as unusual recipes — such as her pumpkin-date tart — and is very generous about sharing her recipes with the Meredith students.

One of Mrs. Campbell's favorite stories is that she was a Christian before she married Dr. Campbell; that is, she belonged to the Christian Church before becoming a Baptist with him. Mrs. Campbell and Dr. Campbell met during a summer school planning session for Harnett County. Both were in Lillington with Dr. Campbell in charge of the program and Mrs. Campbell in charge of the grammar school planning. After one week, Mrs. Campbell was no longer needed (permanent employees were able to do the work). But one week was enough. Five years later she and Dr. Campbell were married.

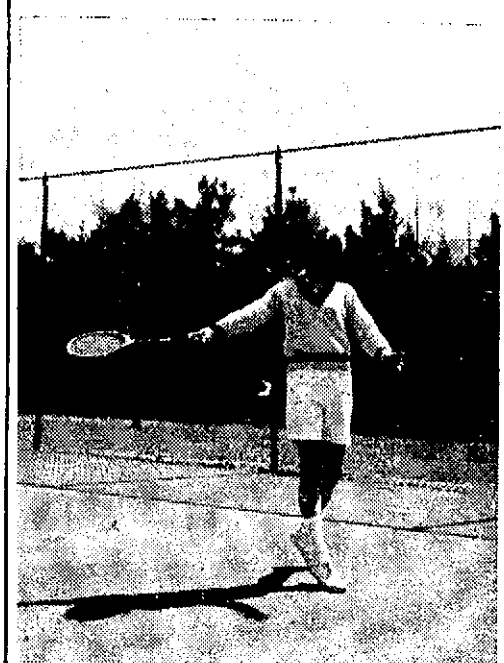
Before she was married, Mrs. Campbell taught grammar school, grades five through seven. Born in Eastern Virginia, Mrs. Campbell had later moved to Elon where she received her education at Elon College. She then taught school in New York, Massachusetts, and Burling-

ton, North Carolina. Shortly before her marriage to Dr. Campbell, he was made president of Coker College; Mrs. Campbell says that for the first time in her life she could not sleep: she had promised to marry an English professor, not a college president! The Campbells stayed at Coker from 1925 until 1936.

One year, Mrs. Campbell was selected as Raleigh Mother of the Year. She and Dr. Campbell have two children and six grandchildren. Their son is a lawyer in Charlotte, and their daughter is the wife of a Purdue professor (the Campbells plan an Easter trip to Lafayette, Indiana, to see their daughter). Mrs. Campbell's own father was quite a remarkable man; when eighty-four years old, he took trips alone to California and to Scotland.

Because of her warm personality and her genuine interest in Meredith girls, Mrs. Carlyle Campbell has become a vital part of life at Meredith College.

## Tennis Teams Are Practicing For Matches



Mimi Holt practices for those upcoming tennis matches.

By MIMI HOLT

With the approach of spring, one thinks of a new sports season.

For several Meredith girls, spring is the time to dust off their tennis rackets, don their white shorts, and head for the tennis courts. This year practice has been hampered by cold rainy weather, but on Tuesday and Friday afternoons Mimi Holt, Eleanor Parker, Sandra Newton, Martha Reynolds, Susie Boswell, Susan Laird, Ellen Kirby, and Gloria Davis can usually be found on the tennis courts with faculty coach, Mr. Edwin Blanchard. During practice sessions, the girls work on fundamental strokes and strategy under the watchful eye of Mr. Blanchard.

This spring, for the first time, the Meredith Team has scheduled matches with other girls' teams from nearby schools such as St. Mary's, U.N.C. - C.H., and Duke. The matches will be played on Monday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons here at Meredith. Spectators will be welcome at all of the matches, which will begin in April.

Carolina Play Day

In addition to the regular matches, the girls on the tennis team are preparing for the annual tennis Play Day at Carolina on April 24. This invitational tournament is open to girls from any North Carolina colleges. Each school sends two singles and two doubles players to the competition. This event is one of the highlights of the tennis season because it provides Meredith players with a chance to compete against some of the best players in the state.

# The Political Scene on Campus Becomes Vigorous; The Mountain Visits Meredith



Lieutenant Governor Bob Scott takes time out to welcome Meredith girls.

By JUDITH GRIFFIN

As invited guests of the Reverend Alfonso Jordan, chaplain of the House of Representatives, groups of Meredith students attended sessions of the N. C. State Legislature on March 9 and 11. From comments overheard, I suspect that, in general, we were surprised at:

1. the shortness of the session
2. the number of bills which were introduced
3. the hoards of visitors that were present
4. the fact that legislators have a sense of humor.

We were not surprised, however, at:

1. the efficiency with which the

wheels of procedure turn

2. the friendliness of oldtime politicians
3. the fact that those tropical plants are dying under Variety Vacationland sun!

A special treat was meeting our own senator and representatives, and a fortunate few were able to chat with Lieutenant Governor Bob Scott after the session.

Mr. Jake Nurkin, father of Rita Nurkin, extended courtesy to both groups by guiding them around the Legislative Building, providing brochures and calendars of events and arranging for a pleasant lunch in the Representative's dining room. All things considered, our day at

the legislature was informative and enjoyable.

Although Meredith went to the "mountains" (new capital hill), the "mountain" also came to Meredith. Governor Dan K. Moore, who was not so long ago known as "the mountain man," talked on education in chapel Tuesday, March 16.

Many of us who are prospective teachers and parents were keenly interested in the comments which were made by the Governor. However, there were several unanswered questions in this reporter's mind. What specific proposals are being made by our state's chief executive to improve school buildings and facilities, provide for special types of education, raise teacher salaries, etc.? The Governor advocated the

improvement of education. Doesn't everyone?

Perhaps the stating of specifics is asking too much in such a brief period of time; however, a few choice comments on the Governor's opinion of federal aid to denominational schools and other such timely topics would have been appreciated. The fact that a group of Baptist State Convention members were behind him and the Meredith Student Body was in front of him might well have put the Governor literally "in the middle."

Nevertheless, Governor Moore's graciously consenting to speak to us is an event of which we are justly proud. Speeches from other such VIP's on the political scene may prove to be interesting chapel talks, even on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday without a hymn!



Mary Beth Hinkle discusses local affairs with her representative, Mr. Claude Hamrick.