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Dr. Julia H. Harris Dies; Meredith Is Beneficiary

A sum in excess of \$75,000 has been bequeathed to Meredith College by the late Dr. Julia Hamlet Harris. Dr. Harris, head of the Meredith English Department, 1922-52, died June 18, 1965, in Chapel Hill, N. C., where she had spent the past thirteen years after retirement from Meredith.

Dr. Harris named Meredith College as her chief beneficiary, according to Dr. Norma Rose, executrix. Final figures on the entire estate are not immediately available.

Forum Day Held; Topic Was Art

Wednesday, September 29, was M.C.A. Forum Day. The speaker was Dr. John B. Dixon, of the departments of religion and art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Activities during the day included a chapel address at 10:30 on the subject, "Art as a Communication of Religion"; a slide presentation at 5:00 p.m., with all interested students invited; and the M.C.A. Forum at 7:00 p.m., continuing the discussion of the chapel topic, with a period for students' questions. Both the slide presentation and the forum were held in 103 Joyner.

These programs were not only for those who are art majors or are taking art courses, but were for all students.

Stables Are Planned In Near Future

Another new building will grace the Meredith campus long before the completion of the Carlyle Campbell Library. With other stable innovations, will be the structure of a new barn. This building, which will boast of forty stalls, will be situated near the present stables. The Campus Improvement Committee estimates a cost of \$50,000 for this project. There is now approximately \$30,000 available. The Executive Committee hopes by the October meeting to be fully satisfied with final plans. Therefore, the new stables should be under construction in the very near future.

After completing her undergraduate work at U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, where she was the only woman in her graduating class, Dr. Harris pursued graduate work at both Cornell and Yale. Before coming to Meredith, she had taught at five schools, including two seminaries.

Annals Dedicated

In 1922, she accepted the role as head of the Meredith English Department. She was admired and respected by both faculty and students and was honored in 1929 and 1950 by the dedication of the *Oak Leaves* to her. During her thirty years here Dr. Harris taught freshman and junior English, Shakespeare, Milton, American literature, creative writing, and the famous-but-formidable "Lit Crit," a course in literary criticism. Evidence of her continuing interest in Shakespearean scholarship is her bequest of \$1,000 designated for books on Shakespeare to the U.N.C. library. A scholar as well as educator, Dr. Harris reviewed books and published articles.

Even during retirement Dr. Harris was active. Along with a number of other activities, she took a course in art history last fall and for several years taught Shakespeare and creative writing by correspondence for the U.N.C. Extension Division.

A memorial to Dr. Harris will be a part of the projected Carlyle Campbell Library. At a recent meeting the executive committee of the Meredith trustees authorized such a memorial, although the actual form which it will take has not yet been determined.

Mrs. Beza in Europe For Study and Travel

On May 31, Mrs. Jacqueline Beza of the French department flew to Europe for several weeks of study and travel. For the month of June she studied at the Alliance Francaise in Paris.

Mrs. Beza's husband joined her in Paris the first of July and they travelled together to Normandy, where they stayed in Deauville-Trouville on the Atlantic. They went on to Nice, Geneva, Strasbourg, Germany and back to Paris, from which they flew home on July 21.

Plans Made for Library; Architect Chosen for Job

The Carlyle Campbell Library, an anticipated vision on the future Meredith campus, has taken a giant step toward becoming a reality. The architect has been chosen to make the actual plans for the structure. He is Russell Bailey of Orange, Virginia. Mr. Bailey, who specializes in library construction, is now working out drawings to be submitted to the Library Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Located West of Dorms

A tentative site for the library has been designated. Recessed somewhat to the west, the library will stand between two classroom buildings, Hunter and Joyner.

It is not possible to predict a completion or even a beginning date for the library's actual construction. Six or more months will elapse before the architectural plans are final. Furthermore, the execution date depends heavily on the funds at hand. An estimated cost of the library is from eight to nine hundred thousand dollars. Thus far the library fund consists of approximately \$125,000.

Added Funds

To this present sum will be added the major portion of the estate of Dr. Julia Harris. Dr. Harris, former chairman of the Meredith English department, passed away this summer leaving in excess of \$75,000 to Meredith College. There will be a Dr. Julia Harris memorial in the new library.

Campus Improved During Summer

Progress was Meredith's most important product this summer, and the results can be seen in several places.

Bee Hive Improved

One, for example, is the Bee Hive, where new lights, new flooring under the fountain, and new tile are only a few of the improvements. "Everything's been departmentalized," said Dru Hinsley. Books, cosmetics, school supplies and art supplies are in separate departments or sections. The line of paperback books has been more than doubled, an improvement which benefits the students greatly. The most recent improvement in connection with the Bee Hive is the installation of the sandwich and ice cream machines in Faircloth dormitory. The machines, however, are on a trial basis. If the new additions are successful, the machines will be placed in each dormitory.

Dining Hall Brightened

Another area where improvement has taken place is the dining hall. The lighting, floor, various kitchen items, and chairs are all new. More steel was added for needed support, and the walls were painted to give a more cheerful atmosphere.

Along with the Bee Hive and cafeteria, the music building also received improvements. Tile was laid in seven studios and in two classrooms.

Heating Plant to Be Added

According to Dr. Silver, a new improvement is in store for us — a new heating system with thermostat control. With the thermostat the heat will be regulated and evenly distributed in every building on campus, and dormitory rooms will be heated twenty four hours a day.

Faculty and Staff Increased



Mrs. Jones, new assistant dean of students, confers with Dean Fleming on certain office procedures.

Meredith College has added to its family this year several new faculty and staff members.

Additions to the faculty include four part-time and ten full-time teachers. Employed full-time are Mrs. Georgette J. Campbell, B.A., Georgetown University, M. A., Peabody College, instructor, biology; James Stephens, B.A., M.S., N. C. State, instructor, mathematics; Dr. Rosalie P. Gates, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., Duke University, assistant professor, history; Mrs. Robert Lee Gatlin, II, B.A., Bryn Mawr, M.A., Middlebury College, advanced study, The Sorbonne, instructor, foreign languages.

Dr. Johnson Is Honored By Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, chairman of the English department here, was honored at the commencement meeting of the Alumnae Association held last May.

Long Association With College

It was announced at this convocation that an anonymous gift of \$5,000 had been given to the college to endow a scholarship in honor of Dr. Johnson. A graduate of Meredith, class of 1917, has been teaching at Meredith since 1918, serving as head of the English department since 1952. Among her many services to the college, Dr. Johnson has written a history of the school.

Dr. John Yarbrough Receives Service Award

Dr. John A. Yarbrough, head of the Biology department, was recently given the distinguished service award by the Academy Conference, a branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The award was presented at a meeting of the association in Montreal.

Holds Many Offices

Dr. Yarbrough has served as a delegate from the North Carolina Academy of Science to the Academy Conference for about fifteen years, serving as its president in 1958. In mid-September, Dr. Yarbrough attended a meeting in Washington, D. C., where he served on a panel of scientists for the National Science Foundation. He has also been secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Academy of Science since 1952 and is presently serving as the director of its biology improvement program.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day has been changed from the fall to February 27. The date was changed to coincide with the date the charter of the college was granted seventy-five years ago.

Also Mrs. Carolyn P. Poole, A.B., Meredith College, M.A., Oberlin College, instructor, English; Grove Robinson, B.A., M.A., Columbia University, instructor, art; Mrs. Marilyn M. Stuber, B.S., M.A., University of Nebraska, instructor, home economics; Mrs. Karen B. Young, A.B., Carleton, M.S.M., Union Theological Seminary, instructor, music, for one year in position held for her husband, Stephen Young, on leave for further study; Mrs. Lyn A. McDonald, B.S., East Carolina College, M.A.T., UNC at Chapel Hill, instructor, health and physical education; and Mrs. Anne Parnell, A.B., M.A., East Carolina College, instructor, business.

Part-time instructors are Dr. Sally M. Horner, chemistry; Chesley W. Sanborn, mathematics; Mrs. Jeanne C. Biggar, sociology; and Dr. Walter George, German.

New staff members include two assistant deans of students, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Jones, B.S., Longwood College and Miss Nancy Carroll, B.A. and M.A., UNC at Chapel Hill. Miss Donna Dull, a 1965 Meredith graduate, has joined the staff as an assistant in the office of admissions. Mrs. Frances E. Thorne, a former dining hall hostess, has been named house director. New assistants on the dietetic staff are Mrs. Mattie G. Bell and Mrs. Josephine Booth. Secretarial appointments include Zona Dare Carrawan and Cecilia Rockafellow, in the registrar's office.

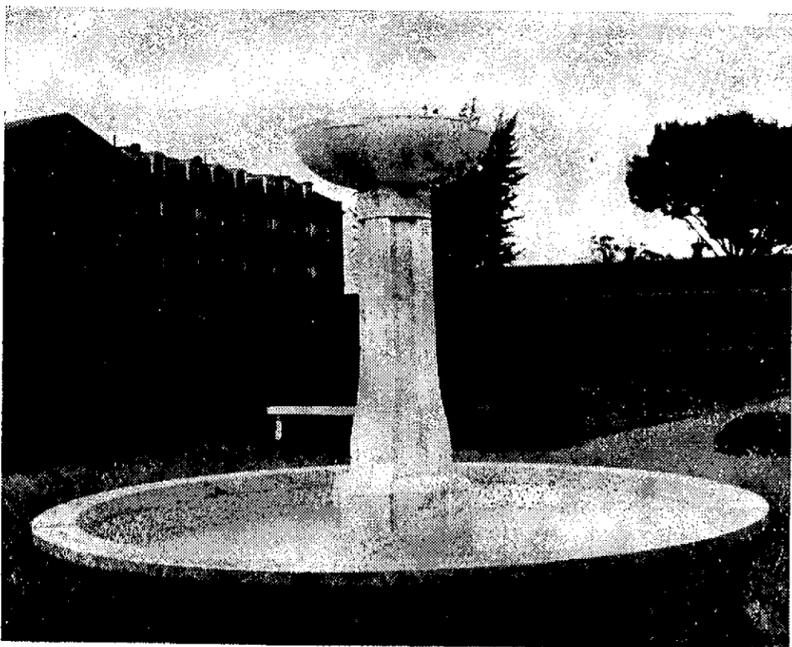
College Calendar

October 5: 7 p.m. Counselors, 7 p.m. Creative Writing Club, 10:30 Senior class meeting

October 6: 7 p.m. Sociology Club meeting, 7 p.m. Philaretian meeting

October 12: 7 p.m. Counsel group meetings, 7 p.m. SAI, 4:45 p.m. Senior practice

October 14: 7 p.m. BSU, 6:45 p.m. Senior practice



One of the most recent improvements on campus was the tiling of the fountain.