# Dr. Wallace Reminisces About Meredith Girls, Tennis With Dr. Campbell, Alice in Wonderland

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In a cozy den decorated with water-color artistry, a grand piano, and bowls of camellias and daffodils, Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace, former chairman of the Meredith department of history, reminisced about the college in former years. Seated amid stacks of books on a sofa draped with cheery afghans, Dr. Wallace spoke enthusiastically as she sipped tea.

"Meredith has always produced fine girls who are state and world leaders," said Dr. Wallace. In naming several outstanding Meredith students of the past, Dr. Wallace cited one of her students who became the director of all the United Service Organizations in the world. Dr. Wallace said that this particular student was a whiz at tennis, too, which could have accounted for her interest in the field of recreation.

At the mention of tennis, Dr. Wallace recalled past Play Days when she teamed up with former president Dr. Carlyle Campbell or Dr. John Yarbrough in tennis doubles "to beat the students every year!"

While Meredith girls of earlier years weren't so zippy on the playing field, they were serious and aggressive students, as Dr. Wallace recalls. Remembering vividly an International Relations Club exchange with Shaw University during the 1920's, Dr. Wallace said "no one lifted an eyebrow, which shows that progress can be made when things are taken normally and without so much ado."

Dr. Wallace noted the leadership of Meredith in race relations in the present. "They are still going about it in the right way," she said,

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morning general meeting of the Board of Trustees was drawn up on Monday evening, February 20, by the group's Executive Committee, and was not available at press time for THE TWIG. However, two major items up for consideration will be the development program and the new budget, which contains "substantial increases" in both tuition and faculty salaries.

"but then in a girls' school, where haps less perspective.

On the subject of a change in Dr. Wallace has the distinction of

males are around only for social Another cup of tea brought us purposes, aggressiveness and leader- around to one of the most fond ship naturally develop, and young memories Dr. Wallace has of Merewomen have a chance to become." dith. Selected for her small size,

bit in the faculty production of Alice

in Wonderland, which was begun in

1924 and which is presented once

for every college generation. Dr.

Wallace firmly believes that faculty

members often take on parts accord-

ing to their personalities, and of



Art is one of the many and varied interests of Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace. Dr. Wallace was chairman of the Meredith history department from 1947 until 1962.

focus in the approach of study at being the first and only White Rab-Meredith, Dr. Wallace recalls that things are done much the same way now as they were done in the past in regards to the history department. She said that discussion and outside reading have always been encouraged, and the importance of getting away from the idea of "agreed-upon history" has stressed "variety rather than fixity." Dr. Wallace said that in the course of years, however, as Meredith continues to grow, there will inevitably be more specialization with greater knowledge, but per-

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"We had so much fun," she said, loaned my bunny suit to a student." back in Dr. Wallace's car — or at dith for generations to come." least somebody's car. Although Dr. Wallace has been the only White Rabbit, there have been two bunny

Since her retirement in 1962, Dr. Wallace has been anything but a lady of leisure. Pursuing a subject which has interested her since her graduate school days, Dr. Wallace has written two books and is in the process of writing a third on the role of the Papacy in European diplomacy. As if writing books were not enough to fill her time, Dr. Wallace is a frequent reviewer for historical journals.

Dr. Wallace said good-bye on a pleasant note which should fit not only the Meredith of earlier days, but also the developing Meredith. She recalled that a student once said to her upon the completion of Joyner Hall that it was good to be him the greatest single influence on

course, they have modified the play | derful things happened in the old one."

"It wasn't the beauty or newness "but one day I made a mistake and of a building that held the charm," she reflected. "It was the people in-Dr. Wallace said that when she side — the struggling student and asked the student for the suit, the the teacher, eager to help, that made student replied that she had put it Meredith and will preserve Mere-

#### THOMAS MEREDITH

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sue in New Bern in January of 1835. He served as editor of that publication, which was later moved to Raleigh, until his death in 1850. Of his editorial work J. W. Bailey once said:

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