



Dr. Harry E. Cooper, former Chairman of the Meredith music department, sits at the organ which he designed and which bears his name.

Harry E. Cooper Organ Dedicated

Dedication of the first Meredith College concert organ, the Cooper Organ, was held Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The organ is named in honor of Dr. Harry E. Cooper, former chairman of the Meredith music department for over 30 years. Dr. Cooper drew the specifications for the organ and presented the first recital on it.

Presentation of the \$80,000 organ to the college was through gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pomeranz of Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Strawbridge of Durham, Miss Margaret Anne Thomas of Quincy, Florida, the late Mrs. W. T. Brown of Murphy and others friends and alumnae.

Mrs. Pomeranz majored in public school music at Meredith and her daughter, Suzanne, is a junior at Meredith majoring in music education. Miss Thomas also majored in music at Meredith and Mrs. Brown was a former trustee of the college.

Nelson Strawbridge has been

elected to a four year term on the Meredith Board of Trustees, beginning January 1, 1971.

The organ, which was built by Austin Organs, Inc., of Hartford, Conn., has divided chambers with the console sunken in the auditorium floor and contains 1,840 speaking pipes. It is built according to the modern concept of classical design.

Dr. Cooper's dedicatory recital

program included "Symphony for Organ" by Guy Weitz, "Fantasie in A Major" by Cesar Franck, "Song of the Basket Weaver" by Alexander Russell and "Concert Etude" by Pietro A. Yon.

Following the organ recital and dedication, a reception was held in the Blue Parlor, Johnson Hall by the Beta Zeta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Community Service Projects: Meredith Students Take Part

Morehead School

Christmas is characterized as a time for giving and the Astros sponsored, for the first time, a Christmas gift drive for the Governor Morehead School for the Blind.

The idea for the drive originated earlier this year. Jane Davis, president, and Sanne Jones, chairman of the drive, visited the school to inquire about the areas where the most help was need. One of the women in charge of the children's cottages provided them with a list of toys, clothing, and other necessities and gift possibilities which was distributed to students here before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Gathered from the parlors on each floor, the gifts were then sorted by Meredith students and repairs made when necessary. All the gifts will be distributed this week to students at the school for the blind, who range from kindergarten age through high school. Jane Davis said that gifts for the high school students are most appreciated because they receive the least amount of attention. Most of the service groups choose to sponsor parties and other entertainment for the younger children rather than the teenagers.

The results of the drive filled part of the parlor on second Brewer and the president of the Astros considered the drive "very successful." Jane also added that she hopes the tradition of the gift drive will be continued.

NOTICE

The next issue of THE TWIG will be published on Thursday, Jan. 14. All contributions should be brought to 110 Jones or 221 New Dorm by Friday, Jan. 8.

IFC Food Drive

Approximately 30 cleaned, dressed and ready-to-cook ducks made an unusual contribution to a city-wide food drive, sponsored by the Inter-Fraternity Council at North Carolina State with the support of the Astro and Phi societies, which began on November 30. The ducks were given by Mr. Pilston Godwin Jr. of Raleigh.

Volunteers were also placed at participating grocery stores throughout the Raleigh area. These volunteers urged shoppers to buy an extra can or package of food to be distributed to needy families in Raleigh.

Winn-Dixie, A & P and Colonial stores in Raleigh participated in the drive which ended Saturday, December 5.

N. C. Symphony Performs Here

The North Carolina Symphony is holding its three Raleigh concerts this year in Jones Auditorium on the Meredith campus. The first concert was Friday, December 4. The dates of the other concerts are February 21 and April 21.

As a patron of the Symphony, Meredith has 24 student tickets which may be obtained by any students desiring to attend the concerts. These tickets are available in the music office and may be obtained any time before the concerts.

These tickets must be returned after each concert in order that they may be given out to other students for the next concert.

Annual Christmas Concert Presented in Bryan Rotunda

The annual Meredith College Christmas Concert departed from the traditional Sunday at 3 p.m. when it was presented in two 30-minute concerts from the three floors of Bryan Rotunda in Johnson Hall.

In past years, the Christmas Concert has been an hour presentation in the auditorium of Jones Hall. However, the newly reconstructed and redecorated Bryan Rotunda allows three different levels for the concert performances. The President's Reception was held between and after the concerts.

The 3-3:30 p.m. concert was presented by the Meredith Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Garriss and the Meredith Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Sullivan. The 4-4:30 p.m. concert was presented

by the Meredith Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Sullivan and the Meredith Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Donley.

Selections during the concerts included Arthur Oldham's "Four Noels," Benjamin Brittan's "Ceremony of Carols" with N. C. State University Artist in Residence Joel Andrews at the harp, "Winter Wonderland" and "The Christmas Song."

Soloists for the concerts were Miss Jacquelyn Hardy, Miss Ellen Barney, Miss Kathy Williams and Miss Patsy Johnson. Pianists were Miss Fair Merriman and Miss Lynn Moore. Miss Susan Stenbeck was the flutist. The Meredith art department decorated the rotunda for the concerts.

Something Brewing:

Book Tea Covers A Variety of Books

By Debbie Brown

Something brewing in the Alumnae House lured a group of critics over to discuss books. The "something" turned out to be a Book Tea and the "critics" were Meredith students — some bookworms and some who needed inspiration to read.

Two circles were formed in which the girls exchanged comments on everything from Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist* to Erich Segal's *Love Story*. Freshman Janice Sams was favorably impressed. "That's what I liked about it," she said. "There was no limitation to the books we discussed — existentialism to a love story!"

Popular new books, including some on the best seller list, were reviewed, such as *The Godfather* and *French Lieutenant's Woman*, as well as *Journey for Joedel*, a new book by Guy Owens; *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell; Davidson's *Amelia Earhart Returns from Saipan*; and the memoirs of Ladybird Johnson entitled *Ruffles and Flourishes*. Writers such as James Mitchener, R. F. Delderfield, and Harry Golden, who have written several books, were reviewed.

True to its name, the Book Tea was highlighted with hot Russian tea as well as other refreshments including sugar cookies prepared by Dr.

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Students Hold Anti-Litter Drive

"The littering of our highways is an abuse of our environment that is most readily apparent to our citizens; and highway littering not only disrupts the natural beauty with which our state is blessed, but sometimes constitutes a direct danger to motorists."

These words of Governor Robert W. Scott prompted his proclamation of Highway Clean-Up Day in North Carolina. The Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science sponsored this state wide

highway clean up project in which the Meredith Barber Science Club participated.

Lynn McDowell, president of CANSAS, and Nancy Watkins, vice-president of CANSAS, headed the drive. According to Jessie Markert, president of the Barber Science Club, Meredith had ten cars participating in the trash clean up on Route 54 to Chapel Hill for approximately 1.5 miles. It was reported that sixty plastic garbage bags of trash were collected in two hours by Meredith

students.

Governor Scott said of the CANSAS and Nancy Watkins, vicemay of the North Carolina Academy of Science, an organization of concerned college students, has adopted a project of highway clean-up as a group effort by members to improve our environment, and it is fitting that we recognize their active concern."

Fifty students participated in the project on Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



The Barber Science Club and friends pose with part of their "haul" collected during two hours of de-littering Highway 54.