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## SUMMER SESSION OF 1939 TERMED "THE FINEST YET"

Enrollment Holds Up Here  
to Peak Figures De-  
spite Conditions.

The fifth session of the western division of the Wake Forest-Meredith Summer School to a close, it is evident from every standpoint that it has been decidedly superior to all previous sessions. The officers of the administration have performed their duties most effectively, the work has been adequate, there were 28 professors, 3 of whom presented the demonstration, and each member has participated in every phase of the summer school work, and the work of the body, in enrollment and instruction has been gratifying.

Enrollment here this summer has indeed been remarkable, while other summer schools throughout the state, and throughout the south, have fallen down in enrollment, the western division held up, there being but three students enrolled this summer than were enrolled in 1938. The summer school reached its enrollment last summer with an enrollment of 354.

Before the enrollment for this session was completed, Director B. Y. Tyner stated that the response of the public had been most gratifying to the sponsors and directors. Between the beginning of the summer session in 1933 and the close of the two divisions in 1938, the enrollment grew from about 475 to more than 1,000 students. Since the beginning of the summer session at Wake Forest College more than 10,000 students have been instructed.

The summer school began in 1933 at which time Wake Forest and Meredith colleges united their first joint summer session. Two years later Wake Forest, Meredith, and Mars Hill joined in a program to bring to the western part of North Carolina the advantages of a four-year college education under the leadership of Liberal Arts Colleges which are avowedly Christian in their philosophy and practice.

The summer session is operated on a nine-weeks and a six-weeks basis and is considered an integral part of the regular session. Its acceptance by all the accrediting agencies for degrees and certificates.

Professor Tyner, of Meredith College, has served as director of the western division of the summer school since five years ago. Under his leadership, the summer school has grown, in accordance with its purpose, into an integral part of the regular college sessions, and throughout western North Carolina.

Working with Director Tyner in his successful efforts to come closer each year the goal set before him: Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, president of Wake Forest College; Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College; and Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College; Dean D. B. Bryan, Wake Forest, general director of the summer divisions; Dean I. Carr, of Mars Hill, associate  
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Director and Mrs. Bunyan Y. Tyner



Director and Mrs. Bunyan Y. Tyner. Director Tyner has been head of the western division of the Wake Forest-Meredith Summer School since its beginning five years ago.

## STUDENT FACTS AND FIGURES REVEAL INTERESTING DATA

*We Come From Many A Place, And We Hardly Recognize Our Own Composite Face.*

A cosmopolitan and highly interesting, not to mention a curious (in some respects), student body has attended the summer session—if you know the facts and figures about your fellow-registrants.

For one thing, we came from twelve states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries. North Carolina, of course, headed the list in numbers with 287. South Carolina followed with seventeen; Tennessee and Virginia with ten each; Georgia and Florida, six each; Alabama and Kentucky, four each; and Arkansas, Illinois, Maryland, New York, and the District of Columbia, one each. Lilia Diaz came from Cuba, and Henri Pegron from Porto Rico.

Among the North Carolinians, eighty came from Madison County, thirty-seven from neighboring Buncombe, twenty-five from Wake, twenty-four from Yancey, and eleven from Rockingham. But fifty-one other counties are represented by one or more students, so that literally we came from "Manteo to Murphy."

Fifty-five different colleges were represented, with Mars Hill leading with fifty-five students, followed by Meredith with forty-three, Wake Forest with fifteen, and Appalachian State Teachers College with fourteen. Most of the colleges in North Carolina,  
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## 8 Degrees, 20 Diplomas Will Be Given Tonight At Fifth Commencement

Seven Students From Meredith And One From Wake Forest College Get B. A.; Others From Mars Hill College.

The degrees of Bachelor of Arts will be conferred on eight senior college students, and diplomas will be presented to twenty junior college students at the fifth commencement of the Western Division of the Wake Forest-Meredith School tonight.

The exercises will be held at eight o'clock in the college auditorium. The summer school choir, under the direction of Professor Edgar D. Kerr, head of the music department, will provide music for the occasion. Dr. S. L. Stealey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh will deliver the commencement address.

The program will begin with the processional, played by Mrs. Edgar D. Kerr, teacher of piano and public school music for the summer. The processional will be followed by a hymn, sung by the audience.

Dr. L. E. M. Freeman will pronounce the invocation, and after that the choir will sing Hasler's "O Sing Unto the Lord."

Following the address the choir will render another selection, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," by Christiansen, with Frances Dixon, of South Boston, Va., as soloist.

President Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College will present the junior college diplomas to the twenty applicants. Degrees will be conferred to Wake Forest and Meredith candidates by Professor Bunyan Y. Tyner, Director of the summer session.

In accordance with a Meredith custom, at the same time that the diploma is presented, a Bible will be given to each candidate for a degree.

The program will close with the singing of Lutkin's "Choral Benediction," by the choir.

Candidates for degrees from Meredith College are: Lois Slate Avant, Tryon; Lena Abernathy, Belmont; Anne Myrtle Barnes, Wendell; Linda Riddle, Raleigh; Betty Thomasson, Danville, Va.; and Maurine Winfree, Summerfield. Michael Reynolds, of Asheville, is a candidate for a degree from Wake Forest College.

Applicants for diplomas from Mars Hill College are Helen Crutchfield, Albemarle; Iris Love Dixon, Mars Hill; Ben Donahoo, Waycross, Ga.; Clifton Dunevant, Hurdle Mills; Glenna Franklin, Andrews; Carlyle Glance, Leicester; Lou Alice Hamrick, Fallston; Mary Lou Hoyle, Fallston; Helen McCall, Asheville; Anne Martin, Wadesboro; Helen Murray, Mars Hill; Vergil Ogle, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; James Pickering, Cope, S. C.; Lucille Ray, Buckner; Kate Robinson, Murphy; Margaret Robinson, Asheville; Edwin Spangler, Shelby; Lawrence Sprinkle, Weaverville; Martha Stroupe, Alexis; Betty Thompson, Colerain.

## LAUGHS ARE PROVIDED BY STUNT NIGHT FETE

Students Hilariously Turn  
Lose In Last Big Fling  
Before Exams.

As a last big fling before exams, the summer school students hilariously turned themselves loose last Monday in the uproarious fun of Stunt Night.

The big features of the program were a womanless wedding by the boys, and a style show by the girls. In between these were a number of short skits by individuals and groups.

Professor Edgar D. Kerr presided as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Kerr, pianist, played musical selections throughout the program.

Miss Alma Murchison was in charge of arrangements for the stunt, and working with her were Mrs. Edgar D. Kerr, and Miss Frances Bailey. The student committee included Betty Thompson, Wilma Dale, Mary Lou Hoyle,  
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## Senior and Junior College Graduates



Left to Right, First Row: Lena Abernathy, of Belmont; Edna Lou Moore, of St. Pauls; Maurine Winfree, of Summerfield; Anne Barnes, of Wendell; Linda Riddle, of Raleigh; and Lois Avant, of Tryon. All are candidates for the A. B. Degree from Meredith College.  
Second Row: Edwin Spangler, of Shelby; Michael Reynolds, of Asheville; James Pickering, of Cope, S. C.; Vergil Ogle, of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Clifton Dunevant, of Hurdle Mills; and Carlyle Glance, of Asheville. Reynolds is a candidate for the A. B. Degree from Wake Forest, while all the others are applicants for junior college diplomas.  
Third Row: Mary Lou Hoyle, of Fallston; Lucille Ray, of Buckner; Kate Robinson, of Murphy; Lou Alice Hamrick, of Fallston; Martha Louise Stroupe, of Alexis; Betty Sessions Thompson, of Colerain; Helen Crutchfield, of Albemarle; and Glenna Franklin, of Andrews.  
Not shown in picture are Helen Murray, of Mars Hill; Margaret Robinson, of Asheville; Anne Martin, of Wadesboro; Helen McCall, of Asheville; Iris Love Dixon, of Mars Hill; Ben Donehoo, of Waycross, Ga.; and Lawrence Sprinkle, of Weaverville.