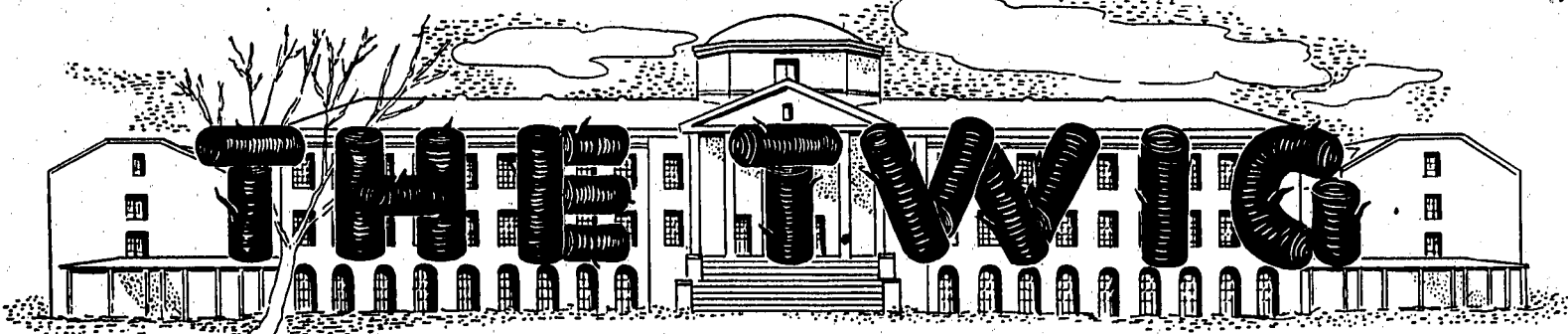




Dr. Frank Porter Graham Addresses Students On Founders' Day, Feb. 2d

President of Greater University of North Carolina Is Speaker in Auditorium—Alumnae Broadcast, Student Reception Canceled

Founders' Day, held annually on the first Friday in February, was planned this year for the second day of this month.

Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, gave the Founders' Day address in the college auditorium at 11 o'clock in the morning. His subject was, "The Problems and Opportunities Which Face Southern Youth of Today."

Included on the program of the morning was music by the Meredith choir of 80 voices, led by Miss Helen T. Sharp, music instructor. Jane Washburn is president of the choir this year.

An Alumnae Association broadcast was scheduled for 4:15 to 4:45 in the afternoon. However, this program, which had been a feature of the day since 1931, was canceled because of the death of Miss Ida Poteat.

The student reception, sponsored annually by the Student Government Association, was also canceled. The party was to have been at 8 o'clock in the college library and the Philaretian Society hall, with music furnished by Bill Vandendrie's orchestra from Wake Forest.

Speaker Here



DR. FRANK PORTER GRAHAM, President of the Greater University of North Carolina, who delivered the annual Founders' Day address on February 2.

A. Kipnis Is Heard In Con- cert Jan. 30

Leading Basso of Metropolitan Makes Interesting Comments on the South; Z. Mianov, G. Graver, Also Appear in This Concert

Alexander Kipnis, leading basso of the Metropolitan, was the first to arrive of the Metropolitan stars who appeared in concert in Memorial Auditorium under the auspices of the Raleigh Woman's Club, Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The other two stars were Zinka Mianov, soprano, and Georgia Graver, alto.

Kipnis is a friendly person who likes to travel and to sing for people. "They sit and listen to whatever we are singing," he said, "and all the time they are wishing and hoping that we will sing one particular song." For this reason he planned to sing "songs" as encores. He is immensely pleased that so many people listen to Saturday afternoon Metropolitan broadcasts.

Kipnis arrived here from Birmingham, and it seems that all this talk about snow in the South puzzles him just a bit. He thinks that too much importance is attached to the weather. "To hear them talk one would think that snow was the most important thing in the world," he said.

Kipnis seems to consider the opinion of the laymen very important. Before his concert on Tuesday he said that he had never won such acclamation as he did in Birmingham, "unless it was," he added, "that they were so cold they were trying to keep their hands warm."

Bible Group Meets Weekly

This is to announce the success of a newly formed Bible discussion group which first met early in the fall and which has been meeting since every Sunday afternoon at 4 in the B.S.U. office. The purpose is simply the enjoyment and benefit that may be received from the informal discussions which naturally evolve when based on a study of the Bible. About once a month this group meets with a similar group at State College. Because of the evident enjoyment and enthusiasm of those who have been attending, the discussion group has invited all those who are interested to join them in their study.

V. H. Baker Lectures On January 25

Mr. Baker Discusses Complications in Yugoslavia and Other Balkan Controversies

On Thursday evening, January 25, at 8 o'clock Victor H. Baker, Austrian refugee and former newspaperman, gave a lecture in the Meredith College auditorium.

"Nowhere in Europe," he said, "is the political situation so complicated as in the southeast on the Balkan peninsula. In the Balkans anything may happen, and the end of complications in Europe's seething mess are not finished."

"If one goes to the cause of the continuous struggles which have involved the Balkans," he said, "one would find this part of Europe very rich in resources and its people more high-spirited and less influenced by western civilization."

Next, the speaker compared the Balkan countries. He said, "They have many differences, but they become acute sometimes. The iron ore in Austria was the powder keg which blew up in March, 1938. The coal and cereal of Czechoslovakia and Poland brought about another explosion, and in turn the oil resources of Albania. Rumania produces 125,000 gallons of crude oil daily which is needed in Germany. Yugoslavia has plenty of wood, coal, cereal, tobacco, and most important of all, copper."

"Right now," he continued, "Yugoslavia is deeply concerned with Mussolini's declaration to look after the Balkan countries, but the people in Yugoslavia had rather solve their own problems in their own kingdom."

"Yugoslavia's internal controversies over the form of constitution the country should take," Mr. Baker continued, "has divided the Serbs and the Croats during the post-war period. The Serbs wanted a centralist government and the Croats wanted some modified form of federalism."

"But, whenever we hear of trouble in Yugoslavia, we may attribute such complications to foreign agents who are interested in keeping Yugoslavia troubled."

Juniors Open "Tea Room" In Phi Hall!

Saturday night, February 3, the junior class will open Phi Hall to Meredith girls and their dates. The hall will be arranged similar to a tea room. The juniors will sell hot dogs, cold drinks, candy and chewing gum. A radio will be placed in the hall for entertainment and the ping-pong table will be there.

Resolved: "That Procrastination Is Not Going To Be The Thief of My Time Any Longer"

When asked just what they resolved to do for the next semester, most of the girls said, "I never make any resolutions because I always break them." But after a minute's thought, some decisions were made, and here they are:

Juanita Stainback resolves not to wear a kerchief around her head to breakfast any more.

Elizabeth "Bunny" Bunn declares that she is going to lose that 20 pounds during the next semester. We hope that new book she has will help her out.

Harriet Salley says she is going to sleep every night when light bell rings and not listen to the radio till all hours of the morning.

Katherine "Dopey" Chapman is going to pass economics or "bust."

Beth Perry and Celeste Hamrick resolve to add at least four more pictures to their collection on the dresser—"let's see, that makes about ten in all."

Mary Gwin Oliver says she is going to do all of her parallel reading right away and not wait till the last minute any more.

Ella Eddins resolves to keep her Coca-Cola bottles carried back to the Bee-Hive this semester.



MISS IDA POTEAT, as pictured in the oil painting of her by Miss Mary Tillery.

Gavel Club To Elect Officers

This Club One of Newest Campus Organizations Under Direction of Miss Bailey

The Gavel Club is one of the newest campus organizations and should be one of the most outstanding and most active ones. It was organized in the fall of 1938 under the direction of Miss Frances Bailey for the purpose of promoting an interest in public speaking and debating, for the cultivation of ability in these subjects, and for the promotion of fellowship among its members. Membership in this organization is limited to 50 members who will take an active part in the meetings.

Some of the outstanding things this club did last year were: The sponsoring of an extemporaneous speaking contest with State College boys, the trip down to observe the State Legislature in session, and the Chinese luncheon at the Canton Restaurant.

Under the leadership of Sarah Hudson as president and Helen MacIntosh as vice president, the members say that they have not only had amusement, but learned many things.

All of the old members and any who are interested in becoming members are requested to meet in the Astro Hall Monday afternoon,

New Students Number Four This Semester

Total Spring Enrollment Will Be Announced Soon; 583 Listed Last Spring; Decrease Is Noted in Fall Registration

There was a small decrease in the number of students to register this fall when compared with the number last fall. There were 566 registrations last fall and 555 this fall. At the end of last year there was an enrollment of 583. So far there have been only four new students who have registered for the spring semester, but there have been two or three students to leave school. The correct number enrolled for the spring semester has not yet been announced.

February 5, at 4:45 o'clock. New officers will be elected at this meeting and from those who show an interest in becoming members, a limited number will be selected to become members of the Gavel Club.

Miss Bailey seems quite enthusiastic over the plans for the club this spring, and this is said to be a wonderful opportunity for those who are interested in forensic activities.

Miss Ida Poteat Passes Away At Rex Hospital At 8:30, February 1st

New Courses Introduced

Physiology, Chemistry 33, Science Methods, Religion 44, Sociology 43, Offered

For the spring semester of the year 1939-1940, several new courses have been added to the school curriculum.

Christian Ethics, Religion 44S, is being offered this semester. This course is given alternate years.

Collective Behavior, Sociology 43, is a course which is making its appearance for the first time on the campus this semester.

Physiology 35 is a new course offered in the Biology Department for Home Economics majors and for those majoring in Primary Education. The latter are required by the State to take this course before they are given a teaching certificate.

Chemistry 33, which is Quantitative Analysis, Volumetric, is appearing for the first time this semester.

Science Methods 61, beginning this semester, is made up of both Biology and Chemistry. Miss Boomhour and Dr. Margaret Cooper will alternate in teaching the class.

Up to this time, only one class has been definitely changed as to time. Home Nursing 35, previously offered at 8:30 Friday, and Child Development, previously given 8:30 Monday and Wednesday, have been changed to 8:30 Saturday and 8:30 Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Dr. Judd Gives Chapel Talk

"Being a missionary today is listed as an extra-hazardous occupation in insurance lingo," said Dr. Walter Judd, Baptist medical missionary to China, and then he elaborated, Monday, January 22. Dr. Judd spoke in chapel on his profession and on related current world affairs of interest. "It is extra-hazardous to be a missionary today," he said, "first, because of the conditions in the lands to which we go, and second, because of the lands from which we come." With vivid clearness and force Dr. Judd described conditions in China, Japan, Germany, Italy and other European and Asiatic countries, and also in America. His final and most important point was that we must learn to think, to think clearly, to form convictions, and to do something about them.

P.S.A. To Meet In Salisbury

Presbyterian students in the colleges and universities of the synod of North Carolina will hold their second state-wide conference February 16-17 in the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury.

Registration for the Presbyterian Student Association will begin February 16 at 3 o'clock. At 4:30 o'clock the first worship service will begin. Dr. Murray will speak at a banquet Friday evening on "Christian Youth and the Amsterdam Conference." The conference will be concluded Saturday, February 17, by a communion service.

The first P.S.A. conference was held last April in Raleigh at the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church with 13 colleges and universities attending. Because the fellowship was so beneficial the representatives desired another conference this year. The committee found it possible to extend an invitation to all of the colleges and universities in the synod this year.

Indications show that this year's conference will be even better than the one last year.

Was Art Professor at Meredith Since Its Founding in 1899—Originator of Many Traditions Here—Was 81 Years Old On December 15.

A quiet and reverent hush fell over the entire campus Thursday morning when the news reached the students of the death of Miss Ida Isabella Poteat at Rex Hospital at 8:30 of that day.

Ever since the founding of the college, in 1899, Miss Poteat had served as professor of art and as head of the department of fine arts. She had become the very embodiment of the spirit and life of Meredith College.

"Miss Ida," as she was known and affectionately called by all who knew her, was the daughter of James and Julia A. McNeill Poteat. She was the sister of the late Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and the late Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, former president of Furman University. Miss Poteat was 81 on her last birthday, having been born on December 15, 1858, in Caswell County, North Carolina.

She was educated in Raleigh and New York. Her sculptor-teacher in New York urged her to make sculpture her life's profession, but she gave this up to become a teacher. Later, she studied in the Chase School in New York, at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, in New Haven, and in London, England; besides this, she traveled widely in Europe.

"Miss Ida" came to Meredith when she was 40 years old, and from then on she made her life's work the creation of an appreciation of true beauty in students of this institution. She was the founder of the K. K. Klub, which has been an organization of those students who are interested in art. She has brought numerous exhibits of paintings to Meredith; and every year "Miss Ida's" art hour, in which famous paintings have been reconstructed with various girls in costume bringing them to life, has been a source of invaluable enjoyment and education to the students. In her honor, an "Ida Poteat" art award has been presented annually since 1938 to the best student in the art department by Miss Davie Belle Eaton of Winston-Salem, a former student of "Miss Ida's."

It was in the graduating exercises of 1938 that an oil painting of the beloved teacher by Miss Mary Tillery was presented by the alumnae to the college. The painting was unveiled by Anne Poteat, president of the Class of '38 and grand-niece of Miss Poteat. It was said that "the audience, seeing the beautiful likeness, . . . rose spontaneously to their feet in tribute."

A number of persons now famous in the art world have been students of Miss Poteat. Among these are: Francis Speight, an alumnus of Wake Forest College; Miss Mary Tillery, now associate professor of art at Meredith; Mrs. Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Julian Hughes of Kinston, and the late Miss Heslop Purefoy of Asheville, well known for her miniatures.

Mr. R. N. Simms, speaking of Miss Ida Poteat in the graduating exercises of 1938, paid personal tribute to her originality and her power to evoke original expression among her pupils. After speaking of her influence on the entire student body, he said that she was "a typical Southern woman of grace, dignity, charm, strength and loveliness."

It has been said that "Miss Ida" taught art in her class hours, but "the art of living at all hours."