

A. HOWARD MENEELY IS PRESIDENT

DR. MENEELY WRITES STATEMENT TO "NEWS"

To the Editor of the Wheaton News:

The decision to forsake the work which I have been doing and to leave the North country that we love has been a difficult one to make, but it has been made easier by the cordiality of the invitation from the Trustees of Wheaton and by the assurance of Dr. Park that Mrs. Meneely and I will be accorded a friendly welcome. That the announcement of my election to the presidency was received with satisfaction by those at Norton with whom we shall be associated has been extremely gratifying to learn.

Dr. Park has given to the College eighteen years of distinguished and enlightened leadership. Under his guidance Wheaton has grown steadily in prestige. Its future is promising. To be chosen as Dr. Park's successor is an honor for which I am deeply grateful. To participate in the life and work of the College is a privilege I am happy to embrace. I fervently hope that Mrs. Meneely and I may be able to contribute in such a way as to insure that Wheaton will continue to be a happy place for students, teachers and others in its service.

A. Howard Meneely

Dr. Park's May 5 Talk Is Reprinted

The following is the address given by Dr. John Edgar Park in chapel, May 5, in which he announced the decision of the Board of Trustees of A. Howard Meneely as president of Wheaton College:

As you have probably anticipated, I speak to you this morning as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wheaton College. For some months the committee consisting of trustees and faculty has been searching for a new president, and they have interviewed quite a large number of people throughout the country. Just yesterday they were able to authorize me to announce the name of the man they have invited and that he has accepted,—he is a professor of history at Dartmouth. His name is A. Howard Meneely . . . He is, unfortunately for you, married . . . He will take his position and undertake his new duties on the first day of August of this year. He has been elected by the unanimous vote both of the committee and of the Board of Trustees.

Now of course, being human, I feel like the man whose best girl, for perfectly good reasons, is going off with another man. But pulling myself together for an act of supreme magnanimity, I would conclude by hoping that he will like you as well as I have, and that you will be as nice to him, or nearly as nice to him, as you have been to me.



A. HOWARD MENEELY

Wheaton Welcomes Her New President

It was with great pleasure that the students and faculty of Wheaton college heard of the election of A. Howard Meneely as Dr. Park's successor. The entire college community has been held in suspense for many months about the election of Wheaton's third president.

Judging from his record at other universities and colleges, Dr. Meneely seems to be progressive in his educational views as well as being a scholar. His position on Dartmouth advisory and administrative committees indicates the respect his colleagues have held for his judgments and administrative capacities.

Coming as he does from Dartmouth, a New England College located, as Wheaton, in the country, whose problems would seem not to be dissimilar to ours, we can rest assured that he will comprehend the ideals and traditions of our campus.

Through his close contact with world problems in his studies in the field of history and government, Dr. Meneely can be counted upon to guide Wheaton through the post-war readjustment period. That he is interested in this would seem to be proved by the fact that he has been chairman of the subcommittee dealing with the revision of the College curriculum for the post-war period. His interest in Lincoln and Wilson show that he is concerned with those of education, should enable Dr. Meneely to have many constructive suggestions for Wheaton's all over program. Through Dr. Meneely's administration, as through Dr. Park's, we will undoubtedly gain further awareness of present and future conditions as they will affect us not only as students but as citizens of the United States.

The entire campus is looking forward to Dr. and Mrs. Meneely's arrival at Wheaton. The position of any successor of Dr. Park would be a difficult one, but we feel sure that Dr. Meneely is well suited and trained for it. We feel confident that Dr. Meneely will uphold Wheaton's "old ideals", and at the same time he will keep a keen eye out for her "new horizons".

President Hopkins Lauds Dr. Meneely

Editor's note: *News* wrote President Hopkins of Dartmouth asking him for a statement about Dr. Meneely. His answer is herewith reprinted:

My only regret is that your letter inviting me to contribute a statement to a special edition of *The Wheaton News* in connection with Professor Meneely's election as president of Wheaton College has arrived just as I am leaving for a month's absence from my office because, under the pressure of time, I cannot write nearly as fully as I should like to write in congratulation to Wheaton on its wisdom and good fortune in the election of Professor Meneely as head of your college.

In accepting your gracious invitation, I am putting aside the thought of the loss which is Dartmouth's in the departure of one of our great teachers, one of our most far-sighted and keenly analytical thinkers and planners with regard to educational policy, and one of our generally most able and useful citizens, and I am going to put aside my sense of personal deprivation in the loss of an immediate association on the Dartmouth campus with a friend of twenty years' standing. I am, instead, going to submit the warmest and most unreserved congratulations from Dartmouth to Wheaton as sister institutions of New England.

It was of the highest importance to Wheaton to choose a president capable not only of consolidating and bringing to the fullest realization all that President Park achieved, initiated and planned in the two decades of his splendid administration, but also to carry forward into the future both the great values of Wheaton's past and the progressive spirit which will keep Wheaton in the forefront of the women's colleges of New England. In Professor Meneely I am confident that Wheaton has found such a president and such a worthy successor to Dr. Park. Whether in the field of educational theory and planning; whether in the sphere of encouraging and bringing out the potentialities of Wheaton's teachers whose work is the essence of the mission of independent undergraduate colleges of Wheaton's and Dartmouth's type; whether in the area of the skillful direction of Wheaton's organization and wise stewardship of Wheaton's properties; or whether in mutual relationships with Wheaton students as a leader and as a human being, I am certain that your president-elect will in the fullest measure fulfill all that his new students and associates expect of him and all that his old Dartmouth friends and colleagues predict for him.

I have already had the pleasure of felicitating Dr. Meneely on the happy opportunity which lies before him. It is now with the greatest of pleasure that I congratulate Wheaton on the felicity which I foresee for your college in this new association.

Ernest M. Hopkins, President

History Professor To Assume Office August 1, 1944

Dr. Meneely Enters As College's Third President

A. Howard Meneely will take office as the third president of Wheaton College August 1, 1944, announced Dr. J. Edgar Park, retiring president, in a Chapel talk given May 5. At present professor of history at Dartmouth, Dr. Meneely has served on many advisory and administrative committees there, and has written several historical books and articles.

Upon graduation from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1921, Dr. Meneely was awarded the Denny Fellowship in History and received his master's degree in 1922. At Columbia University, where he was a graduate student from 1922-1924, Dr. Meneely was a University Fellow and completed research on his dissertation in 1925. His Ph. D. was granted from Columbia in 1928.

Dr. Meneely's teaching career began at New York University in 1925 where he was instructor in history and in 1929 he obtained the same position at Dartmouth College. In 1930, he became assistant professor of history at Dartmouth, and in 1936 he was made full professor.

His administrative experience at Dartmouth began in 1932 when he was made supervisor of majors in history. From 1935-1939 he was secretary of the department of history, and served variously as Chairman of the committee charged with revision of the social science curriculum, and on the Committee Advisory to the President.

Elected Chairman of the Faculty Seminar on Educational Problems 1941-1942, he has been Director of the V-12 course in history since 1943. This year, he has been Chairman-Elect of the Committee on Educational Policy, dealing with revision of the college curriculum for the post-war period. Since 1934, Dr. Meneely has been trustee and treasurer of Beta Theta Pi corporation of Hanover.

Dr. Meneely has worked with Ray Stannard Baker in preparation of *The Life and Letters of Woodrow Wilson*, an eight volume publication. Associated with N. W. Stephenson in publication of *Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln*, Dr. Meneely has also written several articles for *The Dictionary of American Biography* and is the author of several book reviews and book notes. He has also published articles in the magazines *Social Education* and *The American Historical Review*.

Born in New York City in 1899, Dr. Meneely married Mrs. Mildred Durant Achorn, and has a step-son, J. Durant Achorn, now an aviation cadet in the naval air corps.