

## Commencement Program Begins Friday, May 28

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



Pictured above is Dr. James Dawson, who will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, May 30. Dr. Donald A. Stauffer, right, will give the Baccalaureate Address on Monday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m.

## Program Features Concert, Baccalaureate Addresses

The commencement exercises for the 1948 term will begin Friday, May 28, and will continue through Monday, May 31. The program will be as follows:

- Friday May 28**  
 8:00 p.m. .... Annual commencement concert  
**Saturday, May 29**  
 9:30 a.m. .... Annual Meeting of Kappa Nu Sigma  
 10:45 a.m. .... Meeting of Alumnae Association  
 Margaret Craig Martin  
 A.B., A.M., President  
 Address:  
 Dr. Sara W. Briggs  
 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
 1:00 p.m. .... Alumnae Luncheon  
 Toastmaster:  
 Carolyn Parker Liles  
 4:30 p.m. .... Class Day  
 8:00 p.m. .... Society Night  
**Sunday, May 30**  
 11:00 a.m. .... Baccalaureate Sermon  
 Dr. James M. Dawson  
 Secretary of the American Baptist Public Relations Committee  
 4:30 p.m. .... Organ Recital  
 Dr. Harry E. Cooper  
 Professor of Organ, Meredith College  
 5:30 p.m. .... Step Singing  
 8:30 p.m. .... Senior Vespers  
 9:30 p.m. .... Reception for Parents  
**Monday, May 31**  
 10:30 a.m. .... Baccalaureate Address  
 Dr. Donald A. Stauffer  
 Chairman of the Department of English at Princeton University

Dr. J. M. Dawson, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, is Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Public Relations Committee. He was born at Maypearl near Waxahache, Texas and received his education in the public schools and at Baylor University at Waco. Since his graduation in 1904, he has been honored with the degree of D.D. from Baylor and LL.D. from Howard Payne College.

Dr. Dawson has occupied a number of denominational positions such as Assistant Secretary Texas Baptist Education Commission, founder of the *Western Evangel*, a Baptist newspaper published in Abilene for some years, but which merged with the *Texas Baptist Standard*, the latter of which he edited 1907-08. Resigning from journalistic work, he became pastor at Hillsboro, Texas; later at Temple, Texas, and in 1914, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waco. He continued as pastor there until August 1946 when he began occupying the position he now holds. His residence is in Washington, D. C.

He has served on many of the denominational boards such as Baylor University Board of Trustees, *Baptist Standard* Board of Directors, Texas Baptist Convention Executive Board, and as president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Dr. Dawson is the author of many books, his most recent being a commemorative volume in the centennial celebration of Texas Baptists during 1948.

Dr. Donald A. Stauffer, chairman of the department of English at Princeton University, will be commencement speaker at the graduation exercises on May 31. He is a graduate of Oxford University, a Rhodes Scholar, and an author of many books on English literature. During the recent war, Dr. Stauffer served three years with the United States Marines as a captain and a major. During 1943-1944 he served in the South and West Pacific as an Air Combat Intelligence officer.

He is a trustee and member of the editorial board of the Princeton University Press, a member of the editorial board of the American Scholar, and the Modern Language Association.

### ANNUAL STEP-SINGING

On Sunday afternoon, May 30, the traditional step-singing will be held. Students of each class, all dressed in white, gather on the steps of Johnson Hall to sing the Meredith songs. The president of the Senior Class gives her cap and gown to the president of the incoming Senior Class, and the seniors, singing "The Queen of Our Hearts," march off into the grove to elect their permanent class officers.

### Student Concert Heralds Finals

The first event in the series of graduation exercises will be the Commencement Concert which will be held next Friday night at 8:00 p.m. in the college auditorium. The concert is presented by the Music Department. Junior, senior, and graduate music majors will take part on the program. The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Donley, will also give a group of numbers. The evening's program will be as follows:

- Voice—Alma del core..... Caldara  
 Se tu m'ami..... Pergolesi  
 Jean Wilson, '49, Soprano  
 Frances Smith, '49, at the piano  
 Organ—Andantino in G minor..... Franck  
 Jean Daniel, '49  
 Voice—Allerseelen..... Strauss  
 Zueignung..... Strauss  
 Katherine Lewis, '49, Soprano  
 Virginia Campbell, '48, at the piano  
 Piano—Papillous, Op. 2..... Schumann  
 Sue Jarvis, '49  
 Voice—Recit et air de Lia from "L'Enfant Prodigue"..... Debussy  
 Jennie Lou Newbold, '49, Soprano  
 Jean Fleming, '49, at the piano  
 Organ—Fourth Symphony..... Widor  
 Andante Cantabile  
 Finale-Allegro  
 Dorothy Patrick, '49  
 Piano—Sonata in C major, Op. 1..... Brahms  
 Virginia Campbell, '48  
 Voice—Bird of the Wilderness..... Horsman  
 Velvet Shoes..... Thompson  
 Joy..... Watts  
 Nancy Hall, '49, Soprano  
 Billie Hart, '49, at the piano  
 Piano—Hungarian Rhapsody, No 6..... Liezt  
 Emily Hine, A.B. '47  
 (Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Music, '48)  
 Glee Club—  
 Flower of Dreams..... Clokey  
 Soul-Star..... Bantock  
 Moon-Marketing..... Weaver  
 Summer..... Holst  
 Follow Me Down to Carlew..... Fletcher  
 Beatrice Donley, Director  
 Virginia Campbell, '48, at the piano

### Faculty, Friends Entertain Seniors

During the last month of their life at Meredith, the members of the Senior Class have been extensively honored by members of the faculty and friends. On Monday afternoon, May 10, President and Mrs. Campbell gave their annual senior tea at the hut from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell were assisted in receiving by Dean and Mrs. Charles Burts and Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Refreshments of fruit punch, cheese wafers, sandwiches, macaroons, nuts, and cakes in the class colors of lavender and gold were served. Dr. Wallace and Miss Grant presided over the punch bowl and were assisted in serving by Ella Mae Shirley, Elizabeth Jones, Alice Tuttle, Betsy Ann Morgan, Marjorie Joyner, and Virginia Campbell.

At the regular meeting of the Raleigh chapter of the A.A.U.W. May 13, at 8:00 p.m., members of the Senior Class were guests of honor. Speaker for the occasion was Miss Ella Stephens Barrett, Vocational Guidance Director for the State Department of Public Instruction, on the subject, "Vocational Opportunities in the World of Tomorrow." Mrs. Fred Ferreil explained to the guests the qualifications for membership in the A.A.U.W. Refreshments were served with the recent graduates as hostesses.

On May 16, Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh was at home to the members of the Senior Class between the hour of 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. honoring her niece, Betty Davis.

The senior majors in religion were honored by Dr. and Mrs. McLain on Monday, May 10. A picnic supper was served in the outdoor kitchen, after which the guests entertained themselves

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### Senior Presents Voice Recital

The Meredith College Department of Music presented Elizabeth Zimmerman, soprano, in a graduation recital May 12. Her marshals were Virginia Campbell, Doris Concha, Elva Gresham, and Nancy Hall. The program was as follows:

- I  
 O Sleep, Why Dost Thou Leave Me? from "Semele"..... Handel  
 Quel rusculetto..... Paradies  
 Aria—Porgi, amor, from "Le Nozze di Figaro"..... Mozart  
 Recitative and Aria—With Verdure Clad from the "Creator"..... Haydn  
 II  
 Ouvre tes yeux bleus..... Massenet  
 Mandoline..... Debussy  
 Chanson provencale..... Dell' Acqua  
 III  
 Aria—Theme and Variations..... Proch  
 IV  
 Sure On This Shining Night..... Barber  
 A Nun Takes The Veil..... Barber  
 The Secrets Of The Old..... Barber  
 Nocturne..... Barber  
 V  
 Blackbird's Song..... Scott  
 Love Was Once A Little Boy..... Wade  
 The Russian Nightingale, Alabieff-Liebling  
 Flute obligato, Bertha Wilson  
 Midsummer..... Worth

### ABOUT ANNUALS

The annual staff of Virginia Campbell has now completed their task of compiling, computing, or what-have-you, and hope to present the 1947-48 issue of the "Oak Leaves" to the student body on or around May 24. The dedication of the "Oak Leaves" to some as yet undisclosed faculty member will be made in chapel Friday, May 21, by editor Virginia.

It is the hope of this year's annual staff that the students, faculty, and friends of Meredith will derive the satisfaction and enjoyment from their 1947-48 annual that the staff has worked so hard to give them.

### Seniors Complete Class Day Plans

On Saturday afternoon, May 29, the annual Class Day exercises will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the grove. Taking part will be the Sophomore Class and the graduating Senior Class.

The processional and recessional by the seniors to and from the grove will be between the daisy chain made by the Sophomore Class, the seniors' Little Sisters. Since this is an even year, the even songs will be sung by the two classes, and the seniors will give sticks and stones to their Little Sisters. The seniors will make their presentation of their class gift, and the prophecies and wills will be read. A skit, the theme of which is secret, will be given by the seniors at that time.

Ronnie Hollomon and Fran Thompson are writing the senior skit. Catherine Campbell is in charge of costumes for the skit, with Mary Frances Craig responsible for the properties. Jean Outlaw will handle the staging, and Rhea Harmon is in charge of the microphone. Frances Land is in charge of the programs. Frances Alexander is editor of the prophecy and will book, and Emma McPherson is chairman of the sticks and stones committee. Lefty Pugh will be song leader for the occasion.

### EXPECTED ENROLMENT

According to the records in Dr. Campbell's office, there will be a total of one hundred and forty-seven new students at Meredith next year. One hundred and twenty-one of these new students will be freshmen. The other twenty-one are transfer students, six of these planning to be day students.