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## '35 MAY DAY FESTIVAL TO BE PRESENTED MAY 4 BY MRS. GERTRUDE SORRELL

### Margaret Davis Presides Over Court Composed of Members of Four Classes

Four-thirty o'clock of the afternoon of Saturday, May 4, will usher in the tenth May Day festivities to be presented on the present Meredith campus.

This year, according to Mrs. Gertrude Royster Sorrell, director of the festivities, the theme is the unfolding of a May Day from dawn to sundown.

The day begins with the dance of the dawn clouds and the Sun Prince, symbolizing the driving back of the clouds by the sun. Dances typifying various phases of nature revealed as the day progresses are followed by the dancing of colorful groups of young people, happily paying homage to the Queen and her Court. The traditional May Pole Dance by a group of eighteen sophomores is followed by the drill of the Queen's Guard. Throughout the program the jesters, Doris Moon and Ella Ruth Perry, will entertain the Court and strive to win the Queen's favor with their antics.

Margaret Davis, May Queen of 1935, will preside over a Court composed of her maid of honor, Elizabeth Davidson; eight attendants from the four classes, Jeannette Dunn, Margaret O'Brian, Sadie Leigh Blount, Catherine Canady, Dorothy Dockery, Frances Jones, Ruth V. Morgan and Stuart Weatherspoon; Crown Bearer, Alma Kee; Heralds, Hazel Faulkner and Reba Parker; Train Bearer, Clotilde Crow.

Mrs. Sorrell, the director of the May Day presentation, has personally composed all the nature dances, while even the music of one of the dances of the grasses is original, having been composed by a student, Emily Bethune.

## ALCESTIS TO BE PRESENTED BY LITTLE THEATRE MAY 7

*Alcestis*, the second Greek tragedy to be presented at Meredith, under the direction of Dr. Helen Price, Dr. Florence Hoagland, and Miss Marion Warner, will be given in the court, May 7.

The play is being sponsored by the Little Theatre. Plays are presented each year under the direction of this organization, *Alcestis* being the major production of the spring semester.

"Apollo, being banished for a season from Olympus, played the herdsman to Admetos, King of Thessaly. Yet the God loved his earthly taskmaster and obtained from the Gods this boon for him: that he might gain release from death would any, in the appointed hour, die for him. Then Alcestis, his wife, alone was found willing, and on her fell the hand of death. But ere she was borne forth to burial came Heracles, son of Zeus, on his journeyings to the House of Admetos, and of him was wrought a great deliverance."

The cast of characters is as follows:  
 Alcestis ..... Elizabeth Lee  
 Admetos ..... Mamie Lou Forney  
 Heracles ..... Katy Sams  
 Pheres ..... Mirvine Garrett  
 Apollo ..... Grace Porter  
 Thanatos ..... Mary Fay McMillan  
 Handmaid to Alcestis ..... Faith Hite  
 Eumelus ..... Ruby Barrett  
 Cup-Bearer ..... Edna Frances Dawkins  
 Chorus Leader ..... Olive Dame  
 Guards ..... Frances Pittman,  
 Lucille Parker.

## '35 May Queen



MARGARET DAVIS

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- Saturday**
- 12:30—Chapel in the auditorium.
  - 1:00—Lunch.
  - 2:30—Father-Daughter ball game.
  - 4:30—May Day in the grove.
  - 6:00—Dinner.
  - 6:30—Interclass Hoop-rolling in the drive.
  - 8:00—Society Program in the society halls.
  - 10:00—Formal reception in the parlors.
  - 12:00—Bringing out of the crook.
- Sunday**
- 7:30—Breakfast.
  - 9:00—Church. Buses in front of Administration Building.
  - 1:15—Lunch.

## S. G. President



ANN BRADSHER

## MEREDITH HOSTESS TO N. C. STATE STUDENT FEDERATION APRIL 26

### '35-'36 Student Government Head Chosen Secretary of State Organization

The North Carolina Federation of Students held its sixth annual congress in Raleigh, April 26-28 with approximately seventy-five delegates from colleges all over the state in attendance. Meredith College acted as hostess to the convention, most of the meetings being held at the Sir Walter Hotel. Kenneth Goodson, of Duke University, president of the Federation, presided.

New officers were elected at the final Plenary Session Saturday afternoon, April 27. Ann Bradsher of Roxboro, president of the student government of Meredith College for the year 1935-36, was chosen secretary. Other officers are: president, Jack Poole, of the University of North Carolina; vice president, Bill Aycock of State College; treasurer, Annie Laurie New-some of Duke University.

The delegates were welcomed by Catherine Moseley, president of the student government of Meredith College, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. At the Plenary session Friday, Kenneth Goodson discussed the history and purpose, and Harper Barnes, the administration of student government. A resolution was passed to prevent faculty intervention once the student council had made a decision concerning the guilt of a student. Friday night Dr. Shelton Smith, of the School of Religion of Duke University, discussed "Liberalism in Retreat." The delegates were entertained in the afternoon by a tea given in their honor by the faculty of Meredith College.

Dr. R. H. MacDonald, a member of the State Legislature opened the Saturday morning session with a speech on "The Present Education System in North Carolina." In the open forum groups Jack Poole and Margaret Mc- (Please turn to page three)

## Meredith History Has Shown Steady Progress Since Difficult Beginning in 1835

By FRANCES PITTMAN

In 1835 at a meeting of the Baptist Convention in a country church, the first recorded spoken work on behalf of the present Meredith College was spoken. The committee appointed reported adversely at the following session on the advisability of a seminary for young women. For sixty years thereafter, the ambitious and apparently optimistic project was laid to rest. According to Dr. R. T. Vann, long-time president of Meredith, poverty was assigned as the cause for the failure of the plan to materialize. Also according to Dr. Vann, the real reason, he suspected, was the common belief in the incapacities and inabilities of women—not to mention the superiority of the male sex.

In 1889 the second milestone was reached when Thomas Meredith's idea

materialized into a Board of Trustees. This illustrious and energetic group met and began by producing a name or I might say, the name, "The Baptist Female University," every word of which, Dr. Vann admitted was a "misnomer."

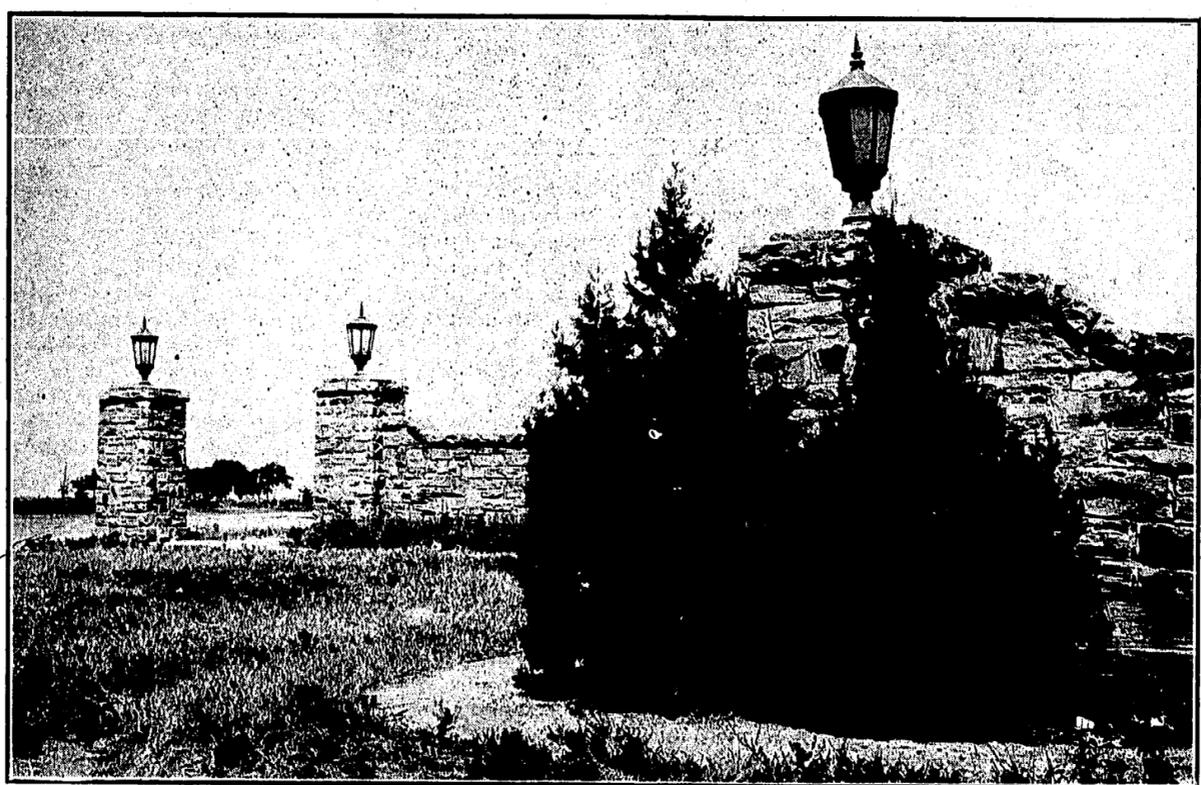
O. L. Stringfield became the agent of the committee and he surmounted difficulties impossible for a practical person, and in 1899 the trustees decided to open the school since the Main Building was almost finished. Dr. Blasingame was elected as the first president, but he resigned after his first years of service. A surprise to all was the enrollment of one hundred and eighty girls the first day and two hundred and twenty before the end of the session. This necessitated the purchase of East Building and

North and South Cottages. By February of 1904, by a superb rally and industrious work of the school's supporters the \$43,000 debt was paid. Then Faircloth Hall was erected, and the enrollment increased one hundred. At commencement of that year a celebrated Orator, P. H. Henson was secured for the address.

In 1906 a pipe organ, long desired and needed was secured, and consequently the chapel had to be enlarged to accommodate the instrument. In the session of 1907-1908, the enrollment surpassed four hundred. By 1914, \$98,600 of a desired sum of \$100,000 for endowment had been raised.

Second to the material growth of the college came the internal growth. There was no patterns of a similar school to (Please turn to page four)

## Campus View of Meredith



## PLANS COMPLETED FOR '35 MARS HILL SUMMER UNIT

Final arrangements have been made for the approaching session of the Mars Hill unit of the Wake Forest-Meredith Summer School which will begin June 10, according to an announcement by Mr. B. Y. Tyner, director. There are to be two sessions; one of nine weeks, the other of six weeks. The six weeks session closes July 10; while the nine weeks session will continue until August 9.

There will be twenty-four members on the faculty, made up largely of professors from the three colleges, seven teachers going from Meredith. They will teach subjects which lead to the Bachelor's degrees. Credit may be obtained on all teachers' certificates issued by the State Department of Public Instruction.

The officers of administration for the Mars Hill division are as follows: Mr. B. Y. Tyner of Meredith, director; Mr. Isaac N. Carr of Mars Hill, associate director; Miss Caroline Biggers of Meredith, dean of women; Mr. John W. Huff of Mars Hill, registrar; Mrs. Edna S. Moore of Mars Hill, bursar; Miss Gladys Johnson of Mars Hill, librarian.

A like unit will be held at Wake Forest under the direction of Dean D. B. Bryan.