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PHI PRODUCTION WINS SILVER CUP

Societies and Freshman Class Present Plays

The society plays, given each year as the closing entertainment for the May Day festivities, presented to the Phi Society their second chance at the cup which is awarded the society whose play is judged best. The cup has been won for two consecutive years now by the Philaretians and it will become the permanent property of that society if they win in competition with the Astrotektons next year.

Nelda Ferguson, president of the Little Theater, made the presentation of the silver cup to Mary Catherine McIntyre, president of the Phi Society, after the judges, Fitzhugh Dade, Assistant Dean at State College, Mrs. O. K. Joyner, teacher of dramatics at Needham Broughton High School, and Mr. Harry K. Dorsett, professor of education at Meredith, had submitted the decision for winner.

It is customary each year on the night of the society plays for the Freshman Class to present their annual production. Although their play is not in the competitive race, the opportunity to present their play affords the freshmen experience in play production for future years at Meredith.

Phi Play

"Girls Must Talk," presented by the Phi Society, took place in Irene's Dress Shop, specifically, in the display window. Mannequins Jeanne Fleischmann, Jane Watkins, Eleanor Jane Andrews, and Jetta Funderburk, unwillingly allowed their frames to be draped by Miss Marie (Helen Burt Mauney) and criticized by Miss Dedee (Christine Bordeaux). Dot Bowman waited for the bus all evening just outside the shop, while Nancy Gates represented the street urchin and Mary Virginia Warren the newspaper women. Anna Lou Toms was the man who located the unzipped placket.

Astro Play

"Overtones," presented by the Astro Society, was set in the New York apartment of a cultured society woman, Harriet (Virginia Campbell), whose conscience of her real love haunted her. Hetty, her "primitive and inner self," was played by Marilyn Ferrell. Margaret (Helen Wallis), the wife of Harriet's first love, also had an inner self, Maggie (Elizabeth Shelton).

Freshman Play

"The Bad Penny," the Freshman Class production, was an incident out of the lives of the three Penny sisters, one of whom was looked on as the bad Penny. She, however, turned out to be not only the most wealthy of the three, but also the most lovable and smartest one of them all. The cast included:

Kate Harriet Neese
Margaret Roselynd Hollomon
Lil Edith Ann Johnson
Peggy Jean Bradley

High school seniors, guests of the College for the week-end festivities, were honored by the Little Theater with reserved seats in the auditorium. Other guests attending the play were charged admission, and the regular students by their Little Theater tickets. As is the custom, representatives of each play-group distributed novel programs to the audience before each play.

Queen Betsy and Court Brave Weather



Betsy Watson of Fayetteville, Queen of the May Court, proceeded through the path formed by bowing folk dancers and Court attendants, representatives chosen from each class. (Photo by Cooper.)

May Day Court Entertained By Songs, English Folk Dances and Court Jesters

The annual Meredith College May Day Festival was held in the college court on Saturday afternoon, May 5, at four o'clock. Betsy Watson of Fayetteville, was crowned Queen of the May Court by her Maid of Honor, Hortense Liles, of Goldsboro. Just as the coronation ceremony was taking place, the sun came out for only a moment, to highlight an otherwise cloudy and unfavorable afternoon.

The Queen was attended by Barry and Susan Collins as crown bearer and train bearer, Doniphan Gilkerson and Helen Rebecca Lassiter as senior attendants, Helen Frances Crain and Flora Ann Lee, junior, Dorothy Cooper and Rita Paez, sophomore, and Edith Anne Johnson and Frances Alexander as freshman attendants.

Trio Takes Part

Preceding the procession, a trio composed of Peggy Parker, Jean White, and Ruth Vande Kieft, directed by Beatrice Donley and accompanied by Betsy Jean Holt, sang an English Folk May Day Carol. Isabel Dillon, as college marshal, led the procession of society marshals Mabel Baldwin, Betty Cuthrell, Jeanne Fleischmann, Willa Grey Lewis, Laura Ellen McDaniel, Betsy McMillan, Emma Southerland, and Carolyn Worrell. Ruth Hall and Meredith Liles, pages for the occasion, were followed by the groups of college folk dancers in colorful costumes.

The May Court entered the quadrangle and proceeded between rows of dancers to the throne and attendants' chairs arranged at the head of the steps of the dining hall. Before her throne, the dancers bowed to the Queen and presented a series of English folk dances. The theme carried out in dances and costumes was that of an English May Festival, directed by Doris Peterson of the college Physical Education Department, and her assistants Elizabeth Cameron, Nell Forbes and Emiline Foster.

Folk Dance Groups

The program consisted of a "Shoemaker's Dance" as a Dance of Greeting by Mrs. Foster's Children's Folk Dance Group; the "Hunsdon House" English Square, "Blace Nag," and "Old Rustic" round by the college groups; a performance of the Court Jesters, Margaret Foster and Ann Sloan; and two other folk dances, "Bean Setting" and the "Sir Roger." Omitted from the program because of threatening rain were the "Country Gardens" and "Gathering Peacocks" dances by the college groups.

The winding of the May Pole terminated the afternoon's entertainment, and the Queen and her Court made their exit to the music of "Dear May Queen, We Greet Thee," sung by members of the Sophomore class.

Accompanists for the dances and processional were Christine Kornegay, Peggy Parker, and Lucille Sawyer. The cover design for the printed programs was done by Jean Bradley.

Literary Societies Feature Annual Installation Services

The Astrotekton and Philaretian Literary Societies held their installation services Monday night, May 7, in the society halls.

The Astros service began by the present and incoming officers marching together, to the platform in white evening dresses. Retiring officers carried lighted candles. Betty Cuthrell, president, gave a short review of the year's work and a challenge to the new president and the society. After taking oath of office as president and accepting the challenge, Emily Lassiter gave the oath to the new officers. Outgoing officers extinguished their candles as the new ones were lighted. Retiring marshals placed their regalia on the newly elected marshals and all the officers marched out together. Outgoing and incoming officers for the society are: president, Betty Cuthrell and Emily Lassiter; vice president, Hattie Ward and Betsy Hatch; secretary, Ruth Martin and Doris Carrol; sergeant-at-arms, Jean Griffith and Jacques Landfear; chief marshal, Betsy Watson, and Olema Olive; senior marshal, Betsy McMillan and Jean White; junior marshal, Helen Frances Crain and Ruth Martin; and sophomore marshal, Jean Weatherspoon and Ruth Hall. Mrs. Foster has been elected to succeed Miss Forbes as sponsor.

In the Phi installation the officers for the two years walked in together in rank and were seated at the front, the retiring on the left and the new on the right, while the presidents went to the platform. Mary Catherine McIntyre retiring president, made a short talk and gave the oath of office to the new president, Jane Watkins. New officers stood, and the new president gave them the oath. Officers were dressed in white evening dresses. Phi hall was lighted only by the Phi emblem during the installation service. Refreshments were served after the new officers were installed. Retiring and incoming officers are: president, Mary Catherine McIntyre and Jane Watkins; vice president, Nancy Harris and Nancy Gates; secretary, Jo Hughes and Evelyn Straughn; treasurer, Hazel Johnson and

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Capacity Enrollment Expected By June

A release on the first of May from the President's office indicates that capacity enrollment will be reached by June 1, and a waiting list will then be necessary.

As of the first of May, there were 137 new students who had already applied for admission. The large student body the college accommodated this year limits the number of new-comers that can be admitted. Because of the total of 239 new students who enrolled with us last September, there will be room for only approximately 150 new girls to join the ranks of the resident students of Meredith College.

Miss Rhodes brought out the fact that, in comparison with other years, our student body numbering 611 for 1944-1945 was the largest in the history of our college. The other peak years were 1928 with 551 and 1938 with 590. Just five years ago in 1940 Meredith enrolled 180 new students, with a student body of 569, as compared with our peak year of 611.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Health Education 2—Saturday, May 26, ten to twelve.
8:30 TTS—Saturday, May 26, two to four.
9:30 TTS—Monday, May 28, ten to twelve.
11:00 TTS—Monday, May 28, two to four.
2:00, 3:00 TTS—Tuesday, May 29, ten to twelve.
8:30 MWF—Tuesday, May 29, two to four.
9:30 MWF—Wednesday, May 30, ten to twelve.
11:00 MWF—Wednesday, May 30, two to four.
3:00 MWF—Thursday, May 31—ten to twelve.
2:00 MWF—Thursday, May 31—two to four.
12:00 MWF—Friday, June 1, ten to twelve.
12:00 TTS—Friday, June 1, two to four.

WAR LOAN DRIVE MAKES RAPID PROGRESS HERE

The latest report on the Seventh War Loan Drive now in progress on Meredith College campus indicates that \$330 in stamps has already been sold. The results according to classes are as follows:

Seniors	\$80
Juniors	\$70
Sophomores	\$60
Freshmen	\$120

Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, as Director for the Women's Colleges in the Seventh War Loan Drive and chairman of the War Activities Committee for Meredith, states that a significant feature of this present drive is the fact that a freshman made the initial purchase of a \$50 bond.

Mrs. Marsh further explained that all students are being urged to complete their war savings books and convert them into war bonds. She is personally conducting the pledge system for students in order that the various classes of Meredith College will receive specific credit for the sale.

The total value of bonds sold since the successful launching of the Seventh War Loan Drive with a convocation program at Meredith College is \$4,068. The closing date for this national war bond drive is June 30.

Members of the faculty who are serving as general solicitors for the staff and faculty are Miss LeRoy Allen, Miss Anna May Baker, Miss Myrtle Barnette, Miss Lila Bell, and Miss Ellen Brewer.

Used Clothing Drive Is Declared Success

"What can you spare that they can wear?" was the cry that was heard throughout the nation during the month of April. In response to the cry, Meredith College collected and contributed approximately 350 pounds of clothing. This nation-wide drive for used clothing to be used for the liberated people of Europe was conducted on Meredith Campus by the Lakey Gap Club. Jean Branch, chairman of the committee, planned the drive, and every member of the club helped collect the clothing from each hall.