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Niebuhr, Brown Are On Commencement Program

Class Day Plans Near Completion

Plans are now being made by the sophomore and senior classes for Class Day to be held in the grove on Saturday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m.

According to traditions of the odd year classes, a red devil will serve as mascot for the event while a black glove is to be worn on the left hand of each senior. The class will present each sophomore with a wish bone while the "Little Sister" class is to make the traditional daisy chain long enough to be carried by its 146 members in the procession.

Besides the senior and sophomore classes, the seniors' "Big Sister" class will participate in the ceremonies. The events will begin with a procession from Johnson Hall to the grove, after which the classes will then sing to each other the traditional Big and Little Sister song. Then the sophomores will be presented with wish bones and the seniors will present their gift to the school. A skit by the graduating class will be followed by a recessional back to Johnson Hall where the sophomores will form the numerals of their "Big Sister" class on the steps.

Osee Mac Johnson and Barbara Swanson are general chairman for the occasion. Committee chairmen include Evelyn Hodges and Marianna Morris, costumes; Harriet Ashcraft, gift; Bess Ruppelt and Betty Brooks, bones; Frankie Ward and Dot Swearingen, properties; Mag Creech and Esther Green, class prophecy.



Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, the baccalaureate speaker, of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Kenneth Brown, president of Denison University, who will deliver the commencement address.



Theologian and Educator to Speak

The final speakers for spring commencement at Meredith College have been chosen by the administration. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, internationally famed theologian, will speak on Sunday, May 29, to the graduating seniors. Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, president of Denison University will speak Monday morning, May 30, to the same group. At this time there has been no announcement made concerning the subjects of the speakers.

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr is known to Meredith students through his February appearance at the Institute of Religion at the United Church of Raleigh. Dr. Niebuhr is frequently referred to as the foremost theologian in America.

At the present time he is professor of Applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He received his education at Elmhurst College and Yale University.

He has written and edited many publications; one of the most notable is *Christianity and Crisis*. His most recent book is *Discerning the Signs of the Times*.

The other commencement speaker, Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, president of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, is also president of the Ohio Baptist Education Society. He is a member of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Board of Review of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Board of Directors Association of American Colleges.

Dr. Brown received his degrees from the University of Rochester and from Harvard. Before coming to his present position, Dr. Brown served as president of Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio and as Professor of Biblical Literature at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. He has written articles in the *Christian Century*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Motive*, and *The Journal of Religious Education*.

133 Seniors Apply For Degrees Here

One hundred and thirty-three seniors have made application for degrees to be awarded on May 30, 1949. Mrs. Marsh, registrar of the college, states that this number will constitute the largest class of graduates in the history of the institution. As a matter of general interest and information Mrs. Marsh has re-

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Glee Club, Juniors, Seniors To Present Recital Next Friday

One of the outstanding features of commencement week-end will be the annual recital sponsored by the college Department of Music. This program, which will be given the Friday night preceding the graduation exercises, will combine individual performances with selections by the college Glee Club.

Juniors who will present a full graduation recital next year and seniors who have already completed that requirement for a degree will present the following program that night:

Organ—Prelude in F Minor.....Bach
Orlena Jamerson, '50
Piano—Choral Preludes.....Bach-Busoni
Ich ruf zu dir
In dir ist Freude
Virginia Campbell, A.B., '48
Candidate for B.M., '49
Voice—O del mio dolce ardor.....Gluck
Stizzoso, mio stizzoso, from
"La Serva Padrona".....Pergolesi
Jean Olive, '51, soprano
Bettie Compton, '51, at the piano
Piano—La Vent dans la Plaine.....Debussy
General Lavine—Eccentric.....Debussy
Billie Hart, '49
Voice—Widmung.....Schumann
Ich groÙe nicht.....Schumann
Erlkonig.....Schubert
Dorothy Patrick, '49, contralto
Joanne Mason, '51, at the piano
Organ—Allegro from Sonata No. 3,
in C Minor.....Guilmant
Chant de mai.....Jongen
Gazelle Moore, '50
Voice—Spirit Flower.....Campbell-Tipton
The Daisies.....Barber
Cry of Rachel.....Salter
Love's In My Heart.....Woodman
Addie Elliott, '50, mezzo-soprano
Charlotte Bowman, '50, at the piano
Piano—Toccata.....Khatchaturian
Elizabeth Zulalian, '50
Glee Club—As Torrents In Summer,
from "King Olaf".....Elgar
O Can Ye Sew Cushions.....Bantock
The Orchestra Song.....Schuman
The Little French Clock.....Kountz
The Wind's in the South.....Scott
Beatrice Donley, Director
Charlotte Bowman, '50, at the piano

Faculty Honors Dr. Freeman

Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, well-known Raleigh resident and for 39 years professor of religion at Meredith, who is retiring this year from active duty at the College, was honored on Thursday evening, May 12, at a din-

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Faculty Entertains Seniors At Picnic

The faculty and administrative staff of the college honored the members of the senior class at their annual Faculty-Senior picnic last Monday afternoon, May 16, at Allen's Pond. The site, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Allen, has been the traditional picnic spot each year since the event started.

Official hosts for the party were the members of the Faculty Committee on Social Functions. President and Mrs. Campbell were chairmen of the hospitality committee for the picnic. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Allen, Dean and Mrs. Peacock, and Miss Grant. Other committee chairmen were refreshmentes, Miss Brewer; transportation and tables, Mr. Zeno Martin; serving, Miss Hanyen; and clean-up, Dr. John Yarbrough.

REUNION OF TWELVE CLASSES, SPEAKER, LUNCHEON TO HIGHLIGHT "ALUMNAE DAY"

PROGRAM

1949
FRIDAY, MAY 27
8:00 P.M. Annual Concert
SATURDAY, MAY 28
9:30 A.M. Annual Meeting of
Kappa Nu Sigma
10:45 A.M. Meeting of Alumnae
Association
Virginia Branch Pope,
A.B., President
Address: Elizabeth James Dotterer,
A.B., M.D., Sanford North Carolina
1:00 P.M. Alumnae Luncheon
Toastmaster:
Elizabeth Shelton Smith, A.B.
Raleigh, North Carolina
4:30 P.M. Class Day
8:00 P.M. Society Night
9:30 P.M. Annual Meeting
of Silver Shield
SUNDAY, MAY 29
11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Sermon
The Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr,
A.M., D.D., LL.D.
Union Theological Seminary
New York, New York
4:30 P.M. Organ, D.E.
Harry E. Cooper, Mus.D., F.A.G.O.
Meredith College
8:00 P.M. Senior Vespers
9:00 P.M. Reception for Parents
MONDAY, MAY 30
10:30 A.M. Baccalaureate Address
Kenneth Irving Brown, Ph.D., LL.D.
President, Denison University
Granville, Ohio
...Conferring of Degrees

Plans are now being made for the Meredith College alumnae who are returning for the fiftieth commencement of their Alma Mater this year. Saturday, May 28, is Alumnae Day, and the speaker for the occasion this year will be Elizabeth James Dotterer, M.D., class of 1930.

In the morning there will be a brief business session with president Virginia Branch Pope presiding. After this meeting the alumnae will gather in the dining hall for their annual luncheon. Toastmaster this year will be Elizabeth Shelton Smith, '46, better known as "Liz."

The reunion classes, which are worked out by the Dix Plan, to be honored at this year's meeting include the classes of 1902, '09, '18, '19, '20, '21, '24, '37, '38, '39, '40, and '47.

FAMOUS TENOR WILL PRESENT CIVIC MUSIC CONCERT IN CITY TONIGHT

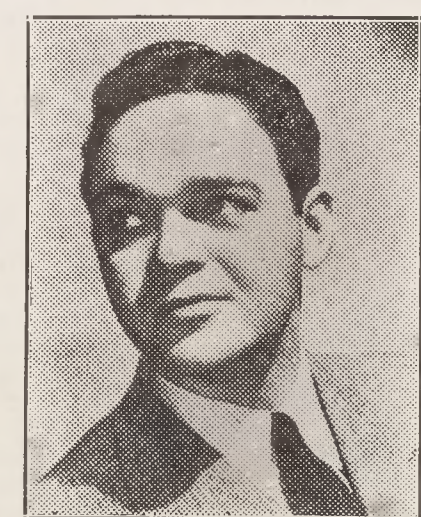
James Melton, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera, will sing tonight in Memorial Auditorium under the auspices of the Raleigh Civic Music Association. Tonight's concert is the last in the series of six Civic Music concerts presented during the current season.

Called "America's favorite tenor," Mr. Melton's program for tonight includes selections from Handel, Greig, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, a Mozart aria, Puccini, and in his last group the folk songs in which he specializes, including songs from Mexico and Norway and ballads from the Southern Appalachians. His accompanist is Carroll Hollister.

The star of the radio program "Harvest of Stars" over NBC each week, Mr. Melton has made his theme song, "I Will Bring You Music," familiar to millions of Americans.

Before his entry into the world of music, Melton had entered the University of Florida and planned to study law. Born in Moultrie, Georgia, he made his first public appearance singing with a church choir.

Advised by the university president to study voice, he studied under the famous teacher, Gaotano de Luca, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.



James Melton

Later he entered radio and finally in 1934 first attracted the public's notice on a concert tour which he made with George Gershwin.

Mr. Melton's first success in the operatic field was won in Cincinnati when he played the role of Pinkerton in "Madame Butterfly"; in 1942 he made his successful debut in "The Magic Flute" at the Metropolitan Opera House.

A versatile singer, James Melton is a fluent linguist; during the war he was active in bond drives and gave numerous concerts in Army hospitals.