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Buchanan, Ramsey, Commencement Speakers

Richard Walser, State College English Professor, Will Speak on Society Night

Mr. Richard Walser, assistant professor of English at N. C. State, will be the featured speaker at Meredith for Society Night on Saturday, June 3. At this annual event, sponsored by the two societies on the campus. Mr. Walser's topic will be "North Carolina As a Source for Creative Writing."

Mr. Walser, a native of Lexington, N. C., came to the English department of State in 1946; he has edited two literary collections—"North Carolina Poetry," published in 1941, and "North Carolina in the Short Story," published in 1948. He has recently written the preface to a new book on Thomas Wolfe by Pierre Brodin, a French author.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Professor Walser taught at the University before coming to State in 1946; he is the author of several articles on phases of North Carolina literature and on the teaching of English.

Also on Society Night, during commencement week-end, the annual society awards, athletic

honors, and departmental honorary awards will be given. Both the Philaretian and Astrotekton society presidents will present literary awards; the Athletic Association will present the Monogram Club award, the Equitation Cup, and the cup to the outstanding athlete of the year.

The English department will make its award for the highest achievement in independent reading; the Albert Stanborough Cook prize for the best bibliography in American Literature; and the Elizabeth Avery Colton prize for the best contribution to the *Acorn*.

Certificates of achievement will be given on Society Night by the Sigma Alpha Iota and Sigma Pi Alpha, honorary fraternities; the Kappa Nu Sigma will announce its new members and award its freshman scholarship. After the Silver Shield tapping ceremony, the presentation of certificates to students appearing in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" will be made.

Junior, Senior Music Students in Concert

One of the highlights of commencement week-end will be the annual commencement concert on Friday night in the new auditorium. Taking part on the program will be rising seniors, graduating seniors, and two of the candidates for the Bachelor of Music degree from Meredith this year.

Rising seniors on the music program include Pat Roberts, Jean Olive, Jane Stroup, and Dot Allen; Charlotte Bowman, a member of the graduating class; and Susan Graham and Elizabeth Zulalian will also take part. The college Glee Club will perform two groups of songs during the concert.

The following program for the June 2 concert has been announced by the music department:

Organ
Marche Religieuse...Guilmant
Pat Roberts

Piano
Etude in E major,
Op. 10, No. 3.....Chopin
Charlotte Bowman

Voice
An eine Aeolsharfe
.....Brahms
Ständchen
Jean Olive

Piano
Impromptu in f sharp major
Op. 36, No. 2.....Chopin
Susan Graham

Liebeslied Walser,
Op. 52, No. 6, 9, 11, 18,
15, 13, 12.....Brahms
Glee Club

Piano
La Puerta del Vino...Debussy
Capriccio in F
minor.....Dohnanyi
Elizabeth Zulalian

Voice
Love's Philosophy.....Quilter
Iris.....Wolff
Fairy Songs.....Besly
Mountains.....Rashbach
Jane Stroup

Organ
Symphonic Movement...Weitz
Dot Allen

Old Abram Brown...Britlen
Mother Goose Suite...Horton
Talley-Ho.....Leoni
Glee Club

Meredith Reports Enrollment Rise

Contrary to the prevailing trend indicated in recent national surveys on college enrollment for next year, Meredith College reports an increase in enrollment for next year's student body of approximately 10 per cent above the advance registration at this time last year. The following figures are announced by Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of the college.

To date, 194 new students have been accepted for the 1950-51 term which will begin next September 18. Those students represent 57 North Carolina counties, 11 other states, and one foreign country (Costa Rica). Of the number, 27 are students transferring from junior and other colleges.

According to the national surveys, most colleges are reporting decreases in the student bodies expected for the fall semester.

CLASS DAY PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Class day, 1950, has an exciting meaning for the ears of Meredith seniors and for their sister class, the sophomores, who will take part in the event on Saturday, June 3, of commencement week-end.

After all examinations are over and graduation just one more day away, the seniors on Class Day will take a survey of their four years spent at Meredith. A group of seniors have planned and written a play in the style of attic memories.

In the attic of memories, seniors will reminisce about all the fun and problems of their college days together. In past years, Class Day has been a sketch of the past and future; this year the seniors' presentation will probably stay within their own limits of four years.

Sophomores will be up early to pick the daisies for the daisy chain which they will carry in the Class Day procession to the grove; later they will make their class numerals on the steps of Johnson Hall and sing to their sister class.

Alice Gordon Tuttle is general
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PROF. RICHARD WALSER

Mr. Richard Walser, assistant professor of English at State College, will speak on "North Carolina As A Source For Creative Writing" at Society Night on June 3.

BETTY ROGERS RECEIVES STATE HOME EC. OFFICE

The Meredith Home Economics Club has been honored by having one of its members, Betty Lou Rogers, elected President of the North Carolina Clubs Division of the American Home Economics Association. The Meredith Club is one of the eighteen N. C. College Clubs holding membership in this organization. The election occurred at the recent State Workshop of College Clubs held at Mars Hill College. Other officers for next year are:

Vice-President, Mary Lee Roberts, Woman's College.
Secretary, Lu Jean Deidman, Flora McDonald.
Treasurer, Catherine Sloan, Appalachian State Teachers College.
Reporter, Winnie Luffner, Mars Hill College.

Meredith was represented at the workshop by Betty Rogers and Nell Rankin as delegates, and by Miss Hanyen.

BAPTIST PASTOR, NEWSPAPER MAN ON PROGRAM

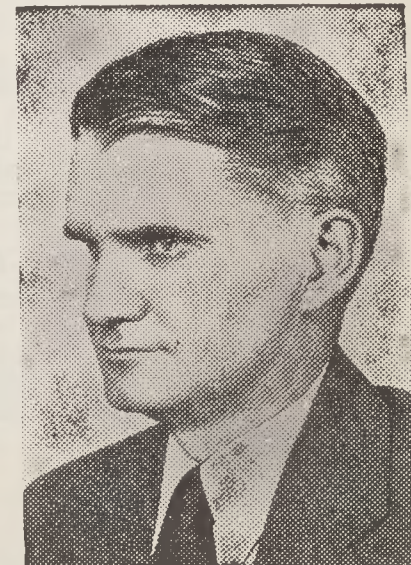
Finals Speakers Are From
Birmingham and
Asheville

The commencement exercises which will begin on Friday, June 2, and continue through Monday, June 5, will feature two prominent speakers. The Reverend John H. Buchanan, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Buchanan attended Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from which he received the degree of Th.M. He later received two D.D. degrees from Howard and Ouachita Colleges.

Dr. Buchanan has been an outstanding leader in both the State and Southern Baptist Convention affairs, and for a number of years was president of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to heading drives for raising funds for Baptist colleges and speaking on a state wide radio network, Dr. Buchanan has acted as trustee on a number of denominational boards, such as Howard College Board of Trustees, and the Alabama Baptist Executive Board.

Speaking at the graduation exercises on June 5 will be D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville *Citizen and Times*. Dr. Ramsey, a native of Gretna, Virginia, attended the University of Virginia, from which he received the degree of A.M. in 1913, and the University of North Carolina, from which he received the degree of LL.D. in 1946.

From 1914 to 1915 he was instructor of economics at the University of Virginia, and from 1920 to 1925 editor of the Asheville *Citizen and the Times*. In 1940 he held the position of temporary chairman and keynote speaker of the North Carolina Democratic Convention. He is at present a prominent member of the North Carolina Board of Education, the Southern Newspaper Association, and the North Carolina Press Association. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Rho, and Omicron Delta Kappa.



D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville "Citizen and Times," will deliver the commencement address at the exercises on Monday morning, June 5.

Speaker, Luncheon, Reunion of Twelve Classes Feature Alumnae Day Here

At the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Meredith on Saturday morning, June 3, in the new auditorium, Mrs. Hunter Pope will preside and the Reverend Elizabeth Jane Miller, pastor of the Readsboro, Vermont, Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker.

For the alumnae luncheon in the dining hall, following the meeting, the toastmaster will be Mrs. George Noel, Jr., of Florence, South Carolina, who is a member of one of the twelve reunion classes meeting here during commencement week-end.

Mrs. R. Bruce Wilkins of Durham is general chairman of the reunion classes which will be featured at the luncheon after the business session and address during the morning. Mrs. Law-

rence Cooper of Clayton is general chairman of the social committee, in charge of arrangements for the luncheon.

The Meredith Granddaughters' Club, of which Chris Williamson is president this year, will also take part on the program and will present the members of the club, with their mothers, in a feature during the annual meeting.

Chairman of the hospitality committee, which will welcome the returning alumnae, is Mrs. William S. Goodwin of Apex.

The speaker for the morning session was graduated from Meredith in 1944 and was from Irvington, New Jersey, when a student. The Reverend Miller is now pastor of a Vermont church and received her B.D. from Yale.