

GRADUATION EXERCISES BEGIN FRIDAY, JUNE 2

GIRLS RECEIVE ANNUAL AWARDS

Society Day was held Wednesday, May 24, featuring announcements of awards and honors. Receiving the Astrotekton and Philaretian Literary Awards were Susan Self Courtney and Rebecca Scott respectively. Martha Biles was the winner of the Ida Poteat Art Award and the award for the outstanding secondary school teacher. The winner of the award for the outstanding elementary school teacher was Carol Hamrick.

Other people receiving awards were: Joy Anne Adams and Velma McGee, Independent Reading Awards; Rebecca Scott, Hubbell Writing Award; Rebecca Scott, Colton Creative Writing Award; Patricia Walston, Peggy Martin, Rebecca Scott, Joan Cope, and Mary Carol Warwick, Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Music Fraternity Awards.

There were several awards made in the field of athletics. The Horsemanship Trophy went to Susan Hawkins for the second consecutive year. Kathleen Simmons was the recipient of the Best All Around Athlete Award. Monogram Awards went to Janice Long, Dianne Simmons, Delores Atkins, Kathleen Simmons, Anne Britton, Linda Rose Lee, and Mary Lou Morgan.

The Society Cup was presented to the Astrotekton Society on the basis of participation in athletic events. Winner of the Alpha Psi Omega

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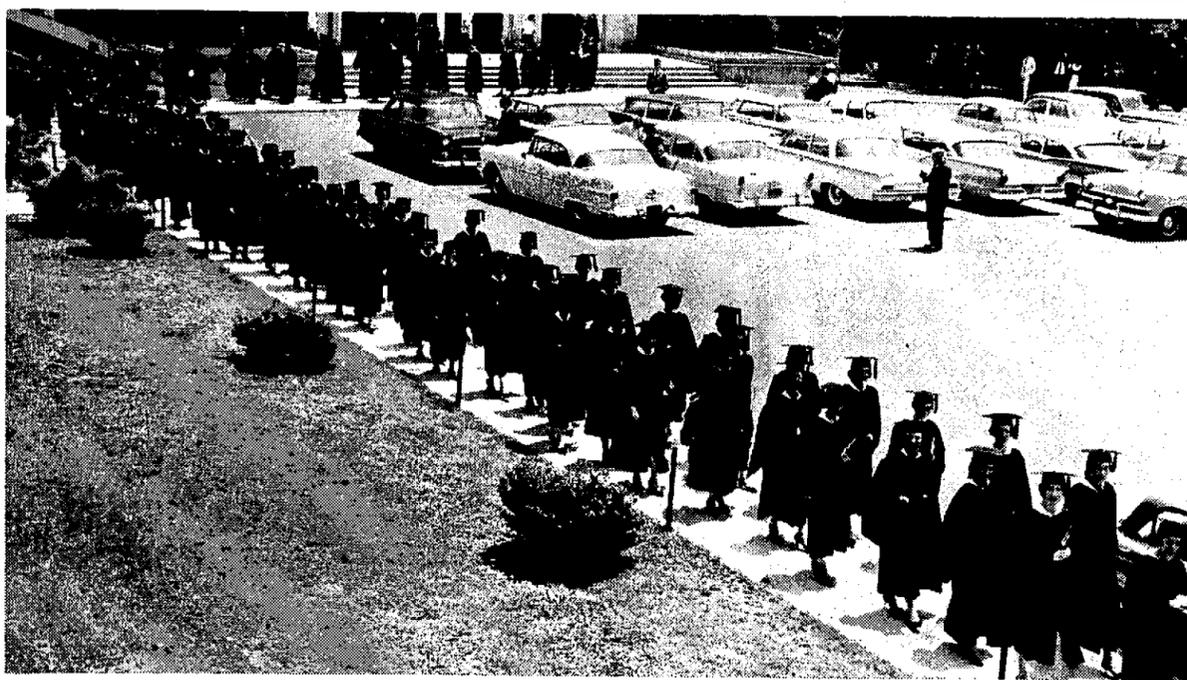
SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN JUNE

June 19-23 the ninth annual Meredith School of Christian Studies will convene in order, as their purpose states, "to bring thoughtful ministers and laymen together in study and discussion with leaders who are making major, scholarly contributions to Christian life and thought."

Beginning on Monday at 8:00 p.m. with a lecture "Religion in a Technical Age" by Samuel H. Miller, Dean of the Harvard Divinity School, the program will continue until Friday, 1:00 p.m. The schedule for participants in the school will be filled, for the day beginning at 7:15 a.m. is filled with lectures in the morning by the three guest scholars — Dr. Miller, George S. Hendry of the Princeton Theological Seminary, and William D. Davies of Union Theological Seminary. In the afternoon the lecturers will meet with groups in informal discussion, and the later afternoon will be free for relaxation.

In the evening from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. members will convene for the evening lecture. On Monday evening Dr. Miller will speak on "Religion in a Technical Age." Tuesday Dr. Hendry will present the question, "What Is God?" Dr. Davies, whose topic will be announced later, will speak Wednesday. Thursday Dr. Miller will present the lecture "Religion and Modern Art."

Those, who reside outside of Raleigh and desire to participate in the school will be housed on the Meredith campus. There will be a slight charge for room and board, but there will be no charge for the lectures. Dr. Ralph McLain, head of the Meredith College religion department, is chairman of the program committee. Meredith's president, Dr. Carlyle Campbell, is also a member of the committee.



A typical recession from Jones Auditorium following the baccalaureate address.

Around 145 Seniors to Get College Degree

Approximately 145 Meredith seniors will receive degrees at the graduation exercises on Monday morning, June 5, at 10:30 in Jones Auditorium.

Speakers Announced

The principal speakers for commencement week end, June 2-5, will be the Reverend Josef Nordenhaug — Th.M., Ph.D., General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who will give the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at 11:00 — and Dr. Henry Steele Commager, professor of history and American studies at Amherst College, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Monday.

Activities Begin June 2

Commencement week end will begin with the senior class dinner on Friday night, June 2. On the following day, activities will include the annual meetings of Kappa Nu Sigma, the Silver Shield, and the Alumnae Association. President Lois Morgan Overby will preside over the Alumnae Association meeting, and Dr. Ruth Vande Kieft of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be the speaker. After the Alumnae Luncheon, Class Day exercises will be held in the court. Climaxing the day's activities will be the annual graduation recital.

Sunday activities, in addition to the baccalaureate sermon, will include a buffet supper for seniors and parents and senior vespers afterward.

SENIOR IS NEW MISS RALEIGH

Of ten entrants in the 1961 Miss Raleigh Contest held at Josephus Daniels Junior High School Friday, May 19, Gail Newton, vivacious Meredith senior, was selected by the judges for the title.

In a series of appearances during the evening, Gail revealed beauty, talent, poise, and intelligence. She appeared first with the other contestants in the bathing suit division, then in the talent division for which she played Chopin's "Revolutionary Etude" on the piano. For her appearance in the evening dress division she wore a light blue organza gown which accentuated her sparkling blue eyes and dark hair.

Another Meredith student, Lynda Copley, was voted first runner-up in the contest. For her talent presentation she sang a selection from the opera *Carmen*. Also entering the contest were two other Meredith girls — Sandi Stanley, a junior, and Nancy Evans, a freshman. Sandi sang Ardit's "Il Bacio," and Nancy sang and danced to "I Can't Say No" from the show *Oklahoma*.

The girls enjoyed various functions prior to the contest, including a dinner with the Jaycees, television appearances, and a luncheon on the afternoon of the contest which was attended by Miss America, Nancy Ann Fleming; Miss North Carolina, Ann Herring; Raleigh Mayor, W. G. Enloe; and the judges.

Seniors Choose Crook of Religion Department As Recipient of "Oak Leaves" Dedication

On May 15, the 1961 *Oak Leaves* was presented to the student body during the chapel period. Ann Covington, editor, expressed her appreciation to the entire *Oak Leaves* staff and introduced the '61 business manager, Carol Park. Gwen Cooper, '62 editor, and Peggy Klick, '62 business manager, were also presented to the student body.

New Features Noted

The 1961 *Oak Leaves* is bound in a black semi-smooth grain material and the lettering is in silver. The entire lay-out follows a horizontal pattern. After pointing out such features and other highlights of the yearbook, particularly the two-page colored-picture spread, Ann revealed the faculty recipient of the dedication.

Dedication Revealed

"For teaching us life's true values and pointing us to our Source of strength," the 1961 *Oak Leaves* is dedicated to Dr. Roger H. Crook, associate professor in the religion department." Having received his A.B. degree at Wake Forest College, and having attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his Th.M. and his Th.D. degrees, Dr. Crook was also a graduate student at Duke University. Since becoming a member of the Meredith College family, the dedicatee has been a faculty advisor to the nominating committee and the sponsor of the class of 1961 for four years, as well as "our friend."

Crook Is Pastor, Author

Besides his position as professor

of religion, he is also pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and Chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist State Convention. Even though he is the father of six boys, ranging in age from three to twelve, Dr. Crook has also found time to have written and published two books, *No North or South* and *The Changing American Family*. On numerous occasions, he has written lesson series, particularly for young people, for the Southern Baptist Convention's literary publications, as well as an article for the May, 1961, issue of *The Reveille*.

When asked what his first reaction was upon hearing his name as the dedicatee, Dr. Crook could only say, "I was . . . I don't know . . . stunned, I guess is the word."

BENTON, NICHOLS, AND WILKINS NAMED NEW MEMBERS IN SPRING SILVER SHIELD INDUCTION

On Wednesday, May 24, the Silver Shield held its spring induction ceremonies. Three rising seniors — Ceille Benton, Mary Lou Nichols, and Peggy Wilkins — were chosen by the organization to become new members. Nancy Ricker and Ann White, associate members named last fall, became full members.

Ceille, a religion major and education minor from Laurinburg, is the newly elected 1961-1962 vice-president of the Student Government Association. She has served as vice-president of Stringfield Dormitory, treasurer of the BSU, treasurer of the Astros, counselor, and member of the chorus and the Freeman Religion Club.

Mary Lou, formerly from Vermont, calls Jacksonville, Florida, her home. She has recently been elected 1961-1962 president of Vann Dormitory. Mary Lou served as archery manager for the AA Board this year, and is an active member of the Sociology Club. Her major subject is sociology, and her minor, history.

An English major and a history

minor from Durham, Peggy will serve as president of the Senior Class next year. While at Meredith she has been a member of the Student Government Association, the AA board, the TWIG staff, the nominating committee, the ensemble, and the Colton English Club.

These girls were chosen on the basis of Christian character, service to the school, and constructive leadership. The Silver Shield is primarily a service organization with its members working to serve the purposes and ideals of Meredith College.



Mary Lou Nichols



Peggy Wilkins



Ceille Benton