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Founder's Day Activities Are Many and Varied Speeches, Dedication, and Services Included

Meredith College, chartered in 1891, held its Founder's Day ceremonies Friday, February 25.

The activities began at 9:15 a.m. with a memorial service at the grave of Thomas Meredith. Henry H. Wilson, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, delivered the Founder's Day address at 10:30 a.m., the dedication of Barefoot Residence Hall was held at 11:45 a.m. and an estate planning seminar was held at 2 p.m.

Graveside services in Raleigh City Cemetery began with a tribute to Thomas Meredith by Mrs. James W. Reid of Raleigh, a Meredith alumna. Meredith was founder of the *Biblical Recorder*, journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and was instrumental in the founding of the college.

A wreath was placed on the grave by Mrs. John E. Weems, the wife of

Meredith's president, and Miss Gail Knieriem, president of the student government association. The Reverend Gene Phillips, college minister, gave the memorial prayer.

The Founder's Day address was given by Wilson in Jones Auditorium. He is a native of Monroe and served as administrative assistant to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson before becoming president of the Chicago Board of Trade, the world's largest commodities exchange, in 1967. His mother attended Meredith.

Following the address, activities moved to the east campus for the dedication of Barefoot Residence Hall, Meredith's newest facility for housing students. The dedication took place at the site of the building being named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barefoot and their family of Benson.

At 2 p.m. activities continued in

Jones Auditorium with an estate planning seminar. The seminar was designed to inform friends of the college of the importance of wills and trusts and other estate planning techniques.

The seminar was presented in the form of a play with Raleigh area attorneys and trust officers who are members of Meredith's Estate Planning Advisory Council in the cast, Raleigh attorney Nat Townsend, chairman of the estate planning council, said.

Meredith College Trustees held their semi-annual meeting in conjunction with Founder's Day. They met on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26, and considered the budget for the 1972-73 academic year.

On Friday night, the trustees entertained faculty and special guests at a dinner in Belk Hall.



Antonio and his friend Bassanio discuss the terms of the "pound-of-flesh" contract in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

Pacific Repertory Company To Perform at Meredith

How much interest would you pay on 3,000 ducats? A pound of your own flesh? Right on, and carved from your heart according to the contract specified by Jewish money lender Shylock.

Illegal today, but in 16th century Venice, this is the problem faced by the bankrupt shipping magnate Antonio in William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

To be presented by nationally famous Pacific Repertory Company in Jones Auditorium on the Meredith campus on Tuesday, March 14, this outstanding dramatic comedy of love, hate, and high finance will be staged by five very talented actors. The actors will play a total of twelve roles in the course of unraveling almost as many plots. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

The characters, in order of appearance, include Antonio, a merchant of Venice; Gratiano, a friend to Antonio and Bassanio; Bassanio, Antonio's friend and a

suitor to Portia; Portia, an heiress; Nerissa, Portia's waiting gentleman; Shylock, a Jew; Prince of Morocco, a suitor to Portia; Lorenzo, a man in love with Jessica; Jessica, Shylock's daughter; Salerio, a town gossip; Solanio, another town gossip; Prince of Arragon, suitor to Portia, and Tubal, a Jew and friend to Shylock.

One of the actors in the Pacific Repertory Company, Robert Byrd, is a native of North Carolina. Bob began his acting career in outdoor dramas in North Carolina. He went on to graduate from Pfeiffer College and received his M.F.A. from Southern Methodist University.

Pacific Repertory Company is chartered in the state of California as a non-profit organization and receives recognition from the Federal Government as an educational organization. Recently the Eastern Division Headquarters were located in Xenia, Ohio, in order that the Eastern clientele might be more effectively served.

Lectures in Religion Series Will Conclude On March 13

Mrs. Mary McDermott Shideler of Boulder, Colorado, a lay theologian, will deliver the final series of talks at Meredith College Monday, March 13, under the college's Lectures in Religion series.

"Fantasy, Myth, and Truth" is the topic of her 10 a.m. talk and "Inklings of Other Worlds" is the topic of her 8 p.m. talk. Both will be in Jones Hall and are open to the public free of charge.

Mrs. Shideler is an occasional lecturer at numerous colleges and universities, including Drake University and Iowa State University. She has written four religious books and pamphlets, twenty-three articles and seven reviews. Her books include "The Theology of Romantic Love," which is a study of the writings of Charles Williams, and "A Creed for a Christian Skeptic."

She received her B.A. degree from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and has studied at Chicago Theological Seminary; Pendle Hill, the Quaker center for study

in Pennsylvania; studied contemporary European theology at the Institute of European Studies; and has done independent research in England, Japan and Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Shideler recently received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary.

The purpose of the Lectures in Religion series at Meredith is to bring ministers and laymen together in thoughtful study and discussion with religious leaders who are making scholarly contributions to Christian life and thought.

ATTENTION!

The next issue of the TWIG will be published March 30, and the deadline for stories is Friday, March 24. Dr. Parramore's history class is editing the next issue, and anyone interested in helping should contact Judy Benton or Dr. Parramore.

Seniors Steal the Show!!

The senior class's production of "Erma Gaye Hooker Is Here to Stay" won first place honors on Friday, February 18 at the traditional Stunt Night held each year at Meredith.

The senior story was of a missionary, played by Gail Knieriem, who attempts to "civilize" natives on the island of Whatastunt. King Heisawein was played by Percy Beane. Stunt co-chairmen for the seniors were Carol Pearson and Kathy Barrier.

The sophomore production of "Preparation H" won second place honors Friday night. "Preparation H" may be briefly described as a girl's trial for her delivery to either heaven or hell. Sophomore co-chairmen for Stunt were Kathy Sink and Louise McCaskill.

"Antie Hill" or "How I Stole the Queen's Genes" was the title of the junior class's Friday night caper. Members of an ant colony were protesting against having to do all the work in the colony. Junior class Stunt co-chairmen were Jeanne Tillery and Linda Erhlich.

A "vegetable revolution" was the theme of the freshman performance. The actual title of the stunt was "Sweet Succotash." Freshman Stunt co-chairmen were Margaret Farmer and Laura Ann Bailey.

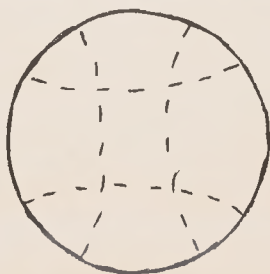
This is the first year that the Class of 1972 has won Stunt. The performance of each class is judged on originality, costumes, and props or scenery.

Officers of the winning class are Carol Ann McLaney, president; Jeanie Brown, vice-president; Meredith Elam, secretary; Jo Ann Hickman, treasurer; Dr. Roger Crook, class sponsor.

The Meredith Ensemble performed several songs while the judges were making the final decision.

Kathy Barrier, one of the senior Stunt co-chairmen, said: "I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to express a personal appreciation to those twenty-some persons representing the Class of 1972 who made possible a successful Stunt. — May the spirit of '72 go with each of you."

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Basketball Season Closes At UNC

A basketball tournament was held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 24 and 25. The four schools which participated in the tournament included Meredith, Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and Peace College.

On February 24, Carolina and Peace battled with Carolina winning the game. Meredith played Duke University and won the game with a score of 40-30.

On February 25, Meredith was on the boards with the University of

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The senior production of "Erma Gaye Hooker Is Here to Stay" won first place honors this year. Participating here are (left to right) Martha Susan Brown, Gail Knieriem, Charlotte Ellis, and Marsha Perkins.