

SIXTH INAUGURATION TOMORROW

At 11:00 A.M. on September 22, ceremonies for the inauguration of Dr. John E. Weems as President of Meredith College will commence, presided over by C. C. Cameron, chairman of the Board of Trustees. After a presentation by the Meredith College Chorale, Dr. John M. Lewis, minister of the First Baptist Church, will read a selected scripture, to be followed by a prayer of invocation by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention. Various groups and associations will then extend their greetings to the new president in three-minute talks to be given by the following persons: Carolyn Carter, SGA President; Alyce Epley Walker, Jr., President of the Meredith Alumnae Association; Dr. Allen Burris, Vice-president and Dean of the college; Seby B. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Associates; Thomas M. Freeman, President of the N. C. Baptist State Convention; Dr. Ben C. Fisher from the Southern Baptist Convention; and

Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., Mayor of Raleigh. Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, Professor Emeritus and Historian of the college, will speak on "A Goodly Heritage," giving the chief contributions of past Meredith presidents to the school. Presentation of the special President's Medallion will be made by Dr. Luther M. Massey, trustee for whom, together with his wife, the new president's home will be dedicated. Dr. Perry Crouch, General Secretary - general of the Baptist State Convention, will lead in an inaugural prayer, followed by the major address of the morning by Dr. John E. Weems. Dr. Weems selected his title, "Upheld by the Affections of a Great People," from a chapter in Dr. Johnson's HISTORY OF

MEREDITH COLLEGE. The inaugural ceremonies will be closed with a benediction from Dr. T. Robert Mullinax, Executive - Secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention.



Meredith's first family: Dr. Weems; David Van, 13; his wife, Frankie; Nancy Carol, 11; and John Mark, 18.

NEW MEDALLION DESIGNED

The keypoint of the inauguration Friday will be the ceremony of investiture during which Dr. Weems will receive the medallion of Meredith College -- the symbol of presidential authority. In honor of this event, Meredith has purchased a new medallion of cast silver to be worn for the first time by Dr. Weems.

John Kanipe, Executive Director of Development, described the medallion as being very similar in design to its predecessor. The new medallion, as the former one, is circular and bears the official seal of Meredith. The new one, however, is surrounded by a filigree of oak leaves, acorns, and twigs.

Kanipe stated several reasons for having a filigree of this design. "Raleigh," he pointed out, "is called 'The

City of Oaks,' and the Meredith campus is known for its many hardwood trees, especially the oaks." Also, the fact that Meredith's three publications bear the names of the three designs adds a great deal of sentiment to the medallion and its significance.

The new medallion is four inches in diameter and will be worn around the president's neck on a wide maroon and white ribbon. Work began on it in June by the Medallic Arts Company in New York. The medallion was made by means of a sculptor's modes. This method required a hand-engraved replica which was stamped into the cast silver under tremendous pressure, creating a perfect reproduc-

tion.

Meredith obtained its first medallion for the inauguration of Dr. E. Bruce Heilman in the spring of 1967 upon his request. It was made from a non-precious metal and covered with a ceramic glaze. When asked why a new medallion was purchased, John Kanipe replied that the college wanted a medallion that reflected the quality that Meredith has always stood for.

The new medallion, which will be worn only for formal academic occasions, will be presented to Dr. Weems by Dr. L. M. Massey, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Presidential Selection Committee.

Trustees To Meet

Combining their semi-annual meeting with the festivities of Dr. Weems' inauguration, the Meredith College Board of Trustees have a busy weekend ahead of them. Arriving on campus by noon Friday, the trustees will join Dr. Weems for lunch, then proceed with students to the dedication of the president's home. Following this, the trustees will meet in committee to prepare for Saturday's meeting. Friday evening at 7:00 in the dining hall, a dinner will be held for the Trustee Associates, an advisory group of past trustees and people interested in the college. The Student Foundation, a sixteen-member committee of Meredith students, will try to help the Trustees and Associates see the school from the student's viewpoint. At this time, the Harris Bell award, the highest honor bestowed by

Meredith College, will be presented to the person -- other than officially connected with the college -- who has contributed the most service to Meredith throughout the year. He will receive a chair bearing the school seal and a plaque explaining the honor. Also on schedule for the dinner is the Ensemble, sure to bring a lighter note to the program.

Saturday, the Trustees will start the day off early with a continental breakfast provided by the Home Economics Department. Following this, the trustees are to begin the real work of the weekend at 9:00 when the official meeting is to be called to order. Remaining in session until noon, the Trustees will consider committee reports and recommendations, study the official audit, and evaluate financial conditions.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND MARKS WEEMS

Friday, September 22, Meredith College inaugurates its sixth president, Dr. John Edgar Weems, at 11 a.m. in the amphitheater. He was elected president of Meredith in October, 1971, and assumed the position on January 1, 1972.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Weems was educated at Hillsboro High School and George Peabody College, both in Nashville. He holds the B.S., M.A., and D. Ed. degrees from George Peabody. Dr. Weems' undergraduate majors were business administration and economics. His master's degree majors were administration of public education and business education. His doctorate degree major was administration of higher education.

Having earned his undergraduate degree, Dr. Weems joined the Proctor and Gamble Company as one of seven men throughout the U. S. selected to enter their Execu-

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Dr. Weems comes to Meredith with varied educational experience as he assumes the sixth presidency.

THE INAUGURATION OF JOHN E. WEEMS

as

SIXTH PRESIDENT OF MEREDITH COLLEGE

September 21 and 22, 1972

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:00 p.m. Student Dinner for the President, Belk Dining Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Jones Auditorium
W. David Lynch, Chairman, Department of Music, Meredith College

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast for Hostesses, The President's House, North Campus
- 8:30-10:15 a.m. Registration of Guests, College Center, West Campus
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour for Visitors, Mae Grimmer Alumnae House, West Campus
Wake County Chapter of the Alumnae Association
- 10:15 a.m. Concert, Elva Bryan McIver Amphitheater
Triangle Symphony
- 11:00 a.m. Inauguration, Elva Bryan McIver Amphitheater
Reception immediately following in Bryan Rotunda
- 12:30-1:45 p.m. Buffet Luncheon, Belk Dining Hall
- 2:15 p.m. Dedication of the President's House and Open House following, North Campus
(Buses will be available for the North Campus beginning at 1:30 p.m.)

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

- History of Meredith College.....Carlyle Campbell Library, West Campus
- Exhibit of Work by Meredith College
Faculty of the Department of Art.....College Center, West Campus
- Exhibit of Work by Meredith Art Students...Gallery, Joyner Hall, West Campus
- Exhibit of Paintings by Claude Howell,.....Bryan Rotunda, Johnson Hall
Chairman of the Department of Art,