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MACON RED CROSS COUNCIL—Standing are Mrs. Henry Slocumb, director of the ninth college unit for the Macon chapter, and Dean Otis Knight, chairman of the faculty advisory committee. Seated are Pat Stockton, vice-president of the unit; Noxie Sullivan, chairman, and Mrs. Mary Pegrum, Red Cross area director.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES WORK

A CAPELLA CHOIR

Members of the Mercer a' capella Choir sang at the Georgia Baptist Convention, which is now being held in Macon. Yesterday, November 13, the choir rendered two numbers: "Forever Worthy Is Thy Lamb" and "Praise Ye the Name." The choir, on October 18, sang at the State Convention of the W.C.T.U., and on November 1, performed for the World Community Day exercise.

GLEE CLUB

The Mercer Glee Club will sing this evening for the Georgia Baptist Convention at the First Baptist Church. They will render, as their numbers, taken from the Messiah, "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The Glee Club, composed of over 130 members, is now working on the "Messiah," which is to be given in Willingham Chapel, December 3. Four outstanding soloists have been obtained for the occasion. They are: Soprano, Mrs. Paul McGee, Atlanta, Ga.; contralto, Mrs. Max Noah, Milledgeville, Ga.; tenor, George P. Turner, Birmingham, Ala.; and bass, Dupree Rhame, Furman University.

BOYS' QUARTET

The Boys' Quartet, under the direction of Mrs. Rich, sang at a banquet given in honor of Dr. Wright, who has left for a pastorate in South Carolina.

The Quartet will sing Friday night, November 16, at the Ministerial Association Banquet. Members of the Quartet and alternates are: Marion Hatten, Landrum Leavell, Harold Mincey, Glenn Pelham and James Pitts.

Thanksgiving Holidays
In case you haven't heard—Mercer classes will not be in session November 22 and 23. However, cuts will count before and after the holidays as quadruple cuts!

MERCER RED CROSS CAMPUS UNIT MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR'S WORK

The Mercer Chapter of the Red Cross is making rapid progress in becoming organized again. A meeting was held in the faculty Trustee room Tuesday, November 6. A local Red Cross worker talked to the council and helped plan the program for this school year.

The first project of the Mercer Red Cross is to send Christmas packages to the wounded soldiers at Cochran Field Hospital. Each organization will decide on the number of packages they wish to send. The deadline for the packages is December 15.

Two women from the Macon

ANNOUNCEMENT!

All students interested in taking the Mechanical Drawing next quarter, should contact Mr. R. M. Reed. This course is open to both men and women students.

Baptist Convention Planned in Macon

With the restrictions on state conventions lifted, the Georgia Baptist Convention completed plans to hold its 1945 session in Macon. Completion of these plans culminated an invitation, issued at the last state convention. The meeting was held November 13-14-15.

A special committee consisting of Dr. Spright Dowell, chairman; Mr. Warren Timmerman; Mr. Alfred Willingham; and Mr. Lee Wood has been appointed by the First Baptist Church, where all sessions will be held, to have charge of details: local arrangements and services to out-of-town visitors.

Mercer ministerial students have charge of the bookstore during the Convention. These students also were guests of the convention on the second day.

Also, on this day, November 14, a luncheon was held at the Hotel Dempsey at 12:30 for the Mercer alumni in the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Red Cross met with the council Wednesday to discuss the future program and to give advice to Mercer's Chapter. Representatives and officers of the local chapter are as follows:

Noxie Sullivan is the first chairman; Marylyn Hitchcock is second chairman for girls; Pat Stockton is second chairman for boys; Naomi Holt, secretary. They are also representatives from each sorority.

TRUMAN UNABLE TO VISIT MERCER

Because of the urgency of affairs in Washington, President Harry S. Truman was unable to make his planned trip to four Southern States.

Expressing his regrets through Governor Arriold, the President said he hoped to make the trip at a later date.

President Truman had been invited to Mercer to accept an honorary degree.

THROW IN THE KITCHEN SINK—

"We can use everything, including the kitchen sink," is what the Dramatic Club is saying these days. The Club has begun a drive to collect anything (and I mean that literally) for the costume and prop department.

They have sent out appeals to the Mercer alums and all the students to donate anything and everything from that old hat of Cousin Oliver, which you have been keeping for all these centuries just waiting for the right "cause" to come along—Aunt Abigail's great grandmother's "ante-bellum fan"—that pair of shoes you outgrew a few seasons back—and on down to Little Suale's baby shawl.

The first performance of the Mercer Players for this season is coming up next week and members of the costume crew are busily engaged in drafting patterns and securing costumes for this play of the "gay nineties."

When the alums and students

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PLAYS HOST TO STATE BAPTIST STUDENT CONVENTION

On Friday, November 26, all roads led to Athens, Ga., where the University of Georgia was host to the twenty-third annual Georgia Baptist Student Union Convention. The attendance of 318 Georgia Baptist students at this assembly was the largest delegation in the history of Georgia B.S.U. Conventions.

Mercer University was well represented at the convention with 80 students, the largest delegation to the convention. Among these Mercerians were Nathan Byrd, 1944-45, Georgia State B.S.U. President, who presided at the convention sessions. Forrest Lanier, Winifred Peterson, and Albert Henry represented Mercer in the student testi-

mony periods of the convention. Leading the assembly singing was Herschel Darsey.

Dr. Hausford Johnson, Dr. Hugh Brimm, and the Rev. Pope Duncan of the Mercer faculty were present at the convention.

More honors to Mercer! Our own Herschel Darsey was elected Georgia State B.S.U. President for 1945-46.

Lucy went to the convention, too, and she was kept extremely busy transporting delegates back and forth from dorms to meetings.

Arriving in Athens on Friday to register at the Walter Wise Memorial Center and at the First Baptist Church were delegates from all the colleges throughout Georgia having B.S.U.'s on their campuses. Among those represented were the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, G.S.C.W., Brewton Parker, Norman Park, Bessie Tift, the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Emory, Agnes Scott, Georgia Teacher's College, Shorter, Brenau, Southern Business College, and of course, Mercer University. Registration completed, the delegates assembled at the Georgian Hotel for a banquet which started the convention on its way.

After the banquet, the delegates journeyed to the First Baptist Church where the conferences of the convention convened. The sessions ensued throughout Saturday and Sunday with time out for eating and sleeping.

Types of programs given were: song and worship services, special music, student testimonies, panel discussions and forums concerning vital questions facing the world today and certain keynote speakers.

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terial and writing the scripts. Co-workers on this committee are: Dot Farlow, Margaret Stevens, Rose Waldron, Betty Bowen, Lewis Smith and Noel Brooks.

The technical committee, advised by Dr. Matthews, will assist WMAZ technicians. Joe Rush, who had radio technical experience in the Navy, is chairman of the committee, assisted by Jack Butler.

Mr. McDonald is faculty adviser of the Reporting Staff. Dot Farlow, chairman of the committee, and her co-workers, Carolyn Morrison, Ruby Jo Wolfe, Ann Thomas, Dupree Jordan, and George McCowan, will be in charge of gathering the news and preparing it for broadcasting.

The music committee, headed by Dr. Rich and assisted by Alice Crimmins and Jannette Wiggins, will prepare special music for each broadcast.

First tryouts for announcers were held on November 6. As many announcers as possible will be used, rotating them each week. Those selected for the job are: Mary Arnold, Celeste Manach, Dot Farlow, Mary Frances Enneis, Ruby Jo Wolfe, Betty Allen, Anne Thomas, Dupree Jordan, Marion Brantley, Harold Mincey, Bill Bizzell and George McCowan.

At least two rehearsals will be necessary each week and the programs will be broadcast from the new dramatics room.

STUDENTS INSTALL WEEKLY PROGRAMS

At organization meeting held recently, a group of students have made plans for beginning again this year, a weekly radio program over WMAZ—a program of Mercer students, by Mercer students. This program will be a continuation of programs from the last few years.

Each year WMAZ sets aside a time for Mercer, an annual custom followed since the days when the ownership of the radio station was transferred from Mercer University to a private organization.

At present the plans for the program will include brief news reports gathered by Mr. McDonald's Journalism class, special music under the direction of Dr. A. L. Rich and short programs of distinct interest, written by the students, under the direction of Miss Vivian Burton, dramatics teacher.

The time designated by the group is from 9-9:30 or from 9:30-10 p.m. on Mondays.

A faculty committee consisting of Miss Burton, Mr. McDonald, Dr. Matthews, and Dr. Rich, will give advice and help to the students in every way possible.

The program committee, with Miss Burton as adviser, and Mary Frances Enneis as chairman, will be in charge of gathering the ma-

start dragging out all their "Antients and Moderns" the costume department will be equipped to costume a play of any period from Caesar to Costello. (I'll bet you didn't recognize him without Abbott.)

The Players are very anxious to build up the costume department so go clean out your attic and if you find any old dress, trousers, hats, shoes, ribbons, fans, umbrellas, wigs, "Needles, pins, sweethearts, friends" (how did that get in there?), bracelets, or anything you'd be glad to get rid of, the Dramatic Club will be glad to have it—Yes, even the kitchen sink!