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WALTER F. GEORGE IS GUEST SPEAKER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Honorable Walter F. George will be guest speaker at the Tattall Square Baptist Church Brotherhood tomorrow night, it is announced by Arthur N. Heaton, vice-president. Special music will be provided by soloists Charles Smith and Anita Johnson, both accompanied by Margaret Garrison.

Senator George will be introduced by Judge Mallory C. Atkinson. The speech will be broadcast over Radio Station WBML from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m.

While in Macon, the senator is expected to visit the Walter F. George School of Law, which is named in his honor.

New Reading Room Opened In Library

Mr. Charles H. Stone announced recently the opening of a special reading room on the second floor of Hardman Library. The room is furnished with easy chairs, sofas, and reading lamps for the comfort and convenience of the students. This room, containing a large number of books on all subjects, is open to students for pleasure reading only.

The reading room may be used from 3 till 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. till noon on Saturdays.

Business Club To Hear Civil Service Speaker

Ray Harris, Macon, President of the Future Business Leaders of America, has announced that a representative of the United States Civil Service Commission will be speaker at the meeting Monday night. His subject will relate to opportunities in Government service for college graduates. The meeting will be open to all students who are interested or have questions to ask about Civil Service. The FBI.A will meet at 7:00 p.m., the place to be announced.

ALUMNI NOTES

Did you know that the Assistant Treasurer of the State of Georgia is a Mercer alumnus?

Horace Alison (Hick) Hixon became the Assistant Treasurer of Georgia in 1936.

"Hick" came to Mercer as a sophomore from Draketown Baptist Institute at Draketown, Georgia. He received the A.B. degree from Mercer in June, 1913.

From 1913-15 he served as principal of the Villa Rica High School. He then served as assistant cashier of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

July 1, 1917 he enlisted as a private in the Army. He was discharged from the Army in 1919 with the rank of First Sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Hixon and their daughter, Norma, make their home in Atlanta. Mr. Hixon serves as a deacon and Church Clerk of the Druid Hills Baptist Church.



Freshmen administer self-punishment by "order of the Court" at recent Rat Court.—Photo by Hall.

1947 RAT COURT PASSES JUDGMENT ON OFFENDING FROSH STUDENTS

Ray Carl Woolf

Rat Court Term 1947 convened Thursday at 8:00 p.m., with the Hon. Coud Morgan, Chief Justice, presiding. Prosecutor Hank O'Neal presented a large docket of offenses to the court, which consisted of Justices Jim Christian, Joe Davis, Otis Hendricks, Sally McKay and Jim Sheehan.

As customary, the verdict guilty was rendered against all prisoners, many of whom paid their fines on the spot. However, the court found it necessary to bind over the more serious offenders to the student council.

Clay Sentenced

Rat Bob Clay was found guilty of violating the ratting rules and was sentenced to transport, by the teaspoon, a bucket of water to an empty bucket forty feet away. Martha Peterson, charged with trying to blackmail a B.S.U. member, was ordered by the court to eat the onion tied about her neck. Rats Marvin Irby and Ochie Williamson were required to dunk for apples in buckets of cold water.

Other sentences which were passed upon guilty rats were a newspaper fight, a peanut race, a three-legged race, a cracker-eating contest, and a marathon.

Volk's Charges Dropped

It was the pleasure of the court to call as witnesses in their own behalf a score of freshman girls charged by the prosecuting attorney with indecency. Led by lovely Carrol Volk, the defendants appeared before the Judges and the jury of upperclassmen, and (*Editor's Note: Bonning!*) it was apparent to observers that they would be acquitted. After reviewing the merits of the—uh, er— case, the court ordered charges dropped, and, on the acclamation of the jury, awarded damages in the form of a gold-plated loving cup, to shapely Marian Edwards of Albany. Additional honors were bestowed on Martha Peterson and Gerrie Dixon.

Proceedings of the court throughout the trial were carried out with harmony and rhythm, the harmony coming from the orchestra of Jesse Duckworth, and the rhythm from the handclapping and footpatting in the jury box.

ATTENTION SENIORS

All Mercer students who expect to graduate by June, 1948, will be required to take a comprehensive examination late in November. Dean Richard C. Burts has announced.

The test will cover all subjects studied by the student at Mercer with special emphasis on the major and minor courses.

Kappa Phi Kappa Discusses Pledging

Kappa Phi Kappa, national educational fraternity, held a business meeting Thursday night to discuss new pledge prospects. President Bob Shuler, of Griffin, was in charge.

The purpose of the fraternity is to promote interest in education and to recognize students who are working in this field, Shuler said. To be eligible for membership a student must have had two courses in Education, a better than all men's scholastic average and recognized leadership.

Kappa Phi Kappa meets twice monthly. A dinner meeting at the Lanier Hotel is held on the first Thursday of the month and a regular business meeting is held in the chapter room at Mercer, on the third Thursday.

Other officers and members are Ralph Clance, Macon, vice-president; Lucius Hall, Hartsville, S. C., secretary and treasurer; Fred W. Carter, Bonaire; Hamilton Kellam, Dublin; Herbert Schutte, Atlanta; Robert Gardner, Springfield, Ore.; Hugh Snow, Dobson, N. C.; David Courtney, Knoxville, Tenn.; Doyle Dykes, John Heard, James Faulkner, Tom Morton, and William Sutton, all of Macon.

Dr. Edwin M. Highsmith is faculty advisor. Mr. Z. B. Vance and Prof. G. L. Carver are faculty members.

Reserve Officers Training Corps Will Present Parade October 23

Army Commendation Ribbon To Be Presented to Major

First parade of the Reserve Officers Training Corp unit of Mercer University will be staged at 4:45 p.m., Oct. 23. Col. John Meade, professor of military science and tactics, has announced.

Highlighting the dress review of the unit will be the presentation of an Army Commendation Ribbon to Major Malcolm C. Johnson, assistant to Col. Meade.

Major Johnson, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, entered active federal service in 1941. He will receive the award for service with the supply section of the Pacific Ocean Area Headquarters in Hawaii.

A graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and a special task force officers school, the Coast Artillery Corps Officer served as an observer with the 10th Army Headquarters in the Okinawa campaign.

While in the Pacific area, the major made inspection visits to the Japanese Islands, the Philippines, Guam, and other Pacific outposts.

Col. Meade said yesterday that plans for the Armistice Day ceremony have not been completed, but it is hoped that Lt. General Alva C. Gillem, commander of the Third Army, will be present for the occasion.

Try-Outs Held For Dulcy, Production Chairmen Appointed

Try-outs were held Monday afternoon for the cast of the fall production of the Mercer Players. Miss Mary Brooks Popkins is director and Rivers Jackson assistant director.

Production committees are as follows: John Stanton, Macon, scenery; James Leitch, British West Indies, lighting; Alice Crimmins, Macon, publicity; Miriam Evans, Jackson, costumer; Ralph Clance, Macon, properties; Joe Davis, Oglethorpe, prompter; Pat Ryan, Macon; stage manager; and Nell Poole, Rockmart, make-up. Selection of the cast has not yet been announced.

"Dulcy" written by Kauffman and Connally, will be presented in the Mercer Chapel November 20 and 21.

Courtney Elected President Of FTA

David Courtney, of Knoxville, Tenn., is the new president of the Future Teachers of America. Miss Frances Johnston, of Rome, was elected vice-president; Phoebe Gragg, Bainbridge, secretary; and Homer Oglesby, Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer.

At the meeting, plans were discussed for observing National Education Week, November 9-15. Locally, FTA will sponsor a chapel program with some outstanding educator as speaker. Literature dealing with all phases of education will be placed in the library.

The Club was addressed by Mrs. Marie Hertwig of Macon, President of Classroom Teachers of Georgia. Her subject was "Happy the Working," which stressed the importance of social service rendered by teachers.

Wm. Banks, Newnan, Elected Fifth Trustee

The trustees of the Walter F. George School of Law Foundation met last Saturday afternoon in the office of the President to begin the first official proceedings of the corporation. Dr. Spright Dowell, Judge Hoyt Davis, and attorneys Hatton Lovejoy of LaGrange and John Sibley of Atlanta were the trustees provided by the articles of incorporation. William Banks, Newnan, was elected fifth trustee.

CAULDRON NOTICE

The Cauldron Office announces that proofs of the recent sittings may be seen at the Olan Mills studios in the Co-op. You are requested to check your picture as soon as possible to speed work on the College annual.

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