

The Mercer Cluster

VOL. XXX

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1949

No. 5

525 Students In Session At Mercer BSU Convention

By BOBBIE BOBO

About 525 students representing 20 Georgia colleges attended the Georgia Baptist Student Union Convention which was held at Mercer University, October 28-30. This is the largest number ever to attend a B.S.U. Convention. The keynote of this convention, and of every state B.S.U. Convention, was "Because Christ Loved". The theme song was "Love Divine," and the Scripture was I John 4:19.

At the general business session Gilbert Martin was elected first vice-president of the Georgia Baptist Student Union to fill the unexpired term of Eddie Ort, who is now president. Gilbert, who recently transferred from North Georgia College at Dahlonega, is a junior at Mercer. At present he is serving as first vice-president of the Mercer B.S.U. The main duty of his state office will be that of co-ordinating enlistment activities in B.S.U.

The Baptist Student Union voted to continue publication of the B.S.U. Echo, the state student newspaper. It will be issued quarterly. Jimmy Johnson, Mercer, will continue as editor until the spring retreat, when new officers will be elected.

At each session part of the program followed the theme "I Will Magnify Mine Office". During this period various officers were introduced who gave reports on their duties in the Baptist Student Union.

IMAGINE!

Mercerians seen on front row of burlesque show at Fair last week!

Petite blonde freshman girl jumps up frantically as grasshopper enters Miss Bates' Bible class.

Freshmen chewing off finger nails as they wait for exam grade returns. (Is anybody coming back to Mercer next quarter?)

Sophomore girl kissing her finger tips and then pressing them sweetly to favorite law student's lips.

Ministers Sponsor Evangelism Study November 21-22

Under the sponsorship of the Mercer Ministerial Association, the Georgia Baptist Department of Evangelism will conduct a school of evangelism on Mercer's campus, November 21 and 22.

Every student on the campus is extended an invitation to attend the conference periods, and many Baptist ministers in this section of the state are expected to participate in the school.

The faculty is composed of the workers of the Georgia Department of Evangelism, Rev. F. J. Hendrix, Dr. George C. Gibson, Dr. R. T. Russell, and state secretary, Rev. H. C. Whitener.

There will be two conferences each day, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the afternoon and 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the evening. Each one will be divided into three periods of thirty minutes. The three different periods will be (1) Methods of Evangelism, (2) the Book of Romans, and (3) the Gospel of John.

Education Groups To Hear Berynd

Three campus education organizations, Kappa Phi Kappa, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and Future Teachers of America, will have a joint meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Biology building.

Mr. Joe Berynd, field director of the Young People's League for Better Government, will be the guest speaker, and plans will be outlined for the coming year.

World Conditions Week To Be Observed Nov. 7-11

Mercer University will observe its annual World Conditions Week from November 7 through 11. The observance, a traditional celebration on Mercer's campus, is designed to stimulate interest in current problems and questions of importance to the world.

Speakers from both England and the United States will lecture and direct various discussion groups. A general chapel program has been scheduled for Friday.

Williams Speaks To Ministers

By Raymond Coppage

Rev. Emory Williams, pastor-evangelist of the Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, addressed the Mercer Ministerial Association last week, saying, "We are not to come with an intellectuality as cold as ice to grip the hearts of people without Christ, but we must be near the heart of God."

He said, "Never should we be ashamed or apologize because we are Baptist preachers. We should be proud of the fact. I am ashamed because we are ashamed."

"Ignorance on fire and intellectuality on ice are both dangerous. One must have a deep sympathetic understanding of the people he is working with. We must put across to the world the true gospel of Christ."

"Every preacher must have received a definite call to preach or never will he be successful in the ministry. If you do not believe in the virgin birth and other great fundamental doctrines of the Bible, you should get out of the ministry, for you have no message of our complex society, for the hungry search of God-starved people."

Dr. Charles E. Patton, Dean of the Crezer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., addressed the Ministers today. At this meeting President Herbert Hyde expressed the appreciation of the group for the fine performance of the Ministers intramural touch football team, and especially congratulated Robert Reeder for his selection as captain of the all-star team.



DR. ROGER W. HOLMES

Masonic Club Installs Officers

The Mercer Masonic Club held installation ceremonies for the newly elected officers on the Mercer campus Thursday night, October 20.

Those installed were: L. John Stewart, president; Clarence Streetman, vice-president; Sanford Fitzsimmons, secretary; Lester Pritchett, treasurer; Herbert E. Hyde, chaplain; William F. Watson, parliamentarian; and Duggan Weaver, master-at-arms.

Mr. William Graves, Deputy State President of National Masonic Clubs, and past president of Macon Masonic Club, officiated at the ceremony. It was through the interest and efforts of Mr. Graves that the Mercer Masonic Club was activated. The Mercer club has the distinction of being the first club to be organized at a school in Georgia.

This year's speakers are Dr. Roger W. Holmes, professor of philosophy at Mount Holyoke College; Mrs. Constance Dyson, British educator; and Dr. John L. Hill, well known figure in Baptist publications.

Dr. Holmes, speaking under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges, will open the sessions on Monday, November 7. Also included in the schedule are classroom visits and special chapel programs.

Has Written Books

In 1947, the Holyoke professor completed a trip around the world. He holds degrees from Harvard University and was recently granted a Sheldon Traveling Fellowship by that institution. Dr. Holmes has written three books, including *The Rhyme of Reason* and *Exercises in Reasoning*. While at Mercer he will speak on educational and philosophical subjects.

Mrs. Dyson, second speaker for the occasion, will arrive here on November 9. She is sponsored by the Institute of International Education. This distinguished lecturer, long a leading personage in British adult education, attended the University of Leeds and Somerville College, Oxford.

Was Chief Examiner

In addition to being a member of the University of London Extension Council for seven years, Mrs. Dyson was for almost as many years chief examiner in English Literature for Matriculation at the same school. She has been principal of Hillcroft College, Surrey, England, since 1946.

The women members of Mercer's faculty and the members of American Association of University Women will hear Mrs. Dyson speak on Wednesday afternoon, November 9.

The third guest speaker, who will arrive here Friday, November 11, is Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Hill is former professor of History and Political Science at Georgetown College. Until his recent retirement he had been book editor for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Players' Comedy To Be Presented November 10-11

The cast of "Arsenic and Old Lace" have been conducting daily practice of their parts for the fall production of the Speech and Dramatic Arts department, Mrs. Mary Brooks Hicks has announced.

The scenery crew is working on the set of the play which will be presented in Willingham chapel November 10-11. The set will be constructed on the chapel stage the latter part of the week.

The cast of the murder comedy include Lavona Fuqua, Sally Seron, Joanne Echols, David Jordan, Henry Woodall, James Little, Pop Henney, Joe Cussell, Charles Tucker, Robert Barfield, Clyde Moody, Archer Moore, Sonny Futch, and Emory Clay.

Mims Begins Lecture Series

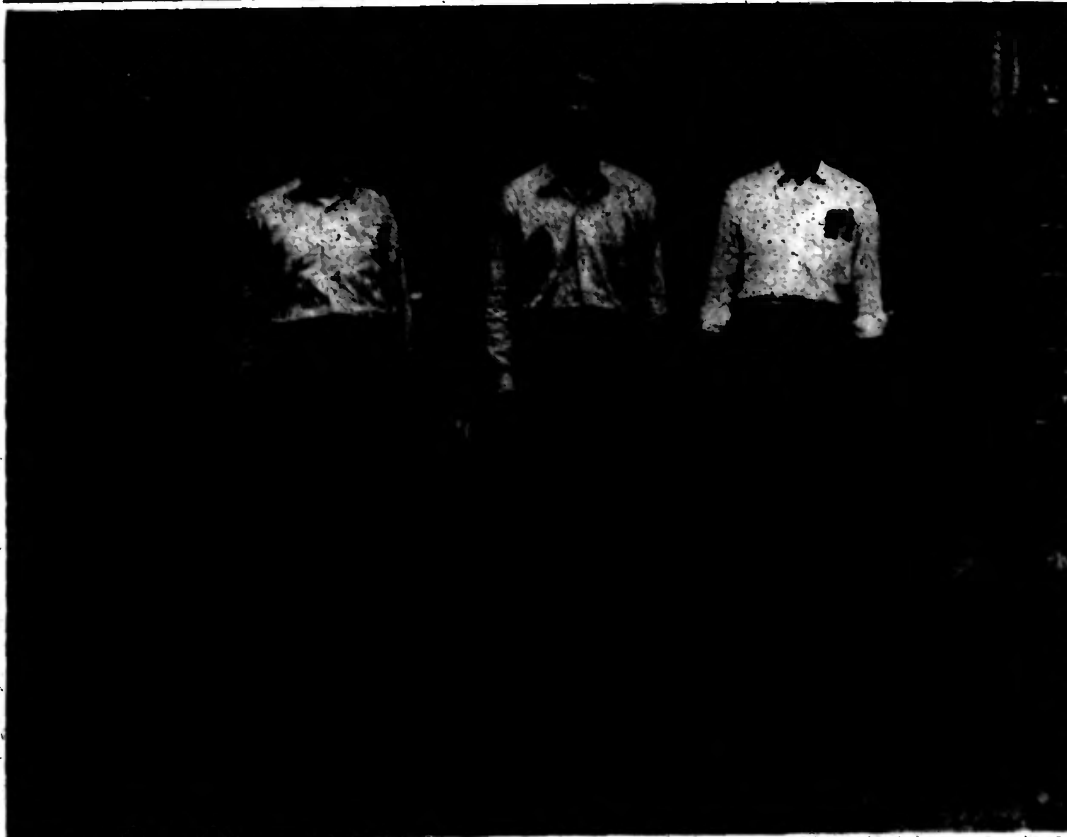
Dr. Edwin Mims, professor emeritus of English literature at Vanderbilt University, opened a six-weeks stay in Macon on Monday with an address to Dr. Paul Cousins' class in American literature.

Dr. Mims, a well known lecturer, especially among the universities of the South, will spend three weeks of his stay in Macon at Mercer. Alternate weeks of the six weeks' visit will be spent at Wesleyan College.

A book review will be given by Dr. Mims in Hardman Library this afternoon at four o'clock. Tomorrow he is scheduled to give the chapel address as well as speak to classes in Shakespeare and American History.

Young Is Recognized

Jim Young, feature writer for the Mercer Cluster, won special recognition this week when an editorial he wrote in a journalism class project was selected for publication in the Macon News. The article appeared in Monday's edition. This project is sponsored by the journalism department in cooperation with the Macon News.



ALL-STAR TEAM: The Intramural Football All-Star Team chosen Monday are, left to right: front row, Tom Colquitt, QB, end; Buddy Seaman, SAE, guard; Don Reeves, QB, center; Lamar Clements, QB, end; standing, Albert Kincaid, QB, backfield; Glynn Cussell, Suggars, backfield; Robert Reeder, Ministers, backfield, captain.