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'The Messiah' To Be Presented Here December 6

Soloists From New York And Chicago to Perform

Mercer University's annual presentation of Handel's oratorio, **The Messiah**, has been set for Tuesday, December 6, at eight o'clock in Willingham Chapel.

This will be the first performance of this work in which the new \$25,000 Willingham organ will be utilized and which is expected to add greatly to the effectiveness of the presentation. A new seating rostrum will be installed in the chapel for the occasion, and the choir will be robed in new crimson vestments, purchased especially for this presentation.

Rich to Direct

The program will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich, director of music and professor of music at Mercer. Mrs. Arthur L. Rich will be at the organ.

The chorus will be made up of 150 singers, selected from the A Capella choir, the A and B chapel choirs, the glee club and alumni of the Mercer choirs. Because of the large number of singers who have had several years training with the Mercer choral forces, the choir is unusually fine this season. All of the choral numbers of former years will be sung, and in addition the virtuosic "His Yoke Is Easy" will be used just before the intermission.

Soloists to Come

Soloists will be from New York and Chicago. Barbara Troxell, who has sung the soprano solos with the New York Oratorio Society in Carnegie Hall, with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy, in the Montreal Festival under Sir Thomas Beecham, and with the New York City Symphony under Leopold Stokowski, and who is probably the finest soprano oratorio soloist in America today, is coming to Macon especially to fill this assignment with the Mercer University Chorus.

Frances Lehnerts, contralto of New York is being brought back by popular demand after her performance here last season.

Long Is Tenor

The tenor soloist will be Robert Long of Chicago, who has sung this role with the New York Schola Cantorium under Hugh Ross, and who is a member of the Chicago and St. Louis Grand Opera Companies; where he has sung under the direction of such conductors as Artur Rodzinski, Kark Krueger, and Leonard Bernstein. John McCrae, baritone of New York is also being brought back for the Mercer performance by numerous requests after his singing of the role here last season.

Justice R. C. Bell, Mercer Alumnus, To Be Honored

Justice Emeritus R. C. Bell, alumnus of Mercer University, will be guest of honor tomorrow night at a banquet sponsored by the Georgia Bar Association. It is to be held at Radium Springs, Albany.

Justice Bell graduated from Mercer in the class of 1902, receiving an LL.B. He has been active in Mercer alumni work for many years and for two years was president of the Mercer Alumni Association.

Players' Comedy Opens Tonight



COMEDY TONIGHT: This scene from "Arsenic and Old Lace" includes, from left to right, Clyde Moody (Dr. Einstein), Lavona Fuqus (Abby Brewster), Sally Serson (Martha Brewster), and Robert Barfield (Jonathan Brewster) standing. The three-act play of murder, mystery, and comedy by Joseph Kesselring will be presented by the Speech and Dramatic Department at 8:30 tonight and tomorrow night. (Photo by L. John Stewart.)

IMAGINE!

Self-spoken, professor giving "Boon cheer" to illustrate point for psychology class.

Veteran's exchange, bemuddled today and tomorrow. "Man, there's a ruined town!"

Cluster starts leading proof in Co-op to 24 as the 100's generously aid.

Men admiring passing good in... (text partially obscured)

Costan fraternity men putting their Greek letters on ribbon with tube of resident's lipstick at Chi Omega open house.

Fitzaged crowd sitting spectators as four, uninvited, males seek dates.

Green Elected To Head FBLA

Bill Green, Cartersville, was elected temporary chairman of the Future Business Leaders of America at their meeting held in the Economics Building Thursday night, November 3.

Other officers elected were Lee Smith, Macon, temporary secretary, and James Fuller, Montgomery, Ala., publicity chairman; Emory Clay, Macon, George Boyd, Atlanta, and Johnny McCrary, Macon, were elected to serve on a board to select a guiding committee from Macon business men.

Short talks were given by Dr. Victor C. Heck, head of the Economics department, and Mrs. Zeb Vance, F.B.L.A. adviser.

World Conditions Week to End With Dr. Hill's Speech Tomorrow

By John P. Ward
Cluster News Editor

Special addresses in Willingham Chapel and informal-classroom talks and discussions mark annual World Conditions Week being celebrated at Mercer.

Two very noted guests have given lectures this week, and still another well known speaker is scheduled to arrive on the campus tomorrow, November 11, ending the week's lectures.

The first program of the yearly celebration was opened on Monday when Dr. Roger W. Holmes, professor of philosophy at Mount Holyoke College, spoke on conditions and thought in modern Asia.

Tuesday, Dr. Holmes concluded his lecture with a general discussion of the meaning of a liberal education. In this significant address, the speaker mainly considered two elements, background and specialization.

Mrs. Constance Dyson, British educator, was the second speaker this week. In addition to her regular chapel talk, Mrs. Dyson spoke before the women members of the Mercer faculty and members of American Association of University Women yesterday afternoon.

In her chapel address yesterday Mrs. Dyson told what England was like during the war, and how they turned eyes "westward" to America. She stated that England has recovered best of all the European countries in their problems, pulling themselves together politically, economically, and intellectually.

She said, "England asks you to help us help ourselves," and "our great hope is that you in America will do just one thing—study economics—not the economics of academic theory, but that of national and international trade." In closing she said "Don't be too impatient with Europe."

Our third guest lecturer is to be Dr. John L. Hill, former professor of history and political science at Georgetown College.

Organizations sponsoring two of the speakers are either national or international in scope and func-

tion. Dr. Holmes spoke under the sponsorship of the Association of American Colleges; Mrs. Dyson was sponsored by the International Institute of Education.

Dr. Holmes is a graduate of Harvard University and has been awarded a Sheldon Travel Fellowship by that school. He wrote the **Rhyme of Reason and Exercises in Reasoning**.

Mrs. Dyson studied at the University of Leeds, and Somerville College, Oxford. She is an authority in adult education and for several years during the recent war had charge of adult schooling in London. She is principal of Hillcroft College, England.

Dr. Hill, in addition to working in the fields of history and political science, until his retirement recently, was book editor for the Southern Baptist Convention. He is the author of several books and was formerly editor of **Home and Foreign Fields**.

Broadus Roland Killed in Collision

Mercer Freshman Broadus Roland, 17, of Macon, was killed last Sunday in a head-on automobile collision on U. S. Highway 41 in front of radio station WMAZ's transmitter. The accident occurred about 2:50 a.m.

Occupants of the other car, three soldiers, were not seriously injured. They were held in jail pending a coroner's inquest on driving while under the influence of alcohol. Roland, who was alone, was driving toward his home near Loraine when the accident occurred. Both cars went over the embankment.

Ga. Baptists To Dedicate Old Chapel

Louie D. Newton To Give Address

By Raymond Coppage

Historic Penfield Chapel will be rededicated during the closing hours of the 128th session of the Georgia Baptist Convention next Thursday, November 17.

There will be a motorcade from Augusta where the convention will adjourn to Penfield for the closing moments and the rededication ceremonies. There will be a barbecue on the grounds for dinner, and guests are expected from every section of Georgia and many from other states.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will deliver the principal address. The ceremony will be presided over by Mercer's president and the president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Dr. Spright L. Dowell.

At 4:00 p.m. there will be a countrywide barbecue for the hundreds of delegates to the convention and for the interested natives of Greene County and the surrounding district. At 2:00 p.m. the rededication service will take place.

The order of the program is as follows: Call to Worship—Hymn; Invocation—Rev. I. R. Hobby, Fitzgerald; Greetings From Greene County—T. H. McGibony, Greensboro; Greetings From Georgia Baptists—J. W. Merritt, Atlanta; Reading of Scripture and Prayer—Carey T. Vinzant, Fitzgerald; Special Music—Mercer Chapel Choir; Principal Address—Louie D. Newton, Atlanta; Prayer of Rededication—E. A. Kilgore, Greensboro.

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Fall Festival To Be Given By Auxiliary

By Anne Lucy Wood

Are you looking for lots of fun and plenty of good things to eat? We know just where you will find it—at the campus-wide Harvest Festival that is to be held November 22 from 5:30 p.m. on the south Mercer campus.

A typical country store will sell a variety of articles which include Christmas cards, Christmas gifts, and things to eat.

For your entertainment a game room will be provided—and to satisfy your hunger, a lunch stand will offer both plate suppers and short orders.

Yes, all this and still more will be found at the Harvest Festival sponsored by the Mercer Auxiliary. The proceeds will be used to purchase something for Mercer that will be of campus-wide interest and use.

Besides your attendance, the auxiliary wants contributions of talent, work, and articles to sell. Students and faculty members who wish to work on any of the festival committees are requested to call Mrs. Claude Smith, phone 6900-R. Contributions are needed, such as cakes, candies, canned goods, cookies, candy ingredients, and handiworks.