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Chapel Choir and Soloists To Give "Elijah" March 7

Boyter, Smathers, Dyer And Wallace to Sing

Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" will be presented Tuesday evening, March 7 in the Willingham Chapel at 8:30 p.m.

The program will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich, with Mrs. Rich at the pipe organ. The chorus will number 125 singers of the chapel choir, augmented by the glee club and alumni singers.

Soloists will be Haskell Boyter, baritone, of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, in the title role; Mrs. Ray Smathers of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, contralto; Natalie Dyer of First Baptist Church, Macon, soprano; and Bruce Wallace of Mercer University, tenor.

The oratorio, "Elijah", was given its first Macon performance last season by the Mercer forces; and the great beauty of the score with its marvelous dramatic setting brought many requests for its repetition again, this season.



LABOR STRIKE EPIC: Left to right, Harold Schuler as Labor Leader Harry Fatts, talks to the labor committee: Wesley Tucker, James Little, Chester Chaffin (toting the pistol), Kenneth Wall, Ben Tucker, and Aubrey Heflin. Clifford Odet's drama-packed epic, "Waiting for Lefty", will be presented the last time tonight in Willingham Chapel at 8:30 p.m. (Cluster Photo by Harriet Rankin.)

Players Present Drama

Last Performance Will Be Tonight

Clifford Odet's episodic play, "Waiting for Lefty", is to be presented again this evening in Willingham Chapel at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Brooks Hicks, head of the speech and dramatic arts department, is play director.

Members of the cast include Harold Schuler, Griffin; John Buchanan, Texarkana, Texas; Kenneth Wall, Winder; Aubrey Heflin, Centertown, Ky.; and James Little, Knoxville and Oakridge, Tenn.

Ben Tucker, Valdosta, Charles Tucker, Macon; Thurston Futch, Macon; William Hicks, Dublin; Clay, Macon; Charles Culver, Macon; Clyde Moody, Union, S. C.; George Herndon, Macon; Emory Chester, Chaffin, Rome; Lavona Pollock, Macon; Maribeth Usery, Hazelhurst, and Sally Serson, Statesboro.

There is no admission charge for the play, and the students of Miller and Lamer High Schools again will be special guests for the performance.

Serving on the music crew is Ernest Durlon. On the lighting crew George Jones, Henry Bloodworth, James Fuller, Ann Hicks, and Richard Sheridan.

Property crew: Lillian Patton, Barbara Castleberry, Ronald Eason, Jean Ziegler, Elaine Rankin, and Barbara Jones.

Publicity: John Hyde, John Ward, and Ann Beall; make-up crew: Bobby Bobo, John Meeks, Rita Gavin, Joan Wilson, George Robertson, and Fred Hattrich.

Costume crew: Nan Stringer, Mary Jean Smith, Cynthia Adams, and Emile Holland; stage crew, Millard Greene and Peggy Wood.

High School Girls to Arrive Friday For Weekend of Special Activities

By June Brinkley

Mercer will be host to 63 high school girls this week when they arrive Friday for a week-end of special activities. Each girl was invited by a friend living in M.E.P. to come to Mercer.

Margaret Nelson, Decatur, in charge of activities and publicity, asked that every girl who wished to enter Mercer, assist in these activities and publicity were Laurie Shannon, Jeffersonville, Gerrie Clegg, Rome, and Eleanor Sammons, Mycon.

Several special activities and programs have been planned for this week-end. Jane Busbee, Vienna is in charge of the general program, while Mickey Roberts, Columbus, is in charge of a party. (Continued on Page 2)

Moon Misters To Sing on Radio

Jesse Duckworth and His Moon Misters will be on the radio program presented by the Mercer Players Monday on station WRML from 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.

The following week the acting class at Mercer will present a fifteen minute play.

Faculty-Student Game To Be Held Tuesday

The annual faculty-student basketball game, sponsored by M.I.C.A., will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

For 25 cents one can come out and cheer for his favorite professor. He, or she, will either be trying to sell drinks, sandwiches, and peanuts, or they will be out on the court fighting for that much coveted honor of winning a game for the "prized" cup.

There will be a band, and a favorite doctor might be seen trying to "beat out" a little music on diphans, combs, or what-have-you.

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Mercer Debaters Enter Tourney

Tomorrow several members of the debate team will go to Atlanta to enter the Southeastern Debate Tournament at Agnes Scott.

Resolved, That the United States Should Nationalize the Basic Non-Agricultural Industries was the topic of debate last night between the Mercer Affirmative Debating Team and the Florida State Negative Team.

Charles Curleton and Robert Barnard, both from Macon, debated for Mercer, while Paul Curtis, Nelson Beach, Florida, and Dal Albritton, Tallahassee, Florida, debated for Florida State.

The debate was held in the Faculty Trustee room at 7:00.

Lambda Chi Alpha To Receive Formal Installation

Mercer's colony chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, founded here over two years ago, will receive formal installation as Zeta Omega Chapter of the fraternity in impressive ceremonies and activities tomorrow through Sunday.

National fraternity officers, the degree team from the University of Georgia, delegates and guests from among southern universities, Mercer officials, and alumni will be on the campus for the three-day program.

Activities are to include a smoker, dress rehearsal, pledge initiation, luncheon, formal banquet and an alumni sponsored dance. Attendance at church services and a tour of our campus and Macon will climax the activities on Sunday.

Initiation To Be Held

Saturday morning will be devoted to pledge examinations and the administration of the first degree of initiation for six pledges. Following a luncheon in the early afternoon, the second and third fraternal degrees will be conferred.

Those pledges to be initiated are: Robert Simpson, Atlanta; James E. Jones, Rome; Bob Parrish, Augusta; James Bray, Macon; John



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Hobbs, Richmond, Indiana; and Richard Kicklighter, Jackson.

H. Colman Nolen of Oklahoma, member of the board of directors of Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity, is to be officiating in charge of the installation ritual. Colman has helped numerous chapters to grow. During the war, while stationed in Washington, D.

C., he became widely known for the gracious assistance he rendered chapters in that vicinity.

Treasurer Will Speak

Another national officer who will attend the installation of Mercer's chapter—the 134th—is Ralph A. Smith of Sanford, Florida. Smith is treasurer of the organization.

He will give the address at the honor banquet Saturday night. His work for the New York Stock Exchange, the bond department of a New York bank, and now as the treasurer of Chase and Company, is excellent background for the position he holds as a member of the fraternity's board of directors.

Representing the national office of administration will be Cyril F. Flad, administrative secretary of Lambda Chi.

Has Held Offices

Flad has held offices in the fraternity headquarters variously as traveling secretary, office manager, executive officer, and administrative secretary.

John W. Weaver of York, Pa., traveling secretary for Lambda Chi's national office in Indianapolis, will journey to Mercer to assist in the consummation of the work in which he has had an important part.

As traveling secretary, Weaver has been mainly interested in phases of undergraduate chapter administration. He has been instrumental in the development of a firm basis in new groups.

Banquet, Dance to Follow

A banquet at Bacon's Club Saturday evening, to be followed by a formal alumni sponsored

dance there, will climax the day's activities.

National officer Smith will give the principal address Saturday evening and the charter will be presented to the chapter during the banquet.

Dr. Sprague Dowell, Mercer president; Major George B. Connell, vice-president; Otis Knight, dean of the college of arts and sciences; Richard C. Burts, dean of men; Dr. Eric Osterley, pastor of Tainall Square Baptist Church; and Harry V. Smith, Sr., alumni secretary for Mercer, will be special guests at the banquet.

Toastmaster Named

Toastmaster for the evening will be Holman Corrells, fraternity alumni member of Macon. Professor Charles H. Stone, a fraternity brother and the chapter's faculty adviser, will make a short address.

Chapter members, visiting officers, and Georgia degree team, on Tainall Square Baptist Church. In the afternoon a tour of the campus and Macon will conclude installation activities.

Mercer's chapter gives Lambda Chi its third unit in Georgia; the other two are located at the University in Athens and at Georgia Tech.



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Office-in-Charge