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Twelfth Annual 'Messiah' Set For 3:30 Sunday Afternoon

Missionary Functions Announced

The schedule for Missions Emphasis Week has been announced by co-chairmen Diane Owen and Bill Young.

MONDAY: Vespers-6:45 PM "The Life of Lottie Moon" play

TUESDAY: Vespers-6:45 PM "The Challenge of the Moslem World" film strip
7:00 PM Study Courses—Chapel

8:15 PM Foreign Students' Reception—Faculty-Trustee Room

WEDNESDAY: Chapel-10:30 AM Missionary speaker — Special Music, BSU Choir
Vespers—6:45 PM "Balm in Gilead"—film
7:45 PM Study Course—Chapel

THURSDAY: LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING DAY

Vespers—6:45 PM "Recruits for Christ"—film
7:00 PM Study Course—Chapel

Mrs. Eleanor Verdery of Atlanta will teach the study course, "Among the Minarets," in keeping with the foreign missions theme: "The Moslem World," and will also

Missionary Choir Scheduled in Chapel

Next Wednesday's chapel program will feature a missionary speaker. Also on the program will be the BSU Choir. The choir will sing Bach's "Break Forth of Beauteous, Heavenly Light." The program will be in keeping with Mission Emphasis Week.

be available for personal conferences or seminars during the afternoon and at night.

Money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be collected on Thursday. The money from the 1955 offering will be allocated for mission work as follows: the Orient—\$335,660; Latin America—\$416,015; Africa, Europe, and the Near East—\$1,807,700; and General Work (support and maintenance of new missionaries, American Bible Society, advanced training of Baptist workers from Foreign Fields, emergency fund, etc.)—\$747,435. The goal of the Southern Baptist Convention is \$3,500,000 and Mercer's goal is \$1,000.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was begun in the early twentieth century in memory of a missionary who gave her life to the people of China. Constantly Miss Moon, who was doing the work of four people, wrote friends, family, and the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for help and described the desperate need in China for schools, churches, hospitals, and more missionaries.



GLENN DARWIN



DEAN SMITH

New York Singers to Fill Solo Roles in Production

The twelfth annual presentation of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," will be given in Willingham Chapel Sunday, December 4, at 3:30 o'clock. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich, will number approximately 150 for the performance this year. Mrs. Rich will accompany the singers at the organ. The chapel doors will open at 2:30, promptly.

The soloists, all from New York, will be Angelene Collins, soprano; Gladys Kriese, contralto; Dean Smith, tenor; and Glenn Darwin, bass. This will be Mr. Smith's first appearance here, while the others have sung in the production in previous years.

This year's performance will include the entire Christmas portion of the oratorio without omissions or cuts and will include several rarely performed items. In the interest of a workable program length, the Easter sections will not be sung.

Decorations and lighting will be under the direction of Arthur Rich, Jr., president of the glee club. Ben Johnson will be stage manager; Bobbie Brown, chairman of the decorations committee; Johnny Wilson, special lighting; Clay Manley, Johnny Kaufman, Noel Doster, robe committee; Charles Hardy, Billy Vinson, librarians.

Dean Hansford Johnson will give the invocation and President Emiritus Spright Dowell will pronounce the benediction. Ushers will be members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

As part of the program, Marshall Daugherty has arranged a exhibit in the Chapel galleries.



ANGELENE COLLINS

Wesleyan BSU Attends Meeting

Members of the recently elected Wesleyan BSU council met with the Mercer council Tuesday night. Gloria Barwick is president of the Wesleyan student group which has been organized this year.

The Mercer BSU council will meet on Monday night of next week because of the activities of Missions Emphasis Week which will begin on Tuesday night. At this meeting the New Students' Council will be in charge. Ed Brexton, new student president, will preside, and all reports will be given by members of this group.

ROTC Unit Is Inspected

Maj. Gen. Robert G. Gard, deputy commanding general, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, visited the ROTC unit on Tuesday, November 29.

In a special noon ceremony the general inspected the Mercer Honor Guard and was honored later with a regimental parade. Following the parade a luncheon was held at the Sidney Lanier Cottage. Among the guests were Col. Carl R. Hill, executive officer, Georgia Military District; Lt. Col. R. R. Reed, chief, ROTC branch, Third Army; Mayor B. F. Merritt, Jr., Dr. Spright Dowell, president emeritus, Mercer; Dr. Richard C. Burts, Jr., dean of men, Mercer; Col. William D. Smith, Jr., CMST, and his staff and Cadet Col. Sam P. Wilburn, Jr.

Prior to his present assignment Gen. Gard was with NATO, European Command.

Group Schedules J. A. Rank Film

A hilarious English movie — "Tight Little Island" — will be shown Saturday night, December 3, at 7:30 in Room 12 of the Theology Building. This J. Arthur Rank production, sponsored by the Mercer Film Club, stars Joan Greenwood and Basil Radford. Admission is 35c.

"The Tight Little Island" is a fanciful film satire about a little Scottish island and its shortage of Scotch whiskey during World War II. Tension mounts when a ship loaded with Scotch wrecks near "the tight little island," and the strict, pious element abhors the thought that some of their fellow islanders want to raid the ship and save the cargo. Character sketches of an authoritative mother and her reacting son have been called "superb."

Tickets can be attained at the BSU office in advance or at the door on Saturday night.



Pictured above are the recently-tapped members of Cardinal Key, national honorary sorority. They are, left-to-right, Doe Brown, Alice Tate, Nancy Bruner, Miss Connie Byrd, Carolyn Ricks, Betty Beasley, and Liz Doss. (See story on page three.)