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Newsman W. L. Shiver To Speak Here March 25

William L. Shiver, foreign correspondent and author, will be the principal speaker at a March chapel service here.

M. Shiver, who has lectured extensively throughout the United States for years, will cover in his March 25 address the pressing problems now before the American people from both the national and international point of view.

Recognized as an observer and able reporter on the state of the nation and the world, Mr. Shiver's lectures are described as virtual front-page reports of the day's developments. His lectures are enriched with his personal experiences as an American foreign correspondent, radio commentator and author.

To Americans who have listened to his broadcasts and who have read his Berlin Diaries, Mr. Shiver is regarded as a reporter who has the faculty of being on the scene when anything important and newsworthy occurs and who can "impart to his audiences the feeling that they too are participants."

Journalist, Then Writer

Born in Chicago, he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa on the death of his father in 1913, remaining there until his graduation from Coe College in 1929. Early in high school, he abandoned the idea of becoming a locomotive engineer and gradually determined to become a journalist and, if possible later, a writer. Significantly, he failed to make the high school paper, his first professional disappointment.

After graduation from college, he left American on a cattleboat for Europe, with a borrowed \$200 in his pocket. He expected to stay

New Building On Schedule

Mercer's skeleton of a physics building is right on schedule regardless of the sudden freeze last week that brought construction to a standstill.

"It is on schedule and will say a little ahead of schedule," Elliott R. Dunwoody III, of the construction company handling the job, said.

Mr. Dunwoody explained that early delivery of supplies necessary for construction had previously put work ahead of expectations. Thus, the sudden cold snap is compensated for.

The physics building is supposed to be completed by Sept. 1, and, says Mr. Dunwoody, "that schedule will be met." It will cost more than \$150,000.

Third In A Year

The new building will be the third to be dedicated within little over a year, if the schedule is met. Others are the humanities building and the student center.

There will be three mathematics and two physics classrooms in the new building, plus three laboratories and one seminar room. It will have forced hot-air heating.

Construction on the building has been slowed by six and a half days due to weather conditions. The recent cold snap cost three and a half days.

As of now, Mr. Dunwoody says work is "really just getting started." The footing and concrete walls have been poured in the slightly less than a month since work has started.

Next in sight is the pouring of columns and the several floor slabs, then the construction of the masonry.

Three Class Days Will Not Have To Be Made Up, Executive Council Rules

Here is the schedule for Winter Quarter final examinations as released this week from administration offices:

Monday, March 10
9:00 a.m. first period
2:00 p.m. second period
Tuesday, March 11
9:00 a.m. third period
2:00 p.m. fourth period
Wednesday, March 12
9:00 a.m. fifth period
2:00 p.m. sixth period

Mercer students will not have to make up those three sudden days of vacation last week, the faculty executive council voted Wednesday.

There will be no change in Spring Holidays as scheduled nor in any part of the announced academic calendar.

Gas Shortage

School was out last week after Tuesday as zero degree weather caught the entire state in a natural gas shortage. Mercer closed its classrooms Wednesday through Friday to comply with Atlanta Gas Light Company requests.

Heat Was Off

Heat was off in the administration, biology, chapel, chemistry, economics, law and library buildings. Only dormitories, the Student Center, and administration offices were heated during the sudden freeze.

Unexpected Holiday

Most Mercerians headed home for the unexpected holiday. The campus became virtually abandoned.

The Atlanta Gas Light Company Feb 18 asked Mercer president George Connell to close down classrooms after 12:30 that day and for Feb. 19. Subsequent administration announcements carried the news of Thursday and Friday suspensions.

Shutdown Statewide

The shutdown was statewide. All schools in Bibb County closed. Atlanta schools, businesses and factories joined in the near-emergency hibernation.

The Mercer Bears were forced to call off a scheduled basketball game with North Georgia because of weather conditions and bad roads.

Help Others To Grow Up

by Jane Oliver

Students can achieve Christian community on campus and in marriage by accepting others "as God accepts your total self the way you are," said Dr. Jack Noffsinger in chapel this week.

Dr. Noffsinger, main speaker for Religious Focus Week, brought four other messages on the general theme, Christian faith works toward community.

Tuesday morning Dr. Noffsinger defined a Christian community as a group of people "united in diversity by a sense of understanding."

He asked if such a united community existed at Mercer among the different groups. "Students are afraid to be themselves for fear of being pointed at an called a square or Preacher Creature," he said.

Total Elimination

For community at Mercer, he advised total elimination of doubts and suspicions of others. "Replace these with an interest, understanding and learning from each other," he added.

Wednesday morning Dr. Noffsinger said the parent-child relationship was the most important developmental relationship—especially in the concept of God. "Doubt, fears, and guilt complexes are passed on," he said.

In relation to marriage, Dr. Noffsinger emphasized God's acceptance of man as he is. "Acceptance of mate makes a marriage," he stated.

He illustrated this with stories from the Bible and his life.

In his Wednesday closing prayer, Dr. Noffsinger asked, "May we keep growing until we are grown enough to help others to grow up."

Awaited "Kiss Me Kate" Set Thursday, Friday

by John Kaufman

The Mercer University Glee Club will present its long awaited musical comedy, Kiss Me Kate, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p. m. in Willingham Chapel.

James Woodward, Mercer music teacher, and Annette Robertson, graduate of 1957, will take the leading roles in the Cole Porter musical. The show is an adaptation of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew.

Macon Ballet Guild

Mercer students will appear in other roles and in chorus positions. The Macon Ballet Guild will handle the choreography.

At the conclusion of the performance Friday evening, the technical staff will tear down and pack the entire set and costumes of the musical show.

Albany Marine Base

Early Saturday morning the technicians will travel to the Marine Base Depot near Albany, Ga. to reset the stage there. That afternoon the entire cast will arrive to give a third performance in the new Base theater.

Four Complete Sets

Four complete stage sets, of professional calibre, are being brought from Boston especially for the show as is the wardrobe of costumes. Marshall Daugherty, Mercer art professor, has prepared certain art phases of the sets.

Glee Club Personnel

Glee Club personnel compose the entire cast as well as the production heads and crews.

The production is under the general direction of Dr. Arthur Rich, assisted by Mrs. Rich and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodward with the music.

Miss Audrey Needles is in charge

of the stage direction and Miss Gladys Lasky is in charge of the choreography.

Admitted Without Charge

"All Mercer University students, faculty, and staff will be admitted without charge to either performance," said Dr. Rich, "but because of the anticipated demand for seats, no one will be admitted without a ticket which may be secured in the alumni office of the administration building."

Show Activity Card

"In addition to presenting a ticket at the door for entrance, every student must show his student activity card. The white tickets which are to be issued to Mercer students are not transferrable," Dr. Rich explained.

It has also been requested that no infants or children under high school age be admitted.

Claire Walters Heads Phi Mu For 1958

Claire Walters is the new president of Phi Mu. Other officers are: vice president, Carol Honeywell; secretary, Linda Bellamy; treasurer, Mary Louise Savage; pledge trainer, Nina Sue Beggs.

The officers were announced at Phi Mu's winter formal, which was held at the Idle Hour Country Club last Friday night. Music for the dance was furnished by Steve Cole. There was a breakfast after the dance at Pinebrook Inn.

Mercer Students Sensitive To National And International Affairs - Noffsinger

Dr. Jack Noffsinger, visiting speaker for Mercer's Religious Focus Week, wound up a religious schedule of seminars and services here Thursday. The student body responded enthusiastically this week both to Dr. Noffsinger and to the other guest speaker, Mack Lipsay, University of Georgia chaplain.

Dr. Noffsinger has visited Mercer once before—during the 1951 Religious Focus Week. He commented during this week's stay that the students had changed in their attitudes since then greatly. He also said that Mercer students seemed very aware of World problems and very sensitive to national and international affairs.

The theme of the Focus Week was Christian Faith works toward Community. Dr. Noffsinger spoke

at each of his six services on some area of influence of Christian community. His topics and the seminars, which were conducted each night after the main service, took a wider approach each night—beginning with community in the local sense and expanding to Christian community in the world.

With the exception of the chapel services, perhaps one of the most well-supported activities of the week was the seminar held Wednesday afternoon on Love, Courtship and Marriage. This seminar was introduced in Wednesday chapel by Dr. Noffsinger's talk on the building of happy marriages. The student attendance at the afternoon seminar was good and the program itself, conducted by Noffsinger and Mrs. Richard Burts and participated in by the students,

was thought-provoking and helpful.

The seminars held at night were arranged to offer four topics of interest each night. Led by competent faculty members and student convenors, they aroused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. Discussions were held on the race problem, power-politics, denominationalism, atomic power, and many other subjects—as they affected and were affected by Christian ideas.

Dr. Noffsinger himself, under the weight of a constant schedule of interviews, programs, bull sessions, and services, remained vital and thought-provoking. His messages, although each spoke of a different area of influence, all had a basic quality of intensity and personal excitement and concern.