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"Cupid's Hide-A-Way" Serves As Theme For Freshman-Sophomore Dance

This year the Freshman-Sophomore Dance will be on Saturday, February 18. The dance, beginning at 8:00, will take place in the college dining hall. Jimmy Brown's Combo, a five-piece orchestra, will be the band for the evening.

The two chairmen for the dance are Juanita Nurnberger, sophomore chairman and Jean McRae, freshman chairman. Myra Springs is the assistant chairman for the sophomores. The assisting committees are decorations, Jean Quinn, sophomore, and Betty Jo Trent, freshman; refreshments, Yvonne Bennett, sophomore, and Della Evans, freshman; invitations, Vivian Morrison, sophomore, and Lynda Hill, freshman.

"Funny Valentine" will serve as the theme song for the evening. "Cupid's Hide-A-Way,"

the theme for the dance, was chosen by both the Freshman and Sophomore classes in a mass meeting of the two classes.

Decorations for the dance will be in red and white in order to follow the theme very closely. "These decorations will serve as a reminder of St. Valentine's Day," says Juanita. The backdrop will be a read heart being held by one cupid. On the heart there are two couples dancing. At the bottom of the heart, there is another cupid, shooting an arrow into the heart.

The faculty sponsors will be the class advisors of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. They are Miss Arlette Poole, Freshman adviser, and Mr. Lawrence Skinner, sophomore adviser.

AA Sponsors Dance

Saturday, February 4, 1956, from 8 o'clock p. m. to midnight the Athletic association sponsored a square dance in the dining hall of Flora Macdonald College. Dina Brown, freshman representative on the AA Board, was in charge of the arrangements for the dance.

Mr. W. Roy Robinson of Gastonia was caller for the dance while participants learned new steps. Mr. Robinson also was caller for the square dance in the fall.

Decorations were used in a barn style motif with a backdrop of a couple square dancing. The doors of the dining room were also decorated.

Students Commemorate

World Day of Prayer

In commemoration of the World Student Day of Prayer, a Student Community Day of Prayer will be observed on February 19, 1956, at 7:30 in the evening.

The service, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, is being planned and will be presented by representatives of the various denominations on the campus and in town. The service will be one of music and worship with prayer as the central theme. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

96 Year Old Valentine of FMC Celebrates Birthday Here

by Peggy Perry

Who is Flora Macdonald College's Valentine this year? Well, it seems as though everyone's eyes are cast upon the most faithful and lovable friend, Dr. Charles G. Vardell, the founder of Flora Macdonald College.

Dr. Vardell, being a Presbyterian minister, saw the need of a four year Christian girls' college. That thought and need kindled in his mind until finally he proceeded to undertake the task of establishing such an institution. Through his hardships and great work ventured one of the most cultural schools in the South. The establishment of the school, Flora Macdonald College, truly represented an educational revival of the South.

Reception Celebrates Birthday

To show the love and appreciation toward him, the faculty and student body of Flora Macdonald College celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday, February 12, in a very special way. A reception was given in his honor on Saturday afternoon, February 11, from 3:30 to 4:30, in the parlors. The hospitable Mrs. R. D. McMillan Sr. and Miss Anne Buie of Red Springs welcomed the guests at the front door while Mrs. George Ashford and

Mrs. R. D. McMillan Jr. poured the punch. Also from Red Springs were six distinguished ladies who contributed to the reception's success by helping out through he parlors. The granddaughters of the alumnae added enjoyment to the party by serving refreshments.

In addition to the presence of the honored Dr. Charles Vardell Sr. were Dean and Mrs. Vardell Jr. and their daughter.

Among the many gifts which

Today Marks FMC Capsule Day

Long a tradition at Flora Macdonald College, Capsule Day again takes place today, February 14, 1956.

Each member of the student body, both boarding students and day students, chose a capsule upon leaving chapel, Fri-

day, February 11, contained in the capsule was to be the name of one person in the student body. Then without revealing the name, each student will leave gifts such as Kleenex, Candy, hand lotion, and other such useful articles in her capsules room at odd times of the day, all day long. After a day of surprising and being surpris-

been established on Valentine's Day. That was instituted a few years later. Since that time, however, it has become an intricate part of campus life.

Ensemble To Present Concert Here

I Musici, a famous Italian Ensemble, will appear at F. M. C. to present a concert on February 15, 1956, at 8:15 P. M. I Musici is composed of twelve performers of the violin, viola d'amore, cello, doublebass, and piano. They specialize in 17th and 18th century music.

These twelve musicians, all virtuoso performers in their own rights, formed I Musici while associated with Rome's world-famous Academy of Santa Cecilia. I Musici is organized so that the size of the group throws the spotlight on the individual artistry of the instrumentalists and the absence of a conductor makes for a tighter unity.

They have achieved extraordinary success in Europe, performing in England, France, Austria, and Holland as well as in Italy. The Ensemble has been a feature for the past four summers at the festivals of Edinburgh, Holland, Aix-en-Provence, Menton and Gray. They are now on their second U. S. tour under the patronage of S. Hurok.



Could this be your capsule?

ed everyone will meet in the Rotunda at ten-thirty tonight to tell who her capsule was for the day.

A highlight in the college activities, Capsule Day has been a tradition at Flora Macdonald College for over thirty years. Originally it was a week long given to the capsule. After a event. Each day a token was few years it was shortened to a period of three days, usually covering a weekend. Then under the sponsorship of the Christian Association it became Capsule Day. It still had not officially

Players Produce Drama Feb. 25

"Are my bones ready Irma... and my gizzard?" This is one of the many interesting and humorous lines from "The Madwoman of Chaillot." This play is the first Highland Players production for the year.

The two act comedy is written by Jean Giradoux, a French author. The play takes place in a Paresian sidewalk cafe during modern times.

Miss Sarah M. Gabrille, English professor and Mr. W. F. Regan, French professor, are directing the production which is scheduled to be presented February 25, 1956. This play promises to be very entertaining.

Calendar Reveals

Busy Week Ahead

- Feb. 14 — Capsule Day.
- Feb. 15 — Italian Chamber Orchestra 8:15 p. m.
- Feb. 18 — Freshman-Sophomore dance, 8:00 p. m.
- Feb. 19 — World Students' Day program 7:30 p. m., Presbyterian Church.
- Feb. 21-23 — Basketball tournament 4:45-6:00 p. m., and 6:40-7:15 p. m.
- Feb. 25 — "The Mad Woman of Chaillot" Highland Players of FMC, 8:00 p. m.

White Heather Romantic Scotch Flower

by Joyce Owens

In the Highlands of Scotland, where the White Heather is found at exceedingly rare intervals, it is looked upon as a bringer of good luck, and in some parts of Scotland she would be thought a rash bride who went to church without it. There is a saying, "Happy is the married life of her who wears the White Heather at her wedding."

What is so important about the White Heather? Except in color, the White Heather does not differ from the other heather that covers all the Highland hills. It is an ordinary flower, but in its virgin whiteness, this plant with its close-leaved green shoots and feathery spikes of bell-shaped flowers stands out amongst clumps of purple like a tint spray of snow.

It is said that in the far north when sheep — hardy devourers of the tender stem of heather — come across White Heather in grazing, they avoid harming it. On great occasions the table of a Highland chief would be poor indeed without it sprig of White

Heather. A bouquet of this rare flower was carried by the youngest daughter of England's late Queen on the occasion of her marriage.

Means Sincere Affection

White Heather is important because it means "Sincere affection, unselfish love, tender wishes, as pure as prayers," says Van Dyke; and with the following words of the Mistress of the Glen, as recounted in the novel, *White Heather*, by that same charming writer, we leave Scotland's mystic mountain winding, recognizing it as the true symbol of Scotland.

"Carry this little flower with you. It's not the bonniest blossom in Scotland, but it's the dearest for the message it brings. And you will remember that love is not getting, but giving; not a wild dream of pleasure and a madness of desire — on, no, love is not that — it is goodness and honor, and peace, and pure living — yes, love is that; and it is the best thing in the world, and the thing that lives longest. And that is what I am wishing for you and yours with this bit of White Heather."



Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Sr. sits before his fireplace in his Red Springs home.