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Stair Speaks During Spiritual Enrichment Week Nov. 15-17

Rev. Fred Rogers Stair, Jr., from Hickory, N. C. led the college as speaker during Spiritual Enrichment Week, Nov. 15-17.

Mr. Stair was born in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He graduated from Davidson in 1939 where he received his B. S. Degree. Following his graduation he accepted a position in Rome, Georgia where he taught and coached at Darlington School for Boys. He entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia and studied from 1940 until 1942. Following his training at the Seminary, Mr. Stair entered the army.

In 1945 Mr. Stair studied at the University of Edinburg in Scotland and returned to the United States and was later discharged from the army. He re-entered Union Theological Seminary under the Charles D. Lorus Fellowship and received his B. D. and Th. M. degrees.

Among Mr. Stair's activities, he includes the duties of the adult advisor of Concord Presbyterian.

Mr. Stair's services through the week included chapel services for Tuesday and Wednesday morning and vespers on those same days in the rotunda. On Wednesday morning, Morning Watch will be conducted at 7 o'clock. Also a special time was set aside for those who would like to talk to Mr. Stair personally. Those interested found him in one of the parlors at eleven o'clock in the morning until twelve o'clock and two o'clock in the afternoon until three.

125 Seniors Attend Open House Party

The annual fall house party at Flora Macdonald College consisted of about one hundred and thirty girls. Some of the girls arrived on Friday night while most of them arrived Saturday noon.

Things got under way after lunch Saturday with a mass meeting in the auditorium. At three thirty Saturday, afternoon, the girls watched an exciting game between the big and little sisters of F. M. C. The Baton Club entertained at the half of the game.

An informal sing was held around the rotunda before supper where the Friendship song and Alma Mater were introduced. After supper they were entertained by the Conservatory members and the Highland Players in the auditorium. After that both societies entertained the group.

Everyone went to the church of their choice Sunday morning and at one fifteen, a tea was given by the sophomores, their future "big sisters".

Informal discussion groups on "How Can We Know Our Religion is Right" and "Christian Marriage, Christian Homes, and Christian Vocations" and immediately after supper, Mr. Stair



REV. FRED R. STAIR, JR.

Marshals Get Gowns

Marshals gathered in their new full-length white evening gowns at the concert presented by John Druary, tenor, in the Flora Macdonald College auditorium. This performance was the second in the college's concert-lecture series.

Dresses of the marshals are made with ruffled nylon net over a layer of taffeta. The satin longwaisted bodice is arranged in folds ending in points on either side.

Full arm length gloves of white nylasuede decorated with mother-of-pearl buttons at the wrist completes the attire. Arrangements were made with Graham's Department Store of Red Springs in ordering the dresses.

Jean Sessoms is representing Zetesian Society as Chief Marshal. Other marshals, chosen by either Zetesian or Epsilon Chi Societies, are, Norma Pittard, Frances Ann Williams, Ann Turner, Martha Stepp, Jane Sheets, Barbara Arrington, and Peggy Graham. Carolyn Johnson was elected this year to complete the nine marshals of the Junior class.

Juniors Fete Little Sis

Juniors, big sisters to the Freshmen entertained their little sisters at a party Saturday night from 7:30 to 9:00. The party took place in the gym where the entertainment centered around a skit taking the group from high school through college.

Little sisters dressed as little girls, since the theme was a "kiddie" party. Refreshments consisted of pepsi-cola, pineapple punch, crackers, and cookies.

met with these groups and student leaders.

The last event of the week but certainly the most impressive was the Vesper and Communion Service in the auditorium on Thursday evening. Immediately following the communion Service in the auditorium will be held around the rotunda, closing it with the Lord's Prayer.

Nine Represent FMC In "Who's Who"

Nine seniors were tapped for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" Thursday, November 3, in a service conducted by Dean Price H. Gwynn. Students are selected by the faculty of Flora Macdonald College according to their leadership, scholarship, promise of future usefulness, and student body honors.

Mary Archie Brown of St. Pauls, president of the student body, marshal, secretary of the student body, superlative Capability was the first to be tapped. Others included Mary McLean of Raeford, president of the Christian Association; Sallie Ann Munroe of Parkton, president of the Athletic Association, Maid of Honor; Frances Shaw of Lumber Bridge, Chief Marshal, past president of the Junior Class; Betty Joe Hatcher of Garner, vice-president of the student body, past president of Zetesian Society.

Also tapped were Carolyn Robinson of Gastonia, editor of "Pine and Thistle", past president of the sophomore class; Bonnie Bunn of Rocky Mount, president of the senior class; Shirley Thornton of Reidsville, past editor of "Pine and Thistle", editor of "White Heather," and Kitty Oliver of Reidsville, past editor of "The Skirl," Business manager of the "White Heather."

Students Select McLean May Queen, Other Superlatives

by Jeanne Flournay

"I don't know how I felt. I just can't describe it." Laughingly Mary McLean revealed her feelings about being elected Queen of the May Court for 1956. During excitement packed meetings, Mary was chosen May Queen and Sallie Ann Munroe, Maid of Honor.

Following this selection by the assembled student body, each class selected its representatives for the May Court. From the Senior Class and Junior Class three representatives were chosen. The Seniors selected Frances Shaw, Pat Clark, and Betsy Graham.

The Juniors picked Ann Turner, Norma Pittard, and Barbara Arrington. The sophomores elected Cloe Peters and Cynthia West. Margaret Mansfield and by the Freshman Class.

Bullock, Chorus Lead In Thanksgiving Service

Under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Skinner, members of

Jones Discusses Merge

November fifth marked Homecoming day at FMC. Miss Peggy Shinn, president of the Alumni Association, presided during the day. Following a prayer, Dr. Woodson welcomed the guests and cited improvements made on campus, among which are the fire doors, repairs on auditorium, and an over-enrollment of 320 students.

Mary Archie Brown, president of the student body, welcomed the alumnae home after which Dr. Charles Vardell, Jr., entertained the group at the piano. Following the entertainment Mr. Halbert M. Jones, director of the board of trustees of FMC and vice chairman of the board of trustees of the new Presbyterian college, gave a report on the findings of the board on the consolidation of Flora Macdonald, Peace, and Presbyterian Junior colleges.

Jones Explains Situation

In his address Mr. Jones explained that though Flora Macdonald is under the control of Fayetteville and Orange presbyteries, the synod has a large stake in her future, as it contributes funds to the college. He also brought out that the synod of North Carolina shares in expenses of six other schools.

Four years ago the Ford Foundation gave, at the request of the synod, \$50,000 to make a thorough research into the problem. They set up committee of thirty people to study and meet with a panel of five experts.

Committee Makes Recommendations

After a study extended over a period of two years, the committee and panel have recommended that Mitchell college seek to find other support, that Lake Valley High School be supported on the Home Mission basis, that Davidson and Queens colleges be strengthened, and that Flora Macdonald, Peace, and Presbyterian colleges be merged. Location of the consolidated school will be announced in March.

the Choral Club of Flora Macdonald College have planned an outstanding program of Thanksgiving music. The program will take place in chapel on Tuesday, November 22nd.

"Blessed is the Man" (Rachmanioff); "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"; Orlandus Lassus; Three Psalms 25, 5 and 43; and "Prayer of Thanksgiving" are the selections chosen by the chorus.

Besides reading the Psalms that the Choral Club will sing, Dr. Leslie Bullock, will close the program with the benediction. Shirley Thornton will also take part on the program.

In previous years the Choral Club has given similar chapel services and has also given Thanksgiving concerts in nearby areas. These programs have received much praise and the faculty and students here at the college are eagerly awaiting the coming program.

The sacred numbers to be presented this year will surely make the approaching holidays more significant and leave the group with thoughts of the meaningful tradition of Thanksgiving.

Collection Arrives

Traveling exhibits of the Walt Whitman Collection have arrived at Flora Macdonald College. Dr. Eleanor B. Scott, head of the English Department here, has been instrumental in making this exhibit available. It is the Charles E. Feinburg Collection and through his generosity, these traveling exhibits have become very successful.

Each exhibit consists of fifty photostats of valuable Whitman photographs and related materials enclosed in laminated lucite, each panel 12 by 22 inches.

Sets of these panels are loaned to libraries for three weeks free except for shipping costs. The Feinburg traveling exhibit has been displayed at many places, among them the Alderman Library, University of Virginia.

Dr. Scott says that the collection will be displayed on first floor West Hall. Everyone will be given an opportunity to see these.



MARY McLEAN, MAY QUEEN

Nancy Jo Thompson were chosen electing superlatives. For the superlative "Capability" the students selected Mary Archie Brown. "Dependability," the honor that includes trustworthiness and reliability, went to Betty Joe Hatcher. Distinction in personal and social traits gave Sara Dawson the superlative, "Personality." "Sportsmanship," not only pertaining to athletics but also her campus life, was recognized by the students as they elected Pat Powell to this honor. "All beautiful with in as well as without" — these words were remembered as Joy Stalvey was chosen for the superlative "Beauty". A girl who typifies all these characteristics and more is Ann Turner. Chosen as the "Best-All-Round girl in Flora Macdonald College, she stands for the best on our campus.