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FMC Highland Players To Dramatize "The Madwoman of Chaillot" Thursday

"The Madwoman of Chaillot," a two act play by Jean Giraudoux, will be presented in the Flora Macdonald College auditorium on Thursday, March 15, at 8:15 p.m.

The play, a satire on the life of Paris, is a modern French play, adapted for the American stage by Maurice Valency. Each character represents a specific type of person in the modern world to today.

The Madwoman is portrayed by Dale Whatley; Mme. Constance, Helen Carepetian; Mme. Gabrielle, Catherine Smith; and Mme. Josephine, Clara Powers. Rachel Speight portrays the President; Sybil Hinds, the Baron; Manette Layton, the Prosecutor; and Billy Currie, Pierre.

The Deaf-Mute sums up the life of the modern world in this sentence: "Sadness flies on the wings of the morning—and out of the heart of darkness comes the light—"

There is a cast of thirty members. Act I takes place on the Cafe Terrace of Chez Francis and Act II, the Countess' Cellar—21 Rue de Chaillot.

The play is under the sponsorship of the Highland Players of Flora Macdonald College. Miss Sara Margaret and Mr. William Reagan are the two faculty members serving as advisors to the cast.

Laurinburg Becomes Site of College

Laurinburg became the site of the new Presbyterian college in North Carolina March 6, 1956. After seven hours of balloting, the board of Trustees for the new college announced the site at 8:15 p.m. The final vote was the unanimous choice of the board.

Defeating originally sixteen other towns, Laurinburg was chosen in the final race over

Honor Society Taps Eleven New Members

Flora Macdonald College Honor Society had as its guest speaker this year Professor Ernest A. Beaty of Davidson College. The exercises took place on Friday, March 9, at ten a.m. in the college auditorium, and included the tapping of eleven new members whose scholastic records justify a bid from the Society.

Those inducted into the Honor Society were Pat Lewis, Parkton, N.C.; Caroline Goodman, Churchville, Va.; Frances Shaw, Lumber Bridge, N.C.; Gwen Fussell, Rose Hill, N.C.; Mary Ruth Matze, South Boston, Va.; Betsy Fleshman, Brookneal, Va.; Myra Lewis, Fairmont, N.C.; Sue Owen, Cluster Springs, Va.; Carolyn Johnson, Fayetteville, N.C.; Frances Ann Williams, Emporia, Va.; Patterson Yeargin, Thomasville, Ga.

The junior with the highest average becomes president of the Honor Society. Secretary-treasurer has second highest average in the junior class. Present president is Emojeane Womeldorf; secretary-treasurer is Gladys McCain.

Rocky Mount, Lumberton, Fayetteville, and Wilmington. Located in Scotland county, Laurinburg offered three million dollars and a free tract of land.

Flora Macdonald college in Red Springs, Peace Junior college in Raleigh, and Presbyterian Junior college in Maxton will be consolidated into the new college.

Turner, Graham, Powell Head Council of Student Body for 1956-57

Ann Turner, rising senior from Mayesville, South Carolina, was selected president of the student body of FMC for 1956-57 in an election March 6. President of the Christian Association for 1956-57 was chosen March 7. She is Peggy Graham, rising senior from Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. Rising senior, Pat Powell was elected president of the Athletic association for 1956-57 on March 8.

Vice president of her freshman class, Ann was also a May court attendant her freshman year. Her sophomore year she was class president, Athlete of the Year and on the varsity teams of basketball and volleyball. Best All Round superlative, marshal, May court attendant, and vice president of the Christian association completes her junior year activities. Ann is a major in Bible and Christian education.

Peggy's junior year activities include secretary of the Christian association, treasurer of the chorus, and marshal. She was worship chairman on

the CA cabinet and chaplain of the chorus her sophomore year. Peggy is a music major and plans to teach piano in public schools.

Sportsmanship superlative her junior year, Pat Powell was also elected member of the Monogram Club and varsity in basketball and volleyball. She also serves as social service chairman on the CA cabinet. Her



Newly elected president of the Christian association, Peggy Graham (seated), talks with Ann Turner, new president of the student body.

sophomore year was consumed by leading a prayer band, being president of the Virginia club, and being salesman on the AA board. Basketball varsity and freshman representative on the Athletic board were Pat's activities her freshman year.

Also elected for 1956-57 are Betsy Fleshman of Brookneal, Virginia, editor of the White Heather, and Norma Pittard of Warrenton, N. C., vice president of the Student Association.

Red Springs Observes Religious Emphasis

This spring brings Religious Emphasis Week to Red Springs from March 18 until March 23. The purpose is to deepen the spiritual values and to help interpret the teaching of Jesus in this day and time.

Religious Emphasis Week begins Sunday, March 18, in the morning service. That night there will be a joint meeting of all churches at the Methodist Church. The speaker will be Dr. Elmo Scoggins. Dr. Scoggins is a missionary to Palestine and is now on furlough and teaching at the South-East Seminary at Wake Forest College.

Every morning during the week there are to be services at the Baptist Church at 9:30-10:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Hall will be the speaker. The stores will close during this time, and the services are to be broadcast over WEWO, Laurinburg. The night services will be held at the Methodist church with Dr. Willis Bennett as the speaker.

There are to be study periods at the school. They will start at 10:40 and last for two hours with a thirty minute break between them for a chapel period. The Reverend Clyde Davis of Westside will speak during this time. There are to be two teachers for each period. The topics are as follows, 8th grade, "The Life and Teachings of Jesus;" 9th grade, "The Life and Teachings of Paul;" 10th grade, "Great Characters of the Bible;" 11th grade, "Acts of the Apostles;" and 12th grade, "Christian Ethics."

WF Plans Retreat

The Westminster Fellowship Conference is to be held March 17th and 18th at Franklinton Center in Bricks, North Carolina. The inter-racial conference will use as its theme "The Role of the Westminster Fellowship." Rev. Mr. Neely Dixon McCarter will be the main speaker.

The local W. F. is paying the registration fee, and all who possibly can are urged to attend this conference.

Chorus to Present Home Concert

Under the direction of Mr. Lawrence M. Skinner, the Flora Macdonald College Choral Club will present its Home Concert for 1956, Saturday, March 24, at eight-fifteen. The program will include both sacred and secular selections.

The sacred program includes, "Ye Sons of Israel," by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy; "My Soul, There Is a Country," Johann Sebastian Bach; "Three Psalms," Orlandus Lassus; "Blessed Is the Man," Sergi Rachmaninoff.

Two English folk songs arranged by Deems Taylor, "Mayday Carol" and "My Johnny

Was a Shoemaker," will begin the secular part of the program. Two Scottish Airs "Ye Banks and Braes," and "The Keel Row," follow. Between these numbers will be The Highland Fling and Reel done by the Scottish dancers under the direction of Miss Ethel Bateman.

The last group includes "Let All My Life Be Music" by Charles G. Spross; "Music When Soft Voices Die," Charles Wood. Julia Naugle, student director, will conduct this piece. The program concludes with "Comin' Through the Rye," arranged by Harry Simeone; and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," arranged by Peter Wilhousky.

Junior - Senior Features Rainbow

by Della Evans

"Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue. Somewhere over the rainbow. . ."

This is the theme song chosen by the Junior and Senior classes for their annual dance. The theme is "Promise," which is centered around the rainbow. Couples will dance to music directed by Paul Kelly from Sanford on the evening of March 17. The rainbow theme is to be carried out in the rotunda. As one enters the dimly-lit dining-room a romantic sight will meet the eye. The backdrop will feature a dancing silhouetted couple looking at a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Blue crepe paper will be draped in criss-cross fashion from the ceiling. The white poles will

be wrapped like giant candy canes in blue crepe paper and flowers. The pictures are to be covered in pastel watercolor scenes. Small tables and chairs will be grouped informally around the room. During the evening refreshments which consist of small pastel colored cakes and punch will be served.

The committees chosen by the Juniors and Seniors are senior class, general chairman, Eva Gray Davis; decorations, Mary Ruth Matze; invitations, Evelyn Taylor; refreshments Edith Ann Byrd.

Junior class, general chairman, Norma Pittard; decorations, Catherine Ray; invitations, Sarah Brawley; refreshments, Jean Blalock.



Eva Gray Davis (left) and Norma Pittard, general chairmen for the junior-senior dance, measure one of the pictures in the dining hall for decorations.

Music Federation Has Annual Festival Here

On March 24, 1956, the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs will observe its annual District Festival here at Flora Macdonald College.

Any music teacher who belongs to the federation can enter her students in the festival and have play. The age limit runs from young children to students in high school. Several judges will listen to each student, and then give various ratings according to the performance of the student.

Dr. Charles Vardell, Jr. and Miss Arlette Poole are to be two of the judges. Mrs. Keith from St. Pauls, N.C. is in charge of the festival.