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MAY COURT MEMBERS are left to right, Kay Hobbs, Georgia Fox, Joan Lamberth, Charlotte Smith, and Edna Langston. Absent when the picture was taken were Judy Addison

and Terry Singer. The May Queen, to be crowned at Wesleyan's annual Spring Formal, will be chosen from the court who were selected by the SGA Senate.

Players Rehearse 'Everyman'

The Wesleyan Players of North Carolina Wesleyan College are currently preparing to present the 15th century religious play, "Everyman." The two performances will be given before the Wesleyan student body at the morning chapel and assembly programs on May 14 and 16.

The cast of nine includes James Vassil, Dorcas Moore, Wanda Exum, Dan Jacobs, Brian Scott, Royall Brown, Sidney Wilbur, Alice Kovarco, and Ray Wilkinson. Technical and artistic work is being done by Linda and Larry Gupton, Ronnie Ragsdale, Jay Smith, and

Frederich Neville. The production is being supervised and directed by Wallace Johnson, instructor of drama at the college.

"Everyman," which marks the Wesleyan Players' first venture into the realm of religious drama is the acknowledged classic of medieval English drama. An example of the form known as a "morality play," the play depicts the plight and salvation of every-man, whom Death summons to appear before God for final judgment. The play's exact author is shrouded in mystery. Only the play itself has survived in his-

torical records.

The Wesleyan Players' production will be done in modern dress and performed on a stage made up of platforms and a runway. The stage has been especially designed to resemble a cross between a theatrical stage and a church chancel, incorporating lectern, pulpit, and a backdrop of religious art especially created for the production by Larry and Linda Gupton.

Whereas "Everyman" was once intended as a combination of public entertainment with the educational function of a Sunday school lesson concerning each person's judgment before God, the Wesleyan Players' production will take a slightly different form. They will present the play, about 50 minutes in length, as a service of worship. In line with this idea, acting and dialogue will be freely mixed with direct readings of the play text from the lectern and pulpit.

Despite the age of the play, which it is at least a century older than Shakespeare, it has remained a highly effective piece for the modern theater, taking a place beside religious dramas written in our own decade. "Everyman" is frequently performed every year throughout the English speaking world.

"Everyman" will be added to the growing list of dramatic productions to have been presented to the Rocky Mount community by the newly formed collegiate group with the help of its town friends and participants. To date, this list includes Moliere's "Tartuffe," the seventeenth century French comedy, and such modern plays as Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Aria da Capo," William Saroyan's "Hello Out There," and Edward Albee's "The Sandbox."

During the 1963-64 academic year and in the years to come North Carolina Wesleyan College, through its drama organization, the Wesleyan Players, will continue to strive to provide the Rocky Mount community with a regular variety of dramatic entertainment.

Research Leader Is Assistant Professor

North Carolina Wesleyan College today announced the appointment of Dr. Constantin Cappas, a native of Cairo, Egypt, and a member of the Research Faculty of Princeton University as Assistant Professor of Chemistry for the fall term.

Dr. Cappas earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Math at Berea College in Kentucky. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Florida, majoring in Physical Chemistry. While completing his doctorate, he served as Graduate Fellow at this university where he also taught in 1956-57. An honor student throughout college and graduate school, he is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

For the past eighteen months he has engaged in post-doctoral research in The Plastics Laboratory of Princeton University. He is project leader of the Dielectrics section of the laboratory, supervises some graduate students, and does some teaching.

Dr. Cappas is author and co-author of numerous articles



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published in Scientific Journals. Among these are: Physical Properties and Kinetics of the Isomers of Allocimene, written with Dr. W. Brey, Jr.; Resistivity Studies on Polymer Semiconductors, with Dr. C. G. Gogos and Dr. H. A. Pohl; and three are now being prepared for the printers.

He is married to the former Miss Melda Jean Compton whom he met while they were both students at Berea College. Dr. Cappas is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, but the family is active in the Episcopal Church.

SGA To Sponsor Spring Formal

The Social Commission of the Student Government Association will sponsor Wesleyan's annual Spring Formal on May 11 at the National Guard Armory in Rocky Mount. The hours for the dance, which is for Wesleyan students and their escorts or dates, along with faculty and staff members of the College, are 9 to 12, and tickets are now on sale in the College Bookshop.

"Spring" is the theme for the dance this year, and the Decorations Committee has been working for several weeks collecting appropriate decorations and installing them in the Armory. Patio and garden scenes in yellow and gold are being assembled, and a separate refreshment room, decorated under the guidance of Mrs. Frances MacFarland, Resident Counselor of Nash Dorm, will also be featured. The "Collegiates" from East Carolina College will supply music for the dance.

A new May Queen will be crowned at the dance. The May

Court was named several weeks ago by the SGA Senate, and the Queen will be chosen from these girls: Joan Lamberth, junior of Roxboro, chairman of the Student Life Association, SGA Constitution Committee member, pianist for the choir; Terry Singer, sophomore, of Falls Church, Va., SGA Social Commission chairman, Grievance Committee member;

Charlotte Smith, sophomore of Manasses, Va., Dorm Council member; Kay Hobbs, sophomore, Corapeake, president of Nash Dorm, Student Life Association representative, member of the choir; Georgia Fox, freshman, Virginia Beach, Va., Grievance Committee and Decorations Committee member; Edna Langston, sophomore, Roanoke Rapids, Lay-out Editor for the Annual, Orientation Committee member for 1963-64; and Judy Addison, freshman, Durham, member of the Executive Committee of the Freshman Class, Assembly Committee member.

Brackett Appointed To Teach Psychology

Howard Ray Brackett will join the faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall as Assistant Professor of Psychology, according to an announcement by President Thomas A. Collins today.

A native of Boiling Springs, he was graduated as Valedictorian of Boiling Springs High School. He served with the Army Air Force in Alaska for two years, then entered college.

Queens Graduate

He earned the B. A. degree from Queens College, graduating with honors. He completed his Master of Arts program at the University of Virginia, and is completing his doctoral dissertation there this Spring. His doctoral major is Psychology, but he is acutely interested in the fields of Behavioral and Experimental Psychology.

Brackett is experienced and will-trained in his major field since he has taught introductory Psychology courses at the University of Virginia and has served as laboratory assistant in Experimental Psychology under the direction of Dr. F. A. Geldard and Dr. W. F. Battig. His past experience has had fruitful results because he has secured material which he utilized by collaborating in the publication of numerous articles printed in scholarly and technical journals.

He is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Sigma, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is married to a North Carolina native, and they have two small children. The Bracketts are active members of the Baptist Church. They plan to move to Rocky Mount during the late summer.

At beginning of the next semester, Mr. Brackett will join Dr. Ed Seidel in intensifying and extending the psychology department. Dr. Seidel has already set up psychology laboratories for experiments which Mr. Brackett will help improve and utilize.

College Gets Portrait Of John Wesley

A portrait of John Wesley has been installed in the Trustees' Room as the most recent art acquisition of North Carolina Wesleyan College. The portrait was painted by A. D. Cooper, 19th Century English portrait painter.

This painting was made available to Wesleyan by Stuart P. Heitmuller, Washington art dealer, and the grandfather of a Wesleyan freshman, Susan Burkle of Hudson, Mass. Heitmuller felt it was appropriate that John Wesley be displayed at a Methodist institution bearing his name.

Since it was in the Heitmuller collection, the painting has not been displayed publicly for some years. Robert Gay, of Rocky Mount, prepared the old portrait for display, retouching and mounting it. He then framed it for presentation at the College. The framed painting is 36 by 42 inches in size.

Praised by personnel of the North Carolina Art Museum, the painting will be permanently displayed in the Trustees' Room. Visitors to the College may view it there.