

CHOIR TO PRESENT 'THE MESSIAH' SUNDAY

M. J. Southard Elected President Of Library Club

M. J. Southard has been elected president of the Library Assistant's club, with Lura Jane Carroll serving as vice-president. The club includes both faculty and student members of the library staff. At the present time the club has twelve members: faculty—Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. Bailey, and Miss Farrow; students—Marie Hazard, Alice Crow, Betty Busiek, Betty Rose Franks, Roger Redman, and Bill Odom. Both officers are students, M. J. is a senior and Lura Jane is a sophomore.

The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for the assistants in the library to learn more about the library and to know each other better so that the staff will be able to work as a unit. They will learn how to use the micro-film, the vault, the Quaker room, and the stacks.

The club meets once a month on Sunday nights to discuss the library work. They are planning an open house so that all the students will be able to tour the library.

Hobbs Girls Witness Unusual Experience

For the past few weeks Mary Hobbs Hall girls have witnessed some strange and unusual experiences. These experiences are in the form of telephone calls and suspected "peeping toms". The calls have been going on for a couple of years but in the past few weeks they have increased and this year vulgarity has been the tone of the calls. The "peeping tom" has been noticed late at night and early in the morning as the girls go to cook breakfast.

The calls are frequent on Sundays and the caller usually speaks to the girls in language unfit for printing. Attempts have been made to curb the calls and even the police have been notified to have the calls traced but as yet they do not think that the calls are important enough to be stopped although the Mary Hobbs girls have a difference of opinion. The person calling talks in such low whisper that it is impossible to comprehend characteristics of the voice, thus the girls refer to him as the "whisper" in polite circles and other names in Hobbs Hall.

The peeping Tom has been seen parked behind King Hall near Mary Hobbs Hall sometimes sitting in the car and at other times walking near the dorm. There have been several attempts to stop the "peeping tom" by Guilford boys, but as yet they have been unsuccessful in their attempt. The early cooks have noticed the person driving around Hobbs circle early in the morning with lights out.

The Mary Hobbs girls would like to see these two invasions on their privacy stopped by the person or persons doing these deplorable actions as many of the girls are frightened and wish that the scare would cease.

College Employs New Nurse

Ruth Elizabeth Antony, R. N., has been employed as college nurse beginning her services January 5, immediately after the Christmas holidays. In addition to her professional training, she has had three years of nursing experience.

Miss Antony will enroll for college work beginning second semester as she is most desirous of completing requirements for a college degree.



The Physician's Son (A Christmas Short Story)

By J. Floyd Moore

Joseph, the wealthy councilor from Arimathea, was tired both in body and spirit as he turned from the heavy stone which he had placed on Jesus' tomb.

His long colorful cloak was soiled and torn. The *hatta* had falling from his head, showing the grayness of his long locks.

Without a word his helpers sat down on the limestone hill beside him. There were Simon, who had come from Cyrene, and his sons, Alexander and Rufus.

In the background, at an appropriate distance from these men, were Mary of Magdala and Mary, sometimes called the mother of Joseph, but usually designated as Mother of the Master.

"Why?" It was the foreigner, Simon, speaking, after the penetrating silence which seemed to unite these five diverse characters who had come to the grave of their Lord.

"Why?" he was asking Joseph of Arimathea, "did you go to Pilate to claim the body of Jesus? You are no kinsman. You were not one of the twelve. You are from the wealthy class in your town. They tore me from the crowd to carry the cross, when I was only a curious spectator. What more were you than a spectator?"

"It may seem strange to you, a Cyrenian, Simon," Joseph began to speak, as if he were looking back in time to some important event. "It is true that his followers are mostly not men of wealth. It is also true that I cast my vote for him and not Barabbas in the Council. Only in recent weeks have I come to see that he brings the greatest hope that Judah has ever known. Yes, even more than David, or Josiah, or that Prophet of Babylon."

"You know, Simon, that the priests were against him. So were the prophets. So was the Council. Not Pilate. It was politics with him. He wanted to be on the safe side with the priesthood and with Herod. They both want the blessing of

Caesar. The masses, they know, want a military revolt.

"But not this man of Nazareth. He said it must be a different way. The way of Love. But they do not even understand what he meant."

"Joseph," interrupted Simon, "how is it that you, a Judean, a man of income and prestige, have come to believe in this man?"

"It is only in these last days that I seem to have grasped the meaning of his words. But it has taken me 30 years to do so, for it really started in Bethlehem, when I was a youth of 21.

"My father, Bocheru, was the physician in Bethlehem. He was a man of learning, not a man of religion. He cared naught for the priests and their superstitious rituals. And I was trained as a young man in this same spirit. I wanted everything to be demonstrated. I wanted to know how the body functioned and why. I detested the so-called magic of religion.

"That night when so many were crowding the town—oh, I shall never forget it! All the Bethlehemites returning to register for the census. A certain Nathan, keeper of Inn at the Hebron Road, had come, breathless, begging for my father to hurry to his stable, mumbling some superstitious words about a Messiah, one who would grow up to deliver Judah from the Romans, about to be born of a virgin called Mary, who had just come from Nazareth.

"My father was exhausted from work, what with all the crowds in town. It had been after midnight when he came in and practically fell to his bed in sleep. And it was I who heard Nathan—I the son of Bethlehem's physician—who lied to Nathan. It had been that way too often, poor strangers calling for the help of my father, at all hours of the night, and with nothing to pay. And I lied. My father had not returned, I had said, I would send him over as soon as he returned home. The idea, a Messiah born of a virgin!

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Choir To Join Euterpe Club At Aycock Auditorium Tuesday Night

The Guilford College A Cappella Choir has started the 1953-1954 season with a full schedule. On Sunday afternoon, November the twenty second, it gave its Christmas program with choruses from *The Messiah* for the audience in Farmer High School, Farmer, N. C. Following the concert, a most plentiful and delightful buffet supper was served by the members of the Science Hill Friends Meeting. Pete Moore, '39 pastor of the church and religion professor here at Guilford, arranged the concert.

The Association of American University Women was hostess to the choir on Tuesday night, December second, when the choir again gave their Christmas program. The same Christmas program was given at Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C. on December the seventh during the evening service. Light refreshments were served following both performances.

The culmination of first semester's work will be presented in the performance of Handel's *The Messiah* on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the afternoon in the New Garden Meeting House. The choir, in combination with the Guilford Community Chorus, is under the capable leadership of Carl C. Baumbach. Mr. Baumbach, head of the Guilford music department, directed the large performances of *The Messiah* given last year in the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. The Guilford choir will again join the Euterpe Club in the presentation of *The Messiah* on Tuesday night, December the fifteenth under the direction of George Dickerson

with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

The choir which will be in charge of the chapel program on Friday December the eighteenth will give its Christmas program for the last time this year.

The holidays do not terminate the plans of the choir, however, full scale work is being done in preparation for the spring tour, which will take place from March twenty first to April first. This year, as in 1952, the tour will carry the forty choir members above the Mason-Dixon Line into such strategic places as Albany, N. Y., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mount Holyoke, N. J., Baltimore, Maryland, Alexandria, Virginia, and others with the main highlights being Philadelphia and New York City. Definite concerts have already been arranged in the above mentioned, and by January, the entire tour program, with at least ten stops, will be completed.

The program includes: *The Negro Bell Carol* with Evelyn Cline and Anne Timberlake as soprano soloists; *Beautiful Savior*, with Buddy Wade and Reva Watson doing alternate solo work; *Carol Noel* with Anne Timberlake, Marjorie Talley, and Thelma Buckner forming the soprano trio; *Christmas Day* with Reva Watson contralto, Hugh Downing bass, Buddy Wade Baritone, and Neva Watson soprano; *The Holly and The Ivy* with Evelyn Cline as soprano.

Enthusiasm is high, and the choir in doing some of the best work in several years. The co-operation between the director Mr. Baumbach and the choir—individually and as a whole—seems to be on a firm base.

Legislators Report Successful Sessions

Guilford College's resolution honoring Dr. Graham was passed by the Senate of the State Student Legislature as presented by Jim Lomax and passed by acclamation in the House of Representatives where it was presented by Jennie Smith. (Resolution was published in previous issues of *Guilfordian*.) However, the bill which was drawn up to give women equal rights was defeated in the Senate, but tabled indefinitely in the House of Representatives, being presented most competently and convincingly by Leslie Warrick, who argued the male's viewpoint, and Jennie Smith, who argued for the females. The bill entailed a great amount of discussion, and it was quite ironic to

note that the women as a whole were not in favor of equal rights for women and actually argued against the equality bill.

The six representatives of Guilford divided into parties of three. Jim Lomax, Mary Ella Clark, and Don Rockwell became senators while Edwin Brown, Jennie Smith, and Les Warrick became representatives in the House of Representatives. The delegates were enthusiastic about the State Student Legislature, stating that such an experience is beneficial to a college student. They are looking forward to attending the spring session of the legislature if tentative plans for a second session of the legislature materialize. Jennie Smith and Ed Brown were appointed to serve on the Interim Committee for the coming session.

Pleasure is not to be combined with business; however, there is a time for both. Les Warrick's father certainly took this into consideration and entertained his son and the other five delegates in grand style. On Saturday afternoon after the legislature had convened, Mr. Warrick took them all out to State College to see the football game played between State and West Virginia. And, of course, he couldn't allow them to go home without a delightful steak supper and without going to see the Globetrotters play basketball in the Coliseum at the college.

Freshmen To Go Caroling Tonight

The freshman class of Guilford College will hold their Christmas social tonight December 11. The social this year is in the form of a Christmas carolling.

All class members will meet at Mary Hobbs Hall at seven p. m., and there they'll begin their carolling journey to the professor's homes as well as the community homes. Following the singing the group will proceed to the Founder's dining room where refreshments will be served. There will also be dancing.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Anne Hulin, Annie Watkins, Pat Ritchie, and Barbara Tilley are in charge of the refreshments for the event. Mary Ella Clark, Barbara Hart, Bill Shelton, and Bob Iskwitz compose the program committee.

Junior Class Plans Minstrel Show

The junior class in order to raise money for the junior-senior banquet, have decided to present a minstrel show in the beginning of the second semester. The committee in charge of planning the program is headed by Don Precise; those assisting Don are: Morris Hall, Marty Burton, Andy Hughes, Betty Humble, and Mary Colie.