

Little Theatre Gives "Silver Cord" Tonight



An accusing finger is pointed at the domineering mother-in-law who is the center of attention in the Little Theatre production being given again tonight in the new auditorium. Included in the cast of "The Silver Cord" are, left to right, Pete Lewis, as Robert; LeGrace Gupton, as Mrs. Phelps, his mother; Henry Odum, as Dave, another son; and Mickey Bowen, as Cristina, Dave's wife.

Cast, Directed by Miss Mayes, Presents
Second Performance of Spring Production

The Little Theater presents the second performance of its spring production, "The Silver Cord," tonight, April 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Meredith College auditorium.

The cast is led by LeGrace Gupton, who is playing her first college role, as Mrs. Phelps, the possessive mother of David and Robert, who are played by Henry Odum and Pete Lewis respectively. Annie Pearl Brantley as Hester, Robert's fiancée, Mickey Bowen as Christina, David's wife, and Faye Walker as Delia, the maid, complete the cast.

The famous American playwright, Sidney Howard, author of "The Silver Cord," is a Pulitzer prize winner. He is noted for his social and psychological plays. "The Silver Cord" was first produced in London, where Brian Aherne starred as one of the sons. In the play's successful run in New York, Laura Hope Crews, better known as Aunt Pitty-Pat of "Gone With the Wind," starred as Mrs. Phelps.

Psychological Study

"The Silver Cord" is the psychological study of a domineering mother. Miss Judith Mayes, director of the play, calls it "the most noted and searching analysis of the psychological problem of the possessive mother. The role of Mrs. Phelps," Miss Mayes continues, "is one of the longest and most difficult roles in dramatic literature." The comedy-

drama is, according to Miss Mayes, "basically a tragedy" although it is done in a "light manner" and affords many laughs. The play unfolds the story of a woman, who is struggling to keep her two young sons, whom she has dominated throughout their lives, dependent on her. Both David and Robert have made an attempt to escape, but have failed to realize the extent to which their mother possesses them. As the play develops, conflict arises between the mother and the eldest son's wife, a scientific young woman, who recognizes the psychological problem involved.

The production staff consists of Miss Judith Mayes, director; Ellen Westmoreland, assistant director; Lita Mauldin, business manager; Jean Pace, assistant business manager; Betsy Cannady, production manager; Elinor Averre, chairman of the lighting committee; Holly Howard, chairman of the costumes committee, assisted by Ann Winslow, Carolyn Hall, and Patsy Bland; Ruth Ann Simmons, chairman of the make-up committee, assisted by Elsie Williams and Beth Morgan; and Nancy Walker and Betty Jane Hedgepeth, co-chairmen of the property committee, assisted by Shirley West and Joyce Covington.

The set is basically the same as the one used in "Goodbye My Fancy," the fall production of the Little Theater. The stage is furnished in authentic antiques.

SPRING ELECTIONS CONTINUE; FINAL NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK

Spring elections of campus officers for next year continued this week as candidates were nominated on Monday night and elected at the polls yesterday. Scheduled to be chosen next week in the final elections are the vice-presidents of Vann and Springfield dormitories, the treasurer of the Athletic Association, the business managers of the "Oak Leaves" and the "Acorn," and the second and third vice-presidents of the day students.

Nominated this week for the office of TWIG business manager were Jean Mason and Carlene Kinlaw; for secretary of the Athletic Association, Ann Lovell and Jane Williamson.

Dormitory presidents, who are also members of the student government and chairman of house councils, were nominated for the four dormitories. For Vann, Evelyn Krause and Janet Tatum were named as candidates; for Stringfield, Virginia Rodwell and Faith Frye. Elected previously as presidents of Jones and Faircloth dormitories were Sue Fitzgerald and Dwan Swindell.

As candidates for vice-president of the dormitories Janie Dillard, Ann Partin, Rebecca Edge, Barney Schettler, and Venetia Stallings were named by the Nominating Committee; of the five, three were elected as hall proctors yesterday. Candidates for vice-presidents in Faircloth included Jean Joyner, Nancy Kistler, Mary Ann Casey, Lois Pritchett, and Barbara Hale.

For the new office of Social Standards Chairman on the campus, Jean Johnson was elected

at the polls last week; for the office Janie Dillard and Martha Holland were also candidates. Pat Smathers was elected as secretary of the Student Government Association; Nancy House, treasurer; and Asha Farris chief marshal.

For Baptist Student Union offices, Sylvia Dean was elected as treasurer for next year, with Mary Gordon Maxwell as secretary. Jane Condrey was also nominated for treasurer, and Doris Allen as secretary.

Elected in a previous election were Rosalyn Poole, as vice-president of the Student Government Association; Joyce Covington was elected as vice-president of the Athletic Association. Society presidents elected were Betty Jo Smith, Phi, and Norma Fagan, Astro.

Dean Announces Plans For Summer School

Beginning on Monday, June 11, the summer session of classes at Meredith will continue for six weeks until its close on Saturday, July 21. A resident student's fee for tuition, room and board is only \$125.00, while that of a day student is \$50.00, but these fees do not cover courses in applied music.

Included on the tentative list of courses are biology, art, education, Spanish, English, geography, government, history, sociology, religion, mathematics, psychology, music appreciation, and applied music. Other courses may be added however, if enough students apply for them.

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Silver Shield Taps Senior New Members

Two seniors, Evelyn Wilson and Julia Parker, were tapped into membership in the Silver Shield, honorary leadership society on the campus at a service in chapel last week. Chosen on the basis of leadership, Christian character, and service to the school, the two senior members bring the total membership up to nine seniors, with the two juniors elected in the fall as associate members.

Speaking at the service one of the sponsors, Dr. Roger Crook, of the religion department, discussed the qualities inherent in Christian leadership. Presiding was the president of the Silver Shield, Carolyn Massey; Dr. Julia Harris is also a sponsor of the society.

Evelyn Wilson, of Raleigh, is a major in religion and has served on the B.S.U. Council as publicity editor this year, besides being a member of the Y.W.A., the Folk Dance Group, the Freeman Religion Club, and the Philaretian society. Evelyn has also been elected to membership in Kappa Nu Sigma, scholastic honorary society.

The president of the college Y.W.A. this year, Julia Parker is from Norfolk and is also a major in religion; she is also a member of the Sociology Club, the Freeman Religion Club, the Folk Dance Group, and the Astro-tekton society.

GUIDANCE WEEK PROGRAM ENDS SUCCESSFUL STUDY OF VOCATIONS

Vocations Week, under the direction of Mr. Harry K. Dorsett as chairman, closed today a successful week of guidance discussion groups on various occupations. This morning students on the last day had a choice of seminars on the armed services, mathematics, psychology, or science.

With an aim of giving specific information about job opportunities in varied fields, the guidance program of the week has been sponsored by the academic departments of the college. Questions by interested students were

answered and discussed by the group speakers.

Mr. Karl S. Ferree, director of the Ferree School of Art, held a discussion group on Monday in the art department; for the seminar on education Mr. Everette Miller, assistant to the state superintendent of public instruction, was the featured speaker.

For the group discussing radio, journalism, and television on Monday Miss Dottie Cameron, state society editor of the "News and Observer," and Mr. Warren Barfield, a member of the production staff of WPTF, were present.

The music faculty was in charge of the group discussing music on Tuesday morning; Miss Hazel Baity, College Librarian, led the group seminar on library work. In the field of home economics, Miss Brewer, Miss Han-yan, and Mrs. Lois Livingston, college dietitian, discussed job opportunities.

Dividing the vocational aspects in the field of religion into four groups, the seminar on religion featured Mr. James Morgan, state Training Union director, discussing "Religious Education in the Church"; Miss Pearl Johnson, discussing "Missionary Work" in the second group; Mr. Renn, discussing "Religious Music Leadership"; and Miss Holland, teacher of religion at the Methodist Orphanage, discussing "The Teaching of Religion."

ARE YOU HIDING YOUR TALENTS?

There was once a little squirrel who owned a little nut, but this nut he would not share with any other little squirrel. In fact no fellow creature knew he owned it. Benny, the squirrel, hid his nut so well, deep in the heart of a tree, that soon not even Benny could find it.

It's all too easy to hide a talent or to refuse to let others share what ability you have. A Meredith girl with ability as a typist, advertisement salesman, in art, or as a writer will be welcomed to join as a member of the new "Twig" staff.

Time spent in college can be time wasted if one does not find new friends and new interest. First staff meeting will be next Monday night April 23, 1951.