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PALMERS PLAN AFRICAN TOUR



President and Mrs. Lucien Palmer look over their proposed itinerary as they make final plans to visit the country of Nigeria and surrounding areas of West Africa.

During the course of the 1968 Bible Lectureship at Michigan Christian College, it was announced that Lucien Palmer, president of the college, would make another visit to the country of Nigeria. The Board of Directors of the college has released him for one month to make this trip with plans to leave about January 2, 1969. Travel expense is being provided by several interested individuals and churches.

The survey trip is very important to the future of the Nigerian work, in particular. Mr. Palmer will attempt to determine how churches and individuals can best assist the people of war-torn Biafra. Such an on-the-spot inspection will provide valuable information relative to methods and
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MCC Plans 10th Year Celebrations

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 9, a resolution was passed creating a Steering Committee for the MCC "Tenth Year Anniversary" activities.

The committee is composed of Milton B. Fletcher, Vice President of the college, Dan H. Woodroof, Director of Public Relations, and James R. (Bob) Utley, Co-owner of Utley Brothers Printing in Troy, Michigan. Vice President Fletcher will serve as Chairman.

President Lucien Palmer, who has been associated with the college from the beginning, said "We have looked forward for a long time to the 10th Anniversary of the college. It, of course, is a milestone in her history. It represents the end of her first decade of service and heralds the beginning of the second. It provides

occasions of evaluation and occasions to pause and reflect upon the many achievements experienced. It means that MCC has passed through some of her greatest tests of stability. It also provides opportunity to chart the next decade of growth and development. Altogether, it's a GREAT YEAR and the Board and Administration hopefully anticipate many worthwhile activities. All the various publics of the college are invited to join in, as opportunity affords, and help make this MCC's greatest year. All are invited to participate in occasions that will become a part of the history of MCC's very important tenth year."

In addition to the Tenth Anniversary Steering Committee there will be several sub-committees selected to provide leadership in special programs and activities. The Tenth Anniversary Celebration will continue until December 31, 1969.

ACCREDITATION DRIVE PROGRESSES



The North Central Association Inspection Team meets with President Palmer and college board Chairman G. Wheeler Utley on final day of the first official visit in MCC's program toward full accreditation. (l. to r.) Dr. Parker Lichtenstein, Dean and acting president of Denison University in Grandville, Ohio; Mr. Martin Koehneke, President of Concordia Teachers College in River Forrest, Ill.; President Palmer and Board Chairman Utley. (See story on page 2).

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High School Day Is Set For February 22



Picture above shows a portion of the record crowd in attendance at last year's High School Day. It is scheduled for February 22, 1969. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a full day's program planned. For further information and reservation for overnight accommodations write to Office of the Registrar, Michigan Christian College, Rochester, Michigan 48063.

Michigan Christian plans for the largest High School Day in its history on February 22, 1969. All High School students and their parents or sponsors are invited to be the guests of the college for a full day's program.

Registration begins at 8:30 and continues with a coffee hour until 10 a.m. The first formal assembly and devotion period will begin at 10:10 a.m. The A Cappella Chorus under the direction of Mr. Ed Ritchey will perform at this time. A fine program is planned.

All High School Day visitors will be the guests of the college for a luncheon at noon and a basketball game at 3 p.m. between the Warriors of MCC and the team from Detroit Bible College. At 8:00 p.m. the curtain rises on the hilarious musical by Gilbert and Sullivan called "Trial By Jury". In addition to this production, the departments of Music and Drama will present a more contemporary operetta. Both productions feature members of the Drama Club and the Music Department of the college. They will be under the direction of Mr. Ed Ritchey and Mr. Donald Shull.

ACCREDITATION DRIVE PROGRESSES

Michigan Christian has now attained "Correspondent" membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities, the oldest and most prestigious regional accrediting group in the United States. Assisting the college in attaining "Candidate Status" and finally full membership in the Association is Dr. E. K. Williams, Dean of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He has been assigned as consultant to the college by the North Central Association and has visited the campus several times within the last several months.

In addition to the counsel by Dr. Williams, the Association sends Inspection teams periodically to determine the actual progress the college is making toward accreditation. MCC has just experienced this first of several subsequent inspections. Two fine educators in the persons of Mr. Martin Koehneke, President of Concordia Teachers College in River Forrest, Illinois, and Dr. Parker Lichtenstein, Dean and Acting President of Denison University in Grandville, Ohio, made up the first NCA Team. These men, highly respected in their fields, looked objectively at MCC in view of submitting a written report to the Association and to the college describing both the good features of the college and phases of the college operation which need improvement.

Under the fine leadership of President Palmer, Michigan Christian College continues to implement programs and procedures which will assist in reaching the highest goals in education within the framework of Christian thought.

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procedures of giving more assistance to the missionaries in Nigeria and surrounding countries and more relief to the people who are suffering as a result of the war. With these intentions in mind, the trip's itinerary also includes Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, the Cameroons, and Ethiopia. The University Avenue church in Gainesville, Florida has arranged with Mr. Palmer to look in on the work they are supporting in Zambia. This congregation is underwriting this portion of the travel expense.

Lucien and Ida Palmer and their two children, Edward and Patsy, lived among the Efik people of Biafra (Nigeria) as missionaries from 1954 to 1958. Mrs. Palmer will accompany her husband on this visit, her first return to Nigeria since 1958.

As President of the Nigerian Christian Schools Foundation and even after resignation from this post in 1966, President Palmer's personal interest in the people of Africa has been manifested in many ways. In 1960 and again in 1962, he escorted the aging Marshall Keeble to Africa,

the Holy Land and around the world. In 1966 he was commissioned by the Nigerian Christian Schools Foundation to finalize a very important land agreement with the Nigerian government. The 100-year lease involved a 75-acre tract of land located in Biafra just 25 miles from the main battle area where 15 million Nigerian people now suffer from the ravages of civil war.

The land site, selected by Mr. Palmer on the visit in 1962, is in use now by Nigerian Christian College which was established in 1964. It is part of the Christian school system which serves approximately 7000 Nigerian Children. Mr. Palmer played a major role in the founding of this system and though having resigned from the presidency of the Foundation, remains on the Board of Directors and close to that work in an advisory capacity and continues to be very personally interested in these people. He and Mrs. Palmer plan to return to Rochester in February, 1969. Churches and individuals may write or contact him at Michigan Christian College concerning any information he may have after his return.



Robert Waggoner (l. above) served as Chairman of the luncheon for Faculty, only, during the recent inspection of the college by representatives of the North Central Association. Inspection Team members, Dr. Parker Lichtenstein and Mr. Martin Koehneke sit with Professor Waggoner.

Next Project Need - Completing Athletic Field



Part of the MCC Track team above is working out on the local high school track. These sprinters train in the hope of having facilities similar to the ones shown of the Marion, Iowa high school athletic field. (background) (l. to r.) Bill Wright of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jim Thurmond of Livonia, Michigan, Bob Woodroof of Rochester, Michigan, and Ed Williams of Gary, Indiana. A regulation, one-quarter mile track, similar to the one in the picture above, has been in the planning stages at MCC for

a long time. Extensive site grading has already been done to accommodate a track, football field, and baseball field. Milton Fletcher, Vice President of the college and Director of Development, expressed confidence in securing the finances to fund the completion of this much needed project. The track, when completed, will be of the all-weather type, suitable for regulation meets in any athletic conference.

MCC FALL DRAMA PRODUCTIONS SUCCESS



Scene from "Abraham and Isaac" Directed by Professor Don Shull.



Scene from "The Golden Stool of Ashanti," directed by Ghanaian Student Isaac Gaidoo.

On Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, the Drama Department of Michigan Christian College presented three one-act plays.

The play, "Abraham and Isaac", is a late medieval play from a whole cycle of Biblical events from the creation to the last Judgement. It was presented originally by amateurs for popular audiences. In relating the story of Abraham's offering of his son as a sacrifice, it emphasizes the

pathos of having to do such a thing. The strong love between father and son and the even greater love which both have for God was readily seen in this moving production. Mr. Don Shull, a Drama instructor at MCC, directed the play.

"The Golden Stool of Ashanti" was an abbreviated production of the original three act play. It portrays the historical folklore of Ghana as it relates to the golden stool

of the King, a gift from the gods. Isaac Gaidoo, a student at MCC from Ghana, re-wrote, produced and directed this most interesting play.

Mr. Donald Bone, Drama instructor at MCC, directed the third play in this series of one-act productions. "Not Enough Rope" is a completely zany play by the fabulous Elaine May of the team of Nichols and May.

HOMECOMING SLATED FOR FEBRUARY 8

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The Rochester Chapter of Sweet Adelines (above) holds membership in the national organization which numbers 17,000 women in the U.S., Canada, Canal Zone and Hawaii. Mrs. Jerry Horler (with-out sash, above) directs the Rochester Sweet Adelines.

THE "SWEET ADELINES" WILL BE FEATURED

HOMECOMING, 1968 is scheduled for February 8. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a "Coffee Hour" from 9-10 a.m. A special session on "MCC's Decade of Progress" begins at 11 a.m. During the Noon Luncheon, Alumni will be featured in an interesting and entertaining program. The annual Business Meeting of the Alumna Association will also be conducted during this period.

The HOMECOMING basketball game will begin at 3 p.m. between the mighty Warriors of MCC and Midwestern. Halftime activities will feature the 1969 Homecoming Queen and her court.

One of the finest singing groups anywhere will be featured on the evening program at the annual Sweetheart or Homecoming Banquet beginning at 7 p.m. The "Sweet Adelines" is a group of approximately 50 women dedicated to the proposition that barbershop harmony is the "greatest". The a cappella group, including a quartet called the "Tantalizers" is quite professional. This year's homecoming celebration should be a "must" on the calendar of every MCC Alumnus. Detailed information, program, and reservation forms for meals will be mailed to all alumni soon.

WARRIORS WILL BATTLE MIDWESTERN ON HOMECOMING



(Front row, l. to r.) John Edwards, Mike Fields, Dan Ludwick, Mike Reminder, Arthur Leslie, Tim Row. (Standing, back row) Manager Dean Martin, Floyd Emberton, June Desadier, Garth Pleasant, Ed Williams, Eric Fletcher, Dave Spears, Ken Eubank, Coach William Shinsky.

The MCC Warriors, with a conference record as of December 15 of three wins and one loss, will meet the quintet from Midwestern Bible College at Homecoming on February 8. With only three returning lettermen, Coach William Shinsky has done a fine job in putting together one of the finest teams in MCC history.

MCC friends within driving distance of the college are urged to attend the Homecoming game and celebration on February 8. Admission for a single game is \$1 for adults and 50c for children. A season ticket for the whole family is only \$5 and there are still six remaining home games. Come out and support the Warriors.