



R.O.T.C. Day to be Held Here on Monday, May 11

By BOB CARTER

Col. Robert M. Booth, chief of R.O.T.C. Affairs in the XII Corps, will receive the battalion review at R.O.T.C. Day on Monday, May 11.



The finer points of an army light tank are explained to a Mercer Marsuder, one of 30 Mercer Cadets who with Major Curtis Smith and Dean Thomas Trimble, attended an R.O.T.C. orientation at Ft. Benning. (U. S. Army Photo)

The annual affair affords Mercer students an opportunity to see the progress made by the Corps.

Dr. Robert Otto will deliver the invocation. Welcoming students and guests will be Dr. Robert H. Spiro, dean of the college of liberal arts.

The high point of Monday's activities comes during the recognition of outstanding military students. These awards will be presented by Mercer faculty and by the representatives of local civil and patriotic groups. Also this year's honor company will be selected and announced. Competition is said to be especially close this year.

The Fourth Missile Battalion, stationed at Robins Air Force Base, and a Macon National Guard Unit are furnishing several displays.

Company E, Fourth Regiment of the Society of Pershing Rifles will demonstrate their drill precision. This unit under the command of Cadet P.R. Captain Glenn Strange ends its year's activities with the Monday drill.

Another fast moving demonstration will feature the Mercer Marsuders. Cadets composing the select platoon meet weekly for extra combat training. Hand to hand combat, bayonet attacks, and rappelling from the 35 foot towers, are all part of this event. Cadet Lt. Bill Osteen is this year's Marsuder Commander.

Refreshments are to be served after the program which begins at 3:15 p.m.

Ralph McGill Speaks In Mercer Chapel

Ralph McGill, publisher of The Atlanta Constitution, spoke here in chapel Tuesday.

Dr. McGill was introduced by Dr. Spencer King of the history department, who commented upon Ralph McGill's record and his having "honored Mercer by ac-

cepting an honorary doctorate from the university."

In his address, McGill dealt mainly with the problems posed by poverty in the Appalachian area and the need for aid in these places. "Our country is in danger when a large segment of its population feels isolated from the concern of our government."

He said that people in the poverty-stricken Appalachian area, where he was born, tend to feel ignored by the rest of the country and by the government.

Dr. McGill remarked that President Johnson's visit to the deep south will probably win some votes, adding "But I wouldn't be so cynical as to say that his trip is political. He is greatly interested in helping these people."

McGill also spoke concerning the United States, attacking the belief that its actions are helping the Communists. He noted that if the United Nations had not intervened in the Congo, the Communists would probably have taken over in that area.

"You and I don't know how the problems of the world will be solved, but these events touch the lives of all of us."

After the convocation in Willingham Chapel, Dr. McGill had coffee with President Harris and the faculty.

"Education Holds the Key" Says Arnall

Ellis Arnall, Mercer alumnus and former governor of Georgia, addressed students, faculty, and alumni here last Saturday, as part of Mercer's annual Alumni Day proceedings.

Speaking on the value of education, Governor Arnall's address followed an introduction by State Attorney General Eugene Cook, also a Mercer alumnus.

Dr. Rufus Harris, president of Mercer, also delivered a short speech, in which he denied "rumors prevalent in certain quarters" that he is trying to lead Mercer away from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arnall remarked upon the importance of the denominational college in modern education, and in his speech, said that education holds the key to the remedies for poverty, prejudice, disease, and injustice. "If man is to survive, it must be through a realization that he is many things; an individual possessed of Free Will, accountable both to God and to himself, who was made in the image of God; a neighbor who must live at peace with his neighbors; a citizen who must assume his civic obligations; a human being who must have a capacity for participating in the passions of his time as well as a capacity for enjoying those things that are eternal: the sunlight and the storm, the fragrance of the early morning and the solitude of the night."

Peace Corps Examinations will be given Saturday, May 9 in room 230, Macon Post Office Building. Any student desiring further information should see Mr. Carroll in the Administration Building.

INSIDE THIS WEEK

The Social Set and a hint from the BSU are found on page two. A column by Willard Clutchmyer, a Mercer tradition, is reprinted on page three. Dean Glenn explains the Division of Student personnel on the same page. Mercer Sports and news of the SGA are on page four.

The date 1879 in last week's "Inside this week" was a misprint; should have read 1890.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS RECEIVE CHARTER

Mercer Young Democrats received their charter from the State Executive Committee of the Young Democratic Clubs of Georgia on April 25 at the quarterly meeting of the committee.

The charter was the first granted to a campus club this year. The organization still awaits approval by the administration as a university function.

The present officers are: President—Wynn Pelham, Vice President—Nathan Deal, Secretary—Willie Hubbard, and Treasurer—Harry Does.

A number of projects are planned including activities in the presidential campaign next fall. Fred Hasty, president of the Young Democratic Club of Bibb County, has served as an informal adviser to the group. The next meeting of the club will be on Tuesday, May 12.

S.G.A. Sponsors Panel Discussion

The Hometown Citizenship Action meeting designed by the United States Chamber of Commerce will be brought to Mercer students Thursday evening, May 14, sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce. The panel session will open at 7:30 p.m. in 314 Connell Student Center.

The Citizenship Action meeting was introduced to Macon in March by the chamber's Public Affairs Committee. Some 100 Macon citizens attended the first community-wide meeting March 23 at the District Bankers Building on the Gray Highway.

Citizenship Action meetings are designed to study key issues to go before the next session of Congress. Thursday's session will deal closely with such election-year issues as the 1965 budget, area re-development, social security, minimum wage extension, double time for overtime, unemployment, poverty, medicare, and public works.

Panelists will cover each point from the voter's standpoint at the discussion. The meeting hopes to help voters become more effective in expressing their informed opinions to their legislators, according to John Stewart, Public Affairs Committee Chairman.

The Hometown Citizenship Action meeting is a follow-up to the U. S. Chamber's Aircade for Citizenship Action held recently in Montgomery, Ala., in which national legislative experts explained

the key issues to area delegates. Thirty-seven Maconites attended.

Panelists for Thursday night's meeting will be John Stewart, of Stewart-McElrath Oak Flooring Co., chairman; Ben Porter, WBML, moderator; W. B. Shearer, J. C. Penney Co.; J. W. Adams III, American Oil Co.; and Mrs. G. Scott Rankin Jr.

"America's colleges are producing some of this country's most active citizens," Stewart said. "We hope this citizenship program at Mercer will help many young people take a more active and informed part in their precious heritage of self-government."

S.G.A. President Tommy Day Wilcox, anticipating a predominantly conservative trend in the discussions, has remarked that the views expressed by the panel are not necessarily those of the S.G.A. He hopes that similar organizations will present their views in similar discussions which the S.G.A. will support as it has this one.

Senator Strom Thurmond Discusses "Rule of Law"

Senator Strom Thurmond spoke on the "rule of law" to the students, professors, and guests assembled in the Connell Student Center for Law Day, Friday, May 1.

The South Carolina Senator was introduced, after a short speech by president Harris, by the Georgia

State Lieutenant Governor, Peter Zack Geer.

A former state senator, circuit judge, and Governor of South Carolina, Senator Thurmond was the State's Rights party's candidate for the presidency in 1948.

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Pres. Harris Speaks On "Quality Education"

President Rufus C. Harris presented the McKibben Lane Memorial Teacher Award of the Bibb County Educational Association to Miss Bargaret Edenfield, a Bibb County teacher for thirty-five years. The presentation took place at a meeting of the Association at Dudley Hughes Vocational School last Monday.

President Harris addressed the group on the subject of "Quality Education", and what it involves. "Everyone favors it but few may understand what it means." He remarked that there is no "magic formula", but that there are several ingredients... emphasized differently by persons of different experiences, which comprise the total desired product.

Harris continued, "Students have as much to do with the issue as any other factor. They are implicated through their attitudes, their motivations, and through the total character of their participation."

The Mercer University President went on to take issue with those who see the students of today as far advanced over those of the previous generation. While readily conceding that "in most schools the percentage of exceptionally able students is indeed greater than it was even a decade ago," he contended, "It may well be doubted, however, that schools today are ministering to any radically different and superior kind of being."

Harris then cited the responsibilities of students and teachers: "The student is the hope of the teacher. Learning can only begin when students generate in themselves a continuing and lifelong passion for it."

"It is not my intention, by mentioning the students first, to imply that the faculty have no equal responsibility for quality education. They must be convincing exemplars of learning, making themselves the prototypes of the real and the ideal. Their knowledge must be their own, alive, fresh, and growing—and not a textbook's information."

The special official responsibility of the faculty is to provide a suitable curriculum." Continuing on that topic, President Harris concluded his speech with a call for a relevant and challenging curriculum that would inspire "students to undertake independent work—not necessarily original work—but independent work—something markedly beyond 'getting a lesson'."

Miss Edenfield began teaching in the Bibb system at Lanier High and later transferred to Miller High where she is now head of the fourth department. She is currently working during the summer on a three-year teaching certificate at the University of Georgia.