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LOUISE "BOCKY" GRIMMETT, third Mercer alumna to join the WAACs, has been sent to the camp at Daytona Beach, Florida, where she will join Cpl. Evelyn Neel. "Bocky" graduated from Mercer in 1942, and was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She left for Daytona last week. 1st Lt. Helen Glenn of the WAACs is pictured at left, below, as she looked when she spoke in Chapel Monday.



Helen Glenn, WAAC Officer Returns Here

Helen Glenn, Mercer's first co-ed lieutenant, came home this week when she visited the campus during her Christmas furlough, and spoke at chapel concerning the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps of which she is a member. Lieutenant Glenn has been stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, since she joined the WAAC in August of last year. At present, since she got her commission she is engaged in writing manuals for the WAAC classes.

While she was here, she answered many questions asked her by girls who are interested in the WAAC. The minimum age she said, is 21; a college degree is not necessary. Promotion now is through the ranks. There are three WAAC camps, the original one at Fort Des Moines, one at Daytona, Florida, at which Evelyn Neel and Louise Grimmert are stationed, and a new one at Fort Oglethorpe, on the borderline between Georgia and Tennessee.

Overseas Service

One of the most often asked questions is "What about overseas service?" At present Lieut. Glenn said the matter is voluntary, and the minimum age is 30. She added "I hope they will lower the age, so I can go. The thing we all want is to get this war over. However, even if they do lower the age limit, I don't think they will ever send any-

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Status of Reserves Is Cleared; Army, Navy To Utilize Colleges

Services to Pick Certain Colleges For Training Men

After months of uncertainty the Army and Navy, with the approval of the War Manpower Commission, last week announced their long-awaited plan to utilize the facilities of many colleges for training of thousands of young selectees as specialists in the armed forces on a "broad democratic basis."

Pointing out that the lowered draft age will "eliminate the principal source" of male students, Secretaries Henry L. Stimson and Frank Knox in a joint statement said they would shortly enter into a contract with "selected" schools to provide courses "prescribed by the respective services for the instruction of 'qualified young men' in academic and military subjects. The program is expected to get under way about Feb. 1.

The institutions will be selected according to "facilities available" for training and the trainees will be chosen on the basis of certain qualifications and without regard to their financial resources, it was stated.

The Army Plan

Only selectees under 22 years of age will be eligible except in cases involving an "advanced stage of technical training." They will be given their 13 weeks of basic training at an army camp and sent to a selected college. They will be organized under a cadet system for drill similar to that of West Point but subordinated to academic training. "Appropriate courses" yet to be determined will be prescribed for them and the length of the courses will be "varying." Rigid standards of proficiency will be laid down and if a trainee fails he will be returned to the ranks.

Students Start Forestry Club

Mercer University students who are interested in spreading information and outlining responsibilities necessary for successful conservation of forests and game in Georgia are making tentative plans for the organization of a Conservation Club on the campus.

The purpose of the club will be to spread useful information in this field so that conditions in Georgia will change rapidly for the better.

The first meeting coupled with an entertainment will probably be held next Thursday or Friday night in the Biology Building. All students who have been members of conservation classes and those who are interested in assisting in the development of a constructive program are cordially invited to attend the first meeting and to become members. A definite time will be announced later.

Founder's Day Exercises Set For Thursday

The annual observance of Mercer University's Founders' Day will take place next Thursday, January 14, Dr. Spright Dowell said Wednesday. The university will be 110 years-old, having been founded at Penfield Ga., in 1833.

The program will consist of Chapel exercises and a luncheon in Mary Erin Porter Hall. The Chapel program, lasting for one hour and taking the place of the Friday chapel period, will be composed of three fifteen minute talks on the past, present, and future of Mercer, and appropriate music.

Dr. T. F. Callaway, trustee of Thomasville, Ga., will make the first talk, on the History of Mercer. W. A. Bootle, Macon, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will make the second talk, on Mercer at the Present. The Mercer of Tomorrow will be described by Dr. Arthur Jackson of Atlanta, former trustee and now secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

Following the chapel exercises, luncheon will be served in Mary Erin Porter Hall, and Dr. Fred Porter, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, will speak on Christian Education. Columbus Roberts, one of Mercer's greatest benefactors, will be among other distinguished guests. At this time the Board of Trustees will meet and induct seven new members.

Frats To Give Chapel Skits

A chapel program contest open to any major campus organization will begin January 20, Jim Barfield, acting Student Body president, announced Monday.

The contest will be similar to the one which took place two years ago. Sixteen organizations entered and the prize was taken by the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Each group entering the contest will present a chapel program on succeeding Wednesdays, beginning a week from next Wednesday. The organization can present any program it wishes. Skits, take-offs on popular shows, minstrels, and singing bees were presented in 1941.

A handsome prize will be awarded to the winner of the contest. Programs will be judged on originality and presentation by impartial judges, who will be announced soon. A minimum time limit of 15 minutes and a maximum of 30 minutes will be placed on each performance.

Representatives of all organizations wishing to enter the contest will meet today to draw for order of performance.

Reserve Won't Be Called Before End Of Winter Quarter

The status of Mercer men who are members of a reserve will remain unchanged for the rest of the present quarter, Maj. J. D. Blair, faculty military adviser, said this week.

Reading from an official bulletin, Maj. Blair said that no orders will be given to reservists to report on a date prior to two weeks after completion of the quarter terminating after December 31, 1943. This means, he explained, that there will be no change in the status of the reserves before two weeks after March 5, when the quarter ends. At this time all reserves will be called to active duty, either in school or otherwise, and the reserve units as such will end.

Men in the Enlisted Reserve Corps can expect to be called to active duty any time after two weeks following the completion of this quarter. Those who graduate on March 5 will be sent straight into the Army, while under-graduates may be sent to designated Army schools for specialized training. They will be given uniforms and pay, and allowed to remain in these special schools until completion of their training. Those nearest graduation will probably be called first.

Medical Students

Medical students in the Enlisted Reserve will be allowed to finish their courses here, and then will be sent to medical school by the Army. They will be put in uniform and given pay, and all expenses will be paid by the Army. Medical students not in a reserve will go into the Army through the usual channels, and may be sent to medical school later.

Men in the Naval Reserves will probably be left in school until graduation, or if freshmen, for at least three years. They will be placed on active duty (uniforms and pay) and will be sent to specially designated navy schools for further education. No changes will be made before two weeks after the end of the present quarter.

Marines May Go

Members of the Marine Reserve may be sent to "boot camp" at the end of the quarter, and from there to Officer Candidate school, Maj. Blair said. However, these men have a better chance of staying here and finishing than do the others.

Members of the Air Corps reserve will probably be called as vacancies occur, with the order of call based on date of enlistment.

The specially designated Army and Navy schools to which reserve members will be sent have not yet been selected. Mercer has applied for a unit.

Maj. Blair also said that after the war the government will subsidize the education of those men who are pulled out of school.

436 Students Register Here

The enrollment of the University for the winter quarter this year shows an increase over the enrollment for the same quarter last year, the Registrar's office revealed. 436 students registered this quarter and there were 396 in winter quarter, 1942.

Six former students have returned this quarter to Mercer. They are Richard Gardner, John K. Wall, Mary Boone, Emory Bowen, John Deaton, and Sarah Dowla.

The following students completed their degree requirements at the end of the fall quarter: George Culpepper, James Lee Garrett, Hubert Aultman, Anne Devereaux, Julia Harris, Nell-oise Mabry, Linwood Paul, and Thaddeus Roddenbery.