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Naval V-12 Battalion To Review At Wesleyan

Mercer Offers Training Work For Business

Announcement of the reopening of the secretarial training department is made in the following article released by Dr. O. D. Knight, dean of the college:

"With November 1 and the opening of the winter trimester courses in secretarial work will be under way again. There are several features of this department's offerings that are not as widely known and appreciated as they should be. Shorthand, for example, is not only extremely useful to a student in note-taking in college, but continues to be helpful in later life. The same is true of typewriting, and both are distinctly to the student's advantage in obtaining many kinds of work.

"Students can get this useful training as an extra feature along with their regular schedules. They are not asked to reduce the number of hours load because of taking shorthand and typewriting. The quality of instruction is first-rate—as good as they would find in business colleges specializing in work of this kind. With normal application they can expect to attain rates of speed and accuracy high enough to qualify for commercial positions.

Proficiency Certificate

"It is also not generally known that a student can obtain a certificate of proficiency in a two-year secretarial course without adding to the length of time necessary to finish the work on his degree. This certificate is a rather distinct addition to the impressiveness of his credentials after he has finished college and is applying for work. Details of the two-year secretarial course are given in the catalog, pp. 67-69. It would be advisable to read them for possible interest to the student himself or as information to pass along to friends and others who might be interested.

"It is worth noting, also, that the two-year course is available to students who are interested only in secretarial training and do not plan to go to college for four years nor to work for a degree. Besides shorthand and typewriting there are courses in office management, dictation and transcription, elementary and advanced accounting. The latter two are credited toward a college degree. Students who take the full two-year course should have a definite cultural advantage over the usual business-school product, and this advantage will be increasingly shown later in satisfaction and eventually in earning power in the work situation."

October 3 Named As Date For Event

Tuesday afternoon, October 3, Mercer's V-12 battalion, band and crack platoon will present a review at Wesleyan College.

For the past month the battalion's entire drill period has been devoted to preparation for this occasion to the practice of "pass in review." Marching in platoon formation, platoon following platoon, the trainees make up a colorful parade.

The V-12 band has prepared several numbers for the occasion. Some of them are as follows: "Stars and Stripes," "National Emblem," "Anchors Aweigh" and "Washington Post." These will be rendered during the battalion review and performance of the crack platoon.

The highlight of the afternoon will probably be the precision drill demonstrated by the crack platoon. The thirty-two members of this group will be dressed in blue uniforms and wear white hats, gloves and leggings. If pistol belts can be secured from Camp Wheeler, these will be worn. A rifle carrying platoon, these men will use the old style close order drill, which is much more complex and thus more difficult than that used today. Louis LeFevre, crack platoon leader, believes that "the platoon will shape up OK by the time of the review, but it will require quite a bit of drill practice."

Alan B. Edwards Resigns Position

Dr. Alan Edwards, former Associate Professor of Economics at Mercer, left Macon last Saturday for Meadville, Pennsylvania where he will teach at Allegheny College.

Dr. Edwards had been at Mercer for one year, during which time he was vice president of the Faculty Club. Dr. Edwards also served as vice president of the Ex-Club, a discussion group for professional men in Macon. In addition he directed the forum of the Warner Robins USO and substituted as a teacher of the men's class at the Centenary Methodist Church.

Before coming to Mercer in the summer of 1943, Dr. Edwards had taught at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Martin Peabody Is Local Visitor

Capt. Martin ("Chip") Peabody, United States Marine Corps and former Mercer student, returned to our campus for a brief visit last week. He is home on furlough after two years of active duty in the Pacific area.

Peabody came to Mercer from Atlanta and received his LL.B. degree from here in June 1942. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. In January 1943, he married Miss Evelyn Bean of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, who attended Stevens College.

Blair Names Seniors Ready For Degrees

Below is a list of Mercer students who have made application for degrees to be conferred October 26, 1944. The Registrar, Major J. D. Blair, who released the list, said, "If you are qualified for a degree and your name does not appear on the list, please see me as soon as is possible and make your application. It is very important that you do this immediately."

Bachelor of Arts: Barrett, Margaret Ruth; Beasley, Brown Langer; Chandler, Martha Ellen; Cottingham, Ida Frances; Culpepper, Robert Harrett; Glover, Ann Jacquelyn; Greene, Marvin Louis; Hartman, Robert George; Hayes, Horace Thomas; Houston, Billie Bailey; Johnson, William Hobart; Joiner, Reube Oliver, Jr.; Little, Clarence LeRoy, Jr.; Mincey, Charlotte Lucretia; Mixon, Charles Eugene, Jr.; Odom, Milton Sidney; Sams, Margaret Nelson; Skene, George Neil; Smith, Margaret Elizabeth; Thomas, Joseph L., Jr.; Ware, Mary Elizabeth.

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Library Receives Donation Of Books

Mr. L. R. Hogan, of Atlanta, Georgia, has made a gift of about two hundred worth-while books to the Mercer Library. Mr. Stone, Mercer librarian, announced this week. The books are largely in the fields of religion, sociology, philosophy and education and were taken from the late Dr. L. R. Hogan's collection. Mr. Stone says, "They are a picked group especially suitable for our library; they are books we can use." This collection will be available for use soon.

Dr. L. R. Hogan graduated from Mercer with an A.B. degree in 1894. He later studied at the University of Chicago, and Columbia University and taught at Locust Grove, Georgia; Bessie Tift College; Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. He was teaching at the University of Georgia Evening College in Atlanta at the time of his death in April 1943. His son, L. R. Hogan, Jr., is now a student at Mercer.

Ballots Are Sent To Alumni For School Trustee Election

Alumni Trustee ballots have been mailed to 4,500 former Mercer students for the election of two new trustees for the university. Also included in the ballot envelope this year was a detailed report of the progress of the Mercer Endowment campaign and a blank souvenir check to be filled in for any amount the voter desired to donate to the campaign.

The Board of Trustees of Mercer University is composed of 30 members. Six new trustees are elected each year to replace six trustees retiring after five years of service. The charter of Mercer University provides that one-third of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the alumni through a ballot by mail. The

Endowment Campaign Nears Complete Success

President Dowell Releases Details

Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University, has announced that only \$30,000 has to be raised to reach the \$1,000,000 goal of the Mercer Endowment Campaign.

This campaign was opened in June 1943 when, in his annual report to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Dowell recommended such an endowment campaign for the purpose of endowing ten distinguished professorships for Mercer University. The Board approved the idea, and the following November the final approval was given by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

On Mercer Founder's Day, January 14, the campaign was officially launched with half the money on hand. Columbus Roberts had given \$200,000; the General Education Board which is the leading education foundation in the world had given \$200,000; and the City of Macon had given \$100,000. Hugh Hill, trustee of Mercer University, led the Macon campaign to raise the money for one professorship.

Campaign Committees

The next step in the campaign was to organize the state into campaign committees. Columbus Roberts was made honorary chairman; Dr. J. Ellis Sammons and Judge A. B. Lovett, Mercer alumni, were made co-chairmen. Dr. Arthur Jackson, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation in Atlanta, was made promotional chairman. The trustees, staff and Mercer faculty pledged themselves to cooperate wholeheartedly with these officials in the campaign.

The state was divided into seventeen districts or areas with a chairman and co-chairman in each. One was usually a preacher and the other a layman; both were, in most cases, alumni of the university. Each of these areas contained about five Baptist associations, and each had a chairman and co-chairman. Then each Baptist church in the state of Georgia had two chairmen. These groups contributed \$320,000 to the campaign, bringing to \$820,000 the total amount of money received.

The \$30,000 needed now is also to come from the Georgia Baptist Churches. After this amount is received, the City of Macon is pledged to give an additional \$50,000 to bring the total to \$900,000. At this point, other friends have promised to give the additional \$100,000 which will bring the total to \$1,000,000 and close the campaign.

High Post Given To Ex-Mercerian

Headquarters, Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Texas, Sept. 19.—Captain Malcolm C. Alfriend, A.B. in economics at Mercer in 1928 has been assigned to the AAF Central Flying Training Command as military personnel officer (chief, schools, section), Office of the Assistant Chief of

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DR. SPRIGHT DOWELL

Naval War Bond Sales Increasing

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25—Displaying increased momentum, War Bond purchases by naval personnel in August again surged over the 30-million-dollar mark, for a total of \$34,719,265. This volume brought the grand total of bond sales since October, 1941, to \$737,721,617.

The August total was 54 per cent higher than the August, 1943, volume of \$22,547,156.

Analysis of the August, 1944, results shows that \$18,513,225 were payroll savings plan sales to civilian personnel; \$12,261,281 were allotment purchases by uniformed personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and \$3,944,759 were cash sales.

For the eighth consecutive month the naval training centers as a group led the bond program with their combined efficiency index of 145.5 per cent, followed by the miscellaneous activities, with 125.5 per cent. Farragut was leading training center, while Naval Torpedo Station, Alexandria, Va., headed the miscellaneous group.

For the entire naval establishment, civilian participation was 93.4 per cent, and pay participa-

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There will be a meeting of the CLUSTER news staff at 5:30 today. All members are asked to attend.

Anyone interested in joining the staff is also invited.

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