

Sturgis Presents Plaque On Behalf of U. S. Navy

Last week Mercer was presented a plaque "for effective cooperation in training Naval personnel during World War II," by Capt. R. G. Sturgis, commanding officer of the Macon Ordnance Plant. Adm. DuBose, commandant of the sixth naval district was to have made the presentation to the university on behalf of former Secretary of The Navy, James Forrestal, but weather conditions prevented his arrival.

Capt. Sturgis stressed preparedness in his speech. "Nobody knows," he said, "exactly how much shorter World War II would have been had we been adequately prepared to defend ourselves back in December 1941... but it is only logical to believe that the war would have been appreciably shorter... that billions of dollars would have been saved... and most importantly that many thousands of American young men who died in that war would now be alive." The navy is building and training for any future emergency through its Reserve Program more than a million men—many of them former World War II officers and blue-jackets. Sturgis emphasized that the success of peacetime preparedness programs are dependent upon the American people, for they alone can provide their money and sons for the defense machinery.

Doctor Dowell accepted the plaque on behalf of the University with a few words of thanks and appreciation.

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FTA HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The first fall term meeting of the Future Teachers Club of Mercer was held Monday night at 7:30 in Dr. Highsmith's classroom.

Hugh Wamble presided over the meeting and asked that any future teacher or any one interested in education be urged by the present members to join the club.

He emphasized to those attending that the purpose of the organization was to encourage students to enter the teaching profession.

New club officers will be elected at the third or fourth meeting, Wamble said.

New Faculty

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He is replacing Dr. F. L. Jones.

In the Chemistry department, Mr. John W. Holding is replacing Professor Herman F. Kurtz, who having been with Mercer for a number of years has now accepted a position with the University of Georgia System in Atlanta.

Dr. Harrison B. Fagan, who has had extensive experience in the field of Economics, has now assumed his duties as head of the Economics department at Mercer.

In command of the recently established R.O.T.C. unit on the campus is Colonel John Meade.

An addition to the faculty, and a personality of unusual interest, is Dr. F. K. Schultze who will teach German. Dr. Schultze received his education in Germany, where he en-

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military service, you will be assigned to the elementary course.

The first two years are divided into a freshman and a sophomore unit. Military Science 11 will be your first course. This includes 4 hours study of the National Defense Act and the ROTC; 10 hours of hygiene and first aid; 38 hours of leadership, drill, and exercise of command; 24 hours study of individual weapons and marksmanship; 8 hours of military organization; and 12 hours of maps and aerial photography. This is a total of 96 hours during the 36 weeks of the freshman year.

The sophomore year in ROTC involves more advanced work; more emphasis is placed on military organization, an important factor in the life of a future reserve officer. Five hours are devoted to physical development methods; 8 hours to maps and aerial photography; 10 hours to military administration; 19 hours to evolution of warfare; 16 hours to military law and boards; and 38 hours to leadership and drill.

The third and fourth years of ROTC training are specialized. The cadet uses the weapon of his branch of service. At Mercer this is the field artillery piece. Actual firing of the howitzer, heavy rifle, and mortar will take place at a military reservation.

The pay for advanced students is the regular army subsistence of 79 cents per day. Those who take the elementary courses do not receive pay.

Upon graduation, the successful candidate will be eligible for a commission in the Army Reserve. He may apply for active duty with the army for two years, and if he proves his ability as an officer he may be offered a regular army commission.

tered the Lutheran ministry. He has been connected with a number of colleges in the United States.

Join Church Day Sponsored by BSU

Last Sunday was Join the Church Day, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. The purpose of this city-wide campaign was to encourage each student to affiliate with a local church at the beginning of his college career.

The B.S.U. secured a deputation of students from Bessie Tift College, who took complete charge of the night services at the Tattnell Square Baptist Church.

The B.S.U. is cooperating with The Wesley Foundation, a similar organization of Methodist students, in providing facilities for the enlistment of Methodist students in the various churches.

Late Flash!

Macon, Georgia—Many young students have registered at Mercer. The youngest recorded is listed below:

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