

In Style... with gerrie and beckie

The spirit and the charm of the Old South were recaptured last Saturday night at the Kappa Alpha Annual Old South Ball. Living portraits of chivalrous courtly gentlemen and vivacious ladies danced beneath magnolia boughs hung with silvery southern moss.

The sponsor, Margaret O'Neal, and her escort, Hamilton Kellam, portrayed elegantly the role of master and mistress of the stately storybook plantation.

Margaret combined the colors of the Confederacy in a lovely gray dotted Swiss dress tied at the waist with a large red sash. The neckline was trimmed with a narrow margin of delicate white lace, and the dress featured a bouffant skirt.

Hamilton typified all the K.A.'s at the ball in his officer's pinks, worn in a handsome manner with long black tails. A ruffled cascade served as the shirt, and was topped by a white stock with a blue ascot tie. The tie was accented by a blue satin vest, such as was worn by the men of that period, and the entire costume was completed by Kellam's authentic looking sideburns.

Each girl was presented with a dainty gold fan, through which red roses entwined. Thus every girl's evening as a Southern belle was made even more vivid, as she remembered how the young girls of antebellum days hid their crimson blushes behind such fans.

Betsy Hatcher made a charming portrait in crisp, angelic-white organdy. Her hair was a mass of upswept curls, held in a cache of matching laced with tiny pink ribbon. The full skirt was caught up with pink rosebuds in scalloped drapes at the bottom. An exquisite ruffle of antique eyelet and lace peeped through the scallops.

Chockie Fleming wore a stunning dress of jonquil yellow. The skirt was billowy and was trimmed with small vertical ruffles down the front, while the back panel was a mass of petite rows of flounces from the waistline to the floor. The bodice was topped by an off-the-shoulder ruffle.

Even Scarlett O'Hara would have felt unabashed and at home in the midst of the many hoop skirts, pantaloons, and old-fashioned bonnets.

CHI ALPHA OMEGA FRATERNITY HONORS GRADUATING MEMBERS

Chi Alpha Omega, ministerial fellowship fraternity, honored five graduating members with a banquet at the Bell House restaurant last week. Honorees present for the occasion were Jack Bodenhamer, Decatur; James Bodenhamer, Decatur; Claude Mason, Macon; and Donald Stoner, Macon.

Dr. Ralph Newton, department of education, was presented to the group as guest speaker by Jack Bodenhamer. Emphasizing the Baptist belief in separation of church and state, Dr. Newton stressed the need for more Baptist schools to provide teachers with a Christian education.

He indicated that this was necessary in order that sufficient teach-

ers be available to teach the American children in the secular schools of the land. Such teachers can definitely have a favorable influence on American youth, he contended.

Officers

A slate of officers for next year presented to the group by the nominating committee is composed of Herman Bowers, bishop; Fred Richardson, senechal; Charles Davis, scribe; John Strickland, chaplain; and Charles O. Smith, historian. Members approved all nominations.

The program closed with a toast to the graduating members made by Harold Mincey, Sylvania, and the response by Stoner.



Phyllis Jean Mays

Baby Contest

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nine months, class A, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Highsmith; Edna Mae Lanier, one year five months, class B, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Lanier; and Susan Faye Wilder, two years six months, class C, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilder.

Over 50 pictures were entered in the contest, and Mrs. Wood said the auxiliary desires to express its appreciation for the enthusiasm and cooperation exhibited by the Mercer parents. She stated that all photographs will be returned by Mrs. M. G. Wood at the bookstore tomorrow, and the winning pictures are on display in the showcase at the bookstore today.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Zera Nottingham, Rev. Eric Oesterle, Mrs. R. B. Plymale, Mrs. Rufus Snyder, and Jimmie Thomas. All expressed the opinion that selections were very difficult to make because "all were very personable."

Macon business establishments which contributed prizes are Belk-Matthews, Burden-Smith, Bryn-Alan studio, Mary Lou Shop, Junior Bootery, Olan Mills Studio, and Penney's.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chooses Dan Bullard

The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity elected Dan Bullard, Macon, as president for the coming year. Other officers are Dick Stanford, Macon, vice-president; Robert Andrews, Tolbert, recorder; Dan Jenkins, Sylvester, warden; Billy Leggett, Macon, treasurer; Brad Newson, Macon, correspondent; Kent Smalley, Macon, herald; Frank Jones, Macon, chronicler; Joe Carson, Macon, chaplain; Radford King, Macon, IFC Representative.

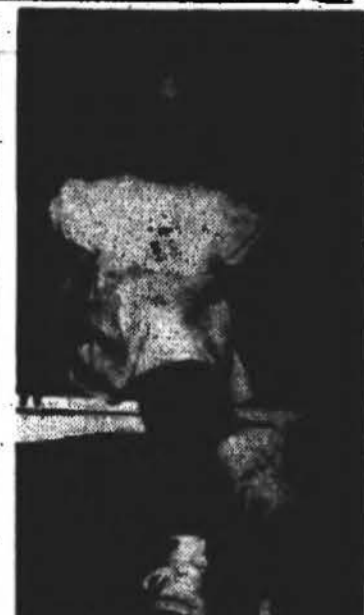
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Homer Alexander Oglesby, Jr.

Pictured above are the three winners in the large photo group of the Mercer Baby Contest sponsored by the Junior Auxiliary.



Carol Ann Mowell

Education As Training For Leadership

by Col. George L. Blossom

Throughout history there have been times when future events have been mapped, and plans have been drawn by men and women who could and would make decisions. The ability to make decisions is, by no means necessarily inborn, but rather it comes from long habits on the part of individuals who have trained themselves to think clearly, and, after considering all phases of a problem, have decided what action should be taken.

This may seem to have very little bearing on the subject of education, but as a matter of fact education plays a great part in the ability of leaders to make decisions in time of emergency. By a study of history or a study of a particular theory (perhaps of economics or otherwise) the student is amassing in his mind a store of treasure to be called upon when needed. It is not sufficient that he be able to recite by rote the things which he has learned from books or teachers, but he must be able to think for himself and apply the knowledge he has gained to the conditions which confront him if he is to take a position of leadership.

If there is one point that should be stressed during the educational period of one's life, it is the fact that education is not an end in itself but merely a means to an end. To soak up knowledge by memorizing certain passages in books or listening attentively to a teacher's explanation is by no means the goal which education is supposed to meet. Rather the goal is the training of the individual in his powers of deduction and analysis in such a way that when a need arises, he can evaluate the situation and apply well thought-out solutions to the problems involved. This cannot be done if the student has not learned to think for himself and to reason why certain theories are right or wrong.

In the study of economics, which

is by no means an exact science, there are many different theories which may be properly applied at one time or another. The decision as to which particular theory shall be used in the solution of a problem must depend very largely on the training that the student has given himself in the analysis of economic problems, in the thinking which he has done to determine for himself whether this book or that contains the particular theory he would follow.

To read and to listen is the duty of every student, but to end his activities thus is for the student to lose many of the benefits of his educational career. To read and to listen and to make up his mind for himself what forces are at play in the world, and what means should be taken if remedial measures are needed constitute that part of his education which trains him in the ability to make decisions. Above all, education should equip one so that he will be able to evaluate for himself some of the vital problems which confront the world, and after analyzing these problems, enable him in his own way to apply the measures which, according to his ideas, are most likely to solve the problems involved.

If education does not train one for the responsibilities of leadership, which include those of making decisions, it is indeed a failure.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA ELECTS DuVALL

Willis DuVall, Edison, was elected president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity last Wednesday. Other officers are Hugh Wamble, Carlo, vice-president; J. W. Holland, Millen, scribe; Billy Lee, Perry, W.K.A.; Wesley Turton, Cordele, treasurer; Phil Phillips, Senoia, sentinel; L. T. Jones, Vaughn, usher; Woody Whitty, Bainbridge, reporter.

DuVall is a student in law school and a member of the BSU.

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