

Jan Menefee Presented as Sponsor At Sigma Alpha Epsilon Party

Jan Menefee of Luray, Virginia, was presented as the new sponsor of Georgia Psi of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sunday night at an open house given in honor of the fraternity. The announcement was made by Dan Jenkins, president of the fraternity, who pinned Miss Menefee.

AD Pi's and KA's Entertain Children

The actives and pledges of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Kappa Alpha Order entertained the children of the Georgia Industrial Home at a Christmas party yesterday at the Ingleside Community Club.

The clubhouse was decorated in true Christmas style complete with a large tree, little Santa Clauses in the windows, candy canes, and a large wreath on the door.

After refreshments were served Santa Claus, Forrest Hagan of Cedartown, was introduced by Millard Green of Macon, master of ceremonies, and delivered presents to each child. Lauta Averett, Ashburn, then read the story, "The Littlest Angel", to conclude the program.

The open house was held at the lodge and gathered together the brothers, pledges, alumni, and their dates and wives. The group enjoyed bridge, light refreshments, and fraternity songs.

Miss Menefee is a junior transfer student, coming here this past fall from Mary Washington College. She is a pledge of Chi Omega sorority, a member of A Capella Choir, W.A.A. and Y.W.A.

Deadline Set for Joining ROTC

Students desiring to enter the ROTC program on January 2, 1950, for the winter quarter are urged to make application for admittance to Lt. Col. Wiley B. Tonnar, PMS&T, Mercer University, by December 13, 1949.

Col. Tonnar pointed out, "This deadline is necessary to measure and order uniforms for the new students. It takes about three weeks for uniforms to arrive from the Quartermaster Depot in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We want all of our ROTC students properly fitted."

Freshmen students who have had one or two years of Junior Division ROTC in high school, or veterans who have had at least one year of active service and have only two years remaining at Mercer before they graduate, or will be 27 years of age before September 15, 1950, may make application for the ROTC program. Students in these categories will be given every possible consideration in the evaluation of previous ROTC or Armed Forces Service.

Freshmen students who have had at least three years of ROTC training in a senior-high school, and all veterans who have had at least one year active service with 8 or more quarters remaining at Mercer, should wait until next April to apply for entrance into the ROTC program beginning in the fall.

Colonel Tonnar emphasized that he would be pleased to talk with interested students at anytime about the ROTC program, and urges all such students to contact him at the earliest possible date.

Weaver Is Named

At their regular meeting Tuesday morning the Mercer Masonic Club, No. 1014, elected Duggan Weaver, Dudley, as its president to fill the unexpired term of L. John Stewart.

Plans were made for the programs for the coming year. Several well known Masons from this section are to give talks.

The club holds its meetings every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., and Weaver invites all Master Masons on the campus to attend.



UNEARTHING THE CAMPUS AT M.E.P. are four members of the Porter Hall Garden Club who are doing their winter planting before it gets too cold. They are, from left to right: Barbara Castleberry, Lumpkin, Pat Davis, Atlanta, Marjorie Stevens, Bainbridge, and Miss Tony Bates, club adviser. (Cluster Photo by Harriet Rankin.)



MISS KATHLEEN SMITH

Kathleen Smith Is KA Sponsor

Miss Kathleen Smith of Dublin, Ga., has been elected sponsor of the Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order.

The announcement of her election was made by President Johnny Stewart at a supper for the brothers and pledges November 20, at the Bell House.

Miss Smith, a freshman at Wesleyan College, succeeds Miss Nell Rogers of Macon who was sponsor for the chapter last year, and who is now working in New York City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Uldrick Smith of Dublin and the sister of Miss Ruth Smith who attended Mercer last year.

A party was given in her honor by the members of the fraternity Saturday night. It consisted of a square dance and supper at the Baconsfield Club House.

Just Cruisin'

By Jimmy Johnson

(This is the continuation of a series of articles on a world voyage peacetime as seen on the deck of an aircraft carrier by a Mercer student.)

For several days after leaving Pearl Harbor there were indications that something unusual was going on. There had been secret meetings of committees and groups and a good bit of unexplained activity in different parts of the ship.

Finally the rumor started that NEPTUNUS REX would pay the ship a visit on the morning of January 21, 1948. That was it. Prior to this we had always called our ship the "Happy Valley" but after this there was considerable doubt. Most of us were ready to swim back to Pearl Harbor. Finally it was announced that Davy Jones would embark on January 20 for an inspection of all Polliwogs (those who had never crossed the equator were known as Polliwogs.)

Were Assigned Costumes

In accordance with the tradition of the sea, Polliwogs were assigned costumes to suit their dignity and duties and watches to match their ability. By all the means of the Shellbacks (those who had crossed the equator before were known as Shellbacks), the Polliwogs were prepared for their fateful day.

As the humiliation of the "sufferers" began on the afternoon of January 20, "Happy Valley" beauties roamed the ship with their "peaches and cream" complexion, their stylish bathing ensembles, and their dainty gyrations—all for the pleasure and entertainment of the honorable shellbacks. True, there were those who tried to bribe the shellbacks, but rank, name, rate or "horsepower" meant nothing here and all soon learned bribery would derive no benefit. The Shellbacks, those venerable citizens of His Majesty's Domain, were in absolute control. Yes, there were mutineers too, but—they were more than well dealt with.

Received Summons

Without a single exception every Polliwog received a summons to appear before the Royal Court.

As scheduled, Davy Jones and his stalwarts came aboard January

Meet Your Faculty

By Mariba Martin
Cluster Feature Editor

Radio has its Miss Brooks, an English teacher, and we at Mercer have our Miss Byrd, an assistant professor in foreign languages. No, I'm not comparing Miss Byrd with the scatterbrain Miss Brooks of radio fame, but they do have one thing in common; they both like men. And the men seem to like her, despite the fact that she always claims she is ninety-nine.

Miss Byrd, a native Mississippian, obtained her A.B. degree from Mississippi College and her M.A. from the University of Alabama. She has done graduate work at the University of Paris, the University of Mexico, Tulane, and McGill College in Montreal, Canada.

"One particular French teacher inspired me to much that I de-

clined to teach languages," said Miss Byrd when asked why she decided to enter such a complicated field. She has taught in Hattiesburg, Miss., and at Bessie Tift College in Forsyth, Ga. She came to Mercer in 1945.

"The study of foreign languages creates better international relations, for if one actually gets to know other people, he quickly learns to understand them, thus one learns to like foreigners," she said.

If you haven't met Miss Byrd I suggest that you take French or Spanish and get acquainted with her. Not only will you meet a vivacious woman but a person who will make you love the language and the country from which it comes.

20 to inspect the slimy Polliwogs. As the "slimy ones" stood at attention, honors were exchanged between the Captain, Admiral and His Majesty's representative; then the inspection began. Upon completion of the inspection, some needed humbling, Davy Jones declared the ship would be permitted to enter the royal domain with the load of slimy, crawling, scummy, extraneous matter, otherwise known as Polliwogs. Due warning was given the Captain that he would be responsible for those on board. Honors rendered, etc., Davy Jones left the ship.

Came Aboard

Shortly after 0800 on January 21 His Royal Majesty and court came aboard and up to the flight deck. The Admiral and Captain met their Majesties and after paying respects, the Captain, according to custom, turned over his ship to Neptunus Rex.

During all this ceremony, all polliwogs had been corralled below in the hangar and the royal kops were well in control with their shillies.

After the royal court had taken their places, His Majesty ordered the special activities to begin. Being a well organized and obedient kingdom, the order was carried out immediately. The first group of

Independents Hold Joint Xmas Party

M.I.C.A. and M.I.M.A. had a joint Christmas party last night in the MICA room.

The room was gaily decorated in holly and Christmas decorations, and a Christmas tree gave the room a festive air.

The program consisted of carol singing by the group with the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Clyde Moody. A Christmas story was told by Ann Black, and "Twas the Night After Christmas" was given by Herman Bowers.

Refreshments were served after the program.

initiates appeared in the stockade on No. 1 elevator and started the first line of humiliation.

"Wot happened?" Read the next installment of "Just Cruisin'" to learn the fate of our poor, sad, slimy, scummy, scurry, crawling Polliwogs.



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