

## Mercer to Sponsor Dinner For Macon Civic Clubs Feb. 14

An Inter-Civic Dinner, sponsored by Mercer University and the civic clubs of Macon, is to be given in the Walter Little Room of Hotel Dempsey on February 14, Dr. Spright Dowell announced this week. This will be the occasion of the eighteenth annual banquet.

Walter D. Head, past president of Rotary International, will speak at the dinner on the subject, "Civilization on Trial".

Head is a graduate of Hobart, Columbia, and Harvard universities and has been in charge of the Montclair Academy, Montclair, N. J. since 1925.

Presiding officer for the banquet will be Dr. Dowell. Dr. Silas Johnson, president of Wesleyan Col-

lege, will give the invocation, while Dr. Frank Jones, Macon, is to introduce the speaker and guests.

Dr. Arthur L. Rich, Mercer Glee Club director, will lead the school choir in a specially arranged musical program. Mrs. Rich will accompany.

The following civic organizations are working together in sponsoring the banquet: American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, The Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Civitan Club, Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Macon Woman's Club, Optimist Club, Pilot Club, Quota Club, and Rotary Club.

## Newton to Speak On Robert E. Lee At KA Convivium

Dr. Ralph Newton, Professor of Education, will speak on "Robert E. Lee, the Great Gentleman" tonight at the Kappa Alpha's annual Convivium.

The Convivium which is in honor of Robert Edward Lee, the spiritual founder of the Kappa Alpha Order, will be held at the Southern Manor at 7:00.

Dr. Newton, who is a Kappa Alpha alumnae of the Mercer chapter is chairman of the board of trustees of the Georgia Education Association and is one of Georgia's outstanding educators. Madden Reid, president of the Mercer chapter, will introduce Dr. Newton and Elliott Dunwoody, Knight Commander of the Order, will make a toast to Lee.

The banquet will be followed by the initiation of the model pledge for the year, who will not be announced until tonight at the initiation services at Christ Episcopal Church.

## "Mercerian" Is Sent To Seniors by Alumni

Mercer seniors received copies of the Mercerian magazine of the Alumni Association for the first time during the holidays. Alumni Secretary Harry Smith, Sr., has announced.

Smith said that these students will receive the Mercerian the rest of their lives as alumni of the university. The alumni office has adopted a continuing policy of sending copies of the magazine to the senior classes, he indicated.

The Mercerian is published bi-monthly and is mailed to all alumni to keep them informed about activities of the university and other alumni. Alumni Secretary Smith edits the magazine.

## ROTC Summer Training Sites For This Area Are Announced

Summer camps for Reserve Officer Training Corps personnel in the Southeastern states will be held during the period of June 17 to July 29, officials at Third Army Headquarters have announced.

The training camps to be held for the ROTC units during this period will be for all branches of the service with the exception of the Medical Department, as no date has yet been announced for the ROTC Medics.

Camp for members of the Infantry will be at Fort Benning, Ga., while Field Artillery will be at Fort Bragg, N. C., Antiaircraft

Artillery at Fort George G. Meade, Md., Armored Cavalry, Fort Knox, Ky., Engineer, Fort Belvoir, Va., Signal Corps, Fort Monmouth, N. J., Ordnance, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Transportation, Fort Eustis, Va., Chemical Corps, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., Army Security Agency, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and the Corps of Military Police at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Members of senior ROTC units at educational institutions in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, will attend the camp for their particular branch of service.

## College Spaces Exams, Offers Time to Cram

Saratoga Springs, New York—(ACP) — Skidmore College has established a new experimental examination system. Under the new system some examinations are scheduled and others are not.

The scheduled exams are spaced 21 hours apart and must be taken when scheduled unless they conflict with other exams. Unscheduled exams may be taken when desired as long as they are also spaced 21 hours apart.

In making this change, the administration hopes by the equal spacing to give more time for review for each examination. The system has been tested for the past year by the philosophy department with completely satisfactory results.

## Debate Team Goes to Emory, Plans Schedule

"Resolved: That the United States Should Nationalize All Basic Non-Agricultural Industries", will be the topic of the debate tonight when the Mercer Debating Team meets Emory Junior College in Valdosta.

Those upholding the affirmative side of the question will be Glenn Pelham, Cairo; Emory Clay, Macon; Bill Buffington, Macon; and Gene Etheridge, Atlanta. Charles Cureton, Macon; Abe Crosby, Macon; Robert Barfield, Macon; and Virginia Savage, Montezuma, will defend the negative side of the question.

This is the first in a series of trips planned by the debate team. These trips are being made possible by an increase of money allotted by the Student Activities committee. Among the trips will be a trip to the Southern Debate Tournament at Agnes Scott College in Decatur the last part of February. Also on the schedule will be a debate with Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, on the Mercer campus.

## State Evangelists To Meet Here

The State-wide Evangelistic Conference will be held in Macon's First Baptist Church January 30 through February 1.

Among outstanding Southern Baptist leaders who will attend the conference are: Dr. Forrest Freesor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas; Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of Southern Baptist Seminary; and Mr. Plunkett Martin, head of the music department at New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. W. C. Whitener, state secretary of the Department of Evangelism, and his staff are in charge of the conference. Its purpose is to lay the foundation for the 1951 simultaneous revival to be held in all Baptist churches in the southeast.

## Group to Give College Aid to Brazil Student

The Zilda Penny Fund has been established for the purpose of sending deserving students to college who would not be able to attend otherwise. Containers for receiving contributions (which do not have to be limited to a penny) have been placed at various places on the campus by the Life Service Band, which is sponsoring the fund.

Money which is collected for this purpose will be sent to Zilda Silva,

## Colleges Asked To Help March of Dimes Drive

An alarming number of people in age groups that include college and university students were victims of 1949's epidemics of poliomyelitis in this country, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis declared in issuing a special, urgent call for organized March of Dimes campaign participation by college and university student bodies.

The last year, Mr. O'Connor said, has seen the largest number of polio cases in any one year in any country in the history of the world—or more than 42,000 cases. Of these 42,000 it is estimated that more than 10,000 were over 15 years of age with the greatest number proportionately between the ages of 15 and 24.

The economic impact of this record number of polios has been a serious drain on funds of the National Foundation. Some

\$31,000,000 was needed for patient care alone during the epidemic year, Mr. O'Connor declared, and care for 1949 patients through 1950 may cost National Foundation chapters in excess of \$20,000,000—without inclusion of care costs for a single new case in 1950.

A realistically successful 1950 March of Dimes campaign is necessary, the National Foundation president said, to meet these demands as well as other obligations of the organization. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that these obligations are of peculiar importance to institutions of higher learning, their student bodies and faculties.

In urging all-out participation by colleges and universities in the 1950 March of Dimes, Mr. O'Connor stressed the importance of uninterrupted continuance of the educational and research programs of the National Foundation, despite the added patient-care burdens of the coming year.



Dr. Hillyer M. Straton

## Book Written by Mercer Graduate

Dr. Hillyer H. Straton, Mercer graduate, draws upon years of theological study as well as a vast preaching experience for his book, *Preaching the Miracles of Jesus*, published January 16 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of New York and Nashville.

"Definite preaching values," says Dr. Straton, "accompany the miracle accounts connected with the life of Jesus. In fact, the reason they were originally preserved was that early Christians found them helpful in preaching and teaching." Dr. Straton goes on to give many practical suggestions as to the use of the miracle accounts in modern sermons.

He treats each miracle episode in Jesus' life as expressive of one of five great manifestations of his character on earth: "The Lord of Nature", "The Great Healer", "The Light of the World", "The Defeater of Demons", and "The Giver of Life."

Dr. Straton was born in Waco, Texas, and grew up in Englewood, New Jersey. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Mercer, did graduate work at Harvard and Columbia, and was given an honorary D.D. in 1949 by Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

He has held pastorates in New York City, Detroit, Mich., and Muncie, Ind., and is now the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Malden, Mass. He is a member of the Board of Education and Publication of the Northern Baptist Convention and the Board of Directors of the Northern Baptist Assembly.

a Christian worker in Brazil, who will place it where it is most needed. By contributing to the fund, each person can help to send a less fortunate one to college.

## Missions' Group Elects Officers, Changes Name

The World Missions Volunteer Band elected new officers and changed its constitution at the business meeting Thursday. Two of the offices which run on a yearly basis remained unchanged. These are president, Hazel Boyd of Rocky Face, and deputation chairman, Glynn Ford of Wrens.

New officers are: vice-president, Ruth Flowers, Greensboro, N. C.; community missions chairman, Laurice Walker, Thomasville; chorister, Jimmy Lewis, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and pianist, Ann Thomas, Macon.

Two changes were made in the constitution. Election of officers will be held annually instead of twice a year, and the name of the organization was changed from Foreign Missions Volunteer Band to World Missions Volunteer Band. The day of the meetings has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday.

The Band is sponsoring a deputation to the Student Volunteer Band at Bessie Tift Sunday. The program will consist of a devotional by Bill Barkley, Columbus; personal testimony by Hazel Boyd, Rocky Face; and special music by a quartet composed of Jack Gunter, Campton; Henry Cofer, Savannah; Bill Barkley, Columbus; and Felix Turner, Crawford.

## Howard Elected To Position on B.S.U. Council

James "Smoky" Howard of LaGrange, and junior transfer from Baylor University, has been elected to fill the newly created position of promotional director on the executive council of the B.S.U.

Howard's job will be the promotion of activities such as retreats at Ridgecrest and Clayton, the state B.S.U. convention, sales of the Baptist Student magazine, and other special programs.

## EXPANSION

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Six newly-elected trustees took their places at the trustee meeting. They are the Rev. D. J. Evans, Atlanta; R. L. Cousins, Atlanta; Bela Lancaster, LaGrange; Howard M. Collier, Griffin; Columbus Roberts, Jr., Columbus; and Warren Timmerman, Macon.

The annual trustee luncheon was held at Mary Erin Porter Hall for trustees and their guests.