



staff photo by Ward Lowrance

Dr. Spencer B. King looks over a copy of War Time Journal of a Georgia Girl, which he recently edited. The book was published in Macon by the Ardivan Press of which Dr. King is chairman of the board.

# King Writes Again

By Lynn Holmes

On Thursday, November 10, 1960, a new book was released to the nation's reading public under the title, *The War Time Journal of a Georgia Girl*. This book should be of considerable importance to Mercer students since it was edited by Dr. Spencer King, the head of Mercer history department. This, however, is not the first book that Dr. King has had a part in.

Over the past few years Dr. King has made himself quite a name in the field of history through his writing. Several years ago Dr. King wrote the book, *Selective Service in North Carolina in World War II*, and afterwards was co-author of the *History of Georgia*. He was the author of the foreword in *Georgia's Historical Record of Macon and Central Georgia*.

Also he has edited two books: *Ebri Tide as Seen Through the Diary of Josephine Clay Habershank* and the new book, *The War Time Journal of a Georgia Girl*.

His writings, moreover, have appeared in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Collier's Encyclopedia*, *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, *Georgia: A Guide to Its Towns and Country*, *The Eleusis*, *Watchman-Examiner*, *Georgia Review*, *Mercerian Historical Quarterly*, *The Mercerian*, *The Christian Index*, *Baptist Student Magazine*, *School and Society*, *North Carolina Education Magazine*, and *Junior College Journal*.

Dr. King plans to continue his writing and is at present doing research on a book concerning "Georgia sources".

Dr. King was once a student at Mercer. As a young man he majored in journalism not history. According to Dr. King, as he went off to Georgia Peabody College for Teachers and the University of North Carolina he discovered that his real interest lay not in journalism but in history. He then went on to get his degree in history but never forgot the journalism.

When he was asked why he had started writing, he gave several things that had influenced him. He pointed out that a teacher should do a great deal of research to be able to teach decently and that one who does not do this just dries up.

After doing all his research, Dr. King said he had the desire to put some of it in print and also this would give him a chance to put his

journalism to work. This work says Dr King, "gives me a lot of joy," and as he put it, keeps him "alert and alive."

He went on to say that after the first book he just got the "bug" and hasn't been able to stop since then.

## Social Set

By DERYL DAUGHERTY

The Jeff Davis room of the Lanier Hotel will be decorated with ATO's Christmas mistletoe Saturday night.

KA will have their Christmas party at Porter Ellis Community Center tomorrow. Toga brother Ernest Ramsey will marry Barbara Gazaway on December 18. Harry Trawick is pinned to Mardyn Hutly.

Kappa Sig will hold their Founder's Day Sweetheart Ball, December 10. Also a bit of late news from that frat: they initiated Carl Benson October 27.

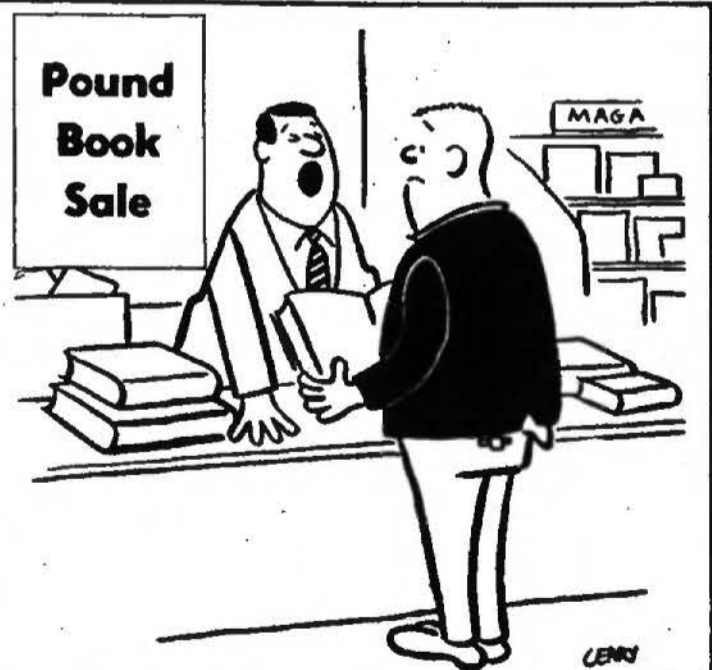
Lambda Chi will have a White Christmas party at the Macon Plaza tomorrow night.

SAE pinned Beth Herrin at their

Sweetheart Ball, November 18. George Kennedy is pinned to Emily Huxford of the University of Georgia.

Gerald Stringfellow of Macon was named an honorary member of MIMA before the holidays.

ADPI's Jane Lovett is pinned to SAE George Martin at Wofford College, while Lucy Tatum is wearing Al Loveless' ATO pin. Linda Sheffield is going steady with Andy Godley. Bammie Sheppard and Ann Corbett were elected ROTC sponsors. Rosanne Oxford will marry Jack Brannan December and Alum Janice Jordan will marry J. W. Eubanks, December 18.



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### College Store

Monday Morning 9:00 a.m.

# LETTER FROM GERMANY

BY FRED MOHR

Muenster, Westfalen  
November 18, 1960  
Turmstrasse 2  
Germany

Dear Dr. King:

This cold and dark November Sunday gives me an opportunity of writing you a letter that should have been written much earlier. But during the week I am so busy that I can hardly keep up with my German correspondence and on Sunday I have to attend several sport matches or different committee meetings of our federal sport organization or my party. I hope that this will make you understand why I do not write very often.

In fact I would like to have a much closer contact with my American friends, and sometimes I have a great desire to go back there where I spent the most interesting year of my life. On several occasions I think Europe to be too little and narrow minded and in those moments I wished I could escape to the country where I have found interest and understanding or at least the attempt to understand, for everything.

But on the other side Europe is and will always be my home country. I purposely do not call it Germany because, though my language and my background are German rather than European, I am certain that we in Europe should forget about our different national states and join together for greater goals as your ancestors have done in the United States. I do not think that we Germans should give up our language or our specific German culture nor should the French, the Italians or the British, but we should make Western Europe a political and commercial unity. I would not mind to have the British Queen to be the head of my state nor to have a French prime minister.

But up to this day no such liberalism has become evident. They are working for commercial unity, but they are doing it by splitting it into two markets. They are establishing European agencies, but they are doing it in each country separately. It is a really ironical situation.

This summer three Mercer boys came to see me, Dick Furman, Byron Foster and Don Langford. I was very glad to see them and to show them around a little. I hope that I have been able to make them a little better understand our way of life. I am not sure that my attempt was very successful, but I am always horrified when I see American boys come over here and then travel thousands of miles within the shortest time. Do they really think that they can understand a country within four or five days? I am afraid not. When I think back to my trip to America I think that I have learned more about the United States and its people by staying in Macon and seeing all the little problems that any society has, than during all the trips I have taken.

How do you think about Mr. Kennedy for President? Though we in Europe have no right whatsoever to interfere with your national elections, we have been very concerned about them because in the situation being, it is almost like you had elected our President also, i. e. your President is so important for our national politics. I must say that I was in favor of Mr. Nixon, because I am afraid that Mr. Kennedy will make Adlai Stevenson secretary of state.

Many people in Germany feel that Stevenson is not tough enough for the stand against Russia. We are afraid that he is seeking an appeasement at any price. That's why I hoped Nixon would win and perhaps make Rockefeller secretary of state. Rockefeller was one of the few people who did not give a big reception for Chruschchev when he paid his state visit to the United States.

But now let me shortly tell you a few things about us here in the old country. Our politics are quiet. Elections are coming up next fall, and as far as we can see now Dr. Adenauer will again win. The community elections in two states have shown that Willy Brandt, the Lord Mayor of Berlin, is not as strong as some people hoped and some feared.

These elections have shown that the German people vote rather for a party than for a man. The socialist party destroys the image of Brandt while the CDU is shaping up the one of Adenauer. What Willy Brandt says cannot always be taken as the opinion of the Social Democrats, but if Mr. Adenauer says something nobody can deny that this is the official opinion of the party.

My brother has entered politics now. He is a candidate of the CDU for our city parliament and we are pretty sure that he will be elected. We have studied American methods of how to get votes and we'll try to do it as well.

My studies are coming pretty well though there is a lot to do. I plan to have my state examination in July and then become an apprentice judge in a court. But until June there are lots of books that must be read . . . and understood.

Now I have to come to an end, because though the Sunday is dark and cold, one of my professors will be here in a few minutes and pick me up for an indoor tennis match.

Very cordially yours,  
Fred

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