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Dr. Bell Irvin Wiley, Civil War authority, spoke twice at Mercer last week under the auspices of the Lamar lecture committee.

Wiley Spoke On Lee, Soldiers During Visit

Last Thursday Dr. Spencer King, head of the history department at Mercer, introduced Lamar lecturer Dr. Bell Wiley to the chapel audience. Dr. Wiley is a former president of the Southern Historical Association and is presently with history department at Emory University.

The former teacher of Dr. King has written or edited eighteen books, among them *Road to Appomattox*.

The chapel address of Dr. Wiley was in commemoration of the birthday of Robert E. Lee. The Southern military leader was described as possessing vision, tact, intellect and the ability "to grow in a crisis."

The Lamar lecturer told the audience that as president of the Confederacy Robert E. Lee could have supplied the South with the strong, unifying leadership it never had between 1861 and 1864.

Dr. Wiley called attention to Lee's love of mathematics and stated that Lee served as an assistant instructor in mathematics during his second year at West Point.

"Duty" was chosen as the one term that best characterized the leader of the Army of Northern Virginia. Dr. Wiley spoke of the devotion of Lee to his family and the reciprocated affection of Lee for his men. Words such as "magnanimity," "tolerance," and "moderation" were applied to the general who became president of Washington College after the war.

While at Washington College a professor attacked Gen. Grant in the presence of Lee; the professor was admonished never to do so again if he wished to remain on staff. "In sum, Lee was a gentleman."

At four o'clock in the afternoon Dr. Wiley spoke informally before a group of students, faculty members and local residents. He compared the attitudes, educational levels, military adroitness and motivation of "Johnny Reb" with those of "Billy Yank."

Dr. Wiley reported that research revealed "Johnny Reb" more illiterate, more emotionally religious and more postically inclined. Indicated by his letters home.

Dr. Wiley reported participation of Negroes in the war effort both North and South. The Southern army possessed three brigades of "Confederate Indians" and there was one Union brigade composed primarily of Negroes.

Great Decision Groups Begin Study Next Month

Mercer students will be given a chance to learn more about world affairs and to discuss their ideas concerning U. S. foreign policy beginning February 5, when "Great Decisions . . . 1961" starts in Macon.

"Great Decisions," an annual review of urgent headline issues of world affairs, is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, a nationwide, nonpartisan, education agency. Its objective is to stimulate wider interest in international relations, assist in the development of greater understanding of foreign policy issues and encourage more participation in world affairs on the part of American citizens.

The program calls for weekly informal discussions on eight important topics. Anyone can participate.

Essential background material is provided in the form of fact sheets which serve as a basis for the discussions and enable any interested student to learn the facts and to make up his own mind on critical issues facing the nation.

Also included are individual ballot sheets which will be filled out by everyone after each weekly discussion. These will be tabulated locally and the results sent to Congress and the state department in Washington.

Topics for discussion include "Deadlock over Germany," "Soviet Challenge and World Leadership," "France and Western Unity," "Japan," "South Africa and an Explosive Continent" and "The Americas in Jeopardy."

Facts sheet kits are available in the college bookstore. Any individuals or organizations interested in forming a discussion group should contact by local mail Mrs. Mary Vance or Roy Carroll, co-chairman for the campus "Great Decisions" program.

Flicks Have Son; History Staff Lags

Dr. and Mrs. Carlos T. Flick announced the birth of a son on January 23. This is the Flicks' second child.

In a bulletin issued from the history department, Dr. Spencer B. King, chairman of the department, wrote: "Dr. and Mrs. Carlos T. Flick contributed another baby . . . to the history department last night, making a total now of 15 children in the department. This means each one in the department has 2.14 children.

"I challenge any department of the university to equal or better this per capita record."

The challenge was immediately accepted by the Christianity department's 2.56 average.

Senior Make-up Exam

The make-up session for senior departmental examinations will be held on Monday, January 30, 1961 at 1:45 p.m. in the guidance center, room 205, Penfield Hall.

Nadler Sits On Bankruptcy Panel

Charles E. Nadler, Mercer law professor, is in Washington, D. C., today to attend a special conference of the American Bar Association committee on individual bankruptcies. Professor Nadler will join a panel of other distinguished law specialists to consider the reasons for the great increase in individual bankruptcies.

Linn K. Twinem, New York attorney and committee chairman, said that the committee is anxious to find out why so many employees are filing straight bankruptcy proceedings. He said, "There has been a 400 per cent increase in bankruptcy proceedings in the past decade . . . some 115,000 individuals will file bankruptcy proceedings this year as compared to less than 30,000 in 1950."

The Washington meeting may lead to changes either in the bankruptcy act or in its administration. Another possibility is that the committee might recommend that state laws governing creditor's rights be re-examined.

Professor Nadler, who is an au-

Swilley Speaks On Wednesday

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, will lead the Wednesday devotional. Dr. Swilley is one of the leaders of the movement to locate a Baptist college in Atlanta.

James Batal, representative of the Arab Information Center in New York will speak in Friday's chapel. His address will probably be related to some problem of the Arab world.

Otto Discusses Life After Death In Theology Series

Mercer's Ministerial Association will hold the second of its series of theological discussions on January 30, when Dr. Robert Otto will discuss "Life After Death."

The series is aimed towards enlightening the Mercer student body on various matters pertinent to contemporary Christian faith. The discussion is open to the public.

The meetings consist of a lecture followed by a question and answer period. Last quarter Dr. Kenneth Caughen discussed the doctrine of perseverance of the saints (once saved, always saved) at a similar meeting.

The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 316 of the student center.

Dr. Otto received the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Minnesota and took his B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary.

Dr. Otto has a Ph.D. in authority on corporation law, has published the book, *Georgia Corporation Law*. He has assigned the royalties from this book to the Walter F. George School of Law to provide a fund for scholarships. He also donates to this scholarship fund the financial emoluments that he would receive for his services to the school.

APO Has Ugly Man Contest

APO is sponsoring the UMOC contest, better known as the Ugly Man contest, again this year.

Voting will be between January 20 and February 3, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in snack bar of the student center. Votes may be cast at the rate of a penny per vote.

This year's top ugly man is slated to receive approximately \$100 in prizes donated by local merchants.

Candidates are Richard Fix, Marvin Pipkin, Charles Wood, Olin Weaver, Edge Farley, Chris Shearouse and Pete Sharber.

LETTER FROM GERMANY

Dear Friends,
The University of Georgia made headlines last week. Newspapers in this country were full of stories about Athens, Atlanta and cities of some other Southern states. On TV we had the chance of watching boys and girls throwing rocks against the windows of a dormitory at University of Georgia, we saw people parading under the symbols of the Ku-Klux-Klan organization, and when the program came to an end we heard Governor Vandiver say that two negro students had to leave the University of Georgia for their own protection.

These facts have been given to German people last week. I do not know whether these facts are true or not. But that is of no importance, because people tend to believe things like that whether true or not. They do not ask for the reasons that caused the trouble, but instead they reach a very simple conclusion:

The Americans throw rocks at Negroes. The Americans deprive Negroes of higher education. The Americans preach democracy, freedom and liberty and they practice tyranny and colonialism in their own country.

That's what simple people think when they read the headlines about the happenings at the University of Georgia.

You might like to answer: Let them think what they like to. They should mind their own business. They don't know the background of the problem.

And you are right in saying that. The people of this country really have no idea about the race problems of the South. And I don't have a very good knowledge of the background either. But that does not make people stop talking about the question.

It is quite clear that the race problem is yours, not ours, not Russia's. No other nation has the right to interfere with what you do in your country.

But there is one thing you cannot do: To be the leader of the free part of the world and at the same time make headlines like those last week. If the western world is to win in the race against the totalitarian system of the East, we need to have the colored nations of the world trust us rather than trust the communists. But since we cannot force them on our side, we can get their sympathy only by example.

The headlines of last week made it easier for Russia to win Asia and Africa. Can we be sure that the boys and girls in Athens thought of that when they were throwing the rocks?

Yours very cordially,
Fred Mohr

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