

# McPeter's Essay Places First

A Mercer law student won the first prize of \$150 in the 1960 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the Walter F. George School of Law. The student, Thomas H. McPeters of California, entitled his prize-winning paper, "Creditors and Copyrights."

McPeters received his B. A. degree in economics from UCLA in 1958. He will receive his LL. B. degree from the local law school in June. He has ranked first in his class in the law school, been on the dean's list six times and twice been a member of the appellate argument team representing his school in national competition.

McPeters has also been editor-in-chief of the Mercer Law Review. He was admitted to the Georgia Bar in December and was recently appointed to a position with the Department of Justice for assignment to the Appellate Unit of the Tax Division on the attorney general's honor program.

The Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition is sponsored annually by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in memory of the society's first general counsel. It is designed to stimulate interest in the field of copyright law.

First and second prizes are offered in each of the leading law schools throughout the nation. A

panel of distinguished judges then considers all the prize-winning papers received from participating law schools and selects outstanding essays for the national awards of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

## Mercer Teacher Wins Grant

The Southern Presbyterian Church has given a grant to Miss Marion Hollingsworth, instructor in English at Mercer University, to continue her work at the University of North Carolina. The church makes such grants annually, on a competitive basis, to students at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Miss Hollingsworth said she planned to re-enter the University of North Carolina in September and will pursue studies in English and American literature, probably majoring in modern fiction. She has been granted a leave of absence from Mercer for the academic year 1961-1962.



Staff photo by Ward Lowrance

J. Milton Heard, chairman of the Mercer University board of trustees, administered the oath of office of president of Mercer to Dr. Rufus C. Harris during the inauguration ceremonies Wednesday.

## Inauguration . . .

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Greetings were brought to the president from Mayor Ed Wilson of Macon; Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention; Dr. H. Lewis Batts, dean of the chapel at Mercer; Olin Thompson, president of the Mercer Student Government Association; H. H. Ware, Jr., president of the Mercer Alumni Association; Robert O. Arnold, chairman of the board of regents of the state university system, and Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College.

In his greeting to the president, SGA President Thompson said, "Many of us have already become acquainted with him (Dr. Harris) during the past year. We have found him to be a man of character and a Christian gentleman, one who possesses unique abilities in scholarly endeavor, and one who understands college students."

"With the realization of just how fortunate we are to have a president of such scholarly ability, educational vision and solid achievement as Dr. Harris, we pledge to him our wholehearted cooperation as he seeks to lead us to become better equipped to serve our university, our society, and our God."

Music for the ceremonies was under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Rich. The Mercer choir sang "Hallelujah" from "The Mount of Olives" of Beethoven. Mrs. Rich was organist.

Dr. Dick Hall offered the invocation and benediction. The Rev. Harvey T. Whaley, who was Dr. Harris's pastor at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, offered the inaugural prayer.

A reception, attended by more than 2,000, was given in honor of Dr. Harris and the recipients of the honorary degrees in the student center on Tuesday evening preceding the inaugural ceremonies in the chapel Wednesday.

Following the chapel ceremonies Wednesday morning, the inaugural luncheon was held in the cafeteria. Dr. Harmon Caldwell, Chancellor of the University of Georgia system, and Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution addressed the guests.

Dr. Henry J. Stokes in introducing McGill said, "More than a few families sit down to a breakfast of ham, gravy, grits, and a front column of the Atlanta Constitution—and it is more than

## Latin America Tour Available

Students participating in the U. S. National Student Association's study-travel program to Latin America in 1961 will find a large part of the expenses being assumed by USNSA. A "part" scholarship is being offered to each participant in the form of a reduced tour price, while additional supplementary scholarships are also available. These will be financed by a special scholarship fund.

The program has been conceived and planned as a "traveling seminar." The group will be led throughout the trip by an outstanding professor of Latin American affairs.

An orientation program will again be held in Puerto Rico before the group departs on the main part of its 40 day itinerary in Peru, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. The highlight of the program will be the stay at Brasilia. Also included are Lima, Santiago, Valparaiso, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

In all countries students will meet key officials in government, business, labor, politics, and the church, with the whole range of current economic, political and social problems being discussed. Major emphasis will be placed on meetings with Latin American students, professors and others in education; discussions here may provide a possible basis for extending the reciprocal exchange student programs presently arranged between individual schools in the two continents.

The all-inclusive price is \$800 for the 40 day program. Interested students should apply to Dept. R-2, U. S. National Student Association, 20 West 38th Street, New York 18.

toast that is burned." "Some call him a prophet, others say he is a traitor," said the Macon pastor, who also commented, "He tries to see light and to see it . . . whole."

On Thursday night the school of pharmacy honored Dr. Harris with a special dinner at the Dinkler-Plaza in Atlanta at which Walter Dowling, the United States ambassador to West Germany was the principal speaker. Dowling was among the recipients of honorary degrees during the Wednesday exercises.



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