



Staff photo by Ward Lowrance

Eight degrees were given during the inaugural ceremonies Wednesday. Left to right the recipients are Dr. Dick Hall, Robert O. Arnold, Dr. Clyde Penrose St. Amant, Ralph McGill, the Rev. Harvey Whaley, Walter C. Dowling and Dr. G. Earl Guinn. Dr. Walter Pope Binns, speaker at the Wednesday exercises, is on the extreme right. (Dr. Spright Dowell is not pictured in the group.)

Degrees . . .

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and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

He is active in Georgia Baptist affairs, having served as president of the board of trustees of the Baptist Village, vice-president of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Hall has also been a member of the convention's executive committee, hospital commission and public affairs committee, as well as a member of the board of directors of the Christian Index.

He holds a B. S. degree from Mississippi College, an M. A. from the University of Louisville, a Th. M. and a Ph. D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received a D. D. degree from Mississippi College in 1959.

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree. President of the Baptist college since 1951, Guinn has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and South America. He co-authored the book, *Southern Baptist Preaching*.

Dr. Guinn headed the department of homiletics at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary before coming to Louisiana College. He obtained his master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1942 and took his doctorate in theology in 1944, graduating magna cum laude.

Ralph McGill, publisher of the *Atlanta Constitution*, was awarded the doctor of laws degree. Previously the University of Miami in 1949 and bestowed upon him an honorary degree.

In 1958 McGill was awarded the Pulitzer prize for his editorial writing. An Episcopalian, he attended Vanderbilt, became sports editor of the *Constitution* in 1931, executive editor in 1938 and editor in 1942.

The doctor of divinity degree was given to Dr. Clyde Penrose St. Amant, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and professor of church history there. An ordained Baptist minister, he has received earned degrees from Louisiana College, Louisiana State University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburg where he received his Ph.D. in 1952.

Before going to Southern, St. Amant taught at New Orleans Theological Seminary and at Hannibal-LaGrange College.

The Rev. Harvey T. Whaley, was given the doctor of divinity degree. A native of South Carolina, he has pastored the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans and is now pastor of the Calder Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas. He has served on the boards of Southern and American Baptist Theological seminaries and the board of the Southern Baptist Hospital.

Lee Battle Served Under Five Presidents

Lee Battle, Negro janitor for Sherwood dormitory for about 40 years and one of the two honorary members of the Mercer Alumni Association, saw at least five presidents and two acting presidents during his years at Mercer.

Battle came to Mercer at the turn of the century, probably during the administration of Charles Lee Smith (1905-06). Smith was followed by Samuel Y. Jameson (1906-1913) and James Freeman Sellers acted as president from 1913-1914. William Lyons Pickard assumed the presidency in 1914 and served until 1918 when Rufus W. Weaver became president.

Andrew Philip Montague was acting president after Weaver and in 1928 Dr. Spright Dowell assumed the presidency. It was during his tenure of office that Battle died on December 8, 1939. He was then 74 years old.

Following Battle's death, Dr. Louie B. Newton, who in his student days had known the janitor, wrote a lengthy letter to the *Macon Telegraph* in which he praised Battle.

He said, "He entered into our joys and sorrows. He cheered us in battle and he rejoiced with us in victory. He wept with those who wept."

Before the burial services in Forsyth, the body lay in state in the Faculty Trustee Room. Members of the faculty, student body, alumni and board of trustees attended the funeral services for him in Macon.

Not only was Battle a janitor, but he was also an avid fan of the Mercer football team, being one of its best cheerleaders and supporters.

Pastors Speaking In Chapel

Dr. Carlton Prickett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, N. C. will lead the Wednesday devotional, according to Dr. Lewis Batts, dean of the chapel.

Dr. J. D. Grey, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans is slated to speak in Friday's chapel.

Graduate Test Given

The Graduate Aptitude Examinations will be given on Tuesday, April 11 starting at 8:30 a.m. All graduate students who are matriculating for the M. Ed. degree are required to take the Graduate Aptitude Examination.

They are requested to register for the examinations at the guidance center in Penfield Hall by Friday, April 7, according to P. E. Maffeo, director of testing.



Lee Battle

Codex Displayed At Inauguration

The Yonan Codex was on display in the student center during the inaugural exercises, Wednesday. The codex, kept in the vault of the First National Bank for safe keeping, was under a special guard, Jack Rozier, of the campus security officers.

The codex, a volume of the New Testament more than 1000 years old, was presented to Mercer by Norman Mauek-Yonan. The volume had been in his family's possession for many years.

The codex was also displayed with four volumes written by Mercer men, including Dr. Willis B. Glover's *Evangelical Non-conformists and Higher Criticism in the Nineteenth Century*, Dr. Spencer B. King's *Ebb Tide*, Dr. Arthur L. Rich's biography of Lowell Mason and Dr. Spright Dowell's *History of Mercer University*.

Sanders's Descendants Visit For Ceremonies

Two descendants of Mercer's first president were on the campus for the inaugural ceremonies.

Mrs. Eugene Cook, wife of the attorney general of the state of Georgia, and Thorpe Sanders, a Mercer trustee of Monroe, are both great grandchildren of Billington M. Sanders, president of Mercer between 1833 and 1840 while Mercer was still at Penfield.

Specialist Educator Speaks to Teachers

by Amy Garrison

The Student National Education Association held its first meeting of spring quarter, Monday night, March 27. Miss Ruth Cheeves from a special education school of Bibb County located at the Tinsley School was the guest speaker.

Biology Profs Hold Science Fair Here

The biology department of Mercer held its fourth annual science fair for high school students here March 24-25. The fair was held in room 316 of the student center.

Prof. T. P. Haines said that any high school student in the middle Georgia area could exhibit his science project in this regional fair.

Peace Corps Sends Query

Questionnaires have been sent to potential volunteers for the peace corps to obtain information on the qualifications of possible volunteers.

Students interested in filling out a questionnaire can obtain one by writing to Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C. The questionnaire does not constitute an obligation on the part of either a volunteer or the corps.

The questionnaire is four pages long. It asks 28 questions. It also asks the potential volunteer to list references. An explanatory sheet is attached.

The form asks for such information as education, job experience, proficiency in languages, technical skills, special foreign area knowledge, health, military service, avocations, organizational activity and leadership and hobbies.

Hawaiian School Posts Dates For Summer Program

Summer session at the University of Hawaii will convene June 27 through August 6, 1961, at the Manoa campus in Honolulu, Hawaii, according to Dr. Robert E. Cralle, director of the university study tours to Hawaii.

Air and steamship accommodations for the mainland students and teachers matriculating to the islands for a summer of study and fun, have been set on all major steamship and airlines. Reservations for travel and enrollment on the summer session program are now being accepted.

Special rates for the 6 week (54 day) summer session program begin as low as \$555.00. Roundtrip transportation across the Pacific air-conditioned-Waikiki Beach accommodations, plus a full schedule of 22 planned activities are included in the price. Off campus activities include dinner dances, island sight-seeing trips, beach parties and field trips.

Complete information including application forms and illustrated bulletins are available by writing to, Dr. Robert E. Cralle, 3305 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5, California.

Seven years ago there were less than fifteen special education teachers in Georgia. Today there are around four hundred. The field of special education is a growing area, she said. It deals with any "exceptional" children—that is those who deviate from the normal child in anyway. This includes the deaf, the cerebral pained, the mentally retarded, the brain-injured and the gifted.

The average teacher cannot deal adequately with these deviations in the general education program. The goals for special education are the same as those for general education with additional goals for meeting the needs of each individual child. One of the goals for special education is gradually to integrate the child into the regular classroom if possible.

The name "brain-injured" has been given to children who seem to have a lack of perception. These children usually are not mentally retarded, but they lack the ability to see the world as others see it. They started with normal brain potential but due to a disturbance of the mother before the child's birth, a birth defect, illness, or accident during early life, their original potential is altered. The blame cannot be laid on any one factor.

The consequences of this accidental damage are (1) abnormal behavior (2) learning difficulties (3) disturbances in the way the child perceives the world around him. It is difficult to detect a brain injured child before the age of 4 or 5 years, but he sooner than later needs are realized the quicker he will be helped in learning to adjust to his handicaps.

The child who is placed in the special education school is diagnosed by a doctor, a neurologist, a psychiatrist and a psychologist. He must have the potential to make social adjustment on his own level that is adequate to meet the demands of the world.

Most of all, this child needs understanding and a life pattern to build on an uncomplicated steady routine. He cannot tolerate confusion.

At the Tinsley school each child has a separate booth so that he will not be disturbed by distractions. The room is as simple as possible. The child is "shown" what to do and he is prepared for his activities so that unexpected happenings will not confuse him.

He is allowed to progress as fast as he is able in all fields with the goal of going to the regular classroom when he is able to work fast enough to keep up with them.

Miss Cheeves of Bibb County is the only teacher for the "brain-injured" type of children in Georgia. She hopes that more young people will become interested in the rapidly growing field of special education.

At the next meeting of SNEA, a group of foreign students will talk about education in their own countries.

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