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## Pres. Diehl Announces New Faculty Members

President Diehl has announced the appointment of four new members of the faculty for the coming year. Dr. John H. Kent of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been appointed Associate Professor of Latin, succeeding Dr. Henry J. Bassett, who for sixteen years was Professor of Latin at Southwestern; Dr. James L. A. Webb of Webb, Mississippi, has been made Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Mr. Amos J. Lessard of Washington, D. C., has been named Assistant Professor of Romance Languages; and Miss Olive E. Westbrooke of Jonesboro, Arkansas, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology.

Dr. Kent, a native of Canada, took his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. He then accepted a fellowship in the History of Culture at the University of Chicago, and two years later he was granted the Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology at Chicago.

At the start of the war he was awarded the Wheeler Scholarship by the American School of Classical Studies in Athens and continued his research in Greece until international conditions made it necessary for him to return to America. He received his Doctor's degree at the University of Chicago in 1943.

His teaching experience includes work in three countries—Canada, where he taught at Queen's University, Kingston, and Dalhousie University, Halifax; the United States, at the University of Chicago; and Greece, where in Corinth he was an instructor in Greek Epigraphy. He served in the Army during the present war in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

A monograph entitled "The Temple Estates of Delos, Rheneia, and Mykonos" is now being considered for publication by the American School of Classical Studies at Princeton.

Dr. Webb, a native of Webb, Mississippi, received his preparatory training at the Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tennessee. He was granted the B.S. degree by Washington and Lee University, and the Ph.D. degree by the Johns Hopkins University.

During his graduate training at Johns Hopkins, from 1939 until 1943, he served as Junior Instructor in Chemistry; and then held a position as full Instructor, 1943-45.

His research has related largely to chemical reactions in the synthesis of quinine and to dyes related to the blood pigment hemin. He is now making a fundamental study of the mechanism of heavy metal poisoning and possible antidotes for such poisoning. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Lessard received the A.B. degree with  
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## Ninety-Seventh Session Awaits Curtain, Sept. 19

The ninety-seventh session of Southwestern will open with the traditional freshman orientation program beginning on Wednesday, September 19, at 9 a.m. On September 21, the general registration of students will take place in Palmer Hall. The opening convocation in Hardie Auditorium will follow on September 22, with President Diehl delivering the address.

The exercises will be concluded with a vesper service in Hardie Auditorium on Sunday, September 23, at which Dr. Laurence F. Kinney, Professor of Bible, will speak.

A slightly larger student body than that of last session is expected, as returning G.I.'s almost daily announce their intention of entering. The increase in the number of women students shows no signs of slackening, with Calvin, Robb, and Evergreen Halls all filled, and additional registrations still coming in. Stewart Hall, which will be returned to the men, will be filled to capacity, and some provision will be made for those already on the waiting list.

Miss Gary, Registrar, is predicting an enrollment of at least three hundred and seventy-five regular students. Night students will swell this total very considerably, but no report is yet available on the expected number.

## Dr. Bassett Retires From The Chair of Latin

Dr. Henry J. Bassett, Professor of Latin at Southwestern for sixteen years, has retired from active duty after a teaching career that extended over forty years. Early in June he gave up his room at the Claridge Hotel where he had lived for some time and went to Maryville, Tennessee, where his two sisters, the Misses Almira and Emma Bassett, reside. He plans to make his home in Maryville. Though his official career as a teacher is ended he will not suspend his interest in scholarship. Much of his time will be spent in reading.

Dr. Bassett was born in New York State and worked his way through Maryville College. At Princeton he was awarded the B.A. degree and Phi Beta Kappa Key, and at Michigan he received his Ph.D. degree.

He returned to Maryville to begin his career as a teacher at Maryville College, and taught there for fifteen years before moving to Evansville College, Indiana. He came to Southwestern in 1929.

Fond of travel, Dr. Bassett made several extended trips abroad, especially in Italy, where he gathered first-hand information on the ancient Roman civilization. During these travels off the beaten tourist trails of Europe, he collected pictures, especially picture post-  
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## Kick-Off Rally to Open Second Half of Campaign

Interested laymen and ministers representing Memphis and the four Synods have been invited to meet at Southwestern on September 11, to lay plans for raising the second million in the Building and Endowment Fund Campaign. A luncheon meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel at which the principal speaker will be Mr. C. H. Dreshman, of Ward, Wells & Dreshman, New York, who are counselors in the campaign.

During the summer, the drive was virtually at a standstill, as had been expected. But with the coming of cool weather the campaign offices are again stirring with activity, mails will soon be carrying literature throughout the Mid-South, and workers in four hundred churches will be striving to reach their quotas.

The grand total now stands at \$1,090,000, as of September 1, with this amount very evenly divided between Memphis and the Synods.

Mr. T. W. Lewis, General Chairman of the Campaign, Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Memphis Drive, and Mr. Robert B. Snowden, Chairman of the Mallory Memorial Campaign, are confident that the plans to be worked out at the "kick-off" rally September 11, will stimulate the entire effort, and that the friends of Southwestern will do their utmost during the fall to assure the ultimate success of the Campaign. The entire \$2,000,000 must be in hand on or before December 31, 1946.

## Siefkin, Tuthill Teaching GI's Near Oxford, England

Two Southwestern professors, Major Gordon Siefkin, who has been with the Army Air Corps since 1942, and Dr. Burnet C. Tuthill, Head of the Department of Music of Southwestern, are teaching at Army University Center No. 1, in Shrivenham, near Oxford, England. Major Siefkin is Head of the Economics Branch of the University, which has attracted about four hundred and fifty students. There are seven other faculty members in the Department of Economics.

Major Siefkin has been on leave of absence from Southwestern for three years, during which he has held an important administrative position in Washington. He was formerly professor of political science here and immediately before the war was Assistant to the President. Much of the work preparatory to the Building and Endowment Fund Campaign now in progress was done by him.

Professor Tuthill is Head of the Music Department in the same university center, but further information about his department  
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John H. Kent  
Latin



James L. A. Webb  
Chemistry



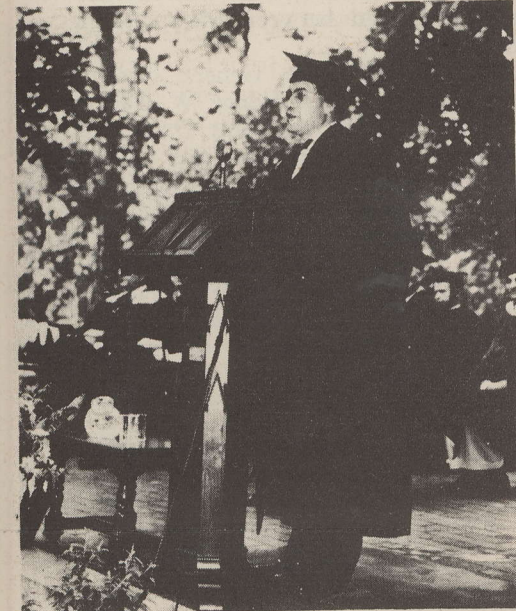
Amos J. Lessard  
Romance Languages



Olive E. Westbrooke  
Psychology

# THIRTY-TWO SENIORS GRADUATE AT NINETY-SIXTH COMMENCEMENT

Drucker Offers Appraisal Of Political Ideologies In Address To Graduates



Professor Drucker under the oaks at Southwestern.

*(Editor's note: The Commencement activities are usually reported in the July number of the NEWS. But this year that issue was devoted to the Southwestern alumni who have lost their lives in the service of their country. Though the graduation exercises are now three months in the past, a full account is included of them in this issue because we believe that in an alumni journal the Commencement activities of our youngest alumni should be fully reported.)*

The Commencement exercises of Southwestern were held at 10 a.m. on June 5, with Dr. Peter F. Drucker, Professor of Political Economy at Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont, as the speaker. Under the tall oaks

President Diehl Emphasizes The Ideals Of True Religion

The annual baccalaureate sermon by President Diehl at the Second Presbyterian Church on June 3 stressed "The Essentials of a Religious Life."

His text was Micah 6:8, which Dr. Diehl termed from many points of view the most remarkable verse in the Old Testament: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Said Dr. Diehl, "Here we have the essentials of a universal religion, ideals which are as far removed from Fascism, with its barbarism, intolerance, selfishness, and contempt for the dignity of the individual as the East is from the West. The results of ignoring Micah's religion and following its absolute antithesis is today luridly emblazoned in the life and works and inglorious deaths of Hitler and Mussolini."

"Today there hangs over Europe a pall of material destruction, a human hopelessness which has perhaps never been equaled. Towering problems face us, problems of spiritual significance which carry with them individual responsibility for us. The maintenance of our civilization, the development of an improved social order, the hope of peace—all these and more depend upon whether or not we take seriously and practice faithfully these great words of the prophet Micah."

of the beautiful Fisher Memorial Garden thirty-two Southwestern seniors heard Dr. Drucker point the necessity for international understanding and good will, and at the conclusion of the impressive exercises received their degrees from the hands of President Charles E. Diehl.

According to Dr. Drucker, who is a noted economist, it is imperative that American colleges teach the youth of today and tomorrow the arts of living and understanding, if our tradition of freedom is to be maintained.

## NEW FACULTY

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highest general honors and departmental honors in Romance Languages from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1940.

Following his graduation he went to Princeton, where he held the Bergen and Boudinot Fellowships in Modern Languages and was granted the M.A. degree by that institution in 1942. His work for the doctorate is now virtually complete, as he has only to finish his dissertation before being granted the degree at Princeton.

He has taught in Clark University, Princeton University, and American University, Washington, D. C., where he has until recently been Instructor in French.

His scholarly work includes a translation of "Celestina," a fifteenth-century Spanish work which will shortly be published by the Dryden Press of New York.

Miss Westbrooke is a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, and is now in residence at the University of Chicago, where for two years she has held a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship. She received her Master's degree there this spring. While the Aircrew Cadets were in training at Southwestern, Miss Westbrooke assisted with their instruction.

Mere proficiency in some business or profession is not enough: a nation with large numbers of liberally educated citizens is the greatest guarantee of the future of our free system.

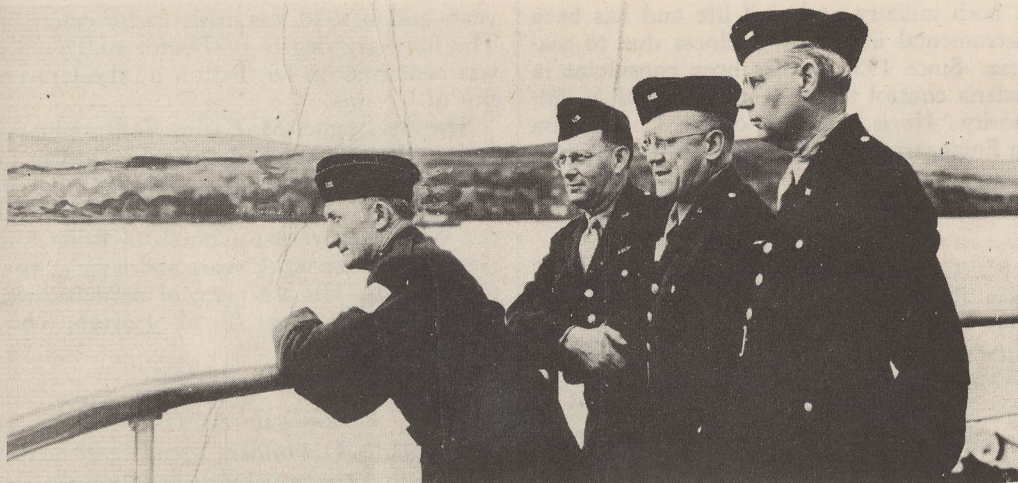
The Nazis came into power in Germany, he said, because men of understanding, of education, of knowledge had deserted the purpose of education, had become tools, not citizens.

Dr. Drucker's counsel to the graduates was based upon his own observation of the disastrous trends in Europe preceding the war. He was born in Austria and spent his formative years in England and on the Continent.

Thirty-one women and one man made up the Class of '45. Twenty-nine seniors received the B.A. degree, one the B.S. degree, and two the B.M. degree.

The following students from Memphis re-  
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Professor Tuthill (at right) aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" en route to England.

## The Rev. Paul Tudor Jones New Head Of Alumni

At the annual Alumni Day dinner on June 4 on the campus, the Reverend Paul Tudor Jones of High Point, North Carolina, was elected president. Mr. Jones graduated with the Class of '32. Until recently he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Greenwood, Mississippi.

Other officers elected are as follows: Memphis vice-president, Luther Southworth; out-of-town vice-president, the Reverend Francis B. Benton, Dyersburg, Tennessee; women's vice-president, Miss Jeanette Spann of Memphis. Miss Louisa McLean of Memphis will continue as the Alumni Secretary.

Mrs. Mark Hammond and Miss Mary Louise Hartzell were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Memphis Alumnae.

The principal talk at the dinner was made by Lt. Colonel Sidney W. Farnsworth, prominent Memphian, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Endowment Campaign.

Following a garden party for the senior women given by the Memphis Alumnae Chapter, members of the Classes of 1940, '35, '30, '25, '20, '15, '10, '05, '00, and 1895 held reunions on the campus.



Rev. Paul Tudor Jones

## DR. BASSETT

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cards of scenes that he considered significant. At last count this collection had grown to more than 8,000, carefully mounted in his albums and methodically indexed. At Southwestern Dr. Bassett often projected numbers of these pictures on screens to illustrate points in his lectures.

He will be sorely missed at Southwestern equally by his colleagues and his students. He was respected by all for his thorough scholarship and for his excellent teaching; and he was admired by all for his unassuming dignity and his genuineness as a Christian gentleman.

His punctuality and methodical ways had become proverbial. Students learned that they could set their watches by his arrival and departure from Palmer Hall. In his sixteen years at Southwestern he was absent from chapel very few times. The same may be said of his attendance at the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, and at the meetings of Kiwanis Club.

President Diehl and the entire college community were reluctant to give up a professor who had maintained the Latin Department of Southwestern at such a high level of attainment and had contributed so much toward maintaining for the entire college its ideals of genuineness and excellence.



Dr. Henry J. Bassett

## SIEFKIN, TUTHILL

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and his work is not yet available. He was among the first to be chosen for the educational work with the G.I.'s. The offer came to him doubtless as a result of his prominence in national musical circles. In addition to his work at Southwestern, he is Director of the Memphis Symphony and for some years has been Secretary of the American Association of Schools of Music. He is expected back at Southwestern for the second semester of the coming year.

A third Southwestern professor, Dr. M. L. MacQueen, was offered a position with the army centers, but chose to remain at Southwestern.

Army University Center No. 1 is said to be divided into eight sections: Commerce, Liberal Arts, Journalism, Fine Arts, Science, Agriculture, Engineering, and Education. The number of students enrolled has not been reported, but some idea of the size of the institution may be gained from the fact that there are sixty faculty members in the Department of Commerce alone. The Army University Centers have been organized for the purpose of teaching American soldiers who are to be in Europe for some time.

## THIRTY-TWO SENIORS

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ceived the Bachelor of Arts degree: Anne Howard Bailey, Mary Ann Banning, Beverly Elizabeth Barron, Gertrude Eugenia Dickson, Gladys Moore Ellis, Virginia Frances Emmons, Ruth Marguerite Field, Anita Hyde, Elizabeth Marianne Jetter, Mignon Presley, Minor Robertson, Dorothy Nell Schrodt, Sylvia Shankman, Eunice Jane Soderstrom, Frances Stockley Uhlhorn, Anne James Weldon, and Betty Jean Wilkinson.

Out-of-town students receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree are as follows: Mary Lee Conley, Halls, Tenn.; Ginny Crutcher, Henning, Tenn.; Elizabeth Dean Ezell, Monroe, La.; Joy Jeanne Gallimore, Greenfield, Tenn.; Mary Frances Lynch, Collierville, Tenn.; Donald James MacGuire, Montgomery, Ala.; Jane Milner, Clemson, S. C.; Marion Louise Moran, Dresden, Tenn.; Lucy Emily Morgan, Coahoma, Miss.; Alice Hoge Siviter, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.; Imogene Maclin Williams, Mason, Tenn.; and Marianna Petrie Woodson, Hot Springs, Ark.

Estelle Hale Kuhlman, Memphis, was the only graduate to receive a Bachelor of Science degree.

Bachelor of Music degrees were awarded by the Memphis College of Music, the Music Department of Southwestern, to Millicent E. Anderson and to Virginia Moreno Sledge, both of Memphis.

Three honorary degrees were conferred by Southwestern for distinguished service. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Reverend Harold James Dudley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and the Reverend James Oliver Shelby, missionary to Mexico. The degree of Doctor of Science was conferred upon Colonel Joseph A. LePrince of

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## THIRTY-TWO SENIORS

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Memphis, Senior Sanitary Engineer, United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Dudley was born in Richmond, Virginia, and received his education at Hampden-Sydney, where he earned high honors in scholarship and athletics. Following his graduation he went to Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, where he received the B.D. and Th.M. degrees. Following pastorates in Lynchburg, Virginia, and Kingston, North Carolina, he came to Birmingham.

At one time Dr. Dudley was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals and sent to the Syracuse club in the International League. After a year, in which he showed much promise, he gave up professional baseball because of his objection to playing on Sunday.

Dr. Shelby was for nearly forty-three years a missionary to Mexico. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, he attended Southwestern when the college was located at Clarksville. There he received the M.A. and B.D. degrees.

In the spring of 1902 he was assigned as missionary to Mexico, and during his long career there he worked in more than twenty localities, some of them remote sections where there were no other Christian missionaries.

In 1928 Dr. Shelby organized a Bible school in Mexico, which he regards as his greatest work. The present year will mark the end of his active service. He has translated a number of books into Spanish and following his retirement he expects to continue this work.

Colonel LePrince was born in Leeds, England, and came to this country at the age of six. He took his degree in civil engineering and his A.M. at Columbia. In 1901 he came into prominence during the first successful campaign in the Western Hemisphere against yellow fever and malaria.

From 1904 to 1914 he was health officer in the Panama Canal Zone. Since then he has devoted himself to malaria control activities

in both military and civil life and has been instrumental in reducing illness due to malaria. Since 1935 he has been consultant in malaria control to the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is chairman of the Commission on Engineering of the National Malaria Committee.

## NECROLOGY

**M. Gerald Burrow, Jr.**, who graduated from Southwestern in 1938, died May 22, 1945, at his home in Tunica, Mississippi. Mr. Burrow attended law school at the University of Mississippi and later graduated from the Yale University Law School. For a time, he served on the legal staff of OPA in Washington, but returned to Tunica to enter private practice.

**Mildred Jane Davis**, a student at Southwestern in 1943, died at her home in Memphis, on August 10, 1945. Miss Davis was injured more than a year ago when she fell from a horse while attending Stratford Junior College in Danville, Virginia. Because the injuries seemed slight at the time, she was able to graduate in June of last year. Miss Davis leaves seven brothers and sisters, six of whom attended Southwestern.

**The Rev. Frank Love McCue**, who graduated from Southwestern in 1914, died at his home in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, on June 3, 1945. Mr. McCue was born in Fort Defiance, Virginia, and attended Hampden-Sydney College and Union Theological Seminary. During the more than forty years of his active ministry, he served many churches in Virginia and Mississippi. In 1941, he retired from the active ministry, but during the remaining years of his life, he gave much of his time to home mission work in Mississippi.

**The Rev. Jonathan Harrison Patton, D.D.**, who finished his undergraduate work at Southwestern in 1887 and his theological training in 1889, died June 12, 1945. He was ordained by the Presbytery of North Alabama. After a brief pastorate in that Presbytery, Dr. Patton became pastor at Marietta, Georgia. He served there for fifty

years and in 1940 was made pastor emeritus. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Dr. Patton by the University of Georgia.

**The Rev. James M. Eakins, D.D.**, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Southwestern in 1934, died in August, 1945. Dr. Eakins served as pastor of the West Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton, New Jersey, for many years and later as pastor emeritus. His last place of residence was on his estate, River Bend, Fairton, New Jersey.

## KILLED IN ACTION

**Lt. Charles D. Forman**, a student at Southwestern in 1939, was killed in action on December 25, 1944. Lt. Forman had previously been reported missing. He failed to return to his base after piloting a B-17 on a bombing mission over Brux, Czechoslovakia. Lt. Forman, a resident of Memphis, received his wings at Stockton Field, California, and had been overseas only six weeks. He was based in Italy with the 15th Air Force.

**Capt. Ernest A. "Jimmie" Powell**, who received his B.S. degree from Southwestern in 1940, has been declared officially deceased. A Marine pilot from Memphis, Capt. Powell had been missing since July 18, 1943. This was just a few days after he had shot down four Jap planes in one action over Rendova Island. For his superb exhibition of daring and flying ability, Capt. Powell was awarded the Silver Star and the Navy Cross.

## LIBERATED

**Major Fred Bronson**, x'39, of the Air Corps, was one of the 9000 Allied prisoners who freed themselves from a Nazi prison camp on the Baltic Sea and joined the Russians. Major Bronson had been missing since July 7, 1944. He had flown 32 missions and was leading his squadron when shot down.

**Pfc. Henry Howard Thompson**, x'44, reported missing in action at Luxemburg since January 24, 1945, has been freed and is now in a hospital in England.

