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Values In Religion Stressed By Johnson

The Reverend John K. Johnson, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Mississippi, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduates who were assembled in the Second Presbyterian Church on May 30. This was the first time since 1949 that the Baccalaureate service had been celebrated with that church. For a number of years preceding 1949 the service was held annually at Second when it was located downtown at Pontotoc and Hernando. The service was most impressive in the beautiful new sanctuary located at Poplar and Goodlett.

Using as his subject "How Important is Religion?" Dr. Johnson emphasized at the beginning the fact that whereas the big question about religion was once "Is it true?" the question is now "What difference does it make? Of what use is religion?" His text was Paul's statement to his young friend Timothy, "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Answering the question that he had proposed, he pointed out first that religion enables one to face the issues of life unafraid.

The cure for fear, he emphasized, is faith, and faith is not so much believing what cannot be defended on rational grounds, as it is living in scorn of consequence. It is making the venture, taking the risk, following the counsel of Christ.

Secondly, religion gives power to those who seek it, power such as was Martin Luther's when he said that he would do his duty though opposing devils were as thick as the tiles on the rooftops. This kind of faith enables us to survive the midnight hour when life tumbles in upon us.

A third use of religion is its gift of love—not soft, sentimental love, but strong and daring love. Martin Luther once made this point through the use of a graphic and almost shocking phrase. "A Christian ought to think this," said Luther: "I will give myself as a Christ to my neighbor, just as Christ offered Himself to me."

The final phrase of the text is "a sound mind." According to the scholars this phrase is difficult to translate. It may mean discipline or self-control, but the speaker said that he leaned to the psychological word "integration." That would be an important boon to gain from religion. Life so often disintegrates us, tears us apart, and flings the pieces in all directions. Unless there is some central loyalty in life, the lesser loyalties are likely to pull us to pieces. For a Christian, this central loyalty is Christ. The life which is integrated around loyalty to Him has meaning and purpose.

Commencement Attracts Record-Breaking Crowds

Oratory and feasting, laughter and tears, joy and sadness, festivity and religious devotion, harvest and seed time were much in evidence as the Commencement of 1954 was written into the record. In point of attendance, this was the most impressive Commencement of them all. The Second Presbyterian Church was filled to capacity at the Baccalaureate service, a record-breaking crowd of more than one thousand attended the Commencement exercises, and records fell as approximately five hundred Alumni crowded the Fargason Field House for the annual supper.

The promised rain failed to arrive and as a happy result, the eighty-eight seniors were able to receive their degrees in accordance with tradition—under the towering oaks of Fisher Memorial Garden, and alumni were able to vie in games under sunny skies on the afternoon of Saturday, May 29, and to hold their annual party on the tennis courts that evening. The alumnae also found the weather ideal for their garden party for the women graduates and their mothers on Monday afternoon, May 31.

In some respects this was a Townsend Commencement, since on every occasion, Dr. and Mrs. Townsend were applauded for their long and fruitful association with Southwestern. They were guests of honor at the Men of Memphis Luncheon in Neely Hall on Alumni Day, May 29. That afternoon their portraits were formally presented to the College in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House, which was crowded with alumni and friends. Mrs. Franklin Ellis (Gladys Moore) made the presentation speech in behalf of the alumnae who raised the funds for the portrait of Mrs. Townsend; and Dr. John A. Hughes performed the same office for the alumni in presenting the portrait of Dr. Townsend to the College. (Following the Alumnae Tea on March 15, reported in the last issue of the *News*, Dr. Hughes and other alumni, raised the funds for the portrait of Dr. Townsend.) Ira Pyron, Jr., acted as chairman at the presentation service. The portraits were painted by Sergei Bongart, Memphis.

Again at the Alumni Supper the Townsends sat at the head table, were introduced, and were rousingly applauded. Both made brief talks.

At the Commencement exercises they marched in the academic procession for the last time. During the ceremonies President Rhodes spoke of the long and unique service they have rendered the College, and the audience responded with a standing ovation.

Lester Tells Graduates To Continue Education

In his Commencement address, Dr. Robert M. Lester, Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation, stressed the importance of continuing education after college. In former times, he said, there was less need than there is today for continuing the educational process because society and knowledge were both relatively static, and the content of college courses changed very little from generation to generation.

Stressing the great changes that have come over our country during his lifetime, Dr. Lester pointed out that fifty years ago two-thirds of our population was rural. Today two-thirds is urban. As a result of the social and technological revolution cultural conditions have changed, family life has changed, schools have changed. We are certainly more remote from our grandfathers of 1875 than our grandfathers were from the first man in recorded history.

Another revolutionary change, peculiarly American, he said, is the very temporary nature of distinctions between the so-called working class, the middle class, and the upper class. Intellectual capacity and ability to make the economic grade serve to transfer people from one class to another. This change has in turn had a profound effect on our national civilization in that it has furnished a compelling impulse toward scholastic and continuing education.

No longer can it be said that the attainment of a degree, be it bachelor's, master's or doctor's, indicates an educated man fully equipped for the business of life, and we must now admit that education must be continuous from birth to death and must always project itself ahead.

Various attempts have been made to supply this need for post-college education. The process is commonly called Adult Education, and Dr. Lester dwelt in considerable detail upon its importance; for, as he said, upon continuing the education of both old and young alike in this time of national and international confusion, depend our lives, our safety, and our future.

In concluding his address Dr. Lester told the graduates that more than other Southwestern classes they are faced with a compelling opportunity and an imperative call to continue their education. Although America has abandoned the idea of an aristocracy by birth and has become increasingly hostile to an aristocracy of wealth, it has made possible for college graduates of today an aristocracy of trained intelligence. This birthright is a great responsibility as well as a privilege.



Dr. Townsend



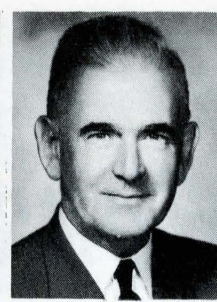
Dr. MacLeod



Dr. Lester



Dr. Cook



Dr. Grant



Dr. Fischbach



Dr. Weersing

Honorary Degrees Given To Two Women, Five Men

In recognition of distinguished service in a wide range of fields, Southwestern conferred seven honorary degrees at the Commencement exercises on June 1. Six different degrees were represented in the seven conferred, the Doctor of Divinity degree alone being conferred on more than one person. Two of the recipients were women.

Mrs. C. L. Townsend, retiring Professor of Sociology at Southwestern, received the Doctor of Letters degree. Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, of New York City, received the degree of Doctor of Religious Education. Dr. Robert MacDonald Lester, Secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, who delivered the Commencement address, received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. Everett R. Cook, of Germantown, President of Cook and Company, cotton firm, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws. Edward Donald Grant, Director of the Department of Institutions for Louisiana, received the degree of Doctor of Humanities. The Reverend John Henry Fischbach, an alumnus of the Class of 1934 and now Associate Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York City, and the Reverend Marc Calvin Weersing, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, were awarded Doctor of Divinity degrees.

Mrs. C. L. Townsend

It goes without saying that Mrs. Townsend was awarded an honorary degree because of her distinguished service to higher education at Southwestern. She was born in Ontario, Canada and was educated at McGill University in Canada, which conferred on her the B.A. and M.A. degrees, with honors in Greek and Latin. She took graduate courses at about a half dozen universities in various parts of this country.

Her official connection with Southwestern began the year after Dr. Townsend started his thirty-seven-year career as a teacher in the College. She was Southwestern's first woman professor, first Professor of Sociology, and first Dean of Women.

(A much longer sketch of Mrs. Townsend's career as a teacher may be found in the last issue of the *Southwestern News*.)

Mrs. MacLeod

Mrs. MacLeod is a native of South Carolina, educated at Winthrop College in South Carolina. After teaching for a time she married the Reverend Mr. MacLeod, a prominent minister from North Carolina. Following his death she did religious work and in 1944 was made Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board of Women's Work of the

Presbyterian Church, U.S., with headquarters in Atlanta. In 1948 she moved up to Executive Secretaryship of the United Council of Church Women. Two years later this organization merged with other interdenominational agencies to become the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and she became the General Director of the United Church Women of that organization.

Dr. Lester

Dr. Lester is an Alabamian who received his undergraduate education at Birmingham-Southern and Vanderbilt. For his advanced studies he went to the University of Michigan and Columbia University. From the last of these institutions he received his Master of Arts degree.

He taught for some time at the Byars Hall High School at Covington, Tennessee, and later became its Principal and Superintendent of Schools. From Covington he returned to Columbia University as a teacher of English, and in the late 1920's he became associated with the Carnegie Corporation as Assistant to the President. For the last twenty years he has been Secretary of the Corporation.

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook began his business career in 1916, when he organized a cotton business in Marianna, Arkansas. Thenceforth he has risen steadily in the business world, and at present is one of the outstanding cotton men in the nation. He is president of Cook and Co., Inc., Memphis, which has offices in nine American cities and several foreign countries. In 1949 he was president of the American Cotton Shippers Association. He has often been called in by the government to perform services of great importance. For example, in 1942 he was vice-president of the Commodity Credit Corporation; in 1944 he was Special Assistant War Food Administrator and National Chairman of the Agricultural War Boards; and in 1945-46 he was advisor and consultant with the State Department.

His military career is almost as outstanding as his business career. In the First World War he was Commanding Officer of the 91st Aero Squadron. In the Second World War he initially served as colonel in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1944. At the end of the war, after successfully performing assignments of mounting importance, he retired as brigadier general.

Dr. Grant

Dr. Grant was born in Glasgow, Scotland, but immigrated to the United States in his boyhood. He received the A.B. degree at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and the M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

In 1921 he became identified with the

work of the Presbyterian Church and has served it with distinction during succeeding years. In that year he became secretary of education and promotion in the Foreign Mission Board, Presbyterian Church in the United States, a position which he held for thirteen years. From 1931 to 1935 he was acting secretary of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance. In 1934 he became Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Southern Presbyterian Church, with headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, and served in that capacity for eighteen years. During the last two years he has been Director of the Department of Institutions for Louisiana.

In special areas of the work of the Church he has performed important services. He spent the greater part of a year inspecting the Foreign Mission work in Japan, Korea, and China. In 1938 he was Delegate to the International Missionary Council at Madras, India, and in 1947 he was Delegate to the World Council of Christian Education in Birmingham, England.

Mr. Fischbach

Mr. Fischbach was born in Bessemer, Alabama, and was graduated from Southwestern in 1934 with High Honors in Philosophy and Honors in Economics.

For his theological training Mr. Fischbach went to the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, specialized in Christian ethics under Reinhold Niebuhr, and received the B.D. degree in 1937.

For the next two years he served as Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1939 he assumed the pastorate of the Westminster Church, which borders the campus of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. During his fourteen-year pastorate of this Church the membership increased nearly six-fold, and its land holdings were quadrupled. During the last seven years of this pastorate he was a member of the faculty of the University as part-time Lecturer in Religion. In the latter part of last year Mr. Fischbach became Associate Pastor of the Central Church in New York City, one of the outstanding Presbyterian Churches in that metropolis.

Mr. Weersing

Mr. Weersing got his public school education in the city of Chicago, and for his Bachelor's degree went to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His Bachelor of Theology degree is from the same college. He also holds a Master of Theology degree from the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

His first Pastorate was at the First Presbyterian Church in Elberton, Georgia, which church he served four years. His second

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PiKA National Memorial Building will be dedicated in September.

Headquarters Building Of PiKA Is Now Open

The handsome building that will house the national headquarters of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, located on ground donated by the College and adjacent to the campus, is virtually complete. It is now officially open for business, though not yet ready for public inspection. The members of PiKA will hold their national convention in Memphis in September, at which time the building will be formally dedicated and its opening celebrated.

The building is patterned after the architecture of old Williamsburg. Mr. George Mahoney of Memphis, a graduate of the University of Virginia where Alpha chapter is located, admires Williamsburg architecture and feels that it is appropriate for the home of PiKA to suggest the place of the fraternity's birth. The architecture harmonizes beautifully with that of Evergreen Presbyterian Church, which is located adjacent to it.

Only a third of the building will be used by the national offices. The remainder will house an inter-fraternity library, PiKA historical material, a general meeting room, and a lounge. A fully equipped kitchenette is located adjacent to the meeting room. The building will be air-conditioned throughout. The total cost is estimated at \$250,000.

The decision to locate the general headquarters of Pi Kappa Alpha at Memphis was made at the national convention in 1946 held at Mackinac Lake in Michigan. Among the reasons for the choice were the historical importance of the chapter at Southwestern and the prominence of Southwestern men in the annals of the fraternity.

During the late years of the Reconstruction Period when all Southern fraternities were struggling for existence and even the mother chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Virginia had become virtually dormant, the Theta chapter at Southwestern

Theta Saved Fraternity In Reconstruction Era

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity considers the Theta Chapter at Southwestern second in importance in the history of the fraternity only to the Mother Chapter at the University of Virginia. In fact, Theta shares honors with Alpha as the Mother Chapter, and during the critical period in the history of the fraternity is considered to have taken precedence. According to Freeman Hansford Hart, the historian of PiKA, "No chapter of the fraternity, not even Alpha, has left a greater impress on her history."

The coming of Pi Kappa Alpha to Southwestern resulted from the homesickness of two freshmen from the Deep South, Llewellyn Price, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Charles C. Mallard, of New Orleans. The year was 1877, when there was only one fraternity on the campus. Feeling the need of friends, the two boys joined with James R. Howerton, a Kentuckian, to apply for a

carried the torch for the fraternity and led the successful movement for its revival. Actually, then, Theta served as the mother chapter during this crucial period.

Another link between Southwestern and PiKA is former Chancellor George Summey, of Southwestern, who until his death on February 21 was the oldest living member of PiKA and one of its most influential leaders. For eighty-five years he was a loyal member of the fraternity; in 1909 he was named Grand Chaplain and served in that capacity for many years.

When college opens in the fall, the home of the Pikes will be in full flower. Southwestern is, therefore, one of the few small colleges in the nation which can boast the headquarters of a national fraternity.

Though the building is exclusively the property of PiKA, the officers of the fraternity will make its facilities available to Southwestern organizations.

chapter of the fraternity, with the result that a charter was granted to these three students on October 21, 1878.

They were willing to admit to membership only their closest friends. As one of their initiates put it, they would not go for any man unless they "loved him well enough to sleep three in a bed with him." Seven men were initiated during the first year, making a total of ten.

The Reconstruction period was a rugged one for Southern fraternities, and Pi Kappa Alpha lost its Beta, Delta, and Zeta Chapters, and even the Alpha Chapter at Virginia wavered. By 1880 only two chapters of the eight that had been established remained—Alpha and Theta—and Alpha suggested merger with some other fraternity. The Southwestern Chapter, however, passed a resolution to the effect that she would not merge with any other organization and would assume the responsibility of carrying on the fraternity.

During the next five years even Theta wavered, but by 1885 the Southwestern Chapter was once more strong and resolute. She initiated ten men, three of whom became Grand Officers of the fraternity.

Since the Theta Chapter was now the leading chapter in the fraternity, the Alpha Chapter turned over the government to Theta and gave her the right to grant charters as she saw fit. As a result of the efforts of the Southwestern group, the Iota Chapter was established at Hampden-Sydney, Zeta was revived at the University of Tennessee, and Lambda was established at South Carolina Military Academy. Meanwhile Theron Hall Rice, who was to become one of the outstanding leaders in the entire history of the fraternity, had transferred from Southwestern to the University of Virginia and immediately had exerted his very considerable talents in strengthening the Alpha Chapter.

This change in fortune was of great importance and led directly to the turning point in the history of PiKA—the Convention of 1889, which reorganized the fraternity and inaugurated its years of growth and progress. Of the four delegates to this convention, now known as the Junior Founders, two were Southwestern men, Theron Hall Rice and John Shaw Foster.

Honorary Degrees—

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Pastorate, at the Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia, also continued for four years. Since 1947 he has been Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi. He has rendered important service to the Synod of Mississippi. He has served as Chairman of the Special Ad Interim Committee for the Study of Higher Education and as Chairman of the Synod's committee in the recent Negro Work Campaign. In the work of the General Assembly he has served on the Committee of Evangelism and is now a member of the General Council.

During his Pastorate in Jackson the membership of the Church has almost doubled, and gifts to church causes have increased more than three-fold. The Church recently completed a \$400,000-building program.



A PICTURE SPREAD FOR ALUMNI. The first four and last two pictures show tables at the Men of Memphis Luncheon, honoring, among others, the class of 1929, which was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Here we see Catherine Richey Hinton, Sara Moore Whitley, Luther W. Southworth, Marcelle Yard Hunsaker, and Richard Hunsaker.



Moore Moore, Jr., Rosa Clarke Henry, Eleanor Beckham Farquharson, Oscar Hurt, Jr., and Jane Hyde Scott.



Charles W. Robertson, Lynn Herring, Pomeroy Dunham Huff, Minnie Lundy Wellford, and R. Grattan Brown.



James T. (Toto) Houts, Don G. Owens, Jr., Sarah Boothe White, John J. Johnson, and Katherine Griffith Johnson.



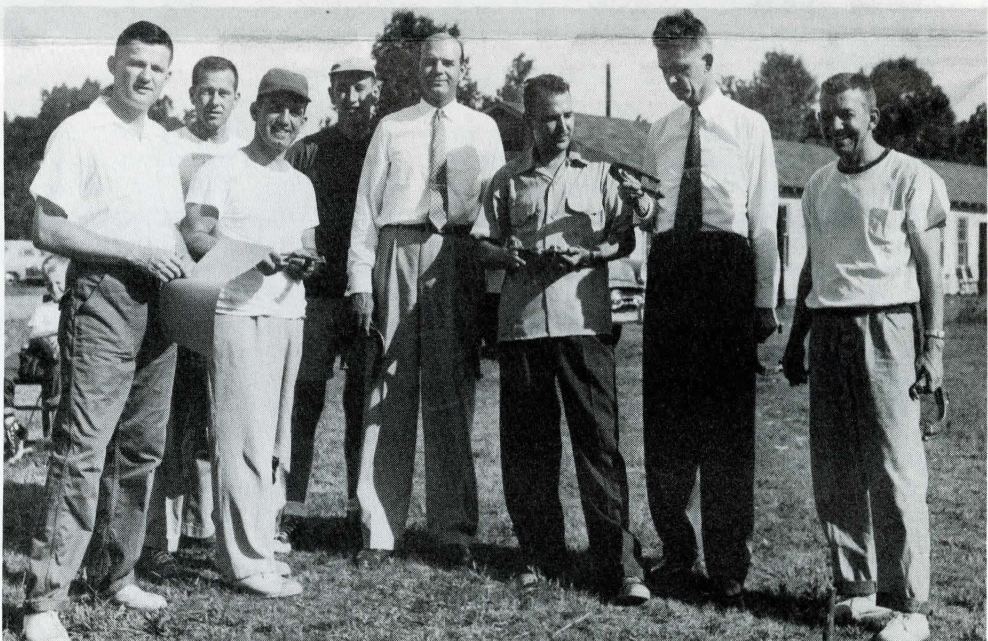
The next three pictures show a few of the 500-odd Alumni who attended the Supper. Here are Elizabeth Smith Williams, Sarah Elizabeth Markham Woolwine, Annah Lee Early, Louise R. Clark, John K. Johnson, Edward F. Thompson, Charles Fleet, and Glenn Morris Parry.



Anne McGehee, Dan Jernigan, Robert Cobb, William Boyd, Sidney Vise, Robert Crumby, Martha Jane Pullen, and Dr. J. W. Cobb.



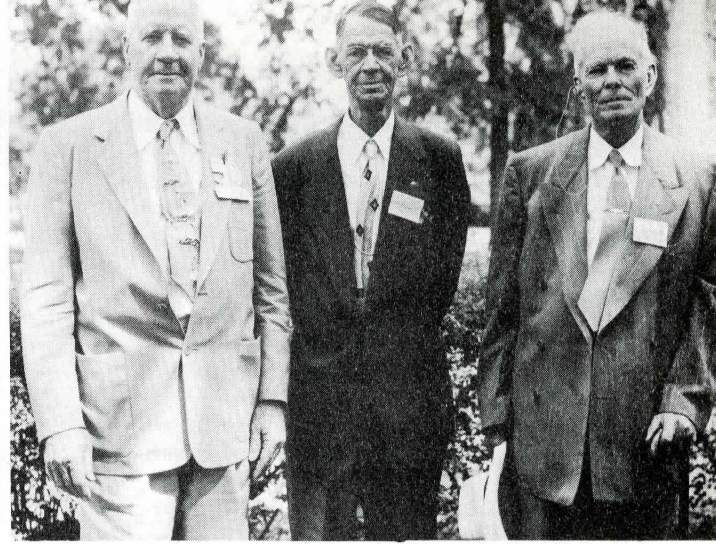
Pat Cooper Richardson, William Murphy, Joy Upshaw Murphy, Betty Joe Campbell Fowler, Morgan Fowler, James Collier, Jr., Johnson B. Rhem, William Morgan, Hervey Conway and James Cogswell. On this side of the table are Madeline Richardson, Julian Nall, and Joan Stewart Bongart.



On the afternoon of Alumni Day the old grads competed at horseshoes and softball. A few of the horseshoe throwers were Henry Turner, William Maybry, William Speros, James Breytspraak, John Hughes, Sam Fudge, Charles Robertson, and Rick Mays. Rick was the champion.



Softball Champions were the SAE's, who defeated the Kappa Sig's in the championship round of softball and so won possession of Dr. Diehl's old green hat for the next year. The champs are Ted Fox, Dan Boone, Earl Hayes, John McKee, Bedford Dunnivant, Jimmy Collier, Billy Pridgen, Bill Lawson, Bill Brazelton, and Bill Durbin. Kneeling are Joe Patten, Jr., and Sam Blair.



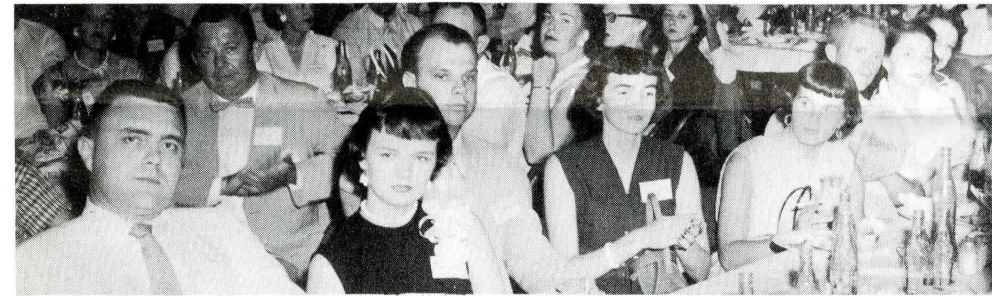
The three senior Alumni attending the Alumni Day festivities were Edward W. Walthal, '04, H. M. McLain, '01, and J. W. Cobb, '96.



A part of the crowd at the Alumnae Garden Party on May 29. It is plainly evident that the alumnae and their guests got in some good licks chatting.



Three of the alumnae attending the Garden Party: Ione Wall Brown, Jane Hyde Scott, and Josephine Farley Wall.



A bit of hand clapping here (though not unanimous) at the Alumni Supper: John Rex Maxwell, Martha Ellen Davidson Maxwell, Frank Bradshaw, Mary Clay Farr, Anne Marie Caskey Williford, Judson Williford, Ella Howard Pickens Page, and Frances Crouch.



Among the alumni attending the Men of Memphis Luncheon were Edward F. Thompson, Virginia Clifton Jayroe, Walker Wellford, Jr., and Raymond Thompson.



Dona Kraemer Maybry, Gladys Moore Ellis, Franklin Ellis, Mary Hunter Van Dusen, Mary Ann Simonton Spence, John Spence, Natalie Northcross Moss, Natalie Moss, and Robert P. Moss. Brandon Lemmon is at extreme left on this side of table.



Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Townsend acknowledge cheers at the Men of Memphis Luncheon.

Winners of Honors

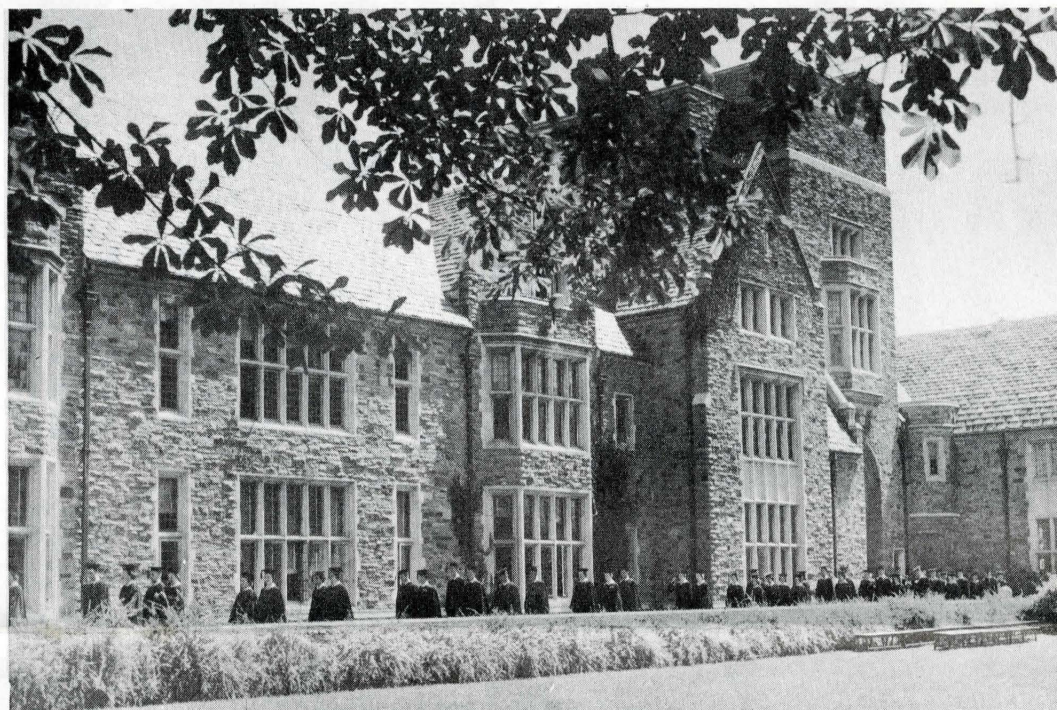
The list of honors, awards and prizes announced during the Commencement season is as follows:

Three seniors were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at the conclusion of the year: Larry Bone, Anne Marie Bruce, and John Richards, all of Memphis. (Seven other seniors were initiated at the end of the first semester: Viola Deavours, Laurel, Mississippi; Mary Ann Hackleman, Memphis; Ethel Harrell, Memphis; Orley Lilly, Grenada, Mississippi; Douglas Marsh, Memphis; Chandler Warren, Natchez, Mississippi; and Bettie Worthington, Shreveport, Louisiana.)

Six seniors graduated with honors (an award conferred for achievement in an advanced tutorial program): Thomas B. Looney, Memphis, in history; Margaret Anne McGehee, Paris, Tennessee, in Spanish; Emily McKay, Lewisburg, Tennessee, in political science; Douglas S. Marsh, Memphis, in Greek; Elizabeth Perkins, Little Rock, Arkansas, in French; and Paula Richardson, Memphis, in philosophy.

In addition to these, thirty students graduated with distinction (an award conferred upon students who maintain a very high scholastic average over the entire course of study):

Larry Earl Bone, Memphis.
 Patricia Anne Braswell, Nashville, Tenn.
 Anne Marie Bruce, Memphis.
 Millicent Bunn, Jonesboro, Ark.
 Yvonne Burns, Memphis.
 Jacqueline Coker, Caruthersville, Mo.
 Barbara Ann Curtis, Memphis.
 Mary Elizabeth Davidson, Dyer, Tenn.
 Viola Anne Deavours, Laurel, Miss.
 Jean Enochs, Laurel, Miss.
 Elizabeth Fisher, Sherard, Miss.
 Peggy Frances Fitch, Shreveport, La.
 Mary Frances Forbes, Birmingham, Ala.
 Mary Ann Hackleman, Memphis.
 William S. Hamer, Dyersburg, Tenn.



The procession moves along the Terrace toward the Fisher Gardens.

Ethel Ashton Harrell, Memphis.
 Martha Ann Holcombe, Memphis.
 Orley Radcliffe Lilly, Jr., Grenada, Miss.
 Ann Feemster McAllister, Tupelo, Miss.
 Margaret McKee, Memphis.
 Mary Helen McLeod, Camden, Ark.
 Carolyn Milton, Martin, Tenn.
 Marilyn Anita Mitchell, Memphis.
 Bette Berk Rucker, Franklin, Tenn.
 Amy Josephine Taylor, Ducktown, Tenn.
 Robbie Irene Thomas, Memphis.
 Wiley Lee Umphlett, Norfolk, Va.
 Sidney Richard Vise, Little Rock, Ark.
 Arlie Chandler Warren, Natchez, Miss.
 Bettie Worthington, Shreveport, La.
 Three Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards are made annually to a citizen of Memphis and to two members of the graduating class,

a man and a woman, who evince in exceptional degree a spirit of love for and helpfulness toward others. The citizen's award went to the Reverend John A. Millard, Pastor of the Evergreen Presbyterian Church of Memphis. The two seniors designated for the award were Peggy Fitch, Shreveport, La., and Albert Evans, Memphis.

Highest honors in the junior class went to David Rester, Bogalusa, La.; second honors to Thomas Richardson, Bogalusa, La.; and third to Mary Margaret Storck, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Highest honors in the sophomore class went to Elaine Vickrey, Shreveport, La.; second honors to Carole Thompson, Memphis; and third to Ada Jane Walters, Memphis.

Highest honors in the freshman class went to Clara Ann Marmann, Memphis; second honors to Jane Burns Campbell, Pulaski, Tennessee; and third to Harriet Byrd, Wynne, Ark.

Douglas Marsh, of Memphis, won the Spencer Greek Prize for seniors; Jack Kennon, of Memphis, for juniors; Catherine Coleman, Whitehaven, Tennessee, for sophomores; and Charlene Ann Jayroe, Indianola, Miss., for freshmen. The Belk Bible Medal was won by Thomas Allen Huff, Forest, Miss.

The Chi Omega Sociology Prize went to Dorothy E. Harris, Marianna, Ark.

Four Seidman Awards in Economics and Political Science are given annually by Mr. P. K. Seidman of Memphis to outstanding students in Economics and Political Science. They were won by George Harmon and Carole Thompson, Memphis; Orley Lilly, Grenada, Miss.; and Emily McKay, Lewisburg, Tenn.

The William Spadow Scholarship in Chemistry went to Henry Mosley, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The William Spadow Scholarship in Mathematics went to Mary Rodriguez, Monroe, La. The William O. Shewmaker Award

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After the Baccalaureate service in Second Church, the academic line begins to disintegrate.



Mr. Wailes

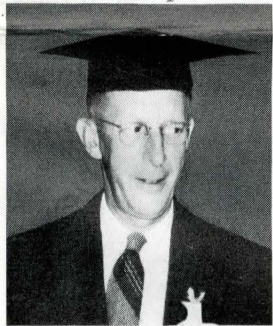
Mike Wailes Addresses Men Of Memphis At Annual Luncheon

The Southwestern Men of Memphis Luncheon honoring the men of the Class of '54 and all members of the Classes of '04 and '29 was one of the best in the entire series of such events. Lee B. (Mike) Wailes, '29, was the guest speaker, and Neely Hall was comfortably filled, with about one hundred and thirty at the tables.

Some twenty-five members of the Class of '29 were present to celebrate their Silver Anniversary. Edward W. Walthal was the sole member of his Class of '04 on hand to celebrate their Golden Anniversary.

Mr. Wailes, who is executive vice-president of the Storer Broadcasting Company, with headquarters in Miami Beach, Florida, gave a very interesting and informative historical sketch of the radio and television industry.

A humorous touch was added when President Rhodes presented Luther Southworth,



Mr. Southworth

'29, with an honorary "degree" of Doctor of Necromancy and Prestidigitation, in recognition of "twenty-five years of masterful deception." Mr. Southworth responded by presenting the College with the large gift of magicians' "money."

(That night he entertained the alumni with a really excellent selection of tricks.)

Co-chairmen of the dinner were Malcolm Perry and Dr. Granville Sherman, Jr., and they were efficiently assisted by Dr. Robert Armstrong, Don Owens, James (Toto) Houts, and Jane Hyde Scott. Rick Mays was Master of Ceremonies.

Officers of the Men of Memphis are: Ira Pyron, President; Malcolm Perry, Vice-president; William D. Haynes, Secretary; and Sam Mays, Treasurer.

Alumni Elect Three New Officers

At the very successful Alumni Supper held at 6:00 P.M. on May 29 three new officers were elected to serve during the next two years. They are Edward C. Boldt, who was elected Vice-president in charge of Finances; The Reverend Samuel R. Fudge, Vice-president in charge of Ministerial Relations, and Mary Clay Farr, Vice-president in charge of the Alumnae.

Other officers of the Alumni Association, with a year yet to serve, are Robert W. Amis, President; E. Denby Brandon, Jr., Vice-president in charge of Public Relations; and James D. Collier, Jr., Vice-president in charge of Reunions.

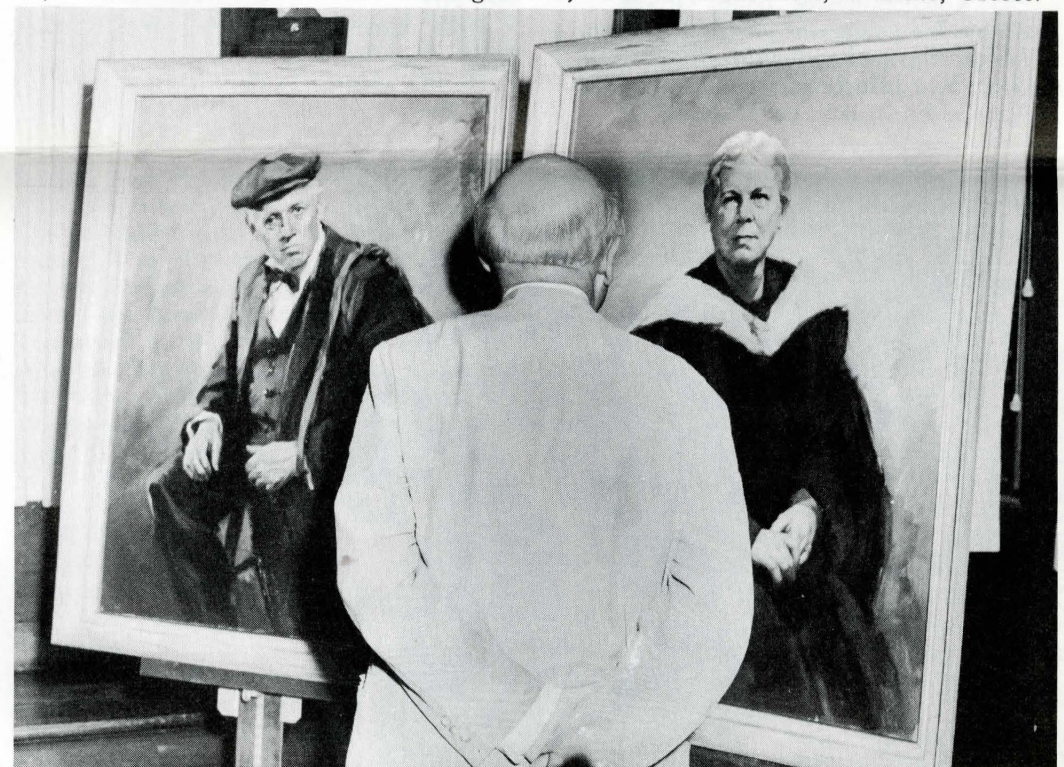
Much of the success of the Alumni Supper is due to Oscar Hurt, Jr., who was General Chairman of all Alumni Day activities. He was ably assisted by Al Wunderlich, Jr., Dr. Henry Turner, Harte Thomas, Betsye Fowler French, and James M. Breytspraak, who served as chairmen of various committees. A number of other alumni served on these committees, and all are to be commended for doing an exceptionally fine job.

Class Of '53 Leaps To Front

The Class of '53 is running well ahead of the Class of '52 in their contest to determine which can enlist the greater percentage of its members in contributing to the Alumni Fund. Of the Class of '53, 9.3% are contributing, against 4.2% of the Class of '52. The end is a long way off, however, and Roscoe Feild says that his '52ers are just beginning to move. But Allen Cooke retorts, "We've more than doubled you, Roscoe. You'll never catch us."

Anniversary Gift From '29ers

Without fanfare the Class of '29, led by Oscar Hurt, Jr., Chairman, is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary by trying to get the greatest possible number of its members to contribute to the Alumni Fund. To date 19% have done so—an excellent showing.



Unposed picture of Dr. Townsend appraising portraits of himself and Mrs. Townsend.

Summer Players Offer Broadway Comedy—"Love of Four Colonels"

The Southwestern Summer Theatre will launch its first production with **The Love of Four Colonels**, a recently successful Broadway comedy by Peter Ustinov. The play will be given arena style July 9 and 10 at 8:15 in the Adult Education Center of the Burrow Library.

Representing Southwestern alumni in the cast will be Ann Brown Field, and Professor Ray Hill, also in the cast, will represent the drama department. Mrs. Jay Stein, wife of the new librarian, will direct the play.

The play is about four colonels—a Frenchman, an Englishman, a Russian, and an American—who are visited by a supernatural being who introduces them, in turn, to the Sleeping Beauty of legend, and offers each a chance to act out with her his ideal conception of love and win her if possible. Not only does each of the colonels reveal his total inability to win the Beauty, but in striving to do so each succeeds in showing the absurd and diverting national characteristics of the land of his origin.

Admission for this production may be obtained at the door.

Winners of Honors, Awards

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to the student making the best record in the "Man" course went to Clara Ann Marmann, Memphis.

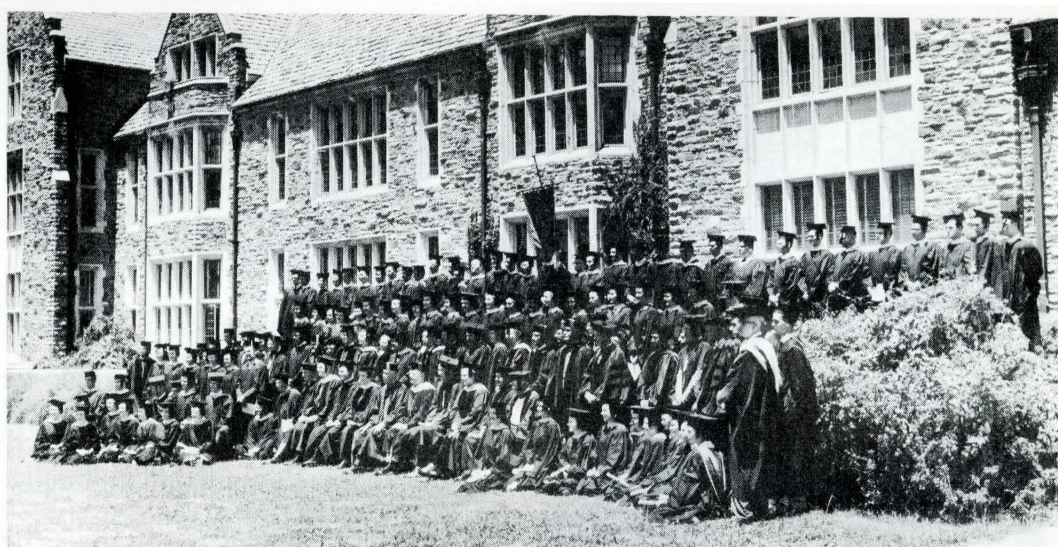
The Tri Delta Alliance Scholarships were won by Elaine Vickrey, Shreveport, La.; Charlene Ann Jayroe, Indianola, Miss., and Dorothy Harris, Marianna, Ark.

Special awards to seniors majoring in political science were won by Jean Enochs and Viola Deavours, both of Laurel, Miss. An award to a senior majoring in political science showing the greatest improvement was won by Elias Kouloumbaritis, of Zante, Greece.

List of Graduates

The Class of 1954 numbered ninety-six as compared with eighty-two in the Class of 1953, and ninety-five in the Class of 1952. The following received B.A. and B.S. degrees:

- Luther Tatum Adams, Kennett, Mo.
- Ralph M. Addington, Memphis.
- Charles Green Andrews, Memphis.
- Robert Wheatley Beard, Memphis.
- Rebecca Treadwell Beasley, Germantown.
- Ruth Allen Beasley, Germantown, Tenn.
- James Walter Bernard, Caruthersville, Mo.
- Larry Earl Bone, Memphis.
- Charles Brady, Memphis.
- Patricia Anne Braswell, Nashville, Tenn.
- Anne Marie Davis Bruce, Memphis.
- Millicent Bunn, Jonesboro, Ark.
- John William Burch, Memphis.
- Yvonne Burns, Memphis.
- John H. Butterworth, III, Memphis.
- Thomas Henry Crais, New Orleans, La.
- Robert L. Craven, Little Rock, Ark.
- William Thomas Cunningham Jr., Memphis.
- Barbara Ann Curtis, Memphis.
- Mary Elizabeth Davidson, Dyer, Tenn.
- Virginia Levesque Davis, Whitehaven.
- Viola Anne Deavours, Laurel, Miss.
- Laura Ellen Edington, Mobile, Ala.
- Jean Enochs, Laurel, Miss.
- Albert Morris Evans, Memphis.
- Peggy Frances Fitch, Shreveport, La.
- Mary Frances Forbes, Birmingham, Ala.
- George E. Goode, Memphis.
- John Robert Goodson, McCalla, Ala.
- Walter P. Gorman, III, Memphis.
- Mary Ann Hackleman, Memphis.
- William S. Hamer, Dyersburg, Tenn.
- Ethel Ashton Harrell, Memphis.
- Burton E. Henry, Gulfport, Miss.
- Geraldine Hensley, Nashville, Tenn.
- Martha Ann Holcombe, Memphis.
- John Sandall Howie, Fayetteville, N. C.
- William Jacoway Hughes, Memphis.
- J. E. Kahn, Memphis.
- Elias Kouloumbaritsis, Zante, Greece.
- Bennie Joe Lamberth, Jonesboro, Ark.
- Joseph Herring Lawson, Memphis.
- Orley Radcliffe Lilly, Jr., Grenada, Miss.
- Thomas Buchanan Looney, Memphis.



The Class of '54, immediately after receiving degrees, gather for the official picture in front of Palmer Hall.

- Ann Jon McAlister, Brighton, Tenn.
- Ann Feemster McAllister, Tupelo, Miss.
- Robert Edwin McClure, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
- Mary Irene McDonald, Camden, Ark.
- Margaret Anne McGehee, Paris, Tenn.
- Emily McKay, Lewisburg, Tenn.
- Margaret McKee, Memphis.
- Mary Helen McLeod, Camden, Ark.
- Douglas S. Marsh, Memphis.
- Marilyn Anita Mitchell, Memphis.
- David Myers Morris, New Augusta, Miss.
- Jesse Peter Norfleet, Memphis.
- Elizabeth Curtis Perkins, Little Rock, Ark.
- Amel Clarence Peterson, Jr., Memphis.
- Sue Pingree, Dallas, Texas.
- Elizabeth Armistead Price, Jackson, Miss.
- Paula Richardson, Memphis.
- Patricia Ann Riegle, Memphis.
- Anne Elizabeth Riley, Humboldt, Tenn.
- Bette Berk Rucker, Franklin, Tenn.
- Thomas Norwood Street, Jr., Memphis.
- Ray Ulon Tanner, Shreveport, La.
- Wiley Lee Umphlett, Norfolk, Va.
- Mary Elizabeth Kilpatrick Walker, Anniston, Ala.
- Arlie Chandler Warren, Jr., Natchez, Miss.
- Donald Monroe Wilkins, Gastonia, N. C.
- William L. Williams, Brookhaven, Miss.

- Mary Anne Wiseman, Memphis.
- Bettie Worthington, Shreveport, La.
- Carsie Clark Young, West Point, Miss.
- The following received Bachelor of Music degrees.
- Jacqueline Coker, Caruthersville, Mo.
- Joanne Cunningham, Cottontown, Tenn.
- Elizabeth Fisher, Sherard, Miss.
- Margaret Louise Hagood, Indian Springs, Tenn.
- Wallace C. McClanahan, Sullivan, Ky.
- Gene Douglass McFarland, Jackson, Tenn.
- Louise Wade McHenry, Luxora, Ark.
- Mary Elizabeth Mainord, East Prairie, Mo.
- Carolyn Milton, Martin, Tenn.
- Elise LaVerne Myers, Jackson, Miss.
- Amy Josephine Taylor, Ducktown, Tenn.
- Robbie Irene Thomas, Memphis.
- Sidney Richard Vise, Little Rock, Ark.
- Sarah Jane Wood, Martin, Tenn.
- The following students are expected to receive degrees at the end of summer school:
- Walter A. Bustard, New York, N. Y.
- Nadine Eastin, Memphis.
- Lane Wiley Erwin, Mobile, Ala.
- William S. Harrison, Woodbury Forest, Va.
- William Vinton Lawson, Jr., Memphis.
- James Cloud McLin, Earle, Ark.
- Emma Jean Myres, Glen Allen, Miss.
- John B. Richards, Memphis.



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