

She's Mrs. Rooney, Now



Miss Ava Gardner, a former student here and who is now enrolled in Metro-Goldwyn Studios Training School for Actors, is now the wife of Hollywood's No. 1 box office attraction, Mickey Rooney. Miss Gardner will soon appear here in a minor role in "H. M. Pulham, Esq." and not in a Pete Smith short as formerly announced.

Blackout Brings Forth Varied Reactions Here

College Participates In Wilson Precaution Against Air Raid

Atlantic Christian College participated in the blackout which put Wilson in total darkness from 8:00 until 8:45 January 12, 1942. Everyone cooperated and the blackout was regarded as a great success. Not only was the blackout a historical milestone for Wilson, but for most of the college students it was an entirely new experience. Of course, everyone reacted differently but at least everyone reacted.

The girls' dormitory was completely darkened and quiet (yes, the girls can stop talking), in about three minutes. There were wardens placed at all strategic points, one at the night switch, one at the telephone, several to patrol the halls and key rooms, several to check before the blackout signal to see that everyone was in place and then Miss Massengill and Dr. Hartsock as general officials.

We were listening at the radio playing "Hearts" when the first blast sounded. We thought it might be fire but after the fourth or fifth blast we knew it must be the black out signal so we sat up and with our eyes and ears peeled for nevertheless, the minute the lights flickered out someone screamed and then the next second the lights popped back on, and after three times, time for five of us girls to pile on one bed, then everything was in total darkness. I blinked myself but couldn't see a thing. I think it was the blackest moment of my life. All the lights popped out across the street, and there was nothing bright except the stars glittering in the sky. The first few minutes were tense, dramatic, exacting—then, as we stared out the window and our eyes became accustomed to the darkness, and we could not make out objects, trees, and houses became vague paths of sand. We strained our eyes trying to see some kind of light—of course there was none. We sat for what seemed like hours, with everyone huddled against the other frightened to death. No one moved nor hardly breathed, and then, it must have been about half way through the blackout, all began to expect things and what we really heard

was the ole "Limited" passing through. We began to suppose we were in France or England with bombers flying over, that the "Japs" might really come to Wilson, etc. Well, our eyes gradually got larger and wider in the darkness and we could not see one thing, so our imagination started running wild. We heard steps creaking (anybody could come up and sip right in, of course we could not see them.) And then we could hear someone coming nearer and we all squalled out nervously that we could feel "Bigger Thomas" choking us.

After what seemed interminable hours, we heard the "all clear" signal and the next moment the lights popped back on. We all blinked owlishly and rushed out to see how everyone else had stood it.

Boys Dorm
8:00 o'clock: Sometime between 8:00 o'clock and 10:00 o'clock a blackout was to take place. All the boys seemed a little nervous. No one was studying. Small groups had gathered in the halls to watch the lights go out. Everyone talked.

Suddenly, a siren, lights winked and went out. Everyone stood at the windows and looked for lights and silence reigned. "Then: It is dark..." "I never knew it could be so dark..." "I need a date..." "Wonder where the girls are..." "Sitence..." "How long will (Continued on Page Four)

As War Came to Campus to 1917

By PEANUT MORRIS
In view of the present war emergency and the steps that are being taken by the administration in cooperation with the defense program, we thought maybe the students would like to know what happened at Atlantic Christian College during World War No. 1. Atlantic Christian College was a veritable army barracks, according to Professor Case, who was here, and as usual in the middle of everything. The college was turned over to the S. A. T. C., but I

President Announces War Plan Group

Dr. Hilley Calls On Student Body For Aid in Program

In a chapel speech, Dr. Hilley has called the student body to aid to the best of their ability in the nation's defense efforts. Dr. Hilley had six main words on which he based his speech and around which will be built the campus program for defense. These words or points were Information, Indoctrination, Acceleration, Sanitation or Health, Discipline, Integration. He said he felt that now, especially, more emphasis should be placed on history, etc.—and that all information concerning the war should be placed at the disposal of the students.

As for indoctrination—Dr. Hilley meant that professors use courses in history, economics, sociology and so forth to stress the debt we owe to our country and its contributions to us.

He explained that all students should try their best to get all the work in they possibly can as quickly as they can and that they be urged to attend summer school.

He advised further that more thorough physical examinations be given and that more physical exercise be given the students.

He concluded by saying that the program should be integrated in such a way that each student would have a definite place in the program and help to the best of his ability.

A committee was named for the purpose of drawing up recommendations. The committee was composed of Dr. Hilley and Mr. Case ex-officio members, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Smith, Coach Herring, representing the faculty and Wilma Williams, and Gordon Aldridge from the student body. Their recommendations adopted by the faculty and members of the ex-board are:

The Committee recommends:
1. Information:
a. That all pamphlets, books, and articles having to do with defense, morale, air-raid precautions, the draft, and military and civil matters relating to the national effort be kept in a separate place in the College Library available to all, and that the librarian appoint a custodian among her helpers for this purpose.

2. Indoctrination:
a. That all courses be taught in such a way as to show the nature and development of our democratic institutions and worth to the individual, especially courses in history, economics, sociology, and English (especially English composition) and that our heritage and responsibilities that devolve upon us as citizens of the United States be emphasized.
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Naval Reserve Makes Offer to ACC Men

Ensign C. T. Harris Discusses U. S. N. R. With Local Boys

Mr. C. T. Harris, Ensign, U. S. N. R., came to the campus January 7, to interview those interested in the V-7 and V-5 branch of the Naval Reserve.

The V-7 classification allows college juniors and seniors to finish their college careers and then places them in a training camp for an ensign's commission in the Navy.

In addition to the V-7 (deck-officer) program, questions were asked concerning the Marines and the V-5 (Naval Air Corps) program.

Many of the boys were present to discuss with Mr. Harris the probabilities of getting into the Reserve. On the whole, requirements are very rigid.

The registration takes place in Raleigh. Mr. Harris was not here to take registrations but to acquaint the boys more fully with the V-7 and the V-5 programs.

New Courses Next Semester

The beginning of the second semester will bring changes in the curriculum at Atlantic Christian College. In several departments requirements for certification have been raised. One of these departments is the physical education department. It is now possible for one to take a minor in physical education from Atlantic Christian College. For this to be possible, it was necessary to add some new courses. Among these are: Organization, Administration, and Supervision of Physical Education in High Schools, which are courses designed to teach the methods of teaching, organizing athletics, methods of giving tests, etc.; Skills and Techniques in Physical Education, which is the present course in Athletic Coaching with two hours added to it each semester; Teaching of Health and School Health Problems in High Schools.

Heretofore, it has been possible for Atlantic Christian College graduates to coach athletic teams in high schools after having had the four hour course in athletic coaching. However, the state has raised the requirements for coaches so that anyone who wishes to coach will have to have at least fifteen hours of work in the physical education department, which constitutes the amount of work for a minor in this department.

New courses will also be added in the commercial department and will probably be offered in the afternoon so that the commercial students will be able to fit them into their schedules without conflicts with their regular commercial classes.

Also, Marriage and Home Life, has returned to the curriculum and will be taught by Mr. Case. This course was formerly taught by Dr. Morgan.

That alone can be called true refinement which elevates the soul of man, purifying the manners by improving the intellect.—Coleridge

Youth Meet Speaker Here

Donald Williams of Raleigh Heads Group for 1942

"Japan's people did not want this war, it was forced on Japan by the military clique in that country," said Miss Bertha Clawson, chief speaker at the third annual Youth World Fellowship Meet, held here at the college during the holidays. Miss Clawson, founder, first president, and now president emerita of the Margaret K. Long Christian Mission School of Tokyo, Japan, led a discussion group on Saturday morning, spoke at Vesper service on Saturday night and also spoke at the Sunday morning service at the First Christian Church.

The theme of the Meet was "Advancing the Kingdom of God." Discussion groups were led by Harold L. Tyre of Washington, N. C., F. W. Wiegmann of Dunn, J. M. Perry of Robersonville and Miss Sarah Bain Ward, graduate of Atlantic Christian College, was director of recreation and social life during the week end. On Friday night, Dr. H. S. Hilley spoke at the opening banquet on "Youth in the Present Crisis."

Officers for 1942 are: Donald Williams of Raleigh, president; Charles Litaker of Leaksville, vice-president, and Virginia Lancaster of New Bern, a student at the college, secretary.

Eighty-seven young people of high school and college age from all over the state were here on the campus for this Meet. Mr. Jarman, director, and Virginia Lancaster, president, acclaimed this a very successful conference, and both wish to thank the students for use of their rooms.

Formal Dinner Held For Students, Faculty Last Month

The students and faculty members of Atlantic Christian College were honored with the first formal dinner of the year on December 12, 1941.

A color scheme of red, white and silver was prominent throughout the evening affair. A tall decorated Christmas tree and red table candles, together with the white tablecloths, set the scene for the dinner.

A three-course dinner was served. After each course an interlude of music was presented at the key-board by Celia Crawley.

Nurseries of character should be strongly garrisoned with virtue. School examinations are one-sided; it is not so much academic education, as a moral and spiritual culture, which lifts one higher.
—Mary Baker Eddy

What Did You Do During Holidays?

Well, I must have one last bit of fun before the dreaded time of seclusion (of course, you know the kind of seclusion to which I am referring) arrives. And my thoughts turn to the remarks that I have heard various students make, concerning their vacations. Here's what they did:
EDVAN THOMPSON: "I spent a quite evening at home."
HARRY WYNN: "What did I do—NOTHING."
HAZEL JOHNSON: "I danced my shoes out, and slept just all I wanted to."

Dr. Swearingen Gives First Student Address

New Minister



DR. SWEARINGEN

Mrs. Baggett New Teacher

Miss Abbitt Resigns; Is Replaced by Mother of Student

With the resignation of Miss Margaret Abbitt, a vacancy occurred in the Commercial Department, which will be filled at the beginning of the second semester by Mrs. Elizabeth Ridgeway Baggett, mother of Carolyn Baggett, who is now a junior at A. C. C.

Mrs. Baggett was graduated from Atlantic Christian College in 1932. During the time she was a student here, she did assistant teaching work in the Commercial Department. After finishing her college work, Mrs. Baggett did not teach anymore until 1934, when she began teaching in the elementary school of Foreston, S. C. Since that time, she has taught Commercial work in the Cameron, South Carolina, High School.

The family will move to Wilson, where Mr. Baggett, an accountant and bookkeeper, will be located.

1942 Pine Knot Making Progress

The Pine Knot for the year 1942 is making rapid progress, according to a report released to the Collegiate by Miss Ruth Beard, editor of the Pine Knot.

All of the individual and group photography is completed and is in the hands of the engravers. Snap shot editors are at present on the campus taking pictures of different forms of campus life. The cover for the annual has been decided upon by a committee of three and will remain a secret until it is released to the students.

"I am well pleased with the choice of the cover, and the material for this year's annual," states Miss Beard.

Philosophy of Life Is Stated

Talk Is Made At Regular Chapel Program Jan. 7

Dr. T. T. Swearingen, the newly appointed pastor of the First Christian Church of Wilson, made his initial appearance before the faculty and student body Wednesday morning, January 7, at the regular chapel program. On the days before, he met the Campus Religious Council and various other groups as well as the faculty; but this was his first formal introduction to the student body as a whole.

In his first address, Dr. Swearingen stated clearly his philosophy of life. He emphasized the fact that "experience is not a good teacher unless it has a standard; and experience has no value unless it results in an improvement." This frank statement that experience is not a good teacher struck many of the students in the face because they have always believed that experience is a good teacher. But after listening to the explanation of his belief, the students began to understand and sympathize with it.

Dr. Swearingen's standard is by no means new. It is the importance of people: Not just the people with the large bank accounts who seem all-important, but rather people in general. This philosophy suggests a standard of thinking and of acting for man, keeping in the center of attention the idea that people are important. He asked that each student feel that he is an individual having rights and considerations.

Why do people fail to get along well together? According to Dr. Swearingen, it is the fact that people take care of their own rights and forget that other people have the same rights. In order to have a closer fellowship with men, one must respect the feelings and privileges of others.

Classes Choose Colors, Flowers, Also Mottoes

At the last meeting of the different classes the class colors, flowers and mottoes were chosen.

The Freshman Class went patriotic in their selections. They chose the golden rod, usually conceived as the nation's flower, for their own. Their colors were red, white and blue with "Keep 'em Flying" as their motto—however, the motto is pending.

The Sophomore Class chose the Black-eye Susan as their flower, gold and black as their colors and referred their motto to a committee for further study.

The Juniors picked the Iris as their flower, purple and white as their colors, and also referred their motto to a committee, and also have decided to sponsor a faculty basketball game.

The Seniors picked the yellow Jonquil as its flower, yellow and white as its colors and a motto that reads thus: "What we are to be we are now becoming." The Seniors also elected Miss Ruth Beard as class poet.

That is true cultivation which gives us sympathy with every form of human life, and enables us to work most successfully for its advancement.
—Henry Ward Beecher

KIRBY WATSON: "If I tell, I may 'get in Dutch'."
BILLY PATE: "WE set the DAY."
AARON FUSSELL: "I went to two dances, three parties, Rose Bowl game—and, church on Sunday."
RUTH BEARD: "My vacation can be summed up like this: I slept one-third of the time (may be two-thirds) and read books for Modern Novel."
WILLARD WOODWARD: "I worked in the daytime, and I (Continued on Page Four)