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Montgomery To Vacate Mitchell Presidency

Mr. John Montgomery, president of Mitchell College for 23 years, has announced his plan to retire at the close of the scholastic year May 31.

In a voice filled with emotion, the 66-year-old chief executive made public his resignation at a called meeting of the faculty March 12. The Board of Trustees earlier in the month had accepted the resignation with regret and had charged its executive committee with the task of nominating a successor.

Receives New Title

Named president emeritus by the trustees, Mr. Montgomery will continue to live in his home on campus and to handle business management duties with the college on a part-time basis.

In a companion move, the trustees abolished the office of bursar, a position now held by Miss Mary Edna Matheson, and elected her treasurer of the Mitchell College corporation, a post also being released by Mr. Montgomery.

Miss Matheson, who joined the Mitchell faculty as a member of the Business Education Department in 1956, has served as bursar since 1962.

Declining to serve on the committee to locate his replacement, Mr. Montgomery told the faculty that the next president probably would be a "fund-raiser" who is "younger than most of you."

College Math Major

Born Oct. 27, 1903, Mr. Montgomery is a native of Sumter, S. C. Majoring in

mathematics, he received the B.A. degree at the University of South Carolina in 1925 and was awarded the M.A. degree from the same institution in 1931.

Having served as principal of Manning (S.C.) High School three years, Mr. Montgomery held the deanship of Lees Junior College in Jackson, Ky., from 1930 to 1943. He was dean of Lindsey-Wilson Junior College in Columbia, Ky., from 1943 until succeeding the late Frances Stribling as head of Mitchell College June 1, 1947. (Miss Stribling left the post to return to China, where she continued her evangelistic work that had been interrupted by the war with Japan.)

Mr. Montgomery is married to the former Carolyn Plowden. The couple have two children — John W., 34, an instructor-engineer with Collins and Aikman in Albemarle; and Mary Jean, 30, a teacher in Boston.



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TREASURER-ELECT . .



MISS MARY EDNA MATHESON

(Sherry Sanders Photo)

1970 MAY QUEEN TO BE FETED

Nine members of the May Court will be presented and honored during May Day festivities Sat., May 2.

Voted on by the student body Feb. 19, the May Queen is Betty Sutton, sophomore. Maid of Honor is sophomore Carmen McLean. Other sophomore members of the court include Jean Clifford, Sandie Froelich and Candy Priest. Freshman attendants are Barbara Beatty, Avery Frye, Marilyn Massengale and Kathy Pierce.

For the occasion the queen will wear a white dress; the Maid of Honor, light pink; and the other members, shocking pink.

Mrs. Brenda Morrow is sponsor of the group, and Mrs. Annie Gray is her assistant.



VALENTINE QUEEN JANET HAYNES



ATTENDANT YUKO OGUSHI



ATTENDANT DIANE WILCOX



ATTENDANT SARAH WOODS