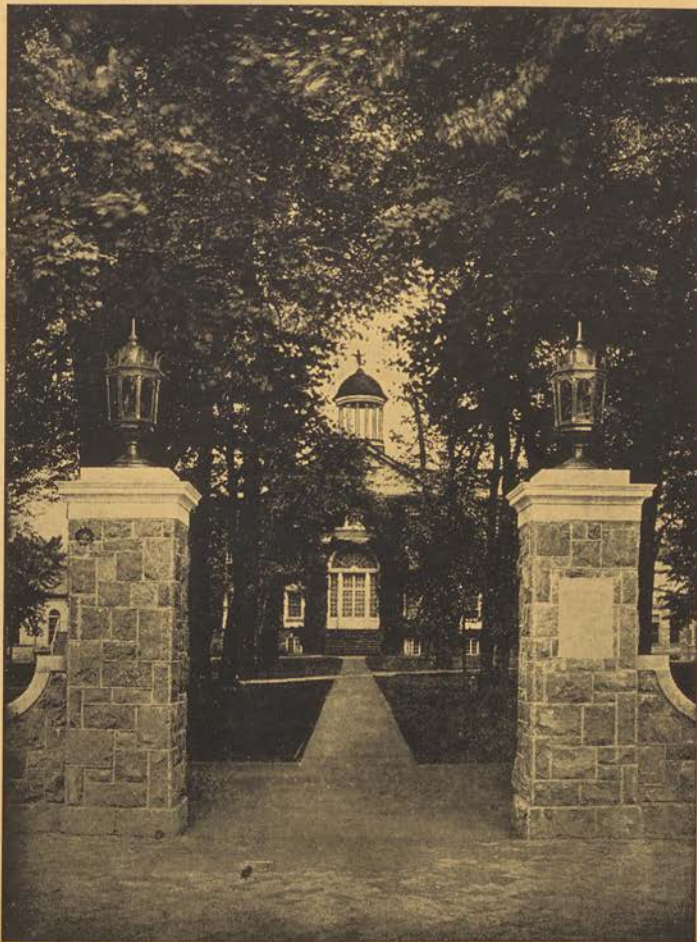


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Expect Gala Throng to Attend 153d Commencement

ANOTHER gala week-end is forecast for the 153d Commencement which will be held from June 5 to 8, and as is usual everything has been arranged, except the weather.

With class secretaries and Alumni Fund Class Agents joining hands, all reunion classes have issued calls to their members and alumni are expected to return in large numbers. Hotels report a great demand for accommodations and once more Carlisle's facilities will be taxed to provide for the returning throng.

Practically all reunion classes have planned to hold dinners on Sunday following the Baccalaureate Services, though the 1921 committee is unusually optimistic and has arranged for a "strawberry breakfast" at 9:30 that morning. If many of 1921 get there, they will have to stay up all night for the Alumni Day program lists events from morning until midnight.

Charles R. Gay, president of the New York Stock Exchange, will be one of seven to receive honorary degrees and will be the speaker at the 153d Commencement Exercises on Monday morning, June 8. Boyd Lee Spahr, president of the Board of Trustees, will preside in the absence of President Fred P. Corson who will be attending the Allegheny College Commencement to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

The Commencement program will open for many on Thursday evening, June 4 when the Dramatic Club will present "The Torchbearers" in Bosler Hall.

A change in the program this year lists the Senior Day Chapel for 2 o'clock

on Friday afternoon, and fills the gap of abandoning Class Day Exercises. The 1902 Award will be presented at this chapel which will be followed by the Ivy Oration on the Old Stone Steps and the Senior Induction at the 1910 Flag-pole.

"Johnny Hamp and His Orchestra," fourteen musicians and a vocalist, will furnish the music for the Senior Ball, which will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium from 8 o'clock Friday night to one in the morning. There will be an hour's intermission for fraternity visiting during the dance. While the Ball is going on, the Board of Trustees will meet in annual session beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

President Fred P. Corson will be the speaker and will make a report of the year's activities at the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association which after the earlier meeting of Phi Beta Kappa will open the doings of Alumni Day. This gathering will be in the Social Rooms of West College. At the same session, a report of the Tellers of the mail vote for Alumni Trustee and Council will be given and officers will make their reports. Following the meeting, the Alumni Council will meet to elect officers of the Association.

Henry F. Wile, '06, will be the toastmaster at the Alumni Luncheon which will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium at noon on Saturday, Alumni Day. He has been appointed in line with the custom of selecting the Alumni Luncheon ringmaster from the 30th Reunion Class. Representatives of reunion classes will deliver three minute orations be-

153d Commencement Program

Eastern Standard Time

Thursday, June 4

- 8:00 P. M.—Commencement Play, "The Torchbearers."
Bosler Hall. Admission by ticket

Senior Day, Friday, June 5

- 2:00 P. M.—Chapel Exercises. Presentation of The 1902 Award.
Bosler Hall
Followed by the Ivy Oration on Old Stone Steps
and Senior Induction
- 7:30 P. M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees
- 8:00 P. M.
to —Senior Ball, Alumni Gymnasium. Admission by
1:00 A. M. ticket. \$3.00
- 10:00 P. M.
to —Fraternity Visiting
- 11:00 P. M.

Alumni Day, Saturday, June 6

- 9:00 A. M.—Phi Beta Kappa Meeting, Memorial Hall
- 10:30 A. M.—Annual Meeting of the General Alumni Association,
West College. Report by President Fred P. Corson
- 12:00 M.—Alumni Luncheon. Alumni Gymnasium. Admission
by ticket
- 2:00 P. M.—Alumni Parade
- 2:30 P. M.—Baseball, Dickinson vs. Mt. St. Mary's College,
Biddle Field. Admission by ticket
- 4:30 P. M.
to —The President's Reception
- 6:00 P. M.
- 5:30 P. M.—Fraternity Banquets
- 8:30 P. M.—Glee Club Concert, Bosler Hall. Admission by
ticket

Baccalaureate Day, Sunday, June 7

- 10:30 A. M.—Academic Procession, West College
- 11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Services, Alumni Gymnasium
Sermon by President Fred P. Corson
- 8:30 P. M.—Sacred Concert by Women's Glee Club,
Allison M. E. Church

Commencement Day, Monday, June 8

- 9:30 A. M.—Academic Procession, West College
- 10:00 A. M.—153d Commencement Exercises, Alumni Gymnasium
Address by Charles R. Gay, President of the New
York Stock Exchange

fore the Alumni Parade starts at 2 o'clock.

One of the best baseball teams in the history of the college will oppose the Mt. St. Mary's College nine on Biddle Field at 2:30 o'clock.

From 4:30 to 6 o'clock, President and Mrs. Corson will receive visitors at the President's House in the annual reception.

Fraternity banquets are scheduled to begin at 5:30 and to end in time to send the Commencement throng to Bosler Hall by 8:30 when the Glee Club will give its concert. This will be followed by a College Sing on the Old Stone Steps, and forecasters say this year's will be the finest in years. In the past few weeks, the students of the college have revived the old tradition of singing on the Old Stone Steps and they will add greatly to the Commencement performance. Raven's Claw will mark its 40th Anniversary in a banquet which will start at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday night in the Molly Pitcher Hotel.

President Fred P. Corson will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Services which will again be held in the Alumni Gymnasium to accommodate the large congregation likely to attend. The service will be held at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning and will be preceded by an academic procession. As was the case last year, instead of the Vesper Service, the Women's Glee Club will present a sacred concert in the Allison Memorial Church on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Alumni are urged to go directly to the Registration Room in Old West upon their arrival in Carlisle to register there, receive their Commencement button and to secure tickets for all events to which tickets of admission are needed. Information concerning any part of the Commencement program, the location of class headquarters or answers to other questions will be given there. Register first!

Come Back to Commencement!



CHARLES R. GAY
President New York Stock Exchange
Commencement Speaker

Heads Teachers College

Charles S. Swope, '25, was inaugurated as president of West Chester State Teachers College on May 7 in fitting ceremonies. He thus became head of the institution where he graduated fifteen years ago, in 1921, with honors.

President Swope graduated from Dickinson in 1925, and received his master's degree in 1929 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he has nearly completed the work for his doctorate.

After his graduation from Dickinson, Professor Swope became head of the department of history in Pennington Seminary, where he remained for three years. Then he spent a year as superintendent of schools at Everett, Pa., and he resigned to become professor of social studies at West Chester, a position he filled for the six years until his elevation to the presidency.

President Fred P. Corson attended the inauguration and made an address as the representatives of the arts colleges and universities at a formal luncheon following the inauguration exercises.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our Educational Creed

This is the time of year when high school students are choosing the college they will attend. We are in correspondence with about 2,000 of these young people. To some "a college is a college" and reasons financial, physical and social determine the choice.

Our observation leads us to conclude, however, that the students who do the best work and are happiest in their college career have learned something of the educational standards and policies of the institution of their choice and made their decision in the light of that information. Such discrimination in our judgment is essential if the right student and the right college are to be brought together.

Dickinson College has an educational tradition which is summed up in the phrase "liberal arts." It has avoided the multiplication of schools and departments in order to remain solely a liberal arts college. We believe that such training of the whole man, provided by the liberal arts program, is the best training he can receive for the total experiences of life.

In developing this program there are certain principles which we have accepted as axiomatic and incorporated in our educational creed. First:

We believe that both science and religion form a part in the training of the whole man; science based upon open-mindedness and accuracy, and religion dedicated to truth and transcending sectarianism.

We believe that the English tradition which includes manners and morals, as well as factual knowledge in the liberal arts program, has proved its validity for our times.

We believe in the application of honesty to all educational matters, in-

cluding a scholarship which is thorough and not superficial and an academic freedom which permits a fair and complete presentation of the results of scholarship.

We believe in high standards and insist upon their attainment. We expect the best from our students who in turn have a right to expect the best from the College.

We believe in the value of the "Mark Hopkins" educational process and have therefore limited our student body to six hundred in order to insure these personal contacts.

We believe that certain subjects in the curriculum are basic and that growing minds need the guidance of certain required courses and electives within given fields.

We believe that students should be given a knowledge of the whole field of learning and provide, therefore, for a distribution of their courses.

We believe that they should develop the ability of intensive study in a given field and by concentrating their courses and providing honors work seek to develop within them this capacity.

The temptations to alter and expand this basic creed have been many but the policy of adapting these fundamentals to the changing conditions of successive periods in our national development finds its *justification* in the achievements of Dickinsonians.

The enrollment for next year is most encouraging. Let me remind the alumni again that we look to you for the type of prospective student who desires the things which by experience you know Dickinson stands for.

And finally, let me once more urge you to return for Commencement.

F. P. Corson

Three Colleges to Confer Degrees On President Corson

PRESIDENT Fred P. Corson will attend three college commencements in June and at each the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon him.

On June 1, Western Maryland College will so honor him, and on June 3 he will attend the Franklin and Marshall College Commencement to receive the degree from the neighboring institution. On Monday, June 8, he will receive the degree from Allegheny College.

As the Allegheny Commencement comes on the same day as the 153rd Dickinson Commencement, President Corson will be absent on Monday, June 8, from Carlisle. He will leave after preaching the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday for Meadville, where he will receive the degree on Monday morning. In his absence, Boyd Lee Spahr, president of the Board of Trustees, will preside at Commencement and will confer the honorary degrees, while Dean E. A. Vuilleumier will confer the degrees in cursu, and Dean W. H. Hitchler will confer the Law degrees. Bishop E. G. Richardson will grant the Phi Beta Kappa recognition.

In 1931, while he was District Superintendent of the New York Conference, President Corson received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater. Two years later in 1933, Syracuse University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

President Corson graduated from the College with an A.B. degree in 1917, and in 1920 he was awarded an A.M. degree, the year in which he received the B.D. degree upon his graduation from Drew Theological Seminary.

In attending the Dickinson and three other college commencements, President Corson will not complete his commencement appearances for he is to make five commencement addresses. He will speak first to the graduates of the Brantwood



PRESIDENT FRED P. CORSON

School, Bronxville, N. Y., and next before the York Collegiate Institute, York, Pa. His final addresses will be to the Upper Darby High School, the Hazleton High School, and the Laurence High School, Laurence, N. Y.

Physician Awarded Fellowship

Dr. Elwood W. Stitzel, '20, Altoona physician, was awarded a fellowship of the American College of Physicians at convocation ceremonies which were held at the annual meeting of the American Medical Society in Detroit, Mich., in April.

Dr. Stitzel has been an associate fellow of the College for the past three years.

The fellowship is awarded through clinical research work done by Dr. Stitzel at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, in glyocoll therapy in treatment of pseudo-hypertrophic muscular dystrophy. Dr. Stitzel wrote his fellowship thesis based on the work done at the hospital and also made motion picture films of the progress of the work.

Life Members of The General Alumni Association

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 Dr. Charles W. Super
- 1870**
 *Judge Edward W. Biddle
- 1872**
 Robert H. Conlyn
- 1873**
 *Dr. Ovando B. Super
- 1874**
 C. H. Ruhl
- 1876**
 *Rev. George A. Cure
- 1878**
 Dr. James H. Morgan
- 1880**
 James Hope Caldwell
 *Dr. J. Warren Harper
 *Charles K. Zug
- 1881**
 Edwin H. Linville
- 1882**
 Lemuel T. Appold
 *Peyton Brown
- 1883**
 John M. Rhey
- 1884**
 Dr. M. Gibson Porter
- 1885**
 Franklin T. Baker
 Brig. Gen. Frank R. Kiefer
 Guy Leroy Stevick
- 1886**
 Judge Edward M. Biddle, Jr.
 *W. W. Salmon
- 1887**
 *Dr. W. Blair Stewart
- 1888**
 William D. Boyer
 Robert A. Heberling
- 1889**
 Mrs. Alice K. Meloy
 W. W. Wharton
- 1891**
 Prof. C. William Prettyman
 Rev. Dr. Harry B. Stock
- 1893**
 J. Henry Baker
 William M. Curry
 *Dr. Clyde B. Furst
 *George Metzger Hays
- 1895**
 Paul Appenzellar
 Miss Amy Fisher
 Robert H. Richards
 Fred S. Stitt
- 1896**
 James L. N. Channell
 Merkel Landis
 Harry L. Price
 Ruby R. Vale
- 1897**
 Mrs. Anna Mabel Geiger Heckman
 James B. Kremer, Jr.
- 1898**
 Robert Hays Smith
- 1899**
 Donald C. Appenzellar
 Harry L. Cannon
 Thomas M. Whiteman
 *Deceased
- 1900**
 Boyd Lee Spahr
- 1900L**
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- 1901**
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 Thomas L. Jones
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- 1902**
 Lewis M. Bacon, Jr.
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 Merrill James Haldeman
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 Dr. Daniel P. Ray
 R. B. Stauffer
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- 1904**
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- 1905**
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 Harry H. Nuttle
 Dr. Herbert N. Shenton
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- 1907**
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 Charles M. Kurtz
 Leon A. McIntire
 Robert F. Rich
 Col. Charles M. Steese
- 1908**
 Benson B. Boss
 Rev. George H. Ketterer
- 1909**
 Linette E. Lee
 Ellsworth H. Mish
- 1910**
 Rev. J. Henry Darlington
 Walter V. Edwards
 Lydia M. Gooding
 Arthur J. Latham
 Marjorie L. McIntire
 Dr. E. Roger Samuel
- 1911L**
 Bayard L. Buckley
- 1911**
 Roy Cleaver
 J. Earnest Crane
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- 1912**
 Mrs. Ruth Heller Bacon
 Dr. C. C. Bramble
 Willis K. Glauser
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 J. H. Hargis
 Carl Hartzell
 P. Earl West
- 1914**
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 Joel Claster
 Carlyle R. Earp
 Dr. C. E. Wagner
- 1915**
 Everett E. Borton
 *Dr. R. E. Kistler
 William R. Mohr
 Gilbert Malcolm
 J. O. Small
 David M. Wallace
- 1916**
 Mrs. Amelia Welner Blumenfeld
 Reynolds C. Massey
- 1917**
 Dr. Fred P. Corson
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 W. F. Greenig
 Nora M. Mohler
- 1918**
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 Helen E. Shaub
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- 1924**
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- 1925**
 Mrs. Anne Bennett Bennethum
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 Mrs. Helen Douglass Gallagher
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 Mrs. Charles L. Warren
- 1927**
 Moredeen Plough
- 1928**
 Helen E. Hackman
- 1930**
 Richard U. Bashor
 Edgar J. Kohnstamm
 Alice E. Hackman
- 1932**
 Boyd Lee Spahr, Jr.
- 1933**
 Christian C. F. Spahr

One Hundred Fifty-Nine Lifers on Alumni Roll

A GAIN of eleven names over the list published in May 1935 is shown on the roll of Life Members of the General Alumni Association published in this number of the magazine by the direction of the Alumni Council. The roll now lists 159 names.

Last year's report listed 148 names while in the previous year the total was 142. In 1933 it was 137, in 1932 the total was 132 and in 1931, 121. The hundred mark was passed in May 1930, when 106 Lifers were listed.

The eleven new names added to the roll in the past year were those of the late Dr. Ovando B. Super, '73, and that of the late Edwin C. Ammerman, '02; Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer, '03; Dr. J. I. Tracy, '06; Rev. George Henry Ketterer, '08; Dr. E. Roger Samuel, '10; David M. Wallace, '15; W. F. Greenig, '17; Isabel K. Endslow, '19; Helen E. Shaub, '23 and Richard U. Bashor, '30.

The name of Dr. Ovando B. Super was entered as a memorial subscription by his brother, Dr. Charles W. Super, '66 himself a Lifer and one of the oldest alumni of the college. During the year the name of another alumnus became memorialized through death and an asterick now appears before the name of Wilmer W. Salmon, '88, former trustee of the college.

The Class of 1902 holds undisputed lead with sixteen Lifers. When Bishop Spencer sent in his check he sent 1903 out of a tie with 1912 into second place with seven Life Members. While 1912 was standing still, Dr. E. Roger Samuel brought the 1910 total to six, and David M. Wallace became the sixth member of 1915, and thus there exists a three way tie between 1910, 1912 and 1915 for third place with six Lifers each. Through the subscription of Isabel K. Endslow the Class of 1919 became tied with 1905 and 1907 with five Lifers.

Few classes are now absent from rep-

Two New Lifers

Two more alumni became Life Members of the General Alumni Association since the publication of the last number of *The Dickinson Alumnus*.

Richard Ulsh Bashor, '30, sent in his check in April, while William F. Greenig, '17, made payment in May at the Morristown dinner to keep a year-old promise that he would become a Lifer within a year. "Bill" made it by a couple of days.

resentation in the roll of Lifers, though 1871, 1875, 1877, 1879, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1920, 1929, 1931, 1934 and 1935 are not listed. Officers of the Alumni Association have expressed the hope that every class will appear in the Life Membership roster.

Some of the Life Membership subscriptions are being paid in installments, and when all are paid the principal sum will be \$6,360.00. This amount is invested in a trust fund and the income only is used for Alumni Association purposes.

Life Membership costs \$40.00 and may be paid in two installments of \$20.00 each. It carries with it a life subscription to the *Dickinson Alumnus* and entitles the Lifer to all the rights and privileges of active membership in the Association. It ends the annual payment of dues. Checks for Life Membership may be sent to the *DICKINSON ALUMNUS*, West College, Carlisle, or to the Treasurer of the Association, Rev. Dr. Harry B. Stock, Carlisle, Pa.

Announcement of each Life Membership subscription will be made in the succeeding issues of the magazine.

Alumni Fund Passes \$9,100 Mark in First Year

WITH a little more than two weeks remaining before the drive closes on May 30 and just as last call letters go into the mails, 323 contributors have given \$9,143.89 to the Alumni Fund, thus assuring President Corson's earlier prediction that the total would reach \$10,000 by Commencement when the result will be announced.

This report shows about \$2,100 more from 100 additional contributors than was announced in the April issue of the *Dickinson College Bulletin*, the medium of Fund publicity.

That the rank and file of alumni have not yet responded to the Alumni Fund call is evident in the total number who have subscribed. There are approximately 2,800 living graduates. The Life Membership roll totals 159, and more than 1,800 alumni are or have been subscribers to THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS. That out of this fertile field only 323 have become Fund subscribers leads to the conclusion that many more last minute gifts are to be expected. It also gives promise of the growth of the Fund in the years to come.

At the outset \$5,000 was given by a few trustees. Three members of the Board gave \$1,000 each, three \$500 each and two others gave \$250 each. One of the \$1,000 donors has since given \$700 more. Another trustee at the outset of the drive paid a \$500 pledge to the Mooreland Tract upon which he had been paying interest. Others have paid former subscriptions, and expect to become Alumni Fund subscribers in another year.

A number of alumni have revealed that even before the launching of the Alumni Fund they had foreseen the slogan "Put Dickinson in Your Budget—Put Dickinson in Your Will" and had written bequests in their wills for the college. A few alumni have reported insurance policies which they are carrying with the college named as bene-

ficiary. Some others are carrying insurance to protect bequests in their wills.

Very little personal solicitation has been possible by officers of the college in this first year of the Fund and few calls have been made. The effort has been limited largely to the organization of the work and the marshalling of class agents in solicitation from their classmates. Letter writing has consumed the time of these workers and the printed page has carried the message to the alumni.

Only one alumni club has engaged in seeking gifts from its members. The Dickinson Club of Washington raised \$150 for a scholarship to a Washington lad. A Scholarship Committee sought the gifts and the money passed through the Alumni Fund account. At its meeting this year, this club voted to repeat the performance next year. Several Washington alumni gave additional amounts directly to the College in response to the Fund appeal.

The average gift of those who have given to date is \$28.30, an amount considerably higher than is reported by many other colleges and universities. It is expected that this average will be lowered considerably in the closing weeks of the drive as smaller gifts swell the present total.

Class Agents and all workers have experienced the greatest difficulty in securing small gifts. Many alumni who have given largely in former intensive campaigns have not themselves seen the truth in the oft repeated line "the important thing is to give something." Consequently, they have not given a few dollars because they wanted to give many dollars, and could not. It is hoped that the last call letters in the mails will correct this situation and lead many to give.

The final report of the first year of the Fund will be made in the July issue of the *Dickinson College Bulletin*. This will list the names of donors, but

not the amounts given by each, by classes. It will show the total contributed by classes, and the use of the money

given. The money will be appropriated as decreed by the Board of Trustees at the annual Commencement meeting.

Mail Ballots in Election for Trustee and Council

BALLOTS were mailed to the members of the General Alumni Association in the annual election for Alumni Trustee and Alumni Council the last week in April, and the polls will close on May 28. The Tellers will report the result at the annual meeting of the Association on Alumni Day.

The Nominating Committee appointed by President Harry L. Price was composed of J. H. Hargis, '13; Glenn E. Todd, '12, and Norman Eberly, '24, all of Carlisle.

Lewis M. Bacon, '02, present incumbent, was nominated for election as Alumni Trustee. He is a Baltimore insurance man, the husband of Ruth Heller Bacon, '12, and the father of Nancy and John Bacon, members of the Sophomore Class. His opponents are Frederick S. Stitt, '95, an attorney of Washington, D. C., and Raymond B. Whitmoyer, '13, member of the faculty of the Atlantic City High School and president of the Dickinson Club in Atlantic City, N. J.

Two co-eds are among the ten nominees for the Alumni Council, five of whom will be elected to a three-year term expiring in 1939. The co-ed alumni warmly applauded the election of Marjorie L. McIntire to the Council last year, and many wrote to officers of the Association recommending her re-nomination not knowing that the By-Laws prevent reelection of any members of the Council excepting the president, secretary and treasurer until the expiration of one year.

Grace Filler, '10, a teacher of Wayne, Pa., and a sister of the late President M. G. Filler, and President of the Dickinson Alumnae Club of Philadelphia, has a place on the ballot. The other

co-ed named is Mary K. Wetzel, '22, who with Mary Line operates the popular student retreat of this and other years, "The Chocolate Shop" in Carlisle.

J. B. Kremer, '97, a Lifer, who lives in Montclair, N. J., and commutes to his insurance office in New York when he isn't travelling to some Sigma Chi function elsewhere, heads the ticket. Another Lifer, Dr. Daniel P. Ray, '03, Johnstown physician, is the second name on the ballot, and the third man nominated is also a Life Member of the Alumni Association. He is Henry H. Nuttle, '06, a canner of Denton, Md. Miss Filler's name appears next on the ballot.

A. H. Aldridge, '12, national secretary of Theta Chi Fraternity and a resident of Trenton, N. J., was nominated for the second time when he was selected by this year's committee.

R. R. McWhinney, '15, a lawyer of Pittsburgh, a former captain of the football team and brother of Harry E. McWhinney, '08, former Council member, is the next name on the ballot. Then appears the name of Ralph M. Bashore, '17, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and active member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

The name of Miss Wetzel follows and then appear the names of Edward J. Gayner, 3rd, '24, manager of a glass factory in Salem, N. J., and Dr. J. Watson Pedlow, '29, of Chester, Pa. Gayner is a former football end, while Pedlow is the son of George W. Pedlow, '01, and recently became chemist with the Viscose Company upon his return from Germany where he received his Ph.D. from the University of Munich.

Honorary Degrees to Seven at Commencement



FRED G. HOLLOWAY
President Western Maryland College



W. A. VALENTINE, '01 L
Judge of Luzerne County, Pa.

SEVEN honorary degrees will be conferred by the College at the 153rd Commencement Exercises to be held in the Alumni Gymnasium, Monday morning, June 8. Four Dickinsonians will be thus honored.

Vice-Admiral Arthur Japy Hepburn, '96, who has been designated Commander-in-Chief of the United States Navy to take command on June 24, when he will be advanced to the rank of Admiral, will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws. This degree will also be conferred upon President Fred G. Holloway, of Western Maryland College, and upon Judge W. A. Valentine, '01, of Wilkes-Barre.

Surgeon General Charles R. Reynolds, of the U. S. Army, will receive the degree of Doctor of Science, and Charles R. Gay, President of the New York Stock Exchange, will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics.

The Rev. Roy N. Keiser, '06, District Superintendent in the Philadelphia M. E. Conference, and the Rev. George Henry Ketterer, '08, District Superin-

tendent of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference, will each receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

President Holloway became head of Western Maryland, where he graduated in 1918, last December 1. He received his B. D. from Drew Theological Seminary in 1931 and was a Fellow there until 1923. From 1921 to 1929 he was in pastorates of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was an instructor in Westminster Theological Seminary from 1927 to 1929, and professor of Biblical Languages from 1929 to 1935. For the past three years until his election to the presidency, he was president of Western Theological Seminary.

Judge W. A. Valentine is President of the Board of Incorporators of the Dickinson School of Law. He was born in Caln Township, Chester County, Pa., and graduated from the Coatesville High School in 1898 and from the Dickinson School of Law in 1901. He was admitted to the bar in January 1902 and practiced law at Wilkes-Barre until his appointment as Judge for the 11th



MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES R. REYNOLDS
Surgeon General, U. S. Army



ARTHUR JAPY HEPBURN, '96
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

Judicial District of Pennsylvania on January 22, 1929.

Major General Charles R. Reynolds, who was appointed Surgeon General of the Army last June, was Commandant of the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks for eight years from 1923 to 1931. He was born in Elmira, N. Y., where he prepared for college and is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine where he received his M. D. degree in 1899. He entered the Army in 1900 and has served in all grades, from First Lieutenant to Major General, of the Regular Army Medical Corps. Much of his service has been devoted to military training. During the World War, he was Division Surgeon of the 77th Division at Camp Upton, New York, and later in the A. E. F., where he was promoted to be Chief Surgeon of the Second Army on the staff of Lieutenant General Robert L. Bullard. He was awarded the Silver Star citation for gallantry in action at Mt. Dajo in the Moro Campaign of 1906, the Distinguished Service Medal of Meritorious Service as Chief Surgeon of the 77th

Division, Sixth Corps and Second Army, during the World War. He is an officer of the French Legion of Honor, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the Nu Sigma Nu Medical Fraternity.

Charles R. Gay, President of the New York Stock Exchange, and who has been a member of the Exchange twenty-four years, will deliver the Commencement Address. For twelve years before his election to the presidency, Mr. Gay was governor of the Exchange and served on several of its important committees. Aside from business, he is active in community and church affairs. He is a director of the City Savings Bank of Brooklyn, a trustee of the Y. M. C. A., a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and a director of the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. His clubs are Huntington Country, Crescent-Hamilton, Brooklyn and Metropolitan Club of New York City.

Roy N. Keiser, who was born in Pottsville, Pa., entered College from the old Dickinson Preparatory School in 1902 and received his A. B. in 1906



REV. ROY N. KEISER, '06

and his A. M. in 1909, the same year he graduated with an S. T. B. degree from Boston University. Upon his graduation he became a member of the Philadelphia M. E. Conference, and he served in various pastorates in Philadelphia, Chester and Reading until his appointment as District Superintendent last year. He is a member of the Dickinson Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

George Henry Ketterer was born in Somerton, Philadelphia. Upon his graduation from Conway Hall in 1904 he entered the College. He received his A. B. degree in 1908 and an A. M. in 1912, the same year he graduated with a B. D. degree from Drew Theological Seminary. He became a member of the Newark M. E. Conference and served charges until the opening of the World War when he became a Chaplain in the Army. After the war, he entered the Central Pennsylvania Conference and has had pastorates in Williamsport, Everett, Harrisburg and Milton. From 1931 to 1934 he was Director of the Wesley Foundation at State College and in 1935 was named Superintendent of the Altoona District. He is a member



REV. GEORGE HENRY KETTERER, '08

of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, F. & A. M., Scottish Rite and the Altoona Kiwanis Club.

Harrisburg Ends Dinner Season

With about fifty alumni present the last club dinner was held in the Hotel Harrisburger when the Dickinson Club of Harrisburg met on May the 12th.

Seth Keener, president of the club, acted as toastmaster. Dr. Wilbur V. Mallalieu pronounced the invocation.

John A. F. Hall, '12, mayor of Harrisburg, delivered the address of welcome. He was followed by Dean E. A. Vuilleumier, representing the College, and Dean W. H. Hitchler, of the Law School. Gilbert Malcolm and Coach Arthur D. Kahler were the other speakers.

Paul R. "Irish" Walker as chairman presented in his own way the report of the nominating committee, which finally was accepted. Phillips Brooks Scott, '21, former vice-president, was elected president of the club; Paul L. Hutchison, '18, was elected vice-president; and John F. Morganthaler was chosen treasurer.

Recalls Admiral's Early Promise of Success

RUBY R. Vale, '96, was an early friend and schoolmate of Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn, who was also a member of the Class of 1896. In a letter commenting on the article in the February 1936 number of *THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS* on Admiral Hepburn, Mr. Vale gave us these valuable and interesting facts regarding his old-time friend.

"You properly refer to Arthur's boyish physical courage but may I remove any impression of his timidity or disinclination for public speech that might erroneously arise from your allusions. A quiet reserve, a physical agility and a persistent determination made him in the "gym" that we improvised in "Old Emory Chapel" a good broad and high jumper, keen competitor on the rings and one who could take and give it with padded gloves. At play and at school he was always master of himself with feet always on the ground; logical of mind, clear and precise of speech and of deliberate manner, in the literary exercises of the high school his declamations and debates were of the best in the class. In addition to his reserve and determination I like to recall his self-reliant pride in giving his best to the job at hand, and this not in indifference to praise nor in vain desire for it from either teacher or playmate. These characteristics of quiet reserve, determination, self-reliance and pride are well illustrated in the circumstances which carried him to Annapolis and made possible his exceptional career, not one step of which was fortuitous and every one of which was directed and achieved by his mind and character.

"After entering and being together in the high school as recalled in my letter to him, I left Arthur in the middle of the second year and returned to Dickinson Prep part of that year and the full year following; Arthur remaining in the high school and graduating as

valedictorian in June of 1892. In the fall of that year we entered Dickinson College and at the Easter vacation he told me that he was about to leave college and of his desire to get the alternate appointment to Annapolis. In innate pride he hesitated to ask for the appointment but would compete in examination. I urged him to ask the then congressman who knew well and must have admired his deceased father for the appointment, and in the exuberance of a boy's hope prophesied his ending an Admiral. The sequel is that on failure of the appointee and without competitive examination, but on very short notice and little special preparation, he passed most satisfactorily his examinations. Thus circumstances determined the path of his opportunity, but only mind and character brought to full fruition the career that even his boyhood friend could foretell only in part. Such is the stuff that the Admiral in Command Hepburn is made of that he would have taken pre-eminent place whatever his life work.

"Just a general word in closing as to my recollection of his personality as a boy. He was genial, popular, kindly and yet earnest and thoughtful. He met untoward conditions with resignation and overcame them with the judgment and thoroughness that only an exceptional mind may initiate and with pride and determination that character may alone maintain, to the end of worthwhile service rendered and honor achieved."

Awarded Honorary Degree

The Rev. Charles Parker Connolly, '95, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Rockford College on February 23. This was the first time in its history when the college conferred degrees on men and Dr. Connolly is its only D.D.

Dr. Connolly is pastor of the Unitarian Church of the Christian Union, Rockford, Ill.

Maryland Observes Centennial of Chief Justice Taney

By Carlyle R. Earp, '14

MARCH 28th marked a century since Roger Brooke Taney, Dickinson 1795, became the Chief Justice of the United States and two meetings have been held in Baltimore recently in observance of that important historical event.

The first was held on the centennial day with the United States District Court in session and the principal speakers were former Attorney General of Maryland, Alexander Armstrong, Charles McHenry Howard, Baltimore attorney, the present Attorney General, Herbert R. O'Connor, and former Judge John S. Newman, of Frederick, where Mr. Taney practiced for twenty years and met and married the sister of Francis Scott Key. J. Henry Baker, '93, Baltimore attorney, was a member of the committee sponsoring the ceremonies.

All of the speakers stressed the importance of Taney's early educational training at Dickinson College upon his career of public service.

Three descendants of the Chief Justice were present at the ceremonies. They were Rev. Roger B. Taney, of Waterbury, Conn., A. W. Taney and J. Taney Wilcox, both of Philadelphia.

The other was a joint meeting of the Maryland Historical Society and the Baltimore Bar Association to hear a lecture by the recent biographer of the famous Maryland jurist. Carl Brent Swisher, formerly lecturer in Government at Columbia University but now a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, lectured on the democratic attitude of Taney on Monday evening, May 11th, giving in substance a resume of his biography issued about a year ago. Mr. Swisher paid a tribute to the democratic influence of President Charles Nisbet upon the aristocratic young Taney, while he was a student at Dickinson.

The Daily Record, the legal daily newspaper of Baltimore, published Mr. Swisher's address on Taney in its issue of Tuesday, May 12th.

The Founders' Day address of Mr. Boyd Lee Spahr, '00, on Chief Justice Taney was printed in full in the issue of *The Daily Record* of April 27th.

Altoona Club Dinner

About forty attended the annual dinner of the Dickinson Club of Altoona, which was held in the Penn Alto Hotel there on April 21.

Thomas L. Jones, '01, president of the club, presided, and introduced J. Banks Kurtz, who served as toastmaster. Rev. George Henry Ketterer offered the invocation. Addresses were made by Dean W. H. Hitchler, of the Law School, Dean E. A. Vuilleumier, representing the College, and Gilbert Malcolm.

In an informal series of impromptu speeches, when Toastmaster Kurtz asked for testimonies, the following spoke: Judge Marion D. Patterson, Rev. Gordon A. Williams, Isaiah A. Sheeline, Charles M. Kurtz, John M. Klepser, Max Lewis, John S. Dively, Park H. Loose, Dr. E. W. Stitzel, R. Donald Lorenz and Anthony Leopold.

Club Meets In Reading

Dr. Russell I. Thompson, registrar and member of the College Faculty, represented the College at the annual dinner of the Dickinson Club of Reading and Berks, which was held in Reading on April 3d. Thirty-three Dickinsonians attended the function.

Thomas H. Ford, superintendent of schools, the retiring president, acted as toastmaster.

Sidney Kline, '24, was elected president of the club, and Mrs. Mildred Price Lee was named secretary-treasurer.

Pay Tribute to Professor McIntire on His Birthday

ON the occasion of his 80th birthday, the faculty, alumni and students joined to pay a glowing tribute to Dr. Bradford O. McIntire, professor emeritus of English literature and founder of the Library Guild, on April 23 at chapel exercises in Bosler Hall.

Planned as a surprise party, it was an unique tribute to the man who beloved by Dickinsonians of the past and present, has been identified with the college and town for nearly half a century.

A volume containing eighty congratulatory letters from former students which had been sent first to the college without his knowledge was presented to Dr. McIntire by President F. P. Corson as a tribute from the alumni.

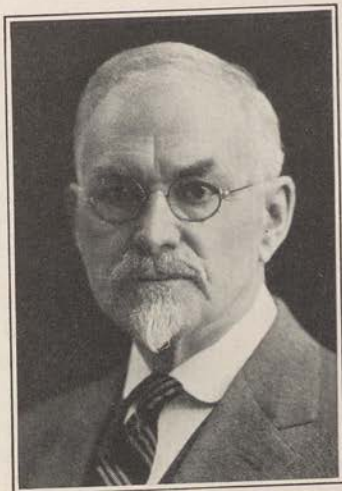
The faculty presented him with a fine set of the works of Charles Lamb and a letter which was signed by all of the faculty. The presentation was made by his successor to the Thomas Beaver Chair of English Literature, Prof. Paul H. Doney.

In a happy mood, Dr. J. H. Morgan turned the pages of history and in a characteristic address recalled the services of Dr. McIntire to the college and the church referring to him as "the fine old warrior of the classroom."

Acknowledging the honors, Dr. McIntire smilingly remarked that Shakespeare, Shirley Temple and himself all have the same birthday. He was visibly moved by the tribute paid to him in gift and speech.

Happy witness to the party was Mrs. McIntire. The student body rose in greeting her and her response was a warm smile and bow. The college orchestra played for the occasion.

Dr. McIntire, a native of Maine, was elected to the Dickinson College faculty in 1890 and served without interruption until 1929, a period of 39 years, when he was made professor emeritus of his department. A graduate of Wesleyan University, he received the degree of



DR. B. O. MCINTIRE

doctor of philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh.

An active layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. McIntire was a member of the general conference in 1904 and since his retirement from the classroom has given more and more time to his church. With Mrs. McIntire, he has taken an active and leading part in community affairs.

Dinner at Morristown

The third annual dinner of the Dickinson Club of Northern New Jersey was held in Day's Colonial Restaurant, Morristown, on the evening of May 5th. At that meeting it was decided that the club would meet annually on the first Tuesday evening in May. A dinner committee of representatives of various neighboring towns will be appointed to encourage attendance at the next function.

Victor H. Boell, president of the club, acted as toastmaster. He was re-elected, as were Mrs. Charles S. VanAuken, vice-president, and Roy D. Tolliver, secretary-treasurer.

President Corson and Gilbert Malcolm represented the College at the dinner.

EDITORIAL

THE JUNE CAMPUS

TO ask Dickinsonians to return to the campus for Commencement is almost as superfluous as to ask a hungry man if he wants food. Of course the Dickinsonian, who recalls the beauty of the old place in early June, with all its occasional showers, wants to come back for Commencement. It is not an invitation he awaits, just a reminder that another year has rolled round and that this year the dates are June 4 to 8 with Alumni Day, June 6.

Persons fortunate enough to have had a pre-view of the campus pronounce it more fascinating than ever. The old program of dances, dinners, pee-rades, ball games, class reunions, alumni luncheons and those indefinable side-bar conferences between old cronies, never varies, much nor ought they. For most persons it is quite good enough. And at this hour the program is all set to go when the clock strikes the correct hour.

There is good evidence that this is going to be a real class reunion year. The depression has lifted enough to jump some of the old financial hurdles. Folks are coming back, hungry to see each other, ripe for the old-time "bull sessions" and eager to tap the reservoirs of reminiscence.

You Dickinsonian, better let this "back-to-commencement" idea infect your mind and make you restless until you find peace in a determination to steer your course to Carlisle early in June.

THE ALUMNI FUND PROGRESS

THE Alumni Fund in its first year at Dickinson has made highly creditable progress. Everything considered the final report will disclose that the friends and graduates of the college are mindful and appreciative of this opportunity to render service to alma mater in effective and substantial fashion.

When account of stock was taken May 15, the record showed that more than \$9,100 had been contributed by 323 contributors. The first figure is vastly more impressive than the second, not because one is dollars and the other human beings but because the second figure should be double or triple its size.

The thing that is going to make the Alumni Fund effective is not the size of it in dollars but in givers. Here is a project designed to awaken and maintain interest of alumni quite as much as to seduce their dollars. Dickinson would be infinitely better off, in the long range, if the \$9,100 in hand May 15 had come from 9100 contributors instead of from 323.

What the managers of the fund continue to emphasize and wisely is that graduates and friends should give as much as they can, be that amount large or small. There is no shame in a graduate giving a little if that is all he or she can give. There is to be no embarrassment of the small giver as compared with the large and the widow's mite is quite as majestic a story of service and devotion as when it was enacted.

Alumni Fund lists remain open. The plan upon which the Fund rests is sound. Its substitution for the high-pressure financial campaigns ought to be welcome. It offers to alumni and friends the conventional method of helping each year the old college so far as the means of the giver allow. There is not the slightest doubt that some are holding back with the mistaken idea that to give

effectively they must give hundreds or thousands instead of what their purse permits. Such an attitude is regrettable for all gifts are welcome and all gifts up to the givers' limits are honorable and effective and expressive of loyalty and affection and good will to Old Dickinson.

HONORS FOR DR. CORSON

FROM the announcement that President Corson is to receive three honorary degrees this year, every Dickinsonian can appropriate a bit of pride. Franklin & Marshall, Western Maryland and Allegheny will honor not only Dr. Corson but themselves in this tribute to a man well worthy of such recognition.

While not without precedent it is quite unusual for one man to receive three honorary degrees in a single year. It is evidence, of course, that President Corson as a college executive has already made an impress on sister institutions of higher learning, an impress by no means missing from his own campus and constituency.

LIFERS MULTIPLY

LIFE memberships in the Alumni Association continue to pile up. Today the score is 159, an amazing growth, everything considered. These \$40 memberships are widely scattered through the alumni body. Some classes are still unrepresented. The class of 1902 continues to head the list, though other classes threaten to topple it.

These 159 life memberships represent an ultimate endowment fund of well beyond \$6300. That is a very comforting asset for the alumni association. During the life of the member the income pays for his dues and subscription to THE ALUMNUS. Thereafter it becomes available for any purpose the Association regards fit. Not much foresight is needed to see the value of this feature of the Association's program.

For almost any alumnus, especially the younger groups, life membership is an economic investment, a money-saver, as well as a sturdy support of the Association. It is highly recommended.

ELEVEN OF FIFTEEN

ELEVEN of the fifteen formally organized Dickinson clubs held dinners this year. The record is good. It could have been perfect. All the units held meetings save those at Boston, Atlantic City, California and Pittsburgh. Perhaps late returns will show that even these clubs did their bit.

It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of these annual club dinners. That is why this column reeks at times with appeals to club members to spring into action, begin planning early in the year and not leave arrangements to chance.

There is no reflection on college loyalty to insist that even club dinners do not automatically arrange themselves. The best Dickinson dinners are those which have had a lot of push behind them. Club officials should not accept election without a genuine intention of doing the job. There are so many fine and enjoyable things in these club reunions that they should not be forfeited by neglect.

A TANEY ANNIVERSARY

WIDESPREAD observance in legal and other circles has marked this year's hundredth anniversary of the induction of Roger Brooks Taney of the class of 1795 as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

At the College, notice of the historic event was taken at Founders' Day when Boyd L. Spahr, '00, president of the board of trustees delivered the address and topped it by presenting to the College an oil portrait of its distinguished son.

That address was widely published in the daily and legal press along with a large amount of publicity in connection with observances in Maryland and elsewhere of the services of Chief Justice Taney to his country.

Mr. Spahr alluded in his address to that most remarkable circumstance of which all Dickinsonians are proud, the presence in office at the same time of a President of the United States, a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and an Associate Justice, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Justice Taney and Mr. Justice Grier, all of them graduates of the same college, our own. It is an undisputed fact that to no other college has come such a distinction.

Lauds Taney Biography

By Charles Lowe Swift, '04

With the recent national revival of interest in the life and activities of Chief Justice Taney, one turns with interest to Carl Brent Swisher's book, *Roger B. Taney* (Dickinson 1795), which but lately came from the Macmillan Press.

This well written, unbiased biography of one of Dickinson's outstanding graduates compels the interest of the reader from the calm beginning to the stormy end of this staunch old figure of early American history. Misunderstood, frequently attacked, hated by his enemies, adored by his friends, Taney lived a full and useful life. His career really began when he left his home in Maryland in the autumn of 1792 and with enough money in his trunk to pay for his year's college expenses made the then toilsome trip from Calvert County, Maryland, to Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A rather primitive picture is presented of the struggling young college as it was when Taney entered it in 1792, but the picture is lightened by the thoroughness of President Charles Nisbet's fine friendship for and personal interest in young Taney and the sixty-four other young men who then comprised the student body of the struggling young College. In these qualities is a prophetic note on the personal relationships between the students and Faculty members which have since become an intimate part of Dickinson's life. The rivalry between the Belles Lettres and the Union Philosophical literary societies, then secret organizations,

partially reveals why Dickinson has produced so many statesmen and politicians. Apropos of these, there are a number of interesting sidelights too, on the activities of James Buchanan, of the class of 1809, who later became President of the United States and with whom Taney was intimately associated.

Earlier misjudged and denounced by his contemporaries, Taney has become better understood as the years have passed, and in his penetrating and revealing volume, Mr. Swisher makes clear that the judgment of posterity has compensated for the execration which was visited upon Chief Justice Taney during his very active lifetime.

Trenton Club Meets

With forty-five present, the annual dinner of the Dickinson Club of Trenton was held in the Hotel Hildebrecht, on Monday evening, May 4th. Raymond S. Michaels, president of the club, acted as toastmaster.

All of the officers were re-elected. In addition to President Michaels these are: William M. Cooper, 'OIL, vice-president; and John H. Platt, '25, secretary-treasurer.

Following the speeches of President Corson and Gilbert Malcolm, representatives of the College, there were several extemporaneous addresses, one of these by Beverly W. Brown, '03, who journeyed from Red Bank to attend the dinner. Following his speech he was elected "Ambassador at Large" of the Trenton Club. Another speaker from Red Bank was Rev. Leon Chamber-

lain, '97. Brief speeches were also made by Rev. D. Wilson Hollinger, '98, a former president of the club; I. Howell Kane, '21; and Henry G. Breneman, '10. The oldest alumnus present at the dinner was C. B. Fisher, of the class of 1888.

Meet In Nation's Capital

With Professor Leon C. Prince as the speaker of the evening, the Dickinson Alumni Club of Washington held a dinner on the evening of May 8th. Professor Prince made an excellent address—"Retrospection and Introspection." He was introduced by General Frank R. Keefer.

Following a report of Grame Brame, chairman of the scholarship committee, the club voted to continue the grant of the \$150 scholarship of the Dickinson Club of Washington. Miss Brame, C. F. Kramer and C. Mahlon Selby were appointed to continue as the committee.

F. Fred Laise, president of the club, acted as toastmaster. The invocation was asked by the Rev. S. C. Coale. President Laise was re-elected, as was Maude E. Wilson to the position of secretary-treasurer.

The speaking program was also featured by an account of the stratosphere flight by Dr. Fred L. Mohler, of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, a member of the National Geographic expedition. He was followed by Congressman Robert F. Rich. Dr. Fred B. Harris then spoke briefly and introduced President Fred P. Corson.

New York Alumnae Meet

The May meeting of the New York Dickinson Alumnae Club was held in the apartment of Miss Anna Mohler, the president, in Newark, on Saturday, May 9th. The meeting was well attended by members from New York and New Jersey. Miss Mohler served a delicious luncheon, after which Miss Marguerite Haven, of New York City, gave an informal talk on Japanese flower

arrangements. Miss Haven, who has spent many years in Japan and for six years studied Ikebana or flower arrangement, illustrated her talk with the use of a variety of spring flowers and foliage.

A business meeting followed, at which the officers of the club were re-elected as follows: President, Anna Mohler; Vice-President, Margaret McCrea; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Robert E. Woodward.

Miss Alta Kimmel was appointed to arrange for the February meeting, which will be a theatre party as usual.

Tentative plans were made for holding the October meeting of this year at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Miller, '21, at 100 Passaic Avenue, in Chatham, N. J., and an interesting afternoon is promised.

Alumni Meet In Williamsport

A dinner meeting of the Dickinson Club of West Branch Valley was held in the Village Tea Room, Williamsport, on the evening of March 10th. Coach R. H. MacAndrews and the members of the basketball team were guests at the dinner, and later played an exhibition game with the Williamsport Y. M. C. A. team in the Curtin Junior High School gymnasium.

Charles S. Williams, district attorney of Lycoming County, was elected the new president of the club. Harry S. Phillips, '32L, was named vice-president, and Dorothy Gress, '30, a member of the Faculty of the Williamsport High School, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Lee M. Bowes, retiring president, presided as toastmaster. Dr. John W. Long, president of Dickinson Seminary, offered the invocation. Brief addresses were made by Prof. Wilbur H. Norcross, of the College Faculty, who attended the dinner with his daughter, Isabel Norcross, a student in Dickinson Seminary, and Dean Walter H. Hitchler of the Law School, Coach MacAndrews, and Gilbert Malcolm.

Lauds Chief Justice Taney on Founders' Day

By **BOYD LEE SPAHR, LL.D.**

(Text of an address delivered by the President of the Board of Trustees on Founders' Day, April 25, 1936)

ON March 28, 1936 the bench and bar of Maryland by appropriate proceedings commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the induction into office of Roger Brooke Taney as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The oath of office was administered to him not in the Supreme Court room in the City of Washington but in the federal court room in Baltimore. There were two reasons for that: first, Judge Taney was a resident of Baltimore; and, secondly, the Supreme Court at that time only met in Washington early in January of each year. Later in the year the justices sat in circuit throughout the country, a practice now discontinued. It is equally fitting that Taney's college should observe that centennial.

Roger Brooke Taney was born in Calvert County, Maryland, March 17, 1777. He was graduated from Dickinson in the class of 1795 at the age of eighteen. He was admitted to the bar at Annapolis in 1799 and shortly thereafter was elected a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland. In 1801 he removed to Frederick and practiced his profession. In 1816 he was elected a state senator, serving for five years. In 1823 he removed to Baltimore which was thereafter his home. From 1827 to 1831 he was Attorney General of Maryland; from 1831 to 1833 Attorney General of the United States; from 1833 to 1835 Secretary of the Treasury; from 1836 to 1864 Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He died in Washington October 12, 1864.

From this brief chronological summary of his career, it will be noted that he spent almost his entire active life in public office and that such tenure was of a judicial or quasi judicial character.



BOYD LEE SPAHR, '00
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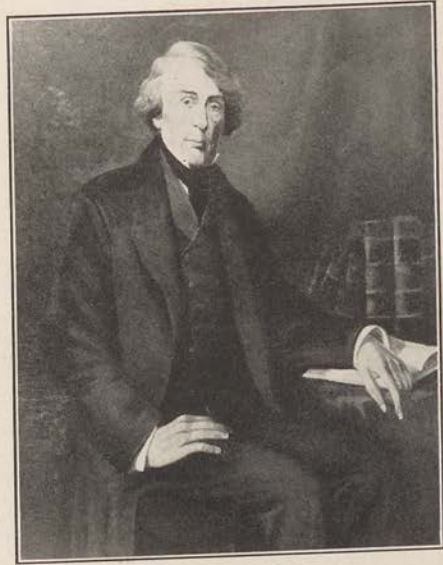
The Taney family had settled in Calvert, one of the southern counties of Maryland, as early as 1660. On the Brooke, his maternal side, his ancestors had been there even longer. His forebears had belonged to the landed aristocracy, an inherited fact which undoubtedly influenced his attitude on the questions concerning property rights, and especially corporate franchises which increasingly came before the Supreme Court of the United States during his incumbency.

The men of the earlier generations of Taney's had been educated by private tutors, a practice then in vogue, especially in the southern colonies. At some period not later than the lifetime of his grandfather, the Taney's became Catholics, probably through marriage, a fact readily understandable in Maryland where there were more Catholic communicants than in any other colony. Accordingly, his father was educated at

an English Catholic school in France. The Revolutionary War and the financial and economical disturbances succeeding it practically ruined the tobacco planters of southern Maryland and the repeal by the legislature of Maryland at this time of the law of primogeniture resulted in the diffusion of such property as this class still had remaining. Young Roger received his elementary training from a tutor who was a graduate of Princeton but the facts just stated made impossible a European education. It so happened that the sons of two neighboring families were at that time attending Dickinson, which apparently was the decisive factor in young Roger's coming to Carlisle. In any event one day, in the autumn of 1792, accompanied by a returning student, he boarded a schooner at the landing near his home, sailed down the Patuxent, up Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore, which was reached a week later, and from there came to Carlisle by wagon, there being no regular stage.

It is unnecessary to review the details of his college career, which are referred to at some length in Dr. Morgan's history of the College, with which you are all familiar. It appears, however, that the lad had more than ordinary contact with President Nisbet and spent many evenings at the latter's home. It may well be that this intimate informal association with that great scholar had more influence on Taney's college education than the formal class room work. Prior to Commencement he was put forward by his society, the Belles Lettres, for the position of valedictorian and was elected to that honor. Following his graduation, he returned to his home which he had visited only once since his departure for college.

He read law at Annapolis and, as already stated, was admitted to the bar there. Here he formed an intimate friendship with one Frank Key, whose sister he later married, and who as Francis Scott Key is known to all as



ROGER BROOKE TANEY, 1795
From portrait presented by
Boyd Lee Spahr

the author of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Taney's success at the bar extended beyond Frederick and embraced the entire state so that it was natural that he should remove to Baltimore, then, as now, the metropolis and commercial capital of Maryland. He had been a Federalist and his early political efforts were in behalf of that party. The disintegration of the Federalist party arising from the death of Hamilton, the triumph of Jefferson, the party's opposition to the War of 1812 and the resulting rivalry among Jackson, John Quincy Adams, Clay and Crawford found him aligned with Jackson. His distinguished service as Attorney General of Maryland resulted in President Jackson's naming him Attorney General of the United States in 1831. At that time the charter of the Bank of the United States was about to expire. The Presi-

dent had become embroiled in what was practically a personal contest with Nicholas Biddle, the head of the bank, and was determined that the charter should not be renewed. Taney as Attorney General advised that in view of the approaching termination of the charter the federal deposits should be withdrawn from the bank. Strictly speaking, it was not a case of withdrawing deposits but of not making further deposits. The then Secretary of the Treasury, declining to carry out the President's order, tendered his resignation. Jackson then appointed Taney Secretary of the Treasury and Taney issued the order. There is no occasion now to go into the merits or demerits of Jackson's struggle with the bank or of the part that Taney played in it. So much bitterness, however, was engendered by this contest that in January 1835, Mr. Justice Duval having resigned from the Supreme Court and the President having nominated Taney for the vacancy, the opponents of Jackson and Taney in the Senate maneuvered so that action on the nomination was indefinitely postponed, despite the fact that Chief Justice Marshall wrote a letter to one of the senators while the nomination was pending to the effect that he would like to communicate to the Senate certain information in favor of Taney. Little did the opposing senators realize that in rejecting his nomination for Associate Justice they were leaving open his advancement to the head of the court. Chief Justice Marshall died July 6, 1835, and on December 28th President Jackson sent Taney's name to the Senate for the Chief Justiceship. The personnel of the Senate having changed so as to give Jackson's friends a majority, the nomination was confirmed on March 15, 1836 and from that day until his death, twenty-eight years later, he was the head of the judicial system of the United States.

I shall not prolong this paper by a reference to the many important decisions of the Chief Justice rendered in the course of his long service from 1836 to 1864, a period of twenty-eight years, surpassed only by that of Marshall in point of tenure. They embrace a wide variety of subjects including of course many cases involving interstate commerce and the then new but increasingly important law of business corporations. Suffice it to say that Taney's opinions are today regarded by lawyers as measuring up fully to the high prestige given the Supreme Court by Marshall and his associates and maintained by their successors to the present day.

To the lay mind Taney is chiefly remembered because of the Dred Scott decision. The facts of this historic case are as follows: Dred Scott was a negro slave belonging to a Dr. Emerson, who was a surgeon in the army, residing in Missouri, a slave state. In 1834 Dr. Emerson took Scott to the military post at Rock Island, Illinois, and held him there as a slave until May 1836, when he took him to the military post at Fort Snelling in the territory of Wisconsin where he kept him as a slave until 1838 in which year Dr. Emerson with Dred Scott returned to Missouri. Subsequent to Dr. Emerson's death his widow married a prominent abolitionist and sold Scott to Sanford. Scott brought a suit for his freedom against Sanford in the Missouri courts. The Supreme Court of that state held that irrespective of his temporary residence in Illinois and Wisconsin he was held as a slave after his return to Missouri and that under the laws of that state he was a slave. Scott then sued in the United States Circuit Court in Missouri, alleging that he was a citizen of Missouri and that Sanford was a citizen of New York, thus laying the ground for federal jurisdiction on the ground of diversity of citizenship. The defendant filed a plea in abatement to the jurisdiction, averring that Scott was not a citizen of the state of Missouri

for the reason that he was a slave and therefore not a citizen at all within the meaning of the federal constitution. The plaintiff demurred to the plea in abatement and the court sustained the demurrer, after which pleas to the merits were filed by the defendant. The case was tried in the Circuit Court with a jury, which found that Scott was a slave. Thereupon Scott appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

When the Dred Scott case was argued and decided, five of the justices came from states south of the Mason and Dixon line, and four from northern states. The southerners were Chief Justice Taney from Maryland, Mr. Justice Wayne from Georgia, Mr. Justice Daniel from Virginia, Mr. Justice Catron from Tennessee and Mr. Justice Campbell from Alabama. The northerners were Mr. Justice McLean from Ohio, Mr. Justice Grier from Pennsylvania, Mr. Justice Nelson from New York and Mr. Justice Curtis from Massachusetts. With the exception of Judge McLean and Judge Curtis, they were all Democrats. McLean had been appointed by Andrew Jackson but in the fifty's had become identified with the new Republican party. Curtis was a Whig, appointed by President Fillmore.

The decision was seven to two to the effect that Scott was a slave and hence not a citizen. The dissenters were McLean and Curtis. Six of the majority went further and held that the Missouri compromise was unconstitutional. This act had been passed in 1820 and prohibited slavery in the territories of the United States north of the southern boundary of Missouri. Judge Nelson restricted his opinion to the point that Scott had been found to be a slave by the Supreme Court of Missouri in construing the law of that state and that the Supreme Court of the United States was bound to follow that decision.

Had the Supreme Court contented itself with holding that federal jurisdiction was necessarily predicated upon

diverse citizenship and that such diversity did not exist because Scott, being a slave, was not a citizen at all, no one could take any valid exception to the decision. Slavery was recognized in the constitution. Laws prohibiting the slave trade had been passed by Congress and upheld by the courts. The universal feeling of today that slavery was a moral wrong is a matter of fairly recent growth. Not only so-called inferior races but captives in war were held as slaves from the beginning of history. The Old Testament itself is full of such instances. Not until the nineteenth century was there a world wide revulsion against the practice and in this country it took four years of bloody war to exterminate it.

Moreover, it may fairly be said that the breadth of the decision in the Dred Scott case, and especially that part of it dealing with the Missouri compromise, was by no means a departure from established practice. Judges in this country and also in England have time and time again delivered opinions which are known as obiter dicta, that is, not necessary to the actual decision of the case. Indeed, when appellate courts sometimes dismiss appeals upon jurisdictional or other technical grounds, they are frequently criticized in the public press for failure to decide on the merits. The Supreme Court therefore under Taney's leadership in the Dred Scott case was doing no unusual thing when it passed upon the constitutionality of the Missouri compromise act. It was doing no more than Chief Justice Marshall did in his great decision in *Marbury vs. Madison*, where he enunciated the outstanding principle that the Supreme Court of the United States has the right to declare an Act of Congress unconstitutional. In that case President Adams on the eve of his retirement appointed certain justices of the peace in the District of Columbia. Madison, the incoming Secretary of State, refused to issue their commissions. A mandamus

was brought against him in the Supreme Court under an Act of Congress giving the Supreme Court original jurisdiction in case of mandamuses against public officers. Marshall held this act unconstitutional because such a proceeding was not named in the constitution as one of the matters over which the Supreme Court had original jurisdiction. Nevertheless the Chief Justice went on to discuss the merits of Marbury's claim against Madison, holding that Madison's action in refusing to issue the commission violated Marbury's rights for which he had a remedy, although not in the form of mandamus to the Supreme Court.

In the Scott case on both the original argument and the reargument, the merits involving the constitutional question were elaborately argued. Justices McLean and Curtis in their dissents both upheld the Missouri Compromise Act and had previously informed their brethren on the Bench that they intended to do so. Moreover, the questions before the Court, whether considered because of the plea to the jurisdiction or on the merits, were essentially but one question, namely, the status of Scott. His claim that the Court had jurisdiction and his claim to recover at all were both based upon his assertion of freedom, which in turn was based upon his residence in the territory in which the Missouri Compromise prohibited slavery. Granting that the majority was technically in error in deciding the merits after holding that there was no jurisdiction, there were certainly most unusual and persuasive reasons for doing so.

Whether the six justices were right in their conclusion in the Dred Scott case that the Missouri compromise was unconstitutional is a mooted question which probably will never be settled. It may fairly be said in support of their decision that not only was slavery recognized in the constitution but that the court itself by an unbroken series of

decisions had repeatedly held that slaves were property. Both Chief Justice Marshall and Mr. Justice Story had held that slaves were personal property. The latter especially could not be accused of partiality toward the south. That being so, it would seem to follow that Congress could not take away a species of property by decreeing that it could not exist north of a certain line unless of course the prohibitory act also provided for compensation. The eminent German historian, Von Holst, author of the monumental Constitutional History of the United States, said therein:

"If this was correct [that slaves were property], it would certainly be hard to justify the exclusion of slavery from the territories, for it could hardly be seriously maintained that the 'power to make all needful rules and regulations' could be made to include the prescribing to citizens what species of property they might take with them into the territories."

It is a well settled principle that the sovereign power may not take, injure or destroy property without making just compensation. There is another principle that compensation is not required, even though property be injured or taken, in the exercise of the so-called police power of the government, an example of the exercise of which was the recent prohibition amendment. The doctrine of the police power, however, as modifying the principle of compensation under eminent domain, by no means had been given the scope in 1857 that it has today.

To the claim that the decision was political and beyond the scope of the judiciary, the answer may be made that as a matter of necessity many questions proper for judicial determination involve political issues. The so-called insular cases decided after the Spanish-American War had their political aspects and the cases involving the NRA and the AAA recently decided by the Supreme

Court as well as other cases on New Deal legislation still pending have a very decided political significance.

The charge made that Taney was a slaveholder and that with the majority of the court was determined to uphold slavery is without the slightest foundation. As a matter of fact he was not a slaveholder at the time of the decision and had not been for many years. As a young man he inherited slaves which he promptly manumitted in 1816 and for the rest of their lives supported those who were too old to earn their livelihood. In 1818 he defended a Methodist clergyman from Pennsylvania who had delivered an anti-slavery sermon at Hagerstown, for which he was indicted for attempting to incite slaves to rebellion. Taney's argument in his defense was so powerful that a Maryland jury returned a verdict of not guilty. In the course of his address to the jury he declared that slavery was "a blot on our national character" and expressed the hope that it would be "gradually wiped away." Further, none of the other Supreme Court judges from the south owned a single slave.

Another charge repeatedly brought against Taney and given wide circulation even to the present time is his alleged statement in the Dred Scott decision that negroes had no rights which the white man was bound to respect. He made no such statement. The truth is that in the course of his opinion he gave a resume of the status of the negro race from the time of its introduction into the Colonies down to the adoption of the American Constitution, showing as an undoubted historic fact that the degraded condition in which these unfortunate people had been placed for several centuries had undergone no change to that time, as the provisions in the language of the Constitution itself clearly showed. He then went on to point out that the laws of the various Colonies and of the States, including those of New England, discriminated in

numerous ways against the blacks as did also numerous acts of Congress, and concluded by saying:

"It is difficult at this day to realize the state of public opinion in relation to that unfortunate race, which prevailed in the civilized and enlightened portions of the world at the time of the Declaration of Independence, and when the Constitution of the United States was framed and adopted. But the public history of every European nation displays it, in a manner too plain to be mistaken. They had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order; and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior; that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

This quotation read in its proper context, the review of the status of the negro race, clearly shows that Taney personally entertained no such views as is demonstrated by his statement that it was difficult at the then present time to realize the former state of public opinion in the matter. Never was a more unjust canard leveled at a public man.

It is also interesting to note that of the five southern justices only one, Mr. Justice Campbell, cast his lot with the southern states in 1861. Justice Daniel died in 1860 but the remaining three, Taney, Wayne and Catron, stood steadfastly by the Union.

I now come to another outstanding decision of Taney, in which he spoke only for himself. In 1861 President Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus. Subsequently a citizen of Maryland named Merryman was arrested by a military force acting under orders of an army officer. The Chief Justice issued a writ of habeas corpus, directing the officer to produce the body of Merryman before the court the following day. The officer declined to do so on the ground that the writ had been suspended by the President of the

United States. The Chief Justice then issued an attachment against the officer for contempt but the marshal reported that he was unable to serve it. The Chief Justice thereupon filed an opinion in the Office of the Circuit Court in Baltimore. He held that the clause in the Constitution which authorizes the suspension of the writ is in the first article thereof, which is devoted to the legislative department; that the second article provides for the organization of the executive department and enumerates the powers of the president which nowhere include the right to suspend the writ. He quoted from Story's Commentaries and from Chief Justice Marshall to the effect that the power to suspend the writ was exclusively in Congress and that the President had no such power. There the Merryman case ended. An impasse existed in which the military power practically won but the Chief Justice had sustained his position by an unanswerable opinion. It is interesting to note that two years later Congress passed an act authorizing the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in case of rebellion and it is further interesting to note that in 1866 the Supreme Court held in *ex parte Milligan*, in an opinion written by Justice David Davis, one of President Lincoln's most intimate friends, that the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus does not suspend the writ itself which issues as a matter of course and that on the return the court may decide whether the party applying to it is denied the right of proceeding further with it, and that the military trial of Milligan in the state of Indiana, which was not in rebellion and where the courts of the United States were open, was utterly illegal—a decision which thoroughly vindicated, if it needed vindication, the action of Chief Justice Taney in the Merryman case five years before.

One other reference to the Dred Scott decision in conclusion. James

Buchanan was inaugurated President of the United States on March 4, 1857. He was graduated from Dickinson in the Class of 1809. The Chief Justice was graduated in the class of 1795 and one of his associates, Robert Cooper Grier, was graduated in the class of 1812. The Dred Scott case had been first argued before the court in February 1856. A reargument was ordered and heard for four days in December 1856. The case had attracted wide attention due to the disturbed condition of the country and its probable outcome was the subject of continuous newspaper comment, both north and south.

It was apparently not considered improper in those days for justices to communicate confidentially and in advance the substance of decisions later announced. Indeed Mr. Justice Curtis, whose dissent was much lauded in the north, had written to a personal friend after the first argument and almost a year before the decision was announced, that the court would not decide the question of the Missouri compromise, and Warren in his history of the Supreme Court in the United States says that "Judge Story frequently indulged in the habit; and it seems to have been regarded as a proper practice, provided the seal of secrecy was imposed."

Bearing this background in mind, the facts are that Judge Catron wrote a confidential letter to Buchanan, the President-elect, on February 19th, saying that the constitutional question, that is, the Missouri compromise question, would be decided by the court, although he gave no intimation as to which way, and suggested that Buchanan write Grier saying how necessary it was to settle the agitation by an affirmative decision of the court. Buchanan apparently complied with Catron's request, for Grier wrote Buchanan on February 23d, in which he stated in confidence how the judges had decided to treat the case and that the decision would be announced on March 6th. This corres-

pondence was the basis for the statement in Buchanan's inaugural where he said, referring to the question of slavery in the territories: "It is a judicial question which legitimately belongs to the Supreme Court of the United States before whom it is now pending and will, it is understood, be speedily and finally settled. To their decision, in common with all good citizens, I shall cheerfully submit, whatever this may be."

This is the entire basis for the so-called conspiracy between the President and the court to aid the slavery cause. In the cold light of history there can be no charge of impropriety in the President's inaugural remarks. They contain not the slightest intimation that he knew how the court was going to decide. The advance confidential communication would now be regarded as improper, even to a President-elect, but this, as I have already pointed out, was a common practice at the time. The interesting thing to us is that the three men most intimately concerned, the President-elect, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Grier, were all graduates of our College.

Taney was eighty years old when the Dred Scott case was decided. He continued at the head of the Bench until his death, October 12, 1864. He is buried at Frederick, Maryland, his old home, where a few years ago Chief Justice Hughes, upon the unveiling of a monument to his memory, paid fitting tribute to his outstanding ability. Granting that the Dred Scott decision for which he is best known outside the legal profession was in support of a moral wrong, the complete answer to any criticism is that it was not the province of the Supreme Court to abolish slavery. The legislative branch of the government, which could have done so by compensated emancipation, failed to do it. Its policy of compromise pursued for forty years eventually resulted in armed conflict and the abolition came about at the sacrifice of the blood of hundreds of thousands. Lincoln was right when

he said that no nation can exist half free and half slave. The attempt to avoid the conflict by an authoritative pronouncement on the law as it then was no more successful than the legislative compromises, but Taney's efforts in that behalf should no more dim his reputation than the efforts of Webster and Clay in the legislative halls.

Dickinson, and no other college, has the unique distinction of having three of its graduates, occupying the highest positions in the land, the chief actors in one of the most momentous events in American history.

Alumni Meet In New York

The annual dinner of the Dickinson Club of New York was held on Saturday night, February 29, in the Faculty Club at Columbia University. Plans were made at the function hereafter to hold the annual dinner of the New York Club during the first week in December; and Friday, December 4, was set as the date for the dinner in the next season.

It was also announced that the Dickinson Club of Northern New Jersey would hold its function in Morristown on Tuesday evening, May 5th. Thus the plan is to have the city club meet annually in December and the Jersey suburban alumni meet the first week in May.

Charles S. VanAuken, '12, was elected president of the club for the ensuing year; Arthur Latham, '10, former secretary, was raised to the vice presidency, and Richard Lindsey, '35, was elected secretary-treasurer. An executive committee was chosen and consisted of Clinton DeWitt VanSiclen, '14; J. Ernest Crane, '11; Beverly W. Brown, '03; R. J. Shearer, '96; Franklin T. Woodward, '01; E. H. Mish, '09.

E. H. Mish, retiring president of the club, presided as toastmaster, and Dr. Herbert Shenton offered the invocation. Dean Walter H. Hitchler, Gilbert Malcolm, and President Corson were the speakers.

Joe Hertzler Again Stirring Them Up

Joseph Z. Hertzler, '13, live-wire organizer of the Dickinson Alumni Club of San Francisco, whose exuberant hospitality nearly caused President and Mrs. Fred P. Corson to miss their boat to the Orient some two years ago, has now transferred his activities to Texas.

Within a few weeks after he had opened offices in the Shell Building in Houston, he had organized a Pennsylvania Society of Texas and had been elected its executive Vice-President. Governor Earle of Harrisburg and General James Gordon Steese, '02, of San Antonio were immediately unanimously elected Honorary Members.

The first meeting of the new society was held in the Chamber of Commerce

Building on March 30, 1936. The second meeting was held on April 16, when General Steese was president in person, and released a few improbable stories of Alaska which no resident of Texas could dispute. The next day, General Steese was a guest of the San Jacinto Centennial Association at the "Union of the States Luncheon" at the Rice Hotel, a part of the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Texas.

Joe is now busy on a Fraternity (Phi Kappa Sigma) Alumni Chapter, after which he plans to start upon a Dickinson Club of Southwest Texas. More power to you, Joe!

PERSONALS

1885

Dr. Franklin T. Baker of the Faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University, visited the College on April 15 to make a chapel address and to speak informally before the English classes afterward.

1895

Rev. Louis Hieb has removed from Omaha to become pastor of the Third Congregational Church at West Fifth Avenue at Fox Street, Denver, Colo.

Dr. Harry B. Stock, secretary of the board of directors of the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, completed a twelve-year term in that office early this month. He retires from membership on the board because of a limitation placed on tenure in the board.

1897

The Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, D.D., secretary of the Board of Trustees, has accepted appointment as superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Home for the Aged at Tyrone, Pa. He resigned his pastorate in Bellefonte to accept the new post. Dr. Heckman attended the sessions of the General Conference in Columbus this month.

Eugene E. Gill has moved to 5905 Roberta Circle, Tampa, Florida, from Georgia.

1898

Prof. Leon C. Prince scored a land-slide

victory in the April primaries over his opponent for the Republican nomination for the State Senate from the Cumberland-Perry-Mifflin-Juniata District. He will be opposed at the general election in November by Robert Lee Jacobs, '32, '35L, of Carlisle, son of Ralph Jacobs, '96, who was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

1900

The Rev. Albert M. Witwer, D.D., was elected one of the ministerial delegates from the Philadelphia Conference to the General Conference of the M. E. Church held in Columbus, Ohio, this month.

1901

Dr. Leroy McMaster of the Faculty of Washington University, St. Louis, is co-author with W. M. Bruner of a paper "Benzoylation of Phenol," which was printed in *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*. He is also co-author with C. R. Noller of a paper "The Formation of Amides from Nitriles," which was printed in the *Journal of the Indian Chemical Society*, of Calcutta.

1902

Daniel R. Pepper, of Lancaster, Pa., was elected a Lay Delegate from the Philadelphia Conference to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Columbus, Ohio, this month.

1904

Charles L. Swift, of the College Faculty, will journey to Europe this summer as lecturer for the Romance Division of University Tours conducted by Thomas Cook & Sons. He will sail July 1 for France, Germany, Holland and England and will return in August.

1905

Edna Albert reports that Rev. James E. Dunning, in from California for the General Conference, had luncheon with her and Florence Bursk and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Nicodemus and their niece, in Carlisle. Afterward they spent an hour together at Miss Bursk's home.

Miss Albert also reports that Clarence Dumm with his wife and two sons stopped to see her while en route from Washington in April, and that they journeyed on to see Don Hoover at Wellsville.

William H. Rogers, better known to his classmates as "Buzzy," who is head of the Bar Association of Florida, recently received a good bit of publicity because of some addresses in support of the Federal Constitution.

1906

The 30th Reunion of 1906 will be held at Commencement. Henry F. Wile has been selected by the Alumni Day Committee to serve as toastmaster at the Alumni Luncheon, thus following the custom to pick the ringmaster from the 30th reunion class.

The Rev. Roy N. Keiser, D. D., District Superintendent of the Philadelphia Conference, was chosen a Ministerial Delegate from that body to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, this month.

1907

Early this month Professor Wilbur H. Norcross was elected president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

1907L

James H. Thompson, St. Marys, Pa., has been appointed a special deputy general of Pennsylvania by Deputy General C. J. Mariotti.

1908

The Rev. George Henry Ketterer was appointed Superintendent of the Altoona District of the Central Pennsylvania Conference at the annual session last month.

1909

Mrs. Edmund D. Curtis, of Lawrenceville, N. J., whose older daughter is a student of the college, has enrolled her second daughter as a Freshman for the academic year to begin next September.

State Senator Alfred H. Wagg, of Palm Beach, Florida, was elected honorary chancellor of Southern College, Lakeland, Fla., in March.

1910

Professor Alpheus T. Mason in the annual student poll of the senior class at Princeton was third choice as the most popular professor, the most popular preceptor and the most inspiring teacher.

1911

Roy Cleaver, of Mount Carmel has been appointed Senior School Business Adviser in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction.

1912

The Rev. C. W. Kitto, D.D., for six years pastor of St. James M. E. Church, Philadelphia, and member of the Board of Trustees of the College, was appointed superintendent of the South District of the Philadelphia M. E. Conference at the recent annual session.

1914L

Mrs. Margaret C. Fine, 77-year-old mother of Judge John S. Fine of Luzerne County, died on March 13th of burns which she suffered in an accident in her home. Her dress became ignited while she was near a gas range in her kitchen. Her husband died in 1931, and she is survived by several children.

1916

After nine years as pastor of the First M. E. Church, Brazil, Indiana, Rev. Russell B. Kern, was appointed pastor of the First M. E. Church at Valparaiso, Ind., where his address is 16 Jefferson Street.

1919

Urie D. Lutz was elected president of the Carlisle Rotary Club to succeed Professor L. G. Rohrbaugh, '07. He will represent the Carlisle Club at the international convention at Atlantic City, in June.

1921

Luther Musser Brame, 17-month-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Brame, of New Kingstown, died on the morning of March 11th. The Rev. Mr. Brame is pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of New Kingstown.

1922

Albert M. Wise, of Boiling Springs, Pa., father of Dewitt D. Wise, died on March 8th, at the age of 65 years.

1924

Eustace L. Springer is now headmaster of the Pingry School, Elizabeth, N. J.

BALTIMORE NOTES

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Henry Byron Suter, '31, and Mrs. Suter are now living at 767 Grantley Street, Baltimore. Mr. Suter is preparing for the Maryland Bar examination to be held in June and in the meanwhile is employed by the claim department of a local casualty company.

Rev. J. Luther Neff, '15, pastor of Wesley Church in Washington, has been granted a month's leave of absence due to illness.

The law offices of Cornelius P. Mundy, Law '25, are now at 902 Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Ralph L. Minker, '20, has relinquished the pastorate at Crisfield, Md. and has become the superintendent of the Ferris Industrial School in Delaware.

James H. McNeal, '18, is the instructor in chemistry in the Dover High School, Delaware, and for avocation farms and raises chickens in the vicinity.

1924

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hess and their son were week-end guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rohrbaugh in March. Mr. Hess is superintendent of the Goodwill Industries in San Francisco, and was East to attend a conference in Pittsburgh.

1925

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Simmons were flood sufferers in the March flood. At one time there were eight feet of water on the first floor of their home. They now live at 2700 Market Street, Camp Hill, Pa.

1926

John P. Milligan is principal of Watsessing School No. 8, Bloomfield, N. J.

Earl Schoeder has been promoted to be factory superintendent of the York Safe and Lock Company, York, Pa.

1928

John T. Brooks, teacher of English in Aliquippa High School, won third prize in the short-story contest conducted by *The Journal of Education*. The story, "Knight in Tinfoil," appeared in the April 20th issue. Mr. Brooks is the son of the late John D.

Brooks, professor of education at Wilson College, Chambersburg, from 1923-33.

1929

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Stanley Shirk of Westfield, N. J., to Miss Corrine Gross, a member of the Faculty of the Westfield Junior High School.

Luther Harter, Baltimore, Md., has been named attorney on the National Board of Forms.

1930

Rev. Robert Faust Sheaffer has been called to be Associate Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. The church is the largest Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne, and the third largest in the State. Upon the retirement of the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Sheaffer will succeed to the pastorate. His new address is Sheridan Apts. R-3, Union and Berny Streets, Fort Wayne, Ind.

George W. Atkins is taxing officer of the Bureau of Corporation Taxes in the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Kohnstamm announce the birth of a son, Lee W., on Friday, April 3.

V. A. McCrossen received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in February, his major study being German and his minor French. His doctoral dissertation was entitled "Francois Sabatier's Translation of Goethes Faust." Dr. McCrossen has made extensive studies in the field of comparative linguistics and comparative literature, and has done special work in the German Naturalistic movement. He has a reading knowledge of more than twenty languages. At the present time he is instructor in modern languages at The Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. For the past two years he was instructor in world literature, German, and Latin at the Bucknell University Junior College, Wilkes-Barre. From 1930-1933 he was supervisor of the foreign language department in the Aliquippa High School, Aliquippa, Pa.

1931

Richard H. Wagner is taxing officer in the Division of Personal Property Taxes in the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Gayner, of Salem, N. J., announced the birth of a son, Lewis Fox Gayner, Jr., on September 19, 1935. Mrs. Gayner was Sarah Lukens.

1932

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hauck, Jr., have removed from Altoona to make their home

in Mechanicsburg, the native heath of Mrs. Hauck, who was Miss Doris Brandt. Mr. Hauck, who graduated from the law school in 1935, passed his bar examinations last July and is a member of the Cumberland County bar.

Boyd Lee Spahr, Jr., who is in the Philadelphia law office of his father, successfully passed the December bar examinations and was admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court this month. He studied law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

1933

Mrs. Richard R. Briner, the former Dorothy C. Shearer, arrived in Carlisle in May for a visit of several weeks while her husband, who is an officer in the Navy, accompanies the Pacific fleet on maneuvers. On her return to the Coast she and her husband will reside in Coronado, Calif.

1934

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, of Carlisle, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Martin, to John B. Fowler. Miss Martin was graduated from Martha Washington Seminary, Washington, D. C. Mr. Fowler is now living in Carlisle and is engaged in the securities business of Charles H. Jones & Co. The wedding will take place in June.

1935

Roger Cooper was graduated at Swarth-

more College in 1935. He is now teaching English in the schools at Rio Piedras, P. R. His address is Box 84, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Bernadette DeFalco has secured a clerical position in the statistics department of the Provident Mutual Insurance Company, Baltimore, Md.

Lindsey Line was married to Miss Evelyn Hertzler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hertzler, of Carlisle, in the First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, on April 18. The bride is a graduate of Shippensburg State Teachers College and taught in Monroe Township. Mr. Line is secretary of the Cumberland Valley Building and Loan Association.

Jacob E. Zeigler has recently been elected to a teaching position in the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. He will begin work with the opening of the new academic year in September.

1935L

Eight members of the Law School class passed the winter Pennsylvania bar examinations it was announced early this month. They are J. Richard Budding and John T. Logan, both of York; Peter Marco, Reading; Meyer Pinkus, Olyphant; Rudolf Wertime, Chambersburg; James L. Brown, Wilkes-Barre; Joseph Hildenberger, Bethlehem, and Paul M. Showalter, Lewisburg. Leander Baner '34L Lemoyne was also successful.

OBITUARY

1883—The Rev. James Eckersley, who retired in 1920 after forty-two years in the ministry, died in March at his home in Columbus, N. J. He entered the college in 1880 after preparatory work at the Hackettstown Seminary. He withdrew in 1882 to enter the ministry of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference. In 1895 he transferred to the New Jersey Conference where he served pastorates until his retirement in 1920.

1894—The Rev. Joseph Clemens, who with his wife established the Joseph and Mary Strong Clemens Scholarship Fund at the College, died in New Guinea after a brief illness on January 21. For some years, Chaplain Clemens and his wife, who survives him, devoted their lives to botanical research in the Far East and many accounts of their journeyings have been published in issues of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS and in *The Dickinsonian*.

Born in Cornwall, England on December 9, 1862, Chaplain Clemens emigrated to America and prepared for college in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.

He received his A.B. from the college in 1894 and his A.M. in 1897. From 1894 to 1901, he held pastorates in the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference and in 1901, he became a Chaplain in the U. S. Army serving until his retirement some years ago when he went to the mission field in the Far East.

Chaplain Clemens was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and was the editor of the fifth general catalogue of that fraternity.

1897—Falling asleep while smoking a cigarette at his residence at 1749 Que Street, N. W., Washington, caused the death of Francis Asbury Awl, '97, after several weeks of intense suffering at Mt. Alto Hospital in that city on March 27th. He was 59 years old.

Lieut. Col. Awl was a native of Harrisburg, where he enlisted in the National Guard as a private in 1898. After serving in the Philippine Insurrection, he was commissioned a lieutenant and served in the regular army for a number of years. At Camp Meade in 1917 he was the captain of the headquarters company of the 316th Infantry, 79th Division, and went overseas and was in command of that organization in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

In the drive of Sept. 26, 1918, he was wounded near Malancourt, France, and was ordered back to a base hospital in the States. For bravery in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, Colonel Awl was later decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross.

The years of 1919, 1920 and 1921, Mr. Awl, having then been promoted to be a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps, spent in Harrisburg and during this time he was a member of the Dickinson Club of Harrisburg. At one time Major Awl was a candidate for Chief of Police of Harrisburg but failed of appointment. He removed to Washington to spend his retirement and in 1928 was promoted to be lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps.

Funeral services were held in the chapel at Fort Myer on March 30th with Chaplain Ralph C. Deibert officiating and burial with full military honors was made in Arlington National Cemetery.

Lieut. Col. Awl is survived by his widow, Mrs. Amie M. Awl.

1898—The Rev. John Ellery, retired minister of the Philadelphia M. E. Conference, died on April 8 at his home in Germantown, Pa.

Born in Laureston, England on December 7, 1870, he was educated in the National School of England and the Dickinson Preparatory School. He entered college in 1894 and received his Ph.B. degree in 1898. As a student, he was a supply pastor beginning in 1896 and in 1899 became a member of the Philadelphia Conference and was assigned to the Willow Grove charge. From then until his retirement in 1934, he served pastorates in the Conference, spending most of his years in and about the city of Philadelphia.

In 1899, he married Miss Bertha B. Smith, of Carlisle, who survives him. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Channing, Philadelphia attorney, and a daughter, Anna Louise.

He was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, F. and A. M., Carlisle. Both Rev. and Mrs. Ellery were frequent visitors to Carlisle.

Services were held in Philadelphia and also in Carlisle, where interment was made in the Old Graveyard.

1899—Harry Kendall Fooks died of a heart ailment in Laurel, Del., on April 9.

Born in Laurel August 9, 1877, he prepared for college at the Wilmington Conference Academy. He entered in 1896 and received his A. B. degree in 1899. In 1900 he received the A. B. degree from Harvard University.

He served twice as mayor of Laurel, and was vice president of the Sussex Trust Company at the time of his death. He was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1912. He engaged in business in Laurel, at times being a prominent canner, and in later years devoted much of his time to farming.

He was a member of Beta Theta Pi, a 33d degree Mason, and a member of the Centenary M. E. Church of Laurel, in which he was an official.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nanie Kenney Fooks, one daughter, Mrs. Wade Lee of Coral Gables, Fla., daughter of Alma Horsey Fooks, to whom Mr. Fooks was married in 1906 and who died in 1911, and one sister Mrs. Mary Wolcott, wife of Chancellor Wolcott, of Dover.

1900—Fred David Oiler, a non-graduate member of 1900 who received his LL.B degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1899, prominent attorney and churchman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had lived for twenty-five years, died on April 6.

Born on November 11, 1875, he graduated from Edinboro Normal School and in 1896 entered the college where he spent two years. Upon his graduation from the Law School, he entered the practice of law in New York and then later moved to Tulsa where he specialized in land titles and oil.

Mr. Oiler was an outstanding churchman, serving for many years as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, and as a trustee of the Tulsa Presbytery. He was treasurer of the Tulsa Council of Religious Education and interested in the work of the Tulsa Week Day Bible School. For some years, he was chairman of his church committee on Home Missions.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Jane Alexander, of Tulsa, and three children; David Oiler; Mrs. Susan O. Boyd, of San Diego, Cal., and Robert Oiler.

1902—Bertha E. Aberle, a public school teacher of Carlisle for over thirty-three years, died on March 3d at the home of her friend, Mrs. David Ilgenfritz, at Hickorytown.

Born in Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., Miss Aberle graduated from the Carlisle High School in 1898 and was a student in the college for nearly four years. After serving as a substitute teacher in the public schools, she was elected to a regular teaching position in February, 1903, and taught continuously until just before her death. She was a member of the Allison Methodist Church since youth. She is survived by her brother, William Aberle, a missionary in Nicaragua.

1907—Colonel Vance Lawrie Ealy died suddenly of a heart attack at Steubenville, Ohio on July 20, 1935. Word of his death did not come to the College until March of this year.

Colonel Ealy was a veteran of the World War. He served for six years as postmaster at La Belle View. For many years he was superintendent of the time department of the Wheeling Steel Corporation and for some years district manager of the Fidelity Investment Association of Eastern Ohio.

While in college he was a member of the varsity basketball squad. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Shrine, a 32d degree Mason, and a member of the P. O. S. of A. He held various offices in the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nelle Gray Rohm, three sons, Lawrie Orr, John Taylor, and William.

1911—Miss M. Eleta Witmer, history teacher for some years in the Atlantic City High School and active member of the Dickinson Club there, died in the Atlantic City Hospital on March 20 from pneumonia after an illness of only a few days.

Miss Witmer was born in Paradise, Lancaster County, Pa., and graduated from the Lancaster High School. Upon her graduation with the Ph.B. degree from college in 1911, she became a member of the faculty of the Lancaster High School and she taught there for nine years. She then taught in the Altoona High School for two years, before joining the Atlantic City High School in 1922. She taught modern and early European history and was faculty advisor of the Arista, girl's service club at the school.

She was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, and of several historical associations and International Relationship groups.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Walter Baer, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Henry Jones, of Swarthmore and one brother, Luther Witmer, of Easton, Pa.

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Alice D. Bieri, wife of the Rev. John D. Bieri, D. D., '01, and mother of John W. Bieri, '34, died on March 15th at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia. She suffered an attack of pneumonia, which caused her death. Funeral services were held in St. Luke's M. E. Church, Philadelphia, where her husband has been pastor for many years.

Mrs. Luther B. Wilson, widow of Bishop Wilson, '75, died on April 29th, at her home in Roland Park, Md. A daughter, Mrs. George E. Thomas, and a son, Luther Barton Wilson, survive.

Mrs. Trezah Hearn, mother of two Dickinsonians, Walter A. Hearn, '14, and Raymond E. Hearn, '24, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd W. Young, April 21. Her death came suddenly after an illness of only three weeks. She was eighty years of age. The husband and father, John Hearn, died two years ago. Both parents were charter members of the Belfast M. E. Church founded 62 years ago. Mr. Hearn was a local preacher in the same church more than 43 years.

Four sons and one daughter survive: John H. and R. Oscar of Edelman, Pa., Walter A., pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, Laurel, Del., Raymond E., principal of the Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School of West Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Floyd W. Young, Edelman, Pa.

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