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Washington College Awards Honorary Degrees To Four Former Students May 31

President Gilbert W. Mead Presides Over Commencement Exercises

Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, who is rapidly recovering from an illness which has kept him confined for the past three months, presided over the commencement exercises at Washington College on Monday of this week and awarded both the honorary and academic degrees.

The commencement exercises were streamlined to meet war-time conditions. All social activities that usually make up June week were eliminated; even the alumni banquet and dance gave way to the emergency. In speaking of the abreviated program, Dr. Mead said:

"Washington College is definitely on a war-time schedule and our 1943 commencement is strctly business, with all the frills of the usual college June Week out for the duration, with all banquets and dances, including the annual June ball and the Alumni Association dance and banquet cancelled."

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were awarded as follows:

State Senator Arthur H. Brice, President of the Maryland Senate for the past four years, now a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission and a prominent farmer of Kent County.

Dudley G. Roe former Senator from Queen Annes County, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the First Congressional District of Maryland, and prominent business man of Sudlersville.

The degree of Doctor of Science was awarded to John Eisle Davis who has served for a number of years as senior physical director at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Perry Point, Md. and author of several health books.

W Lester Baldwin, Baltimore attorney was presented with the Gold Pentagon awarded annually by the Omicron Delta Kappa National Fraternity of the college for "Outstanding Service rendered to Washington College during the year. All three of the above named men are alumni of the college.

Honors and Prizes

The graduation honors and prizes awarded were:

Maxima cum laude, Virginia Cooper Davis.

Magma cum laude, Albert Lee Mooney, Samuel Omar Jackson, Jr.

Cum Laude, Robert V. Holdt, Martin I. Engel, James Leonard Parris, Naomi Waters Russell, Mary Edith Bishop, Molly Stewart Burrell, Helen Marie Criss.

Prizes—First honor, valedictory, Virginia Cooper Davis; second honor, salutatory, Albert Lee Mooney.

Visitors and Governors Medal for highest average in Junior Class, Norman Eugene Sharrar.

Alumni Medal for highest average in Sophomore Class, Frederick William Shillinger.

Simmons Medal for highest average in Freshman Class, Dorothea Anna Miller; New Line Ilma Catlin Award, Samuel Omar Jackson, Jr.

Harry P. Porter Character Medal, Samuel Omar Jackson, Jr.

Hershaw Medal for most representative college woman, Mary Douglas Blackwood.

Simpers Medal for best all-round athlete, Robert Andrew Ruff, Jr.

Baurice Fox Award, Norman Tarr.

Sadler Award in Government, James Leonard Parris.

Washington Alumni Chapter Medal for highest standing in English for four years, Virginia Cooper Davis.

Errol L. Fox Memorial, inter-fraternity scholarship cup, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Errol L. Fox Memorial, inter-sorority scholarship cup, Zeta Tau Alpha.

The graduates from Kent County were, Lois Margaret Stevens, Eleanor Evans White, Andrew Robinson Gorman, and Naomi Waters Russell.

Dr. Gilbert W. Mead

2 New Members To College Board

President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College announced at the Commencement Exercises yesterday the appointment by Governor O'Conor of two members of the Board of Visitors and Governors of the College, Circuit Judge William Ray Horney, of Centreville, and Mr. John Dickinson of Trappe, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States and General Counsel of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Judge Horney replaces Mr. T. Harris Smith of Queenstown, resigned, and Mr. Dickinson succeeds the late Samuel E. Shannahan of Easton.

Conservation And Drainage Topics

Drainage in any community and on any farm is a wonderful improvement but it must be borne in mind that it is erosion that caused the drainage problem, in the first place. After drainage-ways are opened up some type of erosion control must be practiced or the drainageways will soon fill up and the same condition will soon reappear. Especially is this true where the area to be drained is adjacent to steep and very erodable land.

The erosion control practices may be any one of the following:

1. Wide strips of sod on each side of the drainageway.
2. Strip cropping above the drainageway with all draws left in sod.
3. Terraces above the drainageways so that rilling and other forms of erosion are stopped.

The idea back of all these practices is to keep silt from getting into the channel of the drainageway where a delta is built up and water flow is retarded.

A drainage ditch, once it is established, must be maintained. This may involve plowing out the drainageway in narrow lands leaving the dead furrow in the bottom of the drainage ditch or by the use of hand tools.

A system of drainage ditches is an improvement to a farm the same as a hog house or a dairy barn and should receive regular attention much the same as a building needs paint or a roof needs replacement shingles. Nothing is permanent without some care, and drainageways are no exception.

Anyone desiring information or assistance can secure it by contacting the County Agent, the Supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District or one of the Soil Conservation Service technicians working in the county.

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Kent County Soft Ball League Starts

The Kent County Soft Ball League got into action last Sunday, the starting day. Great Oakes and Rock Hall split a double-header at Rock Hall diamond. Rock Hall took the first game 11-10 and Great Oakes took the second 2-1.

Kennedyville and Herb Ward Juniors split a double-header at Kennedyville.

The Chestertown and Still Pond game at Chestertown was post-poned because of wet grounds.

This coming Sunday there will be two double headers in Chestertown. Still Pond and Chestertown will play two games at the Kent and Queen Annes Driving Park and Herb Ward Juniors will play at the High School grounds.

At Fairlee, Great Oakes and Rock Hall will renew hostilities. Starting time at all places is at 1 p. m.

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Urie Farm Near Lynch Is Sold

Announcement was made this week of the sale of the Urie Farm near Lynch, to Mr. Stickney, of California. The sale was made by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Truslow.

This 150 acre farm contains an old brick home estimated to be 200 years old.

STATE LIBRARY ASSO. COMMENDS LOCAL PROJECT

The Maryland Library Association in reporting the activities of state libraries makes mention of the Chestertown Public Library as follows:

"The Chestertown Public Library has for many years occupied rented quarters in a town building. Under the sponsorship of the Chestertown Woman's Literary Club its book collection has expanded beyond its capacity. The Club, therefore, went energetically to work, raised a fund, and recently acquired an excelent building. Removal will take place as soon as alterations have been completed."

The remodeling is in progress and is an added expense as the fund raised amounted to just enough to pay for the building itself. Any help from friends who have not yet contributed to this town enterprise will be most welcomely received and applied toward the expense of remodeling.

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Income Tax Payment Due June 15th

Hon. M. H. Magruder, Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Maryland, stated that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue advised that no existing or pending legislation contemplates relieving taxpayers from payment of the June quarterly installment of income tax for the year 1942. Therefore, the June installment must be paid on or before June 15, 1943.

Statements showing the quarterly amount of tax due on June 15th are being mailed out by the Collector's Office as rapidly as possible. If statement is not received by taxpayer by that date he should notify the Collector of Internal Revenue, Custom House, Baltimore, Maryland.

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AAA Payments $50 Per Acre For Crops

County Agricultural Conservation Committees are mailing to all Maryland farmers, who have filed 1943 farm plans, certificates qualifying the farmers for special Agricultural Adjustment Agency payments for growing Irish potatoes and truck crops. The certificates must be signed by the farmer and returned to his county committee before July 1.

With a war goal of 24,000 acres this year, Maryland farmers will this year plant more Irish potatoes than the plantings of the last five years and the Maryland Crop Reporting Service reports the crop to be in "very good" condition although ten days late.

The special AAA payments will be fifty cents per bushel for Irish potatoes and $50.00 per acre for truck crops. Payments will be made on that part of the acreage of the individual farmer between 90 and 110 percent of his war crop goal and, in the case of potatoes, on the farmers normal yield.

Garden tractors have been removed from county farm-machinery rationing quotas by the Maryland USDA War Board, Chairman, Joseph H. Blandford, announced today. Henceforth, they will be rationed on a State-wide basis with purchase certificates issued to farmers possessing a dealer's commitment to sell.

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Tuberculosis Clinic Here Monday

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association has announced a clinic to be held at the Health Center in Kent County next Monday afternoon, June 7th.

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DO YOU KNOW

That every person riding a bicycle or an animal or driving an animal upon the highway is subject to the rules of the road that govern the driver of a motor vehicle. The same fines and penalties can be invoked if arrested for these violations. Sec. 134

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Trouser Cuff Ban Lifted

Hereafter it's between you and your tailor what you want to do with the ends of your trousers.

Government rules on what the well-dressed man will wear in wartime were eased out a notch today when the War Production Board revoked ts ban on trouser cuffs.

MERCHANTS PLAN TO CLOSE ONE-HALF DAY

A group of merchants and business men of Chestertown will close their places of business at noon on Wednesdays during the months of June, July and August.

The proposal was made through the Chestertown Business Men's Association and all business houses were invited to participate in the move Some stores are not included in the list for various reasons. The proposal was made for the purpose of affording a half day holiday each week to merchants and employees.

Among those who will close Wednesday afternoon are:

S. T. Wilson, Jr.
E. Scott Thompson
Fox's Store
Bonnett's Store
Oriole Shoe Store
Bordley and Son
A. L. Wheat
Paca Dresses
A. L. Sparks
Hill's Jewelery Store
Forney's Jewelery Store
J. S. Kreeger
Dorothy Gift Shop
John Bartley and Son
Barnett's Barber Shop
Otis Beal's Barber Shop
LeCates' Barber Shop
S. G. Caldwell.

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OUR GARDEN CLUB STATES RULES FOR CONTEST

Two contests, sponsored by Our Garden Club, were announced in this paper last week.

One contest is open to children in the 7th grade or lower of schools in Kent and Queen Anne Counties. The other contest is open to all other residents of Kent and Queen Anne Counties.

The following rules apply to both contests:

1. Write an article not to exceed 300 words, entitled: "What the Parks of Chestertown Mean To Me."
2. Write on one side of paper only. Legibility and neatness count.
3. At end of article, write your full name and address, and, if attending school this fall, give name of school and your grade.
4. Address your entry to OUR GARDEN CLUB CONTEST, % THE TRANSCRIPT, Chestertown, Md., and mail or bring it to this office so as to reach here by noon, Saturday, June 19.
5. Four judges, to be announced next week, will award the following prizes:

1st Prize for 7th graders and under —$2.00 in war stamps and a book; 2nd prize—$1.00 in war stamps.

1st Prize for others—$3.00 in war stamps; 2nd prize—$1.00 in war stamps.

6. Judges' decisions are final and all entries become property of Our Garden Club.

The article winning first prize in each contest will be printed in this paper.

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Last D. A. R. Meeting For 1942-43 Season

The final meeting of the London Bridge Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution was held Friday night of last week at the home of Mrs. R. Woodall Robinson. Miss Lottie P. Peacock assisted her sister, Mrs. Robinson as hostess.

After a delicious dinner, served at 7 o'clock, the chapter reviewed the year's work and made plans for the summer. Meetings will be resumed in September.

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Draft To Call Fathers This Summer

Drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers into military service will probably start around August 1, Col. Henry C. Stanwood, Selective Service Director for Maryland, declared today.

By the end of July all local draft boards in Maryland will have exhausted their current supply of available men Colonel Stanwood said, and to fill further quotas it will be necessary to induct fathers.

Fathers will be called up for induction in sequence of their order numbers, according to present plans. This means, it was pointed out, that the number of children or dependents a man has will not influence the time he will be called.

Red Arrow Beats Fielder In Feature Race Decoration Day 600 Paid Admission At Opening Meet

Opening races at the Kent and Queen Annes Driving Park were held last Monday with about six hundred paid admissions and some very good racing. In spite of the driving ban this attendance was fair as autos were conspicious by their absence, most of the spectators coming on foot.

Red Arrow, owned and driven by Mr. William Cole of Lynch, lead Fielder, owned by J. W. Willis in both heats of the second race, which was called the feature race of the day. These two have fought it out before, with Red Arrow holding the edge, although Fielder beat Red Arrow here last year. Mr. Cole also drove Red Ace, owned by Mr. Harry Massey, of Church Hill to win both heats of the first race.

Although the racing was close, the track was considered slow, Red Arrow making the best time of 2:15.

3 YEAR OLD TROT

HORSE	OWNER	1st Heat	2nd Heat
Red Ace	Harry Massey	1	1
Scarab	J. W. Willis	3	2
Harold Hanover	Ralph Bowen	4	3
Norman Frisco	A. M. Lusby	2	-
		Time 2:29	
FREE FOR ALL PACE			
Red Arrow	William E. Cole	1	1
Fielder	J. W. Willis	2	2
Hal Trim	Harry Nichols	4	4
Cliff Lee	E. R. East	5	3
Chestnut Lucky Boy	J. W. Willis	3	5
		Time 2:15	
FREE FOR ALL-TROT			
Bonnie Scotland	J. W. Willlis	1	2
Harvest Jim	J. W. Willis	3	1
Roan Aubrey	E. V. Hogans	2	3
		Time 2:16	
3 YEAR OLD PACE			
Philadelphia	J. M. Davvis	1	1
Jane Majesty	Richard Tarbutton	2	2
Ann Hal	Harrison Case	3	3
Gallendale	Samuel Lomax	4	-
		Time 2:15¾	
CLASS A PACE			
Billy Bonnington	Robert Robinson	1	1
Madge Martin	H. H. Collins	2	2
Ann Aubrey	Lee Sweetman	3	3
Miskeen	Harry Nichols	4	4
		Time 2:16	

This Week Of The War Showing Progress Of The All Out Effort

Last week was a relatively quiet one in the war. The battle for Attu Island entered its final phase, Allied planes kept up a steady rain of bombs on Axis Mediterranean ports and European production centers. Storms raging over most of the Southwest Pacific hampered air activity in the Solomons and in New Guinea.

When the week opened, the trapped Japanese garrison on Attu had been split up into three groups—isolated pockets harassed continually by low-flying American fighter planes. Attu Village had been virtually wiped off the map by U. S. bombing and strafing planes. Then, on Wednesday, the Navy announced that one of the three Jap pockets had been wiped out and that Army ground troops were attacking another.

Attack By Combined Force

Enemy forces trapped in the area around Chichagof Pass were cleaned up by combined northern and southern American ground forces. The assault was made along the ridge of Chichagof Valley, and was supported by Army bomber and fighter planes. The same forces then attacked the second isolated Jap group, the garrison holding out farther north in the area around Chichagof Harbor, and after hard fighting in a coordinated attack along the ridge south of the corridor, U. S. Army troops succeeded in gaining a foothold on the high ground south of the harbor.

A U. S. Naval ship bombarded Japanese shore installations in the area and started numerous fires, as the ground troops continued their drive All buildings in the area were destroyed.

The Japanese have fought back, but their retaliatory bombing raids have had little effect on the American advances. Secretary of War Stimson, holding a press conference in Washington, said these attacks were carried out with bombers which appeared from and departed for the west, and suggested that the planes were operating from bases in the Kurile Island group.

Casualties Comparatively Light

Incomplete reports of American casualties in the struggle for Attu show 127 killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing. Secretary Stimson, in giving out these figures, said Japanese losses were believed to be heavier.

Bad weather, which aided the Americans in their initial landing, subsequently hampered their progress in the campaign, interfering with naval artillery and aerial bombardment. The Army has been advancing steadily under conditions of sleet and snow, but freezing temperatures and heavy fog have prevented the full use of supporting air power. Most of the fighting has been between infantry units using bayonets and hand grenades.

Secretary Stimson predicted that if air operations can be continued in good weather, the clean-up of the Japanese will be expedited.

Mediterranean Bombing Attacks

The heavy pounding of Allied bombing was inflicted over and over last week on Italy's most important ports. Harbor installations, supply centers, rail and road facilities, airfields, warhouses, ships, in Sicily, Sardinia and Italy felt the destructivve might of Allied planes. In one daylight attack more than 300 planes of Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's Strategic Air Force swarmed over Sardinia, meeting no fighter opposition and no anti-aircraft fire, wrecking ships, buildings and airfields. In another series of raids, Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared over the Sicilian ferry terminus of Messina in one of the most successful attacks of the North African campaign, virtually paralyzed that port, and in 24 hours brought down 23 enemy aircraft over Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria.

Raids On New Guinea

After several days of limited activity, forced upon them by bad weather, Gen. MacArthur's Allied fliers, using one-ton bombs, raided the Japanese bases at Lae and Madang, and attacked a long stretch of the New Guinea coastline.

Twenty-eight tons of explosives and fire bombs were dropped on Lae, on Huon Gulf along the notheast New Guinea coast. Fires visible 75 miles were set in supply dumps and direct hits were scored on two grounded enemy planes.

The planes at tree-top height strafed Japanese installations with 12,000 rounds of machinegun fire. Intense enemy anti-aircraft fire brought down one fighter of the force of Liberators Mitchells and Beaufighters that made the attack.

Eight-Day Blitz Over Europe

In twin attacks on the Nazi submarine bases at Wilhemlshaven and Emden, in Germany, American Flying Fortresses and Liberators brought down 74 enemy fighter planes, losing 12 American bombers. This was a new record, and boosted to 269 the number of German fighters shot down in combat in an eight-day blitz over Europe. The loss ratio in these attacks was more than six enemy planes for every American bomber lost.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

The Circuit Court for Kent County will convene Monday for the purpose of the trials of Andrew Taylor and Anna Rafine, of Green Tree Inn and Jake Prior, charged with the illegal sale of liquor. Andrew Taylor is also charged with possession of slot machines.

All three of these cases will be before the Court and therefore it will not be necessary for the jury to be present.

FATHER WALSH DIES AT AGE OF 60 YEARS

Father Walsh, rector of St. Dennis Catholic Church Galena, died Sunday at St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington.

The Wilmington Journal-Every Evening has the following to say about the popular priest:

A patient at the St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington for about a month, the Rev. John Mr. Walsh, 60, died yesterday, ending 32 years of priesthood.

For 14 years, Father Walsh had been rector of St. Dennis Catholic Church at Galena, Md.

Funeral services will be held in St. Anthony's Church Friday morning. Divine office of the dead will start at 10 o'clock and solemn requiem mass at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Cathedral Cemetery.

Friends have been invited to call at the Mealey Funeral Home, Wednesday evening after 7 o'clock.

Thousands of Catholics yesterday morning had offered prayers for Father Walsh when it became apparent that his condition was critical. Death was due to a heart ailment. Although Father Walsh had not been in good health for some time, he had attended two Knights of Columbus council affairs in Wilmington a few days before he entered the hospital.

During his rectorship at Galena, a new stone church was built, one of the finest in the smaller towns of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

Father Walsh earlier was the first rector of St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, Md., from 1914 to 1929. Before that, he was assistant rector of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Easton, Md., for two years, and had begun His priestly life with a number of months' service as an assistant rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Wilmington.

Born Oct. 7, 1882 in Wilmington, a son of the late John and Ellen Walsh of this city, Father Walsh's earlier education was at St. Paul's Parochial School, Wilmington High School, and St. Joseph's Preparatory school, Philadelphia. His studies for the priesthood were taken at St. Charles College, then at Ellicott City, Md., and at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1911 by the late James Cardinal Gibbons in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Baltimore. Father Walsh's entire life as a priest was spent in the Diocese of Wilmington to which he returned following his ordination. He made a trip to Ireland and Continental Europe in 1925, and was received by the late Pope Pius XI in an audience in Rome.

Surviving Father Walsh are two brothers, James X. Walsh and Alfred A. Walsh, both of Wilmington; four sisters, Miss Mary G. Walsh, Miss Marguerite M. Walsh and Mrs. Paul Spragg, all of Wilmington; Sister Mary Carmela, R. S. N., a Sister of Mercy, stationed in Baltimore; and a nephew, Paul A. Spragg, Jr., Wilmintgon.

Father Walsh's silver jubilee of 25 years in the priesthood was celebrated seven years ago at St. Dennis' Church.

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Preston Heck Is Graduation Speaker

Graduation exercises of the Galena High School were held Tuesday evening. Invocation was said by Rev. E. Leon Dage. Mr. Preston P. Heck delivered the commencement address. Presentation of Prizes was made by Dr. Frederick G. Livingood and were as follows:

Reader's Digest Award for the highest average for four years, Helen Mitchell.

P. T. A. Award for second highest average for four years, Margaret Newcomb.

Prize awarded by Mrs. F. C. Berg for highest average in Home Economics, Helen Mitchell.

Prize awarded by Mr. F. C. Berg for highest average in Industrial Arts, Tobin Price.

Alice I. Woodall Memorial Prize for highest average in Latin, Margaret Newcomb.

Citizenship Award donated by the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The winner of this award was decided by the Junior and Senior Classes and the Faculty, Helen Mitchell.

American Legion Award to Boys. The Award is made on the basis of the following qualities: Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership, Service. The winner of this award was decided by the Senior Class and the Faculty, I. F. Huey.

American Legion Award to Girls. The Award is made on the basis of the following qualities: Courage, Companionship, Character, Service, Scholarship. The winner of this award was decided by the Senior Class and the Faculty, Helen Mitchell.

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