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Draft Is Robbing Us of Scientists

DR. McNAMEE SAYS AT
HERTY DAY BANQUET

The present selective service program is imposing a two to three year "moratorium" upon scientific and technological progress, and the nation "can't afford it," Dr. Raymond W. McNamee of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, South Charleston, W. Va., said Saturday as he received the 1953 Herty Medal for outstanding contributions to chemistry in the Southeast.

The medal, sponsored by the Chemistry Club of the Georgia State College for Women, is awarded annually to a scientist selected by the American Chemical Society's Georgia Section. Dr. L. W. Blitch of Emory University, chairman of the Georgia Section, presented the 1953 medal to Dr. McNamee at a ceremony which climaxed the annual Herty Day celebration on the college campus here.

The young scientist who is drafted cannot be replaced, leaving a two to three year void in technical progress, the speaker indicated.

"It is no good to say that somebody else will perform his work," Dr. McNamee said. "His successor, if he is young, will be subject to the same draft board treatment; his seniors are already preoccupied with other things.

"We are a relatively small nation, a nation of 160 million people with potential allies whose determinations and capacities leave much to be desired. Opposed to us are 800 million people whose ruthless and autocratic leaders have shown every intention to destroy us if they can do so.

"If you grant the validity of the argument that we cannot defend ourselves with bare hands or primitive devices, but that we must do it by technological achievement, then it follows that, as a matter of national policy, we should survey as carefully as possible our most valuable resource — the young people — with the intention of finding, at as early an age as possible, those whose aptitudes, interests, and intellectual capacities are such as to qualify them for achievement and leadership in the field of technology. We should urge and encourage them to study in such fields. We should, where necessary, provide the financial assistance required to educate and train them in our science and engineering schools.

"But the questions that must be asked in the national interest are: 'Wouldn't it be better for the national scientific effort and for the armed forces not to lose these three years?' and 'Does the Navy really need all the top brains in its junior officer assignments?' If, just three years earlier than otherwise, one of these fellows should develop a synthetic resin which would make a great improvement in radar, wouldn't the Navy be infinitely better off?

"Let me ask some other questions. If, just three years earlier than otherwise, one of these fellows should be responsible for the production of a flame-resistant wire coating, how valuable would it be to communications aboard a stricken warship and how many sailors would be equal to?

"These needs and many other needs as yet unknown can be supplied by scientists and engineers if they are permitted to serve their country in laboratories and factories. These needs cannot be supplied if rare talents are employed thoughtlessly and wastefully.

ly. "If just three years earlier than otherwise, he had been a part of the small scientific group responsible for the bullet proof vest, how many marines would he have saved?"

"What it all really shakes down to is this. We must recognize our fateful dependence upon technological superiority. We must find and train the personnel to achieve such superiority. We should do this on a nation-wide basis starting at the high school level. We must not, if we are to survive, subordinate the manpower and brainpower requirements of our civilian technological force to the requirements of our other defense forces, such as the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"The final question is very simple — are we, in the interest of all, going to conserve one of our greatest human resources?"

"Now, some of the things I've said may sound like I'm asking for preferential treatment of a particular group. If so, I want to correct that impression before I finish. The gist of my argument is as follows:

"1. Success in war or international diplomacy is predicated upon the ability to produce and deliver materials with precision and dispatch to a particular place at a particular time. Whether it be medicines, foods, clothing, artillery shells, or atomic bombs, the general process is the same and it depends upon the technological competence rather than upon the number of the people involved.

"2. We are outnumbered by our mortal enemies.

"3. We must, therefore, make a concerted and intense effort to avoid waste of talents. If this means that, because they are scarce and the need is great, skilled mechanics be deferred from military service except as mechanics, let us defer them. If this means that, because they are scarce and the need for them is great, any group with a vital skill be deferred except as practitioners of that skill in the armed forces, let us defer them."

"4. Because real skills and special talents are rare we should try by a program of aptitude and intelligence testing in all of our secondary schools to find them in the very young. Having found them let us find ways to encourage their development.

"Even though I am a chemist, a member of a professional group of scientists, and even though I am associated with a chemical business enterprise, I submit that my arguments are not self-serving except insofar as the service of our country is the service of all."

Presentation of the Herty Medal to Dr. McNamee followed a dinner in the dining room of the Georgia State College for Women. Professor Osborne R. Quayle of Emory University, chairman of the Herty Award Committee, announced the name of the recipient and introduced Dr. George O. Curme Jr., vice-president of the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, New York, who spoke on highlights of the medalist's career. The college's Herty Day observance began at 3 p.m. with a tea at the college's old Executive Mansion, home of President and Mrs. Guy H. Wells. The medal is named for the late Dr. Charles H. Herty, twice president of the American Chemical Society and originator of the process for paper manufacture from southern pine, who was born on the site of the Georgia State College for Women.

Faculty Members To Make Tour of Europe

Seven faculty members will tour Europe during the summer. Miss Fern Dorris, assistant professor of geography, Miss Betty Ferguson, reference librarian, and Dr. Helen Green, associate professor of history, will leave New York by plane on June 2, arriving at Amsterdam the next day. Following a week's tour of the Netherlands they will visit Paris and Spain for two weeks. During this tour they expect to be joined by Dr. Mildred English, professor of English, now on leave as educational consultant with the U. S. Government in Germany. Before returning to the college for the second session of summer school, they will tour the British Isles.

Miss Gloria Vicedomini, assistant professor of modern languages, will sail June 19 on the Santurria from New York. In addition to touring France, Switzerland, and Spain, she will spend a month in Italy visiting the original home of her parents. She will sail from Naples for the return voyage to New York on August 27.

Mr. Joe Specht, associate professor of business education, and Walter Russell, a member of the G.S.C.W. music department, will cross the Atlantic on the S. S. Georgia, leaving New York on June 24. Mr. Russell has secured admission to the British Universities Summer Seminars and will be at Oxford in July for a series of lectures and conferences. Mr. Specht will include Heidelberg, Paris, and London on his itinerary. While in England he will visit the University of London and many of the secondary schools in the provinces. He will take with him a sound-scriber to record interviews and lectures.

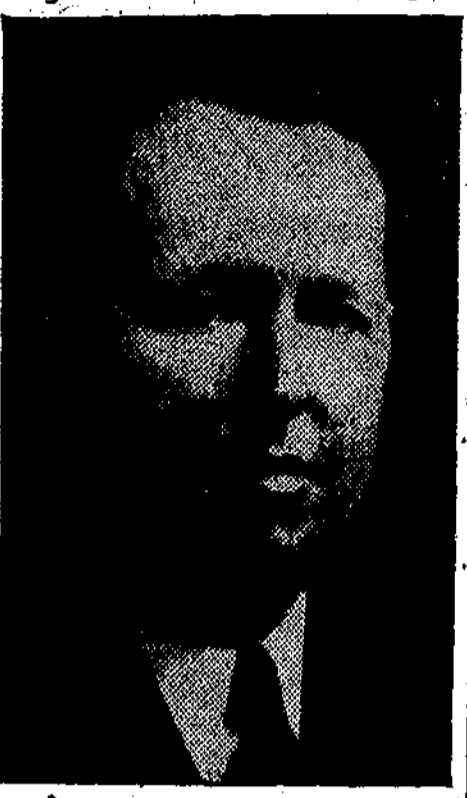
Miss Alberta Goff, assistant professor of music, will visit Dr. English at Bonn during the month of August. Miss Goff's tour is being planned to include most of the music festivals held in the continent during the summer months. Her return trip to New York will be made by way of the Mediterranean.

Dr. Wells is expected to leave for North Africa sometimes in May. After a short stop-over in Washington he plans to fly to Paris for the World Rotary Convention and then on to Benghazi, where he will assume his new duties with the Point IV program. He will later be joined by Mrs. Wells.

Also planning a European tour to be made this summer, is Miss Mary Wheelless, now a senior here. So, to these whose plans are already known and to any other students or faculty who haven't quite decided yet, we wish a pleasant and memorable voyage. Bon Voyage!

Trip Made by Class

A group of advanced political science and history students, and a faculty member took part in a field trip sponsored by the Georgia Historical Society last Thursday. The trip included a visit to Savannah, and from there to Fort King George, built in 1721. Located at the mouth of the Altamaha River, the fort was built by the English to protect Charleston, South Carolina, against a Spanish attack from St. Augustine. The students who included Gloria Brooks, Joan Mendel, Beryl Proffe, Evelyn Simpson, Mimi Herfurth, Frances Smith, Imogene Hanson, Jackie Spivey, and Jo Wolf, were accompanied by Dr. Helen Green, Mrs. Dennis Turner of Milledgeville, and Miss Virginia Satterfield, G.S.C.W. librarian.



Dr. Wells Leaving After Nineteen Years As President

By Shirley Lagerblad

Next year we won't be seeing on campus one of our favorite persons — our president, Dr. Guy Wells. Recently Dr. Wells accepted a position with the United States Government in North Africa. He is to be a consultant for teacher education in the Near East under the Point Four program.

Dr. Wells will leave Milledgeville around June 1st. for Paris where he will have an indoctrination course, before going to his assignment in Belghazi, the capital city of Libya. Mrs. Wells will join him in Belghazi after he is settled. Two other G.S.C.W. officials are presently serving with the State Department in Europe under the Point Four program. They are Dr. Mildred English and Dr. Katherine Holtzclaw.

An excellent choice for this job, Dr. Wells had 48 months experience in Germany with the military after World War II. He has been active in this country in educational projects pertaining to international affairs and has worked with the Rotary Club's student exchange program.

Educating in Georgia for over half a century, Dr. Wells came to G.S.C.W. in 1934 from Georgia Teachers' College at Statesboro. G.S.C.W. has been improved in many tangible and intangible ways by Dr. Wells' influence. The curriculum has been extended, the faculty strengthened, and the campus beautified with many dogwood, red bud, crepe myrtle and other shrubs to mention a few things we have Dr. Wells to thank for. Also, in a recent report it was stated that G.S.C.W. was doing the best work in the University System.

During the nineteen years he has been in Milledgeville, Dr. Wells has taken an active interest in the community life. He has served as president and as district governor of the Rotary Club, as president of the Old Capital Historical Society, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Wells' leaving is regretted by all of us but we are very proud that he has been selected for so difficult a task and we send with him our best wishes for success.

Heirlooms Fill Window Display Downtown This Week

The attics, the parlors, the treasure chests and albums of Baldwin county homes are on virtual display in downtown Milledgeville this week in honor of the community's 150th birthday party.

Store windows are filled with family heirlooms, turning back the pages of history to 1803 — and beyond.

One of the museum pieces on exhibition dates back to 1685. This is a handwoven silk gown that belonged to Dame Katherine Whiteley, great - great - great - great - grandmother of Miss Katherine Scott. It is believed to be the oldest dress now in existence in the United States, since it outdates any at the Smithsonian.

There are firearms that saw service in the Revolution, the War Between the States, and on other battle fields.

A number of family Bibles are to be seen and one of these, belonging to Mrs. Hugh Y. Cook, dates back to 1714. There are handmade vests of handwoven cloth fashioned in Reconstruction days, and even a carpet bag of the same era.

A quilt made in 1844 by a nine-year-old girl is from the collection of Miss Martha Thomas, whose ancestor was Marshall of the Day when General LaFayette arrived in Milledgeville.

Wedding gresses, christening robes, and ball gowns worn a century and more ago are interesting additions to the downtown antique display. These include two silk gowns worn to the LaFayette Ball in 1825, and are from the collection of Mrs. Edward Napier.

A 200-year-old dish from the C. W. Richter family is one of the rarest pieces of china, and a lady's bonnet worn in 1791 is another of the older articles of wearing apparel, along with a nightgown of 1817 vintage.

There are numerous spinning wheels to be shown as well as parlor sets and kitchen utensils of a century ago.

A drum used in both the Revolutionary and in the War Between the States on display is the property of Miss Alice Hall.

At the Milledgeville Banking Company an ancient trunk is filled with Confederate bills, some of them printed in Milledgeville in the 1860's.

At Eberhart's studio are pictures of both the Mansion and the Old Capitol building, made in 1887. In this window also is the community's birthday cake — a replica of the old capitol which was made and presented to the city and county by Mrs. Lamar F. Ham.

Alumna Will Teach In Belgian Congo

Miss Elizabeth Ann Sherefilton of Newnan, Georgia, has been appointed to short term service of three years as a teacher of missionaries children in the Belgian Congo. After her graduation from G.S.C.W. last year, she became a Danforth Scholarship Student at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, North Carolina. After attending the Institute for outgoing Missionaries in Montreal this summer she will return to complete her work in Boone before proceeding to the Congo in December. Miss Sherefilton is a member of the Newnan Presbyterian Church of Newnan, Georgia.

Y's OWL

Last Tuesday morning I struggled out of bed early to look for worms. Not finding many I decided to flap by the OWL COVE and see if Izzie had any food for a poor, hungry owl. Guess what I found

there!! Not only Izzie, but a whole crew of other folks' cooking and eating like a flock of black birds in Farmer Jones' new corn field. But, being more kind than the blackbirds, they consented to let me share their food and although it wasn't quite as tasty as fresh juicy worms, the girls got a kick

out of all the stacks of waffles and gallons of melted butter, syrup, and hot coffee. At first I was puzzled as to why Izzie would allow that crowd in there at such a dawn-breaking hour, then I realized that this was Bible Study Breakfast . . . the same one that I had heard so much about at Cabinet meetings.

Wise as we owls usually are, some of us are a bit shy, and I personally hate to display my wisdom openly, so when things calmed down and the people got ready to study I quietly perched on a transom, up out of the range of any question shooters. On my lofty perch I could hear everything that was going on and let me tell

you, I was mighty impressed with what these young women were saying.

From a stack of Bibles each girl picked her favorite translation . . . King James, R.S.V. or what not (I didn't because my wisdom is the natural-gift kind and doesn't include learned skills like reading.) Then someone started things off by reading the chapter they were to study and popping a question about what that man Paul had meant when he made a certain statement. Several people voiced opinions and the girls batted them back and forth till a group mind was reached. The "senior members of the group," Izzie and Bowman did their best to stay in the background, I noticed, but when the going got rough they'd help the gals out with a little of their authoritative knowledge.

The discussion continued, and the girls seemed to enjoy every minute of it. Hard thinking, questioning minds, and a sincere desire to learn more about the Bible were the upper most characteristic of these girls that I saw that morning. When the group broke up at class time I decided that these girls that I see giggling and laughing around campus (as no respectable young owl would be seen doing) can be serious and they like it just as well! At any rate I decided that next Tuesday morning I'd probably find few worms so I might just as well plan to drop in at the OWL COVE at 7:30 and eat waffles. And next time maybe I'll overcome my shyness enough to add my wise ideas to the discussion . . . even if the humans don't think they're worth a hoot!

By the Way, I was at Vespers, Wednesday evening (per usual) and speaking of being impressed (don't say I wasn't!) I really was there! Those fine Wesleyan girls gave your Jessies a truly inspiring service on Christian action. After Vespers the Wesleyannes met with Cabinet at the OWL COVE and over coffee and two groups exchanged ideas. As the Wesleyan girls named over projects that they sponsor like early morning carolling in dorms at Christmas time, and impressive Freshman initiation into the 'Y' program and a secret pal week call "Peanut Week,"—I could practically see the wheels turning in the Jessie's heads as they made quick calculations as to how Jessies 'Y' could use these ideas. All too soon the visitors had to leave. I think that both groups could have stayed all night talking about various activities and projects they carry on (this I would have liked being a nocturnal creature myself) but the soloist of the group, Mary Emma Welch, versatile person that she is, had to be back at 8 o'clock to swim in a meet of some kind. It was only with promises of many more visits to and from that the girls left so we can look forward to more revitalizing exchanges of ideas in the future. These old wings of mine are strong enough still to take me to Wesleyan any day so if anybody else is interested lets go!

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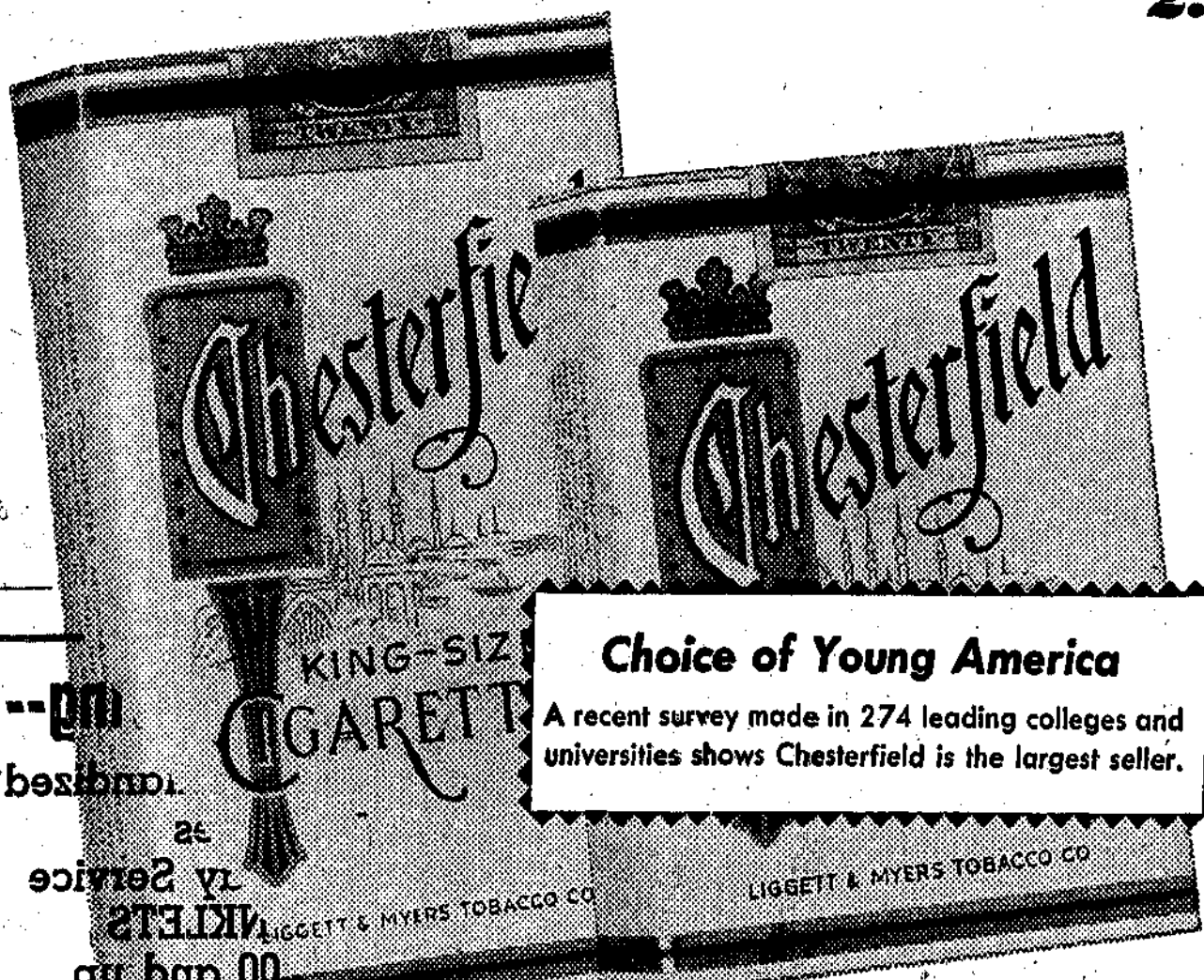
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