

Forty To Receive B. S. Degrees Today And Fifty-two To Get Junior College Diplomas

Dr. Vivion Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

Sunday night, May 16, the activities of Commencement Week began with the baccalaureate sermon at eight o'clock at the Madison Street Methodist Church. The graduates of the Junior and Senior College Departments were addressed by Dr. King Vivion, pastor of the McKendree Methodist Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

Preceding the ceremonies was an organ recital by Mrs. Emma J. Lupton, who played "March Slav," by Tchaikovsky; "Wind In the Grass," by Gaul, and "Tocatta," by Widor.

Then to the stirring strains of the "March from Tannhauser," the eighty-eight black-gowned graduates and faculty members filed in while the congregation stood.

After a hymn, "Day Is Dying in the West," by the congregation, the invocation by the Rev. John P. Baggett, pastor of the Madison Street Methodist Church, and the Scripture reading by the Rev. Beryl Kinsner, pastor of the First Christian Church, the A Capella choir, directed by Guy Lynn Hague, sang a group of four selections: "O! Thou From Whom All Blessings Come," by Tchaikovsky; "Turn Thy Face From My Sins," by Sir Arthur Sullivan; (Continued on Page 3)

Annual Statement Of The President

May 21, 1943

Today we observe the Fourteenth Commencement of this institution, the first under its new name of Austin Peay State College.

The enrollment in most colleges this year, exclusive of men and women assigned to them for some form of special training for war service, has been much less than in recent years. The loss in this school has been 36 per cent, 428 last year, 276 this year. These figures do not include enrollment in summer quarters, nor does it include men assigned to this school for instruction and training in aviation, 276 to date, 310 within (Continued on Page 3)

Governor



JACKSON RICE PRICE

With his election as Governor of the Class of '43, Jack Price has reached the climax of his college career. In his years at Austin Peay his personality, sportsmanship, and leadership have been outstanding, and fully entitled him to the honor conferred upon him by his fellow-students.

Jack comes from Denmark, South Carolina, where he was graduated from Denmark High School as a twelve-letter man, for the outstanding part he played in high school athletics.

After entering A.P.S. as a freshman, Jack soon became one of the most popular boys in school. His good-natured wit, and sense of fair play endeared him to occupants of Calvin and Harned Halls, alike.

While at Austin Peay, Jack played four years of star football, being captain of the team in 1939. Playing center and guard, he was selected by a poll of his teammates as being the most valuable player of the 1939 team. Jack served as president of his Sophomore class, and last year by a vote of the students he was chosen King of Hearts at the annual Valentine Ball.

Jack, who finished his work on his degree at the end of the winter quarter, is at present assistant manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works at Denmark. In a letter (Continued on Page 4)

First Lady



MARY E. WINTERS

Through an election by the entire student body, Miss Mary Winters has been chosen First Lady of the Senior Class of '43. As a result of her record at Austin Peay State College, she has been awarded by her fellow students the highest honor possible for a girl at this school.

Miss Winters came to the College as a freshman in 1939 from Clarksville High School. Joining the ALL STATE staff her first year, she has been a member for all her college days. The past two years she has been editor-in-chief of the paper. Incidentally, it is the first time in ALL STATE history that the highest position in the editorial department has been held by a woman. However, Mary did not stop with her literary career. In 1941, she was a member of the school social committee, and secretary-treasurer of the College Methodist Club. During her junior year she was elected vice-president of both the Student Christian Union and the Beta Club. When a solemn Senior, she was claimed by her class as vice-president, and by the student body as First Lady.

Mary has been a favorite in campus activities—fondly called "Stumpy" and "Slave-Driver" (by the staff), she is a very popular co-ed. In the past two years she has been elected Junior candidate (Continued on Page 2)

Sutton Makes Commencement Address

On Friday morning, May 21, the second class of graduates receiving the B.S. degree from the College and the fourteenth class of Junior College graduates listened for the last time to this year's A Capella choir and was addressed by Dr. Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of city schools in Atlanta, Georgia.

The two black-gowned graduating classes and faculty filed solemnly into the auditorium to the strains of the "March Pontifical," by Gounod, played by Mrs. G. R. Wallace. After the invocation by the Rev. B. P. Guinn, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, the audience joined the students in singing "America the Beautiful."

The Capella choir, under the direction of Guy L. Hague, sang four selections, "O Lord, We Pray," by Drezdoff; "Do, a Voice to Heaven," by Bartok; "God My King," by J. S. Bach, and "Credo," by A. Gretchaninoff.

To the two graduating classes, Dr. Sutton, one of the best speakers and ablest men in his field, brought a strong and inspirational message.

Dr. P. P. Claxton made his annual report in which he outlined the program of the college for the last year.

Dr. Claxton then presented the (Continued on Page 3)

Farewell and Hail Ceremony Held

On Thursday night, May 20, the annual Farewell and Hail ceremony was held in the Central Bowl on the back campus. This ceremony is the highlight of the entire school year, as it is then that the graduates are bade farewell and pass on the torch to those who remain behind.

After the benediction the undergraduates marching in reverse order formed a double rank, open column across the bowl. Then the graduates marching in double column, passed through between the undergraduate ranks. In this position the whole group joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Then the eerie, beautiful strains of a lone horn sounding "Taps" from (Continued on Page 2)

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MARY LOWE DICKSON

Austin Peay State College's B. S. Degree Graduates of 1943

Baxter, Martha Lucile
Baskin, Grace
Beard, Thelma
Bourne, Mary Western
Bumpus, Lorene
Bond, Erna Gertrude
Bratton, Annie Sue
Chester, Kate Cornelia
Cooper, Priscilla Anne
Chester, Lucille
Damon, Elizabeth
Davis, Marguerite Frances
Denning, George Dennis
DePriest, Clara Louise
Farris, Marcelite Blakeley
Forbes, Joe Newton
Freeman, Sally Belle
Harris, Sallie Martha
Hawkins, Tom Gilliam
Horton, Anice Marie

Jones, Marie Eloise
Lyle, Ella Louise
Mann, James Plunkett
Mason, Patty
Meriwether, Richard Earl
McDonald, Emily Rebecca
Miller, Myra Nicka
Porch, Augusta Finch
Price, Jackson Rice
Reed, Mary Margaret
Parker, Dixie Gertrude
Plummer, Mary Elizabeth
Porter, Frances Sue
Spafford, William Wallace
Stevenson, Florence Knight
Smith, Evelyn Friend
Torain, Marguerite
Weems, Dockie Shipp
Wetton, Opal Wynona
Winters, Mary E.

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Fellow-Graduates This Is It

Fellow-graduates, this is it . . . This is the day we dimly realized was our goal when we entered Austin Peay State College four years ago . . . This is the day when many more should be graduating with us. Today was their goal, too, but certain events of December 7, 1941, changed their plan.

Fellow-graduates, this is it . . . This is the day when proud parents, admiring friends, and other nondescript sentimental individuals will assure us that we are on the threshold of life, itself; that ours is the glorious task of re-making the badly battered world. The graduate's future is always glorious and full of promise to those who aren't graduating, whether the times be peace or war. But let us not behave like adolescent cynics. Let us, rather, be grateful for such optimistic faith, and try to share it.

Fellow-graduates, this is it . . . This is the day when we, black gowned and solemn, shall be engulfed by a feeling of finality and a certain nostalgic sadness as we look back through the door which is closing on our college life. We secretly feel just a little proud of the progress the school has made in these four years, for we are confident that we had something to do with it. This is the day when, whether we like it or not, saddle-shoes and pigtail become memories. Exams and term papers fade from the concrete realm of stark realities to pitiful memories of obstacles we managed to overcome. . . . This is the time when, viewed through the lovely rose-colored glasses of retrospective vision, the grimmest moments of our college days become saturated with sentiment and unbelievably desirable, simply because there was no turning back.

Fellow-graduates, this is it . . . This is the day for "so long" and "good luck" . . . This is "see you at the next Alumni meeting!" . . . This is in truth, Farewell and Hall.

FIRST LADY

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for Iris Queen and senior candidate for Queen of Hearts.
Mary has majored in English at Austin Peay, and plans to make journalism her career.

As a committee representing the school, the ALL STATE wishes to congratulate you, Mary, on being an outstanding student and First Lady of the Class of '43.

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Back row, left to right: Marguerite Torian, Marguerite Davis, Mary Elizabeth Plummer, Opal Wetton. Third row: Joe Forbes, Mrs. Myra Miller, Mrs. Evelyn Smith, Priscilla Cooper. Second row: Patty Mason, Lucille Chester, Sally Belle Freeman, Frances Porter. First row: Clara DePriest, Martha Baxter, Mary Winters.

FAREWELL, HALL

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the distance was heard. In silence the Senior College graduates marched to the front campus and the Junior College graduates and under-graduates marched to the south of the bowl and extinguished their torches, ending another impressive Farewell and Hall ceremony.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT

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the year, counting the allotment of 40 to come about June 12.

The reduction in attendance means a reduction also in the number of graduates; 40 graduates from the senior college and 50 from the junior college this year, 48 from the senior college and 62 from the junior college last year. Of the 40 graduates from the senior college, four will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science, 36 the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. Seventeen of the 40 are from Montgomery County. Others are from nine counties in Tennessee, three from Kentucky, one from South Carolina. Of the 50 graduating from the junior college, 20 are from Montgomery County; others from 19 Tennessee counties, and one each from Missouri and North Carolina. Approximately half the junior college graduates are preparing to teach in rural schools.

The college and the Knapp Flying Service have made a good record for ground instruction and for training in flying. This is one of only two colleges in Tennessee finally selected for this service. It was the first college in Tennessee to give instruction in aviation, and had given elementary or secondary instruction to more than 200 men before the more intensive work of the present year began. These men are now scattered far and wide, on every battle front. Some have won recognition for distinguished service.

The General Assembly increased the annual appropriation to the college by \$15,000 a year. At the request of Governor Cooper, \$10,000 of this \$20,000 within the biennium, is for books for the library.

Two services of great and permanent importance can now be rendered by Clarksville citizens — the raising of a student loan fund, which within the next year or two should amount to not less than \$50,000, and the making of plans for new buildings and equipment to cost approximately a million dollars, to be erected and installed as soon as funds and materials can be had when the war is over. Both of these are essential for the effective functioning of the college.

DR. VIVION

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"God is a Spirit," by Alexander Kopyloff, and "Credo," by A. Gretchaninoff, Miss LaRue Vaughn

Austin Peay State College's Junior College Graduates of 1943

Allen, Sara Ewing
Baggett, Walter Lambuth
Baton, Juanita Imogene
Boone, William Robert
Bunnell, John Parker
Cherry, Nell
Chilton, Robert Gregg
Clifton, Mary E.
Coleman, Kathleen Belle
Collier, Clarence E.
Corlew, Robert Ewing
Darnell, Charles E.
Evans, Margaret Elizabeth
Oivens, Claudia Louise
Harris, Christine Thelma
Harris, Mary Josephine
Hassell, Betty Lou
Hayes, Frances Wilson
Hicks, Mary Joyce
Hunter, Joseph Dempsey
Lowe, Edward

McCurdy, Horace Moore
McKnight, James Lennox
Martin, Phillips Arnold
Magberry, Mary
Moore, Rufus Morgan
Napier, Billy Taylor
Ogden, Otis
Pope, Marilyn
Pryor, Clarice Elise
Rankin, Oscar Lane
Reed, Helen Viola
Richardson, Birdie Gertrude
Rhoney, Charles V. Jr.
Sisco, Lois Madeline
Southland, Sarah Louise
Staton, Virginia Wray
Thomas, Elizabeth Irene
Tucker, Raphael Earl
Whaley, Iona
Wilkie, Vernon Ross

A Tribute

(President P. P. Claxton)

Clothed in splendor and majestic grace
He walks—justly, serene, and fair;
A radiant light haloes his face
From glow of knowledge, deep and rare.
Amid the clouds and storms of life,
He nobly shares and bears his part;
Amid the Nation's war and strife,
He does his best with dauntless heart.
When gunners chafe, beset with fears,
Unmoved, he calmly takes his stand;
He sees beyond the rim of years,
The perfect Whole, divinely planned,
And thus for truth and human rights
He stands—Arcturus mid the lesser lights.

—Anne Laurie Huff.

was soloist.

Dr. Vivion, using as his text, Second Kings, Chapter 19, Verse 23, chose as his subject, "Finding Riders for Life's Horses." He warned the graduates that they must not only learn to ride life's horses, but they must learn to control the horses within the universe of their own souls. At this time, said Dr. Vivion, it will be particularly hard to learn to ride the horses of life, but we must remember that when God wipes out, He's beginning to get ready to write over, and the graduates are on the threshold of helping to remake the world.

SUTTON MAKES

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diplomas to the Junior College graduates, after which he conferred upon the Senior College graduates the B.S. degree and presenting to them the diplomas.

Pictures and names of both classes of graduates will be found elsewhere in this issue of the All State.

Calendar of Events For Commencement Week

Sunday, May 16—8:00 P.M.
Class Sermon, Madison Street Methodist Church. Dr. King Vivion, D.D., L.L.D., Pastor McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville.

Thursday, May 20
8:00 P.M.
Farewell and Hall, Campus.
9:00 P.M.
Reception for Parents and Friends of Students, Mrs. McKay Harred Hall.

Friday, May 21—10:00 A.M.
Commencement Program, Assembly Hall. Address by Dr. Willis A. Sutton, D. Ped., Superintendent City Schools, Atlanta.
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Junior College Graduates



Back row: Carl Moore, Morgan Moore, William Boone, Oscar Rankin. Third row: Horace McCurdy, Margaret Evans, Sara Allen, Frank Nelson. Second row: Elizabeth Thomas, Virginia Slaton, Betty Lou Hassel, Christine Harris. First row: Kathleen Coleman, Mary B. Clifton, Myrilyn Pope, Charles Pryor.



Back row: Harris Phillips, John Bunnell, Charles Runyon, Charles Burchett. Third row: Juanita Batson, Joyce Hicks, Raphael Tucker, Evelyn Cooper. Second row: Nell Cherry, Mary Jo Harris, Louise Southerland, Rosalee Fly. First row: Iona Whaley, Helen Reed, Madeline Sisco.

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GOVERNOR

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letter he stated that he will be unable to attend Commencement exercises, as he is to be inducted into the Army very soon.

Jack is a physical education major and he minored in math. He is qualified to coach and teach mathematics in high school, but of course, the Army comes first.

The ALL STATE congratulates you, Jack, on having been elected Governor of the Class of '43.

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