

Mr. and Mrs. Derthick Entertain In Honor of The Milligan College Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Other Friends

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Derthick gave an informal tea Saturday afternoon, October 25th, from three to five o'clock in honor of the Board of Trustees and Faculty of Milligan College. Among the trustees present were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Price of North Canton, Ohio, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Derthick.

Autumn colors were used throughout the house and on the porches. The dining room was beautifully decorated in autumn colors. On the table was a center piece of bronze and gold chrysanthemums in a large crystal bowl which was encircled by fall fruits. Burning tapers in green and gold, burning ghost and fruit candles were attractively arranged on the table and buffet, adding to the beauty of the decorations. On the table was a beautiful silver tea service which was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Derthick last October by the Milligan College Board of Trustees in appreciation of their twenty three years of service in the administration of the college. It will be recalled that Mr. Derthick's resignation as president of the college became effective August 31, 1940. Because of the illness of Mrs. Derthick, it has been necessary to postpone the dedication of the tea set until the present time. Mrs. A. B. Crouch, wife of the President of the Board; Mrs. Charles Wolfe, III, wife of the Vice-president of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee; and Mrs. L. W. McCown, who is herself a trustee of the college and whose father and

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Former President of Milligan College Still Carries On For Young People of the Appalachian Area

Many of our alumni often inquire about the present work of former president H. J. Derthick. We take the opportunity of passing on this information in this issue of the Buffalo Range.

From the time Mr. Derthick first came to Milligan College he dreamed of some type of work in which he might come in touch with the people of this entire mountain section. He has felt the need of drawing parents, teachers and children together in a closer spirit of understanding and cooperation. In more recent years he has realized that it is difficult and often impossible for all high school students to spend four years in college; therefore, if they are to take their places in the building up of an ideal American citizenship, it is essential for them to develop the same personality and character traits as those who are privileged to become college graduates. As he talked with various students when they entered the college, he found that many of them had but little idea in what occupation they should render their service to the world's life — often even at the time of graduation from college, they were still uncertain as to what "job" they would most enjoy. Realizing that a successful vocational life is essential to one's happiness (not measured in dollars and cents, but in the sense of something worthwhile accomplished) Mr. Derthick has for years longed to have a more intimate touch with high school students. Hence, when Mrs. Derthick became ill and the doctors said that it would be necessary for them to give up the responsibility of col-

lege administration, Mr. Derthick turned his thoughts toward bringing to the high school students through vocational guidance and personal counseling the same type of character building as outlined so long ago by President and Mrs. Hopwood when they founded Milligan College, "Christian Education, the Hope of the World" and "Character Building First of All." — The result was the organization of *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, with Mr. Derthick as President.

Mr. Derthick is basing his work with the high school students upon the five fundamentals of happiness and successful living — that is, Faith in the world about you (which includes faith in God and faith in our Fellowmen) health; friends; successful vocational life; and correct thinking (positive thinking which is creative, constructive, and upbuilding, reflecting itself in courage, confidence and faith — not negative thinking which is destructive and harmful.)

Last year, Mr. Derthick spent three weeks in each high school of Carter and Johnson Counties, teaching practically every hour of the school day, lessons concerning the following life relationships — Myself and My Personality; My Friends and Neighbors; My Enemies; My Citizenship; My School; My Job; My Employer or Employee; My Recreation; My Home; and My Religion. In addition to his teaching in chapel and the various classes, he gave General Ability and General Aptitude tests which enabled the student to learn from a scientific standpoint the vocational

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High School Students Guests at Tusculum Game

At the game between Tusculum and the Milligan Buffaloes Saturday night, November first, high school students of East Tennessee were invited as guests of our college. Those attending got a lasting impression of the Milligan College Buffaloes as they trounced Tusculum to the tune of 33 - 0.

Milligan College Presidents

The following is a list of the presidents of Milligan College and the years of the administration of each:

Josephus Hopwood	1876-1903
H. R. Garrett	1903-1908
Fred. D. Kershner	1908-1911
T. E. Utterback	1911-1913
E. W. McDiarmid	1913-1914
J. T. McKissick	1914-1915
Josephus Hopwood	1915-1917
H. J. Derthick	1917-1940
Charles E. Burns	1940 —

Football Scores

MILLIGAN 21	BLUEFIELD 0
MILLIGAN 26	TEACHERS 0
MILLIGAN 6	Georgetown 7
MILLIGAN 15	Carson-N'man 6
MILLIGAN 19	Tenn. Wes'n 0
MILLIGAN 33	TUSCULUM 0
MILLIGAN 0	KING 20
MILLIGAN 53	CONCORD 7

Who's Who

Recently Kathryn Allen, W. T. Mathes, Charles Akard, Aline Hyder, Kathryn Davis, and Tom Gray were voted Who's Who in Milligan College. We wish to congratulate these young people.

Dr. John Preston McConnell

Dr. J. P. McConnell, class of 1890, who was the President Emeritus of State Teachers College, Radford, Virginia died there recently. We can not pay a greater tribute than that which was in the form of an editorial in the Roanoke Times on October 13, 1941. And from which we quote:

Dr. John Preston McConnell's death, though not unexpected, will cause profound sorrow and genuine regret throughout Southwest Virginia. He was one of the most widely beloved and highly respected citizens of the Mountain Empire and probably knew more of its people than any other man throughout its far-flung confines. Gentle but firm, genial but the soul of dignity, sweet and friendly in his nature, and possessed of a fervent and abiding love for the mountains of his native section and its people, he looked what he was—a kindly leader of men and a true friend of all, and there were many, who were honored with his acquaintance.

Born in Scott County 75 years ago, Dr. McConnell was educated in the public schools, River-view Seminary, Milligan College, National University at Lebanon, Ohio, and the University of Virginia. He held the degrees of bachelor and master of arts and doctor of philosophy.

But though he was a scholar of erudition and learning, his education was not derived from books alone: Innately and genuinely fond of people, he was a student of human nature all his days and a wise and understanding philosopher who, without abating one jot or tittle of the firm convictions he uncompromisingly held, possessed a shrewd and sympathetic insight into the frailties and foibles of mankind and was ever ready to extend a helping hand or good advice to those in need of it. There are those who knew him more intimately than we did. But we were privileged to know him well and to know him even slightly was to esteem him for the rich traits of mind, character and heart that he exemplified.

Dr. McConnell's notable and useful career as an educator began as a public school teacher and it was in those years, undoubtedly, that he acquired a profound concern for the spiritual and material welfare of the young people of Virginia's mountain counties that later became an outstanding characteristic of his life and was reflected in much that he did and said throughout a long, active and extraordinarily useful life. How many young men and young women in our Mountain Empire owe the opportunities that came their way to get an education and training for life to Dr. McConnell's kindly interest and assistance there is, of course, no way of knowing. But undoubtedly their number is legion and their gratitude and love enriched his declining years and doubtless afforded him a great deal of happiness in the life of an invalid he was called on to lead, and which he accepted with the fine Christian

fortitude and childlike faith in his Maker that was one of his distinguishing characteristics.

After a period of professional service at Milligan College and afterwards at Emory and Henry College, Dr. McConnell was called to the presidency of the Radford State Teachers College when it was established, largely through his efforts, in 1911. For the next 26 years he presided over the development and growth of that institution with singular vision and foresight. It was his cherished ambition, we know, to go on in harness to the end of his days but when his health failed several years ago he knew that this was not to be and reached the conclusion that the time had come for him to step aside in favor of a younger and more vigorous man. Accordingly he tendered his resignation in 1937 and was succeeded by Dr. D. W. Peters, the present head of the College, who has carried on with fine ability and signal devotion to the high standards of his predecessor.

Dr. McConnell found time from his education duties to participate in many movements that were for the betterment and welfare of the Southwest and the State. He was the founder and first president of Southwestern Virginia, Inc., a regional chamber of commerce organized to promote unity and progress among the counties and towns of the Mountain Empire, holding that office for more than a decade on the insistence of the directors at each annual meeting that he accept reelection despite his expressed belief that the interests of the organization would be better served by rotating the presidency among its leaders. He resigned three years ago and became president-emeritus, being succeeded by Lee Long, of Dante.

Among the various offices he held in late years, in addition to those already mentioned, were those of president of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, president of the Cooperative Education Society, chairman of the Virginia Educational Conference (1912), president of the Appalachian School Improvement Foundation, president of the Virginia Society for the Study of Education (1916), and president of the Southwest Education Association (1919). He likewise was a member of numerous boards and committees of various institutions and associations of a religious, charitable and civic nature and was an ardent and effective advocate of the cause of good roads in Southwest Virginia.

A good and useful man who possessed many of the elements of real greatness has passed to his reward. In his day and generation he served his State and the cause of education with extraordinary usefulness and signal distinction. He will long be remembered as one of those "men whom the lust of office does not kill, men whom the spoils of office cannot buy, men who possess opinions and a will, men who love honor, men who cannot lie." He was indeed one of the select company of "tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the clouds, in public duty and in private thinking."

Milligan Alumni

Beatrice Rice Striker 1937

Mrs. Beatrice Rice Striker graduated in the class of 1937 was a visitor at the college on October 23, 1941. She and her husband are now located at Fort Washington, Maryland.

Mr. Striker is a lieutenant in the United States Army. They formerly lived in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Striker informs us that she does not know how long they will be stationed at this address.

Hugh Stephen Fox 1902

Hugh Stephen Fox attended Milligan College in 1902-03 1903-04. He is now located at 1234 North Parish Place, Burbank, California where he is engaged in government defense work.

Dale Honeycutt 1933

Dale Honeycutt class of 1933 is now with the War Department Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala.

Raymond Perkins 1939

Raymond Perkins class of 1939, 137 North River USS Prairie State, New York City entered the navy in September 1941. He was formerly located in Johnson City with the Commercial Credit Company.

Emory Johnson 1933

Emory Johnson class of 1933 conducts a Linen Baby and Girls Shop, 433 South 4th. Street, Louisville, Kentucky,

Henry M. Johnson 1931

Henry M. Johnson Jr. class of 1931, Life Insurance and Estate Service 300 Martin Brown Building, Louisville, Kentucky.

Lou Ella Showalter 1891

Lou Ella (English) Showalter is housekeeping at Roanoke, Va. Edward Showalter is a farmer at Snowville, Virginia.

Robert Elmore 1898

Robert Elmore class of 1898 of Phoenix, Arizona, is a minister and editor.

Mrs. Annie Lucas Kennedy 1917

Mrs. Annie Lucas Kennedy class of 1917 is now located at 204 Wasena Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia. She has recently moved to the above address. Mrs. Kennedy is always interested in Milligan College and supports all our activities.

J. L. Murray

J. L. Murray is now with the Petroleum Equipment Company P. O. Box 659, Greensboro, North Carolina. He resides at 500 South Mendelhall Street, Apartment 3, Greensboro, North Carolina. He sent \$1 for a subscription to the Buffalo Range.

William P. Blackwell 1917

William P. Blackwell is a pastor with headquarters at Gordon, Va.

Nell Campbell Huil lives at Newbern, Tennessee.

Delia B. Nave is a housewife and lives at Elizabethton, Tenn.

L. R. Dingus 1894

L. R. Dingus class of 1894 is a teacher in the Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky.

G. O. Davis is a retired minister, located at 821 East Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Jennie Shelburne Orr 1898

Mrs. Jennie Shelburne Orr class of 1898 is a housewife living in Jonesville, Va.

Jeremy Pate Whitt is registrar of State Teachers College of Radford, Va.

Fred C. Buck 1916

Fred C. Buck class of 1916 is Bank President at Abingdon, Va.

Wilson Bowers 1898

Wilson Bowers class of 1898 is teaching mathematics at State Teachers College, Radford, Va.

S. J. Bunts 1897

S. J. Bunts class of 1897 is a retired teacher living at Mundy, Texas.

Dr. Robert King Speaks in Chapel

Dr. Robert King, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church was a speaker in Chapel on Thursday. He chose for the subject of his message "I Have Called You Friend." Dr. King is a favorite guest speaker and the students of Milligan always enjoy his messages.

Dr. Rigell Chapel Speaker

Dr. Rigell, pastor of the Baptist Church spoke in chapel on "Doing One's Best". The student body always enjoys Dr. Rigell's visits and his worth while talks in chapel.

CLASS 1897

Charles Wiley Johnson class of 1897 is now preaching at Saltville Virginia.

James G. Johnson is superintendent of the city school at Charlottesville, Virginia.

Laura Belle Clark is a teacher in the Appalachia school system.

Robert Ramey is a professor in the Oklahoma University at Norman, Oklahoma.

I. G. W. Buck is engaged in farming at Tulia Texas.

C. D. M. Showalter is in the insurance business at Roanoke, Va.

Joe McCormick 1926

Joe McCormick enrolled in Milligan College in 1922 and graduated with the class of 1926. He is now manager of the Johnson City Steam Laundry, Johnson City, Tennessee. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Milligan College and an active member of the first Christian Church of Johnson City. He is married and has one son. Joe recently sent \$1 for a renewal to the Buffalo Range.

Brody Thompson 1927

Brody Thompson class of 1927 lives at 521 Day Avenue, Roanoke, Va.

Intramural Award

Aline Hyder was awarded a sweater from the Intramural Group for outstanding work.

Buffaloes Trample Carson-Newman Eagles

After the dust had settled October 17 at Jefferson City, the Carson-Newman Eagles had been completely throttled and feathered by a band of Milligan Buffaloes. The final score was 15-6 and was "sweet revenge" for the 7-6 loss sustained there in 1939.

Before a peppy delegation of Milligan supporters and a fine turnout of fans, the Eagles poised and then swooped down upon a Milligan fumble late in the first quarter of the game. They drove then by land and air and culminated a score with a short plunge off tackle. The Eagles were then out front 6-0 after the extra point was smothered by a hard-charging line. For the second consecutive time the Buffalo herd found themselves on the short end of the score.

Infuriated now to a fighting pitch, the "Buffs" took the kick-off and rolled with a din toward the Promised Land. In five potent plays they had struck. Never have the "Buffs" displayed more drive and savage blocking than was displayed on this particular jaunt. Set up beautifully on two dazzling runs by co-captains Brummitt and Williams, "Bullet" Bill Showalter ripped the opposing line wide open in smashing over for the score. Co-Captain Williams then booted the extra point into the next county to put the "Buffs" ahead to stay. It was the necessary medicine for the herd to keep the Eagles rocking back on their heels the rest of the game.

In the third quarter, just to remind the Eagles who was superior, Showalter flipped a fourth down pass to Maupin who bulled his way to the four yard line. This was the signal for Buffalo Bill to take over and the "blonde terror" again ploughed over and through the befuddled Eagles. The herd was now in high gear and lost in the din was the safety notched a few minutes later and the final score of 15-6, for they had gloriously showed the stuff of which they are capable.

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mother were both trustees, poured tea at various periods during the afternoon.

Miss Evelyn Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell B. Hannah of Johnson City, and Miss Aline Hyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hyder entertained during the afternoon with various selections on the harp and violin, playing *Ave Maria* by Bach - Gounod; *Ave Maria* by Shubert; *Jeanne With The Light Brown Hair*, *Beautiful Dreamer*, and *My Old Kentucky Home* by Foster and two Preludes by Chopin. Miss Hannah played also on the harp the following: *Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms*, *Amaryllis*, *My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, *Lake Louise*, *Zephyrs*, *Aloha Oe*, and *Barcarolle*. Mrs. Ralph Striker (Beatrice Rice Striker) of Washington, D. C., who was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rice of Erwin, added to the pleasure of the evening by singing *Largo* by Handel, and Shubert's *Serenade*. Mrs. Striker was accompanied by Miss Hyder and Miss Hannah on the violin and harp.

The autumn colors were carried out in the refreshments especially in the party cakes which were beautifully decorated with chry-anthemums, and the pumpkin and leaf mints.

An unexpected feature of the party was the presentation by the Board of Trustees to Mr. and Mrs. Derthick of a copy of the resolutions drawn up by the Board at their meeting on May 26, 1941, at Milligan College. The resolutions were as follows:

"At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Milligan College, held May 26, 1941, the following minute was unanimously adopted: Whereas, for the past nearly quarter of a century, the destinies of Milligan College have been guided by President and Mrs. Henry J. Derthick, and whereas, at the annual meeting of the Board in 1940, upon the advice of physicians, they deemed it

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Joe McCormick - President
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Mr. Derthick Carries On

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field for which he possessed the greatest interest and aptitude and the type of job in which he might expect the greatest success. Mr. Derthick gave to each student the opportunity for personal counsel concerning his own individual problems and in their interviews, Mr. Derthick sought to help the student devise ways and means whereby he could prepare himself to enter the vocation for which he seemed best suited by inclination, temperament and ability. Because of lack of time, the tests and interviews were confined for the most part to the junior and senior classes with special attention to the seniors who were almost ready either to enter college or to begin their life's career.

In addition to this work with the students, Mr. Derthick held community meetings at least once during each of the three weeks periods for the purpose of inspiring the adults of the community to greater cooperation with each other for the good of the school and the community. There was a great deal of interest in these meetings.

The school officials and others were so much interested in the results of the first year's work of *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, that they asked Mr. Derthick to include this second year the eighth grades and high school freshmen. There are now enrolled

in the regular classes in Vocational Guidance and personal counseling which are sponsored by *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, over eleven hundred students besides about a thousand others to whom Mr. Derthick speaks in the different chapel services, for the purpose of outlining their opportunities for the building of strong Christian character with special reference to their vocational careers.

We have tremendous human resources in these mountain counties which have not been altogether developed. The regular curriculum in our high schools is too limited to fully prepare students for their vocational life; *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, of which Mr. Derthick is president, is seeking to supplement this great need. A few cities and states have already included Vocational Guidance and Counseling as a part of their regular school program, but thus far comparatively few students have this advantage. *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, led by a Board of fifteen people including both local people and friends outside the community, and encouraged and promoted by the cooperation and enthusiasm of school officials and prominent citizens of each community and school group, is seeking to help high school and junior high school students make choices and adjustments more intelligently in an increasingly complex and changing environment. *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, recognizes the need for serving all pupils, not just the maladjusted, studying many adjustment problems as common human problems which confront different individuals in varying combinations and settings.

The lack of a real purpose causes many persons to fail on the journey of life while other people, who plan every step of the way and watch their step, manage to reach their goal with a minimum amount of trouble and effort. Mr. Derthick is seeking to help high school and junior high school students to think clearly and plan definitely toward a real purpose so that when they have practically completed the journey of life, they may look back upon it as a series of experiences which bring satisfaction and pleasure. In many respects the high school group represents the most important investment made by any community. This group of young people will determine the nature of the community and national life in this Western hemisphere during the years to come; on account of its size and potential influence no one concerned with the best interests of society can afford to neglect the high school group.

The entire program of *Facing Forward, Incorporated*, would be impossible without the cordial helpful and hearty support given Mr. Derthick by the county superintendent, the principals, the teachers, the Board members and friends.

Visitors on the Hill

- Mrs. J. M. Adams
1316-11th Street, Modesto, Cal.
- Mrs. H. Swallen
Modesto, California
- Mrs. B. C. Buntaine
Modesto, California
- Mrs. M. L. McCown
Los Angeles, California
- Mrs. L. W. McCown
Johnson City, Tennessee
- Miss Maxine Snodgrass, Va.
- Miss Julie Harmon
Midway, Tenn.
- Mrs. Hale, Whitesburg, Ky.
- Miss Sally May Bledsoe
Jonesville, Va.
- Mr. Robert Easterling
Miss Jean Fuller, Grundy, Va.
- Miss Lynn Fuller, Grundy, Va.
- Mrs. Stere, Altoona, Pa.
- Miss Elsie Miller

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necessary to sever their connection with the active management of the institution, and Whereas, during all their long years of unselfish service, President and Mrs. Derthick have been held in the highest esteem by every member of this Board, being wise in their counsel, tireless in their endeavors, and withal through their liberal culture and fine Christian character, have been an inspiration to all with whom they came in contact.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, as a Board, express to them our sincerest appreciation of their many sterling qualities, their noble traits of Christian character, and their great devotion to high ideals, as well as their invaluable contribution to our college, and to this entire Appalachian area. Their services have made real and vital the motto of Milligan College - "Christian Education, the Hope of the World," and, That in token of the high esteem in which we hold them, these resolutions be spread upon a separate page of our minutes, and that a copy be sent to President and Mrs. Derthick." These resolutions bore the signature of each Board member. were framed in a double frame made from the wood of the tree on which Daniel Boone recorded the fact that he "Cilled A. Bar in the year 1760."

Aileen Ellis in Peabody College

Aileen Ellis member of the class of 1941 is now located in the Graduate Dormitory, Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. She enrolled in Milligan in 1937 and graduated with the class of 1941. She is now studying for a M. S. degree leading to Library Science. Her home address is Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Riggs
Wise, Va.

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To J. Goff Long, Secretary Alumni Association
Milligan College, Tennessee.

Enclosed is my check for \$1.00 for which please enter my name for one year's subscription to the Buffalo Range.

Name

Address