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An Important Message From President Burns

Our college has just received a most challenging proposition. What do you think of it?

Mr. Earhart, the gentleman who has been giving us \$5,000 a year provided we raise at least \$20,000 annually within state of Tennessee, now proposes to increase his help. When Mr. Earhart learned that we had to start the present college year owing \$10,000 at the bank, he offered to help us remove this indebtedness.

Here is the proposition. If we raise at least \$20,000 in the state of Tennessee, Mr. Earhart will give us the \$5,000 as usual; but if we raise as much as \$25,000 within the state, he will give us \$10,000. Here is the best chance you ever had to be of financial help to your college. The full amount must be in hand by the end of the present fiscal year, but it is highly important that we secure all gifts as early as possible so as not to risk failure. If your legal residence is in Tennessee, your gift can be counted.

To those former students who live outside the state, we can say without hesitation that your support right now is also most vital to the ongoing of the college.

C. E. Burns, President

W. H. Bowman Joins Navy

W. H. Bowman, who has been serving as coach and teacher in the Saltville High School recently enlisted in the United States Navy and is now stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, as a physical instructor, Sqd. 4, at the United States Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Virginia.

Other former athletes of Milligan College stationed at Norfolk are Bernie Webb and Lee Varnell.

Olin Ripley a Senior Called to Service

During the first week of February Olin Ripley, a member of the 1943 class, was called into active service and left on Saturday, February 6, for training. He is a meteorologist and is stationed near Tampa. We regret that he could not finish his last semester's work.

Captain and Mrs. Eyler Visit Milligan

During week of February 2, Captain and Mrs. C. M. Eyler were visitors at the college. They remained through Monday, February 8, and while here were guests of President and Mrs. C. E. Burns at the president's residence. Captain Eyler was on the sidelines and saw Milligan Buffaloes beat the Buccaneers of Teachers College on Tuesday night, February 2, and Tennessee Wesleyan on the night of February 4.

Captain Eyler conducted the chapel exercises during the week and thus naturally assumed his old duties at the college. They were entertained in the homes of various friends in Johnson City, and President and Mrs. J. J. Derthich in Elizabethton. Captain Eyler told the students that he was in constant

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Prof. J. Fred Holly Resigns

At the chapel exercise on February 15, President C. E. Burns announced the resignation of Professor J. Fred Holly, who is accepting employment with the Federal Government. Mr. Holly will be located in Knoxville with the Labor Department in the Wage and Hour Division. His territory includes Tennessee and Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly will reside in Knoxville. The alumni of Milligan College extend their best wishes of success to Mr. Holly in his chosen field.

(Continued from preceding column) touch with a number of old Milligan students at the capital city. The students, faculty and citizens of the community enjoyed their stay.

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Ashwell, Travis
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Noel, Kenneth, '39
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Osborne, Jack
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 Pardue, Harry
 Pearson, Robert L.
 Penney, J. E.
 Perkins, Raymond, '39
 Perry, James Burl
 Peterson, James
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 Potter, Montie
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 Presnell, Cot
 Presnell, Fred
 Price, Joe
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 *Vogel, Edward, '38
 Voncanon, W. D.
 Ward, Orrin H.
 Webb, Bernie, '42
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 Whitney, James
 Williams, Chester
 Williams, Glen, '40
 Williams, H. M., Jr.
 Williams, Nathaniel Taylor, '42
 Willis, Jack

Wilson, Edgar
 Wilson, Oscar
 Wilson, Shilburne, '34
 *Wyatt, Clifton
 Yciser, Robert

Trent McNeeley 1941

Well, my training has finally finished. It is my last few days here. Our graduation is only a few days away. It was the toughest grind that I have ever gone—I am glad that it is all through.

I see N. T. Williams quite frequently. He is in a different Battalion but I see him every night in the canteen. He is going to graduate also. Our graduation day is January 28th. Admiral Downs is going to be the principal speaker.

We have spent the greater part of today turning in our clothes. This past week has been all right. Since exams are over we have been free every night until taps.

I want you to forward my paper to the home town. Just send it to me at Tazewell, Tennessee. I can't say just now what my address will be. Mother will find out first and forward it to me.

I get about six days off at home until I have to report to my next station. It will be a relief to get away from all this studying for a while. This grind has been awful and is beginning to tell on me. The subjects were rather tough. It wasn't too hard but it is rather hard to grasp about 35 or 40 pages at once.

Then we had tests every week. These weekly tests really counted quite a bit. However, it was necessary to pass your final to graduate. It got to be a habit to get up at 4 o'clock on Friday and Saturday morning to study for the weekly exams. Reveille was at 5:50 and taps at 2200 (10 p. m.) I realize now how precious sleep is.

Well I have time now to write letters so I will close for now. Thanks again for all the considerations that you showed me in college. I will try and see you one of these days. I will write a letter to you just as soon as I am settled at my new station. Give my regards to all, especially Mrs. Long.

Your friend,
 TRENT MCNEELEY.

Lee Varnell

Lee Varnell, whose basketball career started at Adamsville, Tenn., High School, today is rated among the best players in the nation as a member of the powerful Naval Training Station team at Norfolk, Virginia.

The rangy Varnell was a roommate of the famed pitcher, Bob Feller, before the latter left for sea duty.

High Scorer On Team

Varnell is high scorer on the Sailors' quintet that includes six college All-Americans, and an outfit that hasn't tasted defeat. In every game he has tied for top pointmaking or led the Norfolk boys.

During his senior year at Adamsville, Varnell won All-District laurels. Now 16 years old, he left for Duke University, but due to his youth coaches advised him to attend prep school another year. But young Varnell wasn't satisfied. He wanted to play college basketball. So he hied off to Milligan College at Johnson City, Tenn., weighing 146 pounds and standing five feet eight inches.

All-Smoky Four Times

After graduating, Varnell accepted initial game, Varnell played five minutes of the second tussle, scoring seven points. Coaches saw possibilities, so he was in every game thereafter, and went ahead to gain All-Smoky Mountain Conference laurels. And he repeated every year, making it four times in a row—the only cager ever to turn the trick.

By the time he had finished college, Lee had jumped to six feet and gained until he tipped the scales at 185. It was almost unanimous among rival coaches that Varnell would have achieved All-American laurels if he had been with a large college.

After graduating, Varnell accepted a job in Norton, Va., as coach and also played semi-pro basketball. The next year he went to Roanoke, Virginia, to play pro ball with Roanoke Business College and doubled as teacher-coach in high school. He stayed there until enlisting in the Navy, in which he is now a chief petty officer.

Contracts were offered Varnell by the powerful Phillips 66 Oilers, Denver Legions and Original Celtics.

Tom K. Savage

Dear Mr. Long :

I noticed in a previous issue of "The Buffalo Range" that you ask for the names and students who are now serving their country.

My husband, Pvt. Tom K. Savage, class of '36, is a member of the Army Air Force, and has recently been transferred to Hunter Field, Georgia. Immediately preceding his transfer to Georgia, he was graduated from Radio Operators' School at Scott Field, Illinois.

His present address is:

310th Sq., 84th Bomb Group,
A. A. C., Hunter Field,
Savannah, Georgia.

I know that he would appreciate hearing from his college friends.

With every best wish, I am,

Yours very truly,
MARY H. SAVAGE.

Jordon J. Crouch

Jan. 12, 1943.

In answering your letter of Dec. 10, 1942, for some information regarding Milligan College graduates, I might give you a brief summary of my whereabouts since my graduation from Milligan in 1931.

I attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., for one term in 1931. Did further graduate work at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1932-1933.

In the summer of 1933, Miss Elizabeth Wright, former Vocal and Music Teacher in Milligan, and I were married at Buhl, Idaho. In January, 1934, I came to Los Angeles, Calif., from my home in Johnson City, Tenn., and was employed for six years by the Chapman Bros. Company, owned by Mr. Chas. C. Chapman, one of the outstanding men of Southern California and a leading member of the Christian Church. While with this Company I was resident-manager of the Chapman Park Hotel and assistant to the executive vice-president. In 1940 I became associated with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Burbank, Calif., where at present I am attached to the Manufacturing Division, doing engineering and manu-

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facturing analysis work.

I have a son, Bill, who is one and one-half years old, and I believe if he continues his present growth, my old schoolmate, Steve Lacey, will not have to look further for a full-back on his football team about 1959. My father, Adam B. Crouch, has been identified with Milligan College for many years in the past; and his love for that School, together with my memories, keeps Milligan very close to me.

With the very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,
JORDAN J. CROUCH,

N. T. Williams

In the Johnson City Press Chronicle of Sunday, February 7, 1943, was the announcement of Ensign N. T. Williams, Jr., of Elizabethton, Tennessee, to Miss Aline Purcell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Purcell of Cleveland, Virginia. Ensign Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Williams, Sunset Hill, Elizabethton.

Ensign Williams recently graduated from the Officer School of Notre Dame University and will be stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. Williams, it is announced, will make her home in Elizabethton.

N. T. was in the Officer Training School at Notre Dame along with Trent McNeeley of Tazewell, Tennessee. Both were graduated during the first of February and will be transferred to some training point.

Bernie Webb

We received the following communication from Bernie Webb, who is located in Norfolk, Virginia. His address is as follows: C. Sp. Bernie Webb, Moral Division, United States Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

We quote his letter as follows:

"I received your letter a few days ago, also a copy of the Buffalo Range yesterday, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading each of them. The Range brought me some welcome news of Milligan and friends, but I was sorry to read about the casualties.

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"The basketball team seems to be doing pretty well. I hope they continue to do so. **Beat Teachers.**

"Enclosed is \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the Buffalo Range. If possible drop in the Stampede for the remaining part of the school year.

"Please give my regards to President Burns, to the faculty, and my friends at Milligan.

"I am stationed with the Morale Division, U. S. N. A. S., which is United States Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. In regards to my brother, Raymond Webb, who attended Milligan one school year, is stationed with the Marine Air Corps, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

"With best wishes for a successful school year, I am,

"Respectfully,
"BERNIE WEBB."

Dr. J. H. Hagey 1894

Dear Prof. Long:

I am just in receipt of the October issue of the Buffalo Range. I am enclosing you my check for \$3.00 for my subscription, and that of my sister, Mrs. Lulu M. Dye, Route 3, Abingdon, Va., and Rev. Steven A. Morton, Bristol, Tenn., an old room mate of mine. I do not know his street address, but perhaps you can supply it.

I was very much interested in the article, "Joe Combs Visits Milligan" and the male quartet mentioned composed of Messrs. Thomas, Cartney, Combs and Owens. I think it was Jim Owens instead of Fred Owen.

Trusting that you are very well and that Milligan will have a successful year, I am,

Sincerely yours,
J. H. HAGY.

Visit Alumni

Among the recent visitors in the hill were: W. H. Bowman, who is now in Uncle Sam's Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Virginia; Frank Spraker, who is connected with the Health Division and stationed in Camp Jackson in South Carolina; Bernal Lappin, who is now in Officers Training School in Fort Knox, near Louisville, Kentucky.