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## THE FLAG GOES BY

Hats off!

Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,  
A flash of color beneath the sky:

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!  
Blue and crimson and white it shines,  
Over the steel tipped, ordered lines.

Hats off!

The colors before us fly;  
But more than the flag is passing by;  
Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,  
Fought to make and to save the State:

Weary marches and sinking ships;  
Cheers of victory on dying lips;  
Days of plenty and years of peace;  
March of a strong land's swift increase;

Equal justice, right and law,  
Stately honor and reverend awe;  
Sign of a nation, great and strong  
To ward her people from foreign wrong:

Pride and glory and honor,—all  
Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Hats off!

Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;  
And loyal hearts are beating high:

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

—Henry Holcomb Bennett

## Let's Have A Service Flag

Last year we attempted to secure the names of Milligan students who are in the service of their country. In a request sent in one edition of the Buffalo Range we asked for the names of those who are known to be in the service of Uncle Sam. We received no reply whatsoever. So in our column listing the names of those in service of Uncle Sam, if we have omitted the name of anyone it is because we do not have the information.

It is a painful task to report the casualties that have occurred among the

Alumni of Milligan College. Thus far news has reached us of three who have fallen on the field of battle in service of their country. These are Clifton Wyatt, Bill Kennedy, and Robert Lee Davis.

### CASUALTIES

Clifford Wyatt  
Bill Kennedy  
Robert Lee Davis

## President and Mrs. Derthick Move

After more than 25 years residence in the President's Bungalow on Milligan College Campus, President Emeritus and Mrs. H. J. Derthick have moved to Elizabethton, Tennessee. President and Mrs. Derthick resigned in 1940 because of the illness of Mrs. Derthick and since that time have not been actively connected with the work of the college but have lived on the college campus.

## Attention Alumni

We often have calls for teachers' vacancies sent to the Alumni Association. If any of the Alumni members will send in their qualifications and other information we shall be glad to refer any calls to them for application. If we can be of any service in any way we shall be glad to place any of our Alumni in connection with vacancies.

## Lieutenant Commander S. David Mitchell Alumnus of Milligan In Southwest Pacific

The Colliers Magazine of the week of October 22 says that Commander S. David Mitchell, a former student of Milligan College, and two of his companions on a torpedo plane which was forced down in the South Seas last summer owed their life to what the pilot calls his "doughnut", rubber boat. Commander Mitchell was reported missing in action last summer but soon afterwards a message was received that he was safe. Mitchell and his men had floated around in two one-man doughnuts for six days before they were picked up. The article in Colliers is headed with the title "Rubber Doughnut." The article further states that Lieut. Commander Mitchell's plane was forced down in a shark infested sea.

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### Minute Society

by Prof. L. R. Dingus  
Transylvania University

In reply to a request from some of the Alumni for a contribution for the Buffalo Range, we are pleased to publish herewith an article by Prof. L. R. Dingus, Lexington, Kentucky. His article follows:

Aside from the academic routine of daily recitations, Milligan College as I was a student, maintained active "literary", or "debating" societies. Here students programs were provided each Saturday evening (night). They normally consisted of a debate with two or three students on a side, an essay or oration, recitation and a dialog, sometimes carefully prepared and delivered, sometimes not. While the "societies" were not actually compulsory, the Faculty thought such efforts were of great value to the students and urged membership, often supervised and encouraged by their presence and other cooperation.

It was probably my junior year, fall and winter of 1892-3, that some of us men students keenly aware of our limitations for improving them, met informally to talk over the situation and after a few conferences decided on the establishment of a wholly new procedure, but consisting of a very limited number of boys who felt about the matter as we did.

We called this new club the "Minute Society". We were to meet every Monday afternoon in room number 8 of the old college, long since replaced by a more modern structure. The group never exceeded ten members, I think. Each member gave in a subject written down on a piece of paper, and it in a hat, as he entered the room. The subject might be a sketch, a discussion of a man, or a question for debate. Every member taken into the club had to promise solemnly to talk honestly and seriously for at least 5 minutes and was not allowed to exceed 10 minutes. Of course, all this had to be impromptu.

Flippancy or lack of real effort was

not tolerated. These weekly programs were kept going for several months.

Some of the charter and faithful members as I now think back, were:

J. F. (Frank) Sergeant, Gate City, Va., later Commonwealth's Attorney and member several terms in both houses of the Virginia Legislature.

T. L. ("B") Sergeant, Gate City, Va.

J. J. (Jim) Cole of Lee Co., Va., Preacher and author.

William Jackson (Will) Shelburne, Lee Co., Va., Preacher, late of Fla., now retired and living in Lexington, Ky.

A. Robert (Bob) Ramey, Russell Co., Va., Professor in English Department, University of Oklahoma,

Thomas Benton (Tom) McCartney, Craig Co., Va., Professor of Greek, Transylvania College, Ka., until his death a few years ago.

Showalter, farmer and teacher in the Public schools of Va. up to his death a few years ago.

L. R. (Lee) Dingus, Scott Co., Va., Professor in Transylvania College.

There were yet others, but their names are momentarily gone.

The order of the program was by lot and as each one's turn came, he arose from his seat, drew his topic from the hat, announced it clearly and proceeded as best he could, to explain expound, interpret, elucidate, attack, or defend as might be befitting, for at least five minutes, standing on his feet in the presence of the others. I should have explained there was a time keeper, also a critic provided with paper, pencil and a Webster's dictionary. He was to take notes, pass on all breaches of propriety, proper dignity and demeanor of a public speaker and correct errors in grammar or pronunciation of words, etc.

Some of the group had a studied ease and ready flow of thought and words from the start. Others passed through a real ordeal, their knees shaking, face flushed, words and thoughts refusing their normal service. Will Shelburne was always ready with words that came fast and easy. Bob Ramey was once called to task by the critic for telling over the same thing twice. He apologized, saying he had to use up his time, and he had said all he knew. Frank Sergeant had memorized a few fine phrases which he liked to use on every occasion. "B" Sergeant, probably the keenest thinker of us all, used to lift his eyes up toward the

## With The Colors

Lieutenant Marvin William Gilliam, class of 1938, is Postal Officer of the 10th Armor Division at Fort Benning from the training school in Washington, D. C. Marvin was recently promoted and now holds the rank of lieutenant.

Carl L. Fields, Private, U. S. Army, Co. C, First Finance Training Battalion, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Entered Milligan College 19-19, graduated 1923. His home address is 513 West Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee.

W. D. VonCanon, C. S. E. A. 2C, Commissary Department U. S. N. T. S. Camp Decatur, Barracks No. 75, San Diego, California.

Sgt. James V. Taylor, Headquarters Squadron, 8th Air Force Base Command, A. P. O. Box 887, New York, N. Y. Jimmy is somewhere in England.

Robert L. Blevins, Private, Camp Blanding, Florida.

Oris Hyder, Lieutenant, Air Corps, Monroe, Louisiana.

ceiling, momentarily close them, in organizing his thoughts - "asking for help from on High" whispered a colleague too loud and nearly broke up the meeting. Tom McCartney was the greatest reader, knew more about more things than any of us and in addition had a personal charm and style, so he always was safe. Jimmy Cole was struggling heroically one day, finally completely stalled, turned and asked how much time yet, was informed that he had a minute and a half! He stammered again, flushed a deep crimson, placed his hand up on his forehead and in a woebegone voice said: "I am not well today. I am getting dizzy," as he staggered to his seat. Just as he reached his chair, the time keeper called out "time up" and Jim was afterwards all right.

Thus the "Minute Society" blended the serious and the comic, held on for several months, I am sure many perhaps all of us needed this effort and this experience and some acquired poise, resourcefulness, and self-confidence, needed out in life. Actually life has dealt with us each in a different way, but all of us no doubt have had to brave unforeseen and unprepared for difficulties of which this was a kind of foretaste and intended to be a preparation.

## Joe Gilbert 1942

The following letter was received October 6 from Joe C. Gilbert 1736 G Street, N. W., Y. M. C. A., Washington, D. C.

I have planned to write you all the while, but just now I have gotten down to it. I've been terribly busy and working hard. (I would rather be back at school).

Prof., I planned to come to Milligan all summer but I never did get there. I worked all summer and began teaching school near home, but I was very dissatisfied and when I got this position I took it. The school I have now is a wonderful place to teach. We have about 100 boys and the whole set up is nice. However, I'm not teaching in high school. I like the grammar grade work fine, and the people are very nice to work with.

The school is here in the Y. M. C. A. and I also live here which makes everything very nice. I never thought I would like teaching so well, as I do now. even if I do have to make lesson plans. I used to think that lesson planning was a lot of "stuff", but you can't do too much of it.

Hope you had a good garden this year. When McDowell and I hoed it last spring we thought you had good prospects. I heard from "Mac" some time ago. He is in the army now, and seems to like it fine. I don't know about many of the other folks or where they are. A fellow certainly does miss the ones he went to school with.

Prof, do you know where any people live in Washington that went to Milligan? If you do I would like to know because it gets awful lonesome here at times.

If you run across Mr. Gray, tell him to send me the "Stampede" and send a bill to me for the paper because I like to keep up with what's going on.

I guess school is going fine this year and I hope you have a good year. Respectfully, (Signed) Joe Gilbert.

## Potter Hennessee Shearer

We have the address of Mrs. Potter Hennessee Shearer, 206½ Christiana Street, North Tonawanda, New York. Mr. Shearer is the band director in the North Tonawanda Public School System.

## Annie Lucas Kennedy

The following letter was received from Mrs. Annie Lucas Kennedy, 204 Wasena Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia. "The first news I have had from Milligan College this term comes by way of The Buffalo Range."

As I have been anxious to know just how well the enrollment has come up to peaceful years. I want to say that I am pleased with what the paper has to say. It comes as a welcome visitor. A few days ago, writing to a friend in Johnson City, I said to her - - It may be possible the college paper is being discontinued on account of the finances. If this is true I shall be sorry for I look forward to its coming knowing I shall find things I would like to know about former students and friends. The copy before me is no exception. I know Joe Combs. Glad to read he is alive and has visited Milligan College. How well I remember Nancy Cantrell, her early training at Milligan in Dramatics, the year she won first prize in Lucas contest. It pleases me to see in "The Range" she has soared to graduation with honor in Northwestern University. Then I am always glad to read something about Dr. and Mrs. Derthick and family. On first page I find President Burn's Convocation Service is beautifully worded, helpful, and is an inspiration to all who have heard and read it. First verse of 121st Psalm has long been my favorite. But it never meant nearly so much to me as it does now since reading President Burn's Convocation message. In thinking of the world war conflict, you should be congratulated on having about your usual enrollment. I wish a very successful year for the school and also the college paper. May it have more subscribers than in any past years. You will find enclosed \$1.00 for renewal of my subscription.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Long, and my very best wishes to everyone connected with my Alma Mater, I am sincerely, (Signed) Annie Lucas Kennedy.

## Raymond Perkins

Raymond Perkins was a recent visitor at the College. He is now convalescing from wounds received in action Somewhere in the Pacific.

## The Milligan Buffaloes

The Milligan College Buffaloes journeyed last week end to Danville, Ky., where they played the Praying Colonels of Centre College. The score resulted in a 7-6 victory for the Buffs. On the preceding week the Buffaloes defeated Maryville 19-0. The game with Roanoke resulted in a 6-0 victory for the Buffs and the first game of the season was a 6-6 tie with Emory and Henry. Only one game remained on the schedule and it was with Emory and Henry at Bristol on Saturday night October 24. However, the remaining game was played before we went to press. The game resulted in a 19-13 victory for Milligan. This has been a very successful season. The team's schedule was limited because of transportation difficulties. The schedule was played without a loss.

## George Norton Jr.

The Range has been notified of the birth of son weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. George Norton, 110 Christopher Street, New York City. George writes that his young son has been named George Norton, Jr., and that "Elaine and baby are getting along splendidly." The Range is looking forward to the enrollment of George Jr. as a student at Milligan College a few years in the future.

## Christine Sadler Honored

Christine Sadler, a former student of Milligan College' has been elected President of the National Pen Woman's Club. In connection with her election Miss Sadler was honored at a luncheon at which Cordell Hull was one of the speakers.

Miss Sadler attended Peabody College after leaving Milligan and later studied journalism at the University of Columbia where she received her Master's Degree in this field. Miss Sadler was connected with the Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tennessee, as a reporter and feature writer for some time. She is now with the Washington Post. From time to time various articles of Miss Sadler's appear in well known magazines. A recent article will be found in the Mademoiselle on the W. A. A. C.s.

### S. David Mitchell

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The plane made a smooth landing in the water but Commander Mitchell had great difficulty in freeing himself from the rapidly sinking plane. Being unable to release his "doughnut" he inflated his life jacket. After one half hour Commander Mitchell saw a yellow rubber boat drifting toward him. The occupant was a member of his crew. His companion had been cut about the hands and face and that night trailed his hands in the water to cleanse the wounds. A shark came at them which they drove away by beating and yelling but only after it had punctured their boat. For five days they had only a pint of water. On the fifth day a searching plane flew over them but did not see the doughnut. On the next day a plane spotted the pilots and signaled that the sea was too rough for a landing. In the afternoon the plane returned and flew the men to Midway. Mitchell, Ruehlow, and Gray, with \$90 they had among them, treated their rescuer to a dinner for the whole amount.

### Kenneth Rader

Lieutenant Joseph Kenneth Rader, a former student of Milligan College, was married at St. Marks Lutheran Church at Charlotte, North Carolina, to Miss Eva Baldwin Carpenter. Lieutenant Rader is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rader, Elizabethton, Tenn. He is now stationed in the Chemical Warfare Division at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

### Frank Spraker

A recent visitor on the hill was Frank Spraker who is now with Uncle Sam's Forces. Frank was inducted into the service during last school year.

### Mike Davis 1942

The following is a letter received from Mike Davis whose address is Sqdn. B- 1, Army Air Forces Classification Center, Nashville Tennessee.

"I think you can notice my stationery and tell what I am doing so I won't take time to try to explain my work.

I was teaching when they notified me to report to Nashville. Teaching is very interesting. I hope I can go back and teach and coach when this war is over.

Professor, I would like to write you a volume but I just don't have time. I have found that you have something to do all the time in the army.

When I am classed and sent out I will write you again. As it is now my address is not certain.

Tell all the old students I am thinking of them and would like to be back at Milligan with them. (Signed) Your friend, Mike Davis."

### Approaching Nuptials

On November 14, 1942, Miss Violet May, Class of 1940, will be married to Mr. Lyle Dewitt. After a wedding trip the young couple will reside in Knoxville, Tenn., where Lyle is employed in war industry. Miss May has been secretary to President Burns for the past three years and previous to that was assistant secretary to President H. J. Derthick.

### "M" Club Conducts Chapel

Recently the "M" Club had charge of chapel with David Trotter presiding. An interesting program was rendered by Prof. Lodter at the piano and Allie Hyder, violinist. The "M" Club was organized at Milligan College in September, 1923.

### Mary Hendrickson Writes

After more than half a century has passed since I began storing up Milligan memories, I fear but few are left who shared with me those halcyon days.

Remember when one day at the close of our English class, Mrs. Hopwood, our teacher, told us that we were to have a holiday on the morrow to go down to Watauga River. She also said that our next lesson would be for each one to write some original poetry.

The pleasant outing, the enchanting scenery, abetted by the urge to comply with the lesson assignment, elicited some verses which ran something like the following:

Oft my childish heart did yearn,  
To see the fairies in their homes;  
And I also wished to learn,  
More of ogres, spirits, and gnomes.  
Then there came a bright spring day  
When our school for fresh air panted;  
Soon we all were on our way  
To a place which seemed enchanted.

Down beside Watauga River  
Where the creek and river meet,  
Both the streams were all a quiver  
With the dancing fairies' feet.

--Mary Hendrickson

### An Alumnus Weds

On October 16, relatives and a few close friends attended the wedding of Mr. James Henry Kegley to Miss Pauline Noblin at the Farmville Methodist Church, Phenix, Va. The bride's sister was maid of honor and Thomas G. Kegley, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Kegley is a member of the nursing staff of the Mountain Home Veterans Facility. She finished high school in Phenix, Va., graduated as a nurse in Richmond, Va. James Henry Kegley graduated from Milligan College in 1941 and spent a year's study at Harvard University in the Graduate School of Business. He is employed by the Holston Ordnance Works, Tennessee Eastman Corporation, Kingsport, Tennessee. The couple left on a wedding trip of unannounced destination. The Range extends them its best wishes for a long happy married life.

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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 .....