

# Agnes Scott NEWSLETTER

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## A High Tradition of Integrity

By WALTER EDWARD McNAIR

There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat,  
And we must take the current when it serves  
Or lose our ventures. (*Julius Caesar* IV, iii, 218-224)

THESE LINES of William Shakespeare's describe well Agnes Scott's present position. All the indications are that the hour of greatness is about to strike. When one reviews the ten-year span which closed with the college year on June 30, 1961, he is impressed by the accomplishments during the last decade (See box). In every aspect of its life, Agnes Scott is poised to move forward into the place of national leadership in the higher education of women for which the college seems destined. The academic level of excellence both for faculty and students has never been at a higher pitch; the financial structure is stronger than at any previous time; a note of joyous expectancy is in the air, and the decks are being cleared and manned for the exciting challenges of the days ahead.

This vision of what the future can be is no mere pipe dream. It is rooted in the earliest traditions of the col-

lege, in the words of the founder himself who in May, 1890, wrote of Agnes Scott that it was his "desire to make it as great an institution of this kind as there is in the land." Today this same purpose is the motivation underlying all actions in the present and plans for the future. Holding firmly to a liberal arts program in a context of dynamic Christianity, Agnes Scott looks ahead.

It is intended that the college will remain small, although the enrollment may gradually increase slightly above the present number. Agnes Scott never wants to become so large that personal relationships within the college community will cease to be meaningful. At the moment all personnel — trustees, faculty, students, alumnae — are engaged in an intensive self-study seeking to uncover both strengths and weaknesses as guideposts in planning for the future. Every facet is under careful scrutiny as to usefulness and value, and from this re-appraisal will surely come recommendations for progress — recommendations regarding endowment and plant goals, curriculum changes, personnel, services, to mention just a few of the areas under consideration.

Agnes Scott, as President Alston has recently commented, located as it is in the heart of the South, occupies, particularly at this time, a position of grave responsibility and challenge. The college is acutely conscious that it is a part of the culture of this region and, therefore, of the region's problems. It is at the same time Agnes Scott's earnest desire, with the help of God, to become a part of the solution. The institution offers no neat little panaceas, but rather strives to *be* in fact a Christian liberal arts college where young women may find liberation from ignorance, prejudice, and fear — a center where academic freedom is a reality, where young people can face all the facets of controversial issues, and where the Christian insights and purposes are taken seriously.

A recent editorial in one of the Atlanta newspapers spoke of Agnes Scott's "high tradition of integrity." Fortified with this tradition and energized by the challenges of the present, the college confidently faces forward, determined to "take the current when it serves" and realize its destiny of greatness.

<i>A Ten-Year Comparative Study</i>	<i>Percentage of Increase 1951-1961</i>
Total assets . . . . .	117%
Endowment . . . . .	215%
Plant . . . . .	41%
Land . . . . .	32.7%
Annual budget . . . . .	175%
Annual expenditure for salaries of faculty and staff . . . . .	150%
Size of faculty . . . . .	27%
Earned doctorates in faculty . . . . .	48%
Number of students . . . . .	35%
Library holdings . . . . .	45%
Library expenditure exclusive of salaries . . . . .	209%



## Winter Visitors

### General Romulo Sounds a Warning

GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO, former president of the Philippines and one of the first men to head the United Nations General Assembly, made front page headlines during his January visit to Agnes Scott.

While Americans have worked to put two cars in every garage, 14 nations and 900 million people have been taken over by Communism, charged Gen. Romulo in his lecture in Presser Hall.

The free world suffered its greatest disaster when the Communists conquered China while the U.S. was demobilizing after World War II, he said.

Asians once believed the West was invincible, declared Gen. Romulo. But that image is gone and forgotten. Today Asia looks toward Russia, toward the Sputniks, the man-made satellites, the orbiting of the first man in space. These were technological firsts — and they were Russian, said Romulo in an impassioned appeal to Americans to resist Communism on all fronts.

Holder of the Golden Heart Presidential Award, the Philippines' highest decoration, and the U.S. Legion of Merit, Gen. Romulo will soon take over as President of the University of the Philippines.

### Poet May Sarton Commends College

"Here one finds a unique combination of high scholarship and fervor," said poet-teacher MAY SARTON during her February visit to the college.

The author of five volumes of poetry, an autobiography and eight novels, Miss Sarton illumined four misty, bleak days with her own fervor, her lyrical genius and warmth.

During her stay here, she delivered a public lecture, a reading, two classroom talks, and a brilliantly discerning critique on student writing, compiled by members of

FERDINAND WARREN, chairman of the Agnes Scott art department, was recently awarded the \$1000 Edwin Palmer Memorial Prize, one of five top prizes at the 137th annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design in New York. "Shrimp Boat," the prize winning oil painting, was painted by Mr. Warren after a trip to Thunderbolt at Savannah. He is photographed in his studio, at work on another painting, "Quarry."



the English department. Her most casual remarks were memorable. Some samples at random:

To young students: "Find out what is right for you. Do not try to be and do everything. A career may be right for one, gardening may be the vocation of another. The great magic in life is finding one's own rhythm."

On reading: "The sad thing is that people who don't read are so inexperienced. They are such thin people. They have missed so much of the richness of life."

On her own work: "I write poems to find out who I am and where I am. They are moments of intense vision. I embark on novels as on journeys of discovery, to decide what I think."

### Sweet Briar President Speaks

Sweet Briar College's President, DR. ANNE G. PANNELL, emphasized her "tenacious faith in the value of education for everyone, most particularly for women" in a Founder's Day talk February 21.

Women are proving they can wear many hats — and wear them becomingly, she told Agnes Scott students. A woman today needs to be a good mother, housewife, chauffeur, shopper, volunteer worker and job holder. She would also do well to master the monkey wrench, hammer, saw, and screwdriver.

But most important, she needs the "sense and sensibility" which a good liberal arts education can stimulate and nourish, said Dr. Pannell.

Women are now the primary supporters not only of welfare activities, but of literature, music, and art, she pointed out. But in an increasingly complex and chaotic world, they will also have to assume a major role in world affairs.

"The demand for brains to meet contemporary needs will be met only if women play a greater part," she stressed.

### Other Visitors

Other winter quarter visitors included the nation's oldest classical repertory group, *The Players*, who brought a superbly polished production of "Richard III" to Agnes Scott in March; the *VMI Glee Club*, who joined the *Agnes Scott Glee Club* in a concert March 3; *Robert Frost*, whose visit is reported on page 3; the debating teams of 13 southeastern colleges, who gathered here for the 15th annual *All-Southern Intercollegiate Debate Tournament*; *Dr. E. T. Salmon*, Professor of Classics at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario; *Dr. William Barr Oglesby*, Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Union Theological Seminary, who was Religious Emphasis Week speaker; and some 200 sophomore parents who visited the campus during *Sophomore Parents' Week End* in February.



## "Looking for Kindred Spirits"

# Robert Frost Makes Twentieth Visit

"I've found out at last what I'm around for — I'm just looking for kindred spirits," said poet Robert Frost, smiling across the luncheon table at members of Agnes Scott's English department.

The occasion was the poet's twentieth visit to the campus. Fresh from a trip to Israel and an exhausting round of lectures, Mr. Frost, now 88, settled comfortably into the life of the college, strolled the campus in his familiar blue canvas shoes, autographed 500 copies of his books, examined recent additions to the library's now famous Frost collection, and talked informally with students on subjects ranging from the U.N. to Vermont farming. He also parried reporters' questions in front of three television cameras, lectured to an overflow audience in Presser Hall, and attended a midnight supper given annually in his honor. But the four-time Pulitzer-prize winner, who has been "a

teacher of one sort or another" since he was 18, seemed happiest when surrounded by his "kindred spirits" among the faculty.

At the annual English department luncheon in his honor, he recalled his stint as an 8th grade teacher: "I was 18 and the students were 16. They were left-overs from high school. They were out to lick me, and the town was behind them, but I licked them."

And he discussed poets, living and dead, pronounced "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" "the greatest poem ever written by a second rate poet," declared that T. S. Eliot was "more churchy, but I'm more religious than he," and remarked of his own work, "the critics seem to find my little poems so sinister. When I say hemlock, they think I mean poison."

Later, blue eyes gleaming, a great shock of white hair tumbling on his fore-



ROBERT FROST enjoys his annual luncheon with members of the Agnes Scott English Department. On the left is department chairman Dr. George P. Hayes; on the right, Dr. Margaret W. Pepperdene, associate professor of English.

head, he settled into an easy chair at the Alston home to tell a gathering of faculty members about the past year, which has seen him often in the headlines.

"It's easy to exaggerate my importance up there," he said, referring to Washington, D. C., and his place in the Kennedy circle. "They're busy with things I would interfere with if I were there."

"The Kennedys? They're a great lot of Irishmen," he replied to a question, and of JFK: "He's a regular Harvard boy."

But politics seemed to pall, and the poet turned to poetry, and his own literary life. "I've never written a poem to pay a bill," he said. "I never wrote very much. I'm not a literary man. I never had a room or a desk. I've written everywhere — on trains or standing on my head."

His aim as a poet: "to rumple people's minds a little — and then let them clear."

Mr. Frost was honored at a birthday party given by Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, in Washington, D. C., March 26. The date also marked the publication of his new volume of poetry "In the Clearing." Among the "kindred spirits" in Washington for the celebration was Dr. Wallace Alston, who has annually played host to Agnes Scott's favorite poet for eleven years.

## Trustees Hold Annual Meeting

FOUNDER'S DAY, February 22, saw the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees gather on the campus for their annual meeting.

Routine reports were heard from the President, the Deans, the Director of Public Relations and Development, and from the Alumnae Association. The highlight of the President's report had to do with the new dormitory which will be begun next summer. This structure, which will stand where Cunningham and Tart cottages now are, will accommodate approximately 150 students, thereby enabling the college to eliminate some of the existing cottages.

The Trustees also, by an overwhelming vote, took action reaffirming Agnes Scott's long-standing policy that all applicants for admission to the college will receive equal consideration, and that the best qualified will be admitted. The official statement of the Board of Trustees is as follows:

Applications for admission to Agnes Scott College are considered on evidence of the applicant's character, academic ability and interest, and readiness for effective participation in the life of our relatively small Christian college community that is largely residential. Applicants deemed best quali-

fied on a consideration of a combination of these factors will be admitted without regard to their race, color, or creed.

The Trustees issued this clarification of the college's policy as the result of an application filed last December by a Negro student. This action by the Board is, of course, permissive, not mandatory. In the Board's action, the responsibility for carrying out this reaffirmed policy, including the timing, was left to the administration. President Alston has pointed out that students and their parents have always been given notice well in advance of any major changes in practice or procedure, including increases in tuition or other charges. Therefore, Negro applicants will not be accepted for the 1962-1963 school year.

Other actions of the Board included the re-election of corporate and synodical trustees whose terms expire this year. As an alumnae trustee, the Board elected Dr. Eleanor N. Hutchens to replace Mrs. H. Clay Lewis whose term ends this spring.

## ONLY AT A WOMAN'S COLLEGE

"Only at a woman's college is a woman a first class citizen," said Dr. Eleanor Newman Hutchens, associate professor of English, in an interview published in a number of Georgia and Alabama newspapers. "The college is for her. All teaching is directed toward her. She cannot be discriminated against in any way because of her sex."



# Agnes Scott NAMES IN THE NEWS

"The fall-out shelter is the symbol of our hope and our anxiety," wrote *Dean C. Benton Kline* in an article published in the *Atlanta Journal*. Speaking of the present preoccupation with survival, he said: "Man is not meant to live, but to live well. To survive is not enough—man must be able to live humanly . . . we must accept from God the beginning and ending of our lives and devote ourselves not merely to survival, but to the task of making life good."

## ONE FACULTY, THREE STAFF MEMBERS RETIRE

Four faculty and staff members whose service to Agnes Scott comes to a total of 112 years will retire at the close of this session.

Mr. J. C. Tart became the college treasurer in 1914 and for forty-eight years has filled this important post. His period of service to Agnes Scott is surpassed only by the forty-nine years of *Dean Nannette Hopkins*.

*Dr. Annie May Christie* joined the English department in 1923 and retires after teaching Agnes Scott students for thirty-nine years.

The other two who are retiring are Mrs. Alice B. Bray, who became associate nurse in the infirmary in 1949, and Mrs. Eloise H. Ketchin who has been hostess in the Alumnae House since 1950.

All four have made a distinct contribution to Agnes Scott's life and will carry with them into retirement the good wishes of their associates for continued happiness and usefulness.

A poll of Agnes Scott students revealed that three-fifths of them had come from high schools where cheating was prevalent. Their attitude toward cheating now: "unthinkable under the Agnes Scott honor system." The amazing success of this system is discussed in the April issue of the *Presbyterian Survey* in an article by *Betsy Fancher*, Director of Publicity. Another article by Mrs. Fancher appeared in the March issue of *Redbook*, and an Italian edition of her book, "Blue River" (Macmillan) was published in Rome last fall.

*Miss Jane Preston*, assistant professor of English, "is one of the lighted people," said *Georgia Magazine* in a recent profile on Agnes Scott's beloved teacher-poet. "Her poetry, published over the years in many newspapers and magazines, seems to glow from some 'inward sun' in its perception and compassion," the article continued. Miss Preston was recently awarded the Popular Prize of the Poetry Society of Georgia.

When a total eclipse and an extraordinary line-up of five planets with the earth, moon, and sun had Indian sages predicting Doomsday, *Dr. William A. Calder*, professor of physics and astronomy and director of the Bradley Observatory, was called upon to set Southern minds at ease. "The planets just got together in a huddle in the sky," he explained in an article in the *Atlanta Journal*. *Mr. Hendrik Hudson*, assistant professor of physics, offered a similar explanation to WQXI listeners in a taped interview.

Atlanta's *University Center in Georgia*, with eight members ranging from the University of Georgia to Agnes Scott College, was praised by *Time Magazine* in an article on the changing pattern of U.S. education.

Celebrating her 94th birthday in her cottage on the Agnes Scott campus, *Miss Louise McKinney*, professor emeritus of English, observed that today's college girls are more mature, sophisticated, and better organized than they were at the turn of the century. Then the girls were off to bed at 10 p.m. and up again at 6 a.m. "They wanted us to kiss them goodnight," she recalled. "They could turn a pretty verse, but had no interest in politics and government . . . They just wanted to get out of school and get married. They still do," quipped the blue eyed, witty Miss McKinney.

*Agnes Scott's faculty* was described as "acutely Frostbitten," in a *Newsweek Magazine* story which reported the poet's happy 20th visit to the college in January.

*Dr. W. Edward McNair*, Director of Public Relations and Development, was the teacher for January, February and March on the Sunday School of the Air, a radio program presented weekly by the Presbyterian Church, U.S., over more than 100 stations in 18 states. Also making radio and T.V. appearances were *Dr. William Cornelius*, *Dr. William Calder*, *Betsy Fancher*, *Hendrik Hudson*, *Dr. Margret Trotter* and *Ferdinand Warren*.

In the news everywhere was *Dr. Wallace Alston*, who, as Agnes Scott President and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., has already traveled over 30,000 miles since last spring. Interviewed by television, radio, and newspaper reporters in 16 states and the District of Columbia, Dr. Alston has become one of this country's best known and most articulate spokesmen for the liberal arts college.

ALUMNAE  
WEEK END  
APRIL 27-28, 1962  
REUNION CLASSES:  
'01, '02, '03, '04,  
'20, '21, '22, '23,  
'39, '40, '41, '42,  
'58, '59, '60, '61  
MILESTONE REUNIONS:  
'12, '17, '52, '57

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## Seniors Feel 'Prepared and Ready to Go'

ON THE NIGHT of June 9, 115 black-robed seniors tossed their dog-eared notebooks into a raging bonfire in a book burning ceremony that has become a tradition on the Agnes Scott campus.

Later the junior class, dressed in white, gathered in the little quadrangle to be capped by graduating seniors. Then, against a background of palely gleaming magnolias, the entire campus community joined the seniors in singing college songs dating back to their Black Cat skit four years before.

The beloved ceremonies of graduation at Agnes Scott — the Class Day skit, the senior speech program, and the President's reception — culminated in a baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Alston and a commencement address by Dr. Logan Wilson, President of the American Council on Education.

By noon on June 11, the Class of 1962 had joined the ranks of Agnes Scott alumnae. If they could be characterized in a single word, it would be "optimistic."

Raised under the shadow of the hydrogen bomb and accustomed to the tension of international flare-ups, they

### THE CLASS OF 1962: A PROFILE

WHAT IS SHE LIKE, the Agnes Scott graduate of 1962?

She wants first to be a successful homemaker, wife, and mother, according to a recent poll of the senior class.

But she'd also like to combine this with a satisfying career outside the home.

She hopes to marry an intellectual, although the "romantic" and the "practical" place high on her list of attributes for a husband. Having four children is her idea of a family.

Economically aware, she realizes that groceries for two will cost at least \$15 a week.

Presently she is most interested in the astronaut flights and nuclear testing.

John F. Kennedy is her favorite political figure; Queen Elizabeth, the woman she most admires.

The Christian theologian Paul Tillich, professor of philosophy at Union Theological Seminary, is the man of thought who best expresses her own ideas of the meaning of life.



PROUD FATHER—Bealy Smith photographs his daughter, Jo Allison Smith Brown, after commencement exercises June 11. His wife is the former Betty Lou Houck, of Agnes Scott's Class of '35.

are concerned but not fearful, alert to global tensions but full of hope about the infinite possibilities of the space age.

"Our main concern right now," said one senior, "is to get involved in something meaningful."

Said another, "We feel prepared and ready to go."

Behind them lies an exceptional record of well-rounded achievement. The class's leading scholar, Caroline Askew Hughes, winner of a National Science Foundation fellowship to Emory University and the Rotarian Award for '62's highest academic average, has served as a board member of Athletic Association, a treasurer of Student Government, a member of Mortar Board and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. For three years she has been named a Stukes Scholar and has been on the Honor Roll each year. With all this, she combines homemaking duties as the wife of Rufus Hughes. Like her, others of the Class of 1962 have made their mark in a variety of fields.

Ahead of them lies a wealth of challenging opportunities. Some 20 per cent plan to go on to graduate school, several under fellowships such as the one provided by the National Defense Education Act awarded to Sylvia Pruitt who will study philosophy at Emory University. Many will go into teaching in schools as distant as those in Bakersfield, California, and Dallas, Texas. Others look forward to jobs as technical writers, journalists, social workers, librarians, airline stewardesses, programmers of electronic data, and junior executives in retailing, insurance, and other fields.

According to Agnes Scott's Placement Director, Ione Murphy, 60 per cent will remain in the Atlanta area. Others have been drawn to Dallas, Texas, and Boston, Massachusetts. And at least three will travel as far as South Korea under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

One thing is certain: to business, scholarship, the professions, and homemaking they will bring "a quality education, a broad background of information, . . . and the meaningful associations of a small campus," as one *Atlanta Constitution* columnist stated in a recent article on Agnes Scott's Class of 1962.



## Exchange Tried

# Smith Students Meet Grits and Dogwood

"SOMEONE HAS BEEN WORKING very hard to make this place good," a Smith College student told President Wallace Alston after a week on the Agnes Scott campus.

She was participating in the Smith-Agnes Scott exchange, an experimental program which brought five Smith students to Agnes Scott this spring, and took five Agnes Scott girls to the Northampton, Massachusetts, campus for a week.

The northern visitors found the Decatur campus laced with dogwood and ablaze with azaleas. Used to an early spring attire of raccoon coats and slacks, they complimented the Agnes Scott girls on their crisp cotton dresses and praised the southern custom of exchanging greetings across the campus. They sampled grits at breakfast, queried Scotties about the integration question in endless hub discussions, and in a newspaper interview commented on Agnes Scott's good fortune in being near metropolitan Atlanta and "having boys at nearby colleges."

In Northampton, our girls enjoyed an April snowfall, answered dozens of questions about the South, accustomed themselves to large classes, and attended a number of small dinners with Smith faculty members.

The big difference between Agnes Scott and Smith? Size, they said. With 2,000 students, Smith offers a wider variety of courses than does Agnes Scott. But the general academic quality of the two schools is remarkably similar, they agreed, and "Agnes Scott's faculty is second to none."



JULIA T. GARY



RICHARD C. BAHR

## President Alston Announces Administrative Appointments

THE WOMANLY GRACES are not enough to fit women for the complex world of the 20th century, says *Dr. Julia Gary*, Agnes Scott's newly appointed assistant dean of the faculty.

The young associate professor of chemistry believes that women will fill an increasingly important role in American life as political office holders, pioneers in the arts, and guardians of community life.

"The time has come for women to accept the challenge and responsibility that come with their hard-won equality," she says.

A native of Henderson, North Carolina, and a cousin of Sweet Briar College's President, Anne Gary Pannell, Dr. Gary took her B.A. at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, her M.A. at Mount Holyoke, and her Ph.D at Emory University.

A strong believer in the type of liberal arts education offered by Agnes Scott, she says, "More than ever, women need an intellectual and spiritual reserve, a rich background of college training which stresses not only academic excellence, but emotional, spiritual, and physical well being."

In the newly created post of assistant dean of the faculty, she will work

closely with the sophomore class as academic counselor.

Another major administrative appointment is that of *Richard C. Bahr*, who becomes college treasurer.

A native of Lebanon, Missouri, Mr. Bahr graduated from Georgia Tech with a major in architecture. He headed his own architectural firm in Springfield, Missouri, and is presently affiliated with Grayson, Gill, Inc., in Dallas, Texas. His wife, the former Sarah Helen Huie, graduated from Agnes Scott in 1952. The Bahrs have two children, a daughter and a son.

From Venezuela comes Mrs. Hendrica Schepman, a native of the Netherlands, who becomes manager of the Alumnae House. Mother of two Agnes Scott girls, Anneke and Marijke ('56), Mrs. Schepman has traveled extensively in Europe and South America, speaks five languages, and has done free-lance work as a translator of literary and technical articles.

New appointments to the staff of the Office of the Dean of Students are Mrs. Elizabeth Moore of Bristol, Virginia; Miss Nancy Bond, a 1962 Agnes Scott graduate; and Miss Elizabeth D. Smith, of Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Della Ray of Decatur has been named manager of the book store.

Changes in the Office of the Registrar and Director of Admissions include the promotion of Miss Annette Teague, '59, to be assistant director of admissions and the employment of Mrs. Harriett Elder Manley, '61, as secretary to the registrar and director of admissions.



**WHO'S AFRAID OF MICE?** Not Caroline Askew Hughes, who has worked with them all year as part of her independent study program. Caroline received the Atlanta Rotarian Award for having the highest scholastic average in Agnes Scott's Class of 1962.



## Twelve Alumnae Lost in Paris Air Crash

TWELVE AGNES SCOTT ALUMNAE were among 130 Americans, 106 of them Atlantans, who were killed in the crash of an Air France jetliner June 3 in Paris. Listed among the dead were:

Anne Phinizy Black Berry—  
Spec. 1940-42  
(Mrs. Randolph)  
376 Manor Ridge Dr., N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Lydia Whitner Black — 1938  
(Mrs. David C., Jr.)  
3567 Paces Valley Rd., N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Mary Mann Boon — 1924  
(Mrs. Harry M.)  
167 Bolling Rd., N.E.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Grace Frances Holding Glenn — x-1929  
(Mrs. Barron)  
15 Vernon Rd., N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Mary Ansley Howland (Mrs.) — x-1929  
212 S. Candler St.  
Decatur, Ga.

Mary Louise "Pudden" Bealer  
Humphreys — 1946  
(Mrs. E. S., Jr.)  
3167 Downwood Circle, N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Frances Stokes Longino — x-1922  
(Mrs. Hinton F.)  
2982 Habersham Rd., N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Anne Garrett Merritt — x-1941  
(Mrs. William E.)  
184 Peachtree Battle Ave., N.W.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Elizabeth Carver Murphy — 1943  
(Mrs. David J.)  
87 E. Wesley Road, N.E.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

Helen Camp Richardson — Acad.  
(Mrs. William)  
38 Peachtree Circle, N.E.  
Atlanta 9, Ga.

Marie Louise Taylor Turner—x-1934  
(Mrs. Robert Pate)  
Marshallville, Georgia

Rosalind Janes Williams (Mrs.) — 1925  
3945 Club Drive, N.E.  
Atlanta 19, Ga.

To the families of these former students, Agnes Scott extends its heartfelt sympathy. The college shares with the bereaved a profound sense of loss.



AGNES SCOTT'S "\$10,000 dogwood" burst into radiant bloom this spring, as Sally Bergstrom, of Maitland, Florida, will testify. The beloved tree got its nickname when plans for Presser Hall were altered to avoid injuring its widespread roots.

### Spring Visitors

## Mackay Hits 'Cult of the Uncommitted'

"THE CHIEF PROBLEM of American culture is the cult of the uncommitted," a world-famed theologian told Agnes Scott students during a three-day visit to the campus in May.

"There is an emerging ideal of scholarship which tends to magnify a person who is very knowledgeable, but who is also unwilling to commit himself," said Dr. John A. Mackay, now president emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary.

"This creates a cultural vacuum. This person hasn't found a cause, purpose, or person big enough to follow," he added.

"America needs something that could match Marx's Communism. Our colleges need a philosophy of life. We need to get our big idea."

A native of Inverness, Scotland, Dr. Mackay, who once taught philosophy at the University of Lima, is an outstanding authority on Latin American problems. He is a former president of the World Presbyterian Alliance, a former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and has been a driving force behind the ecumenical movement since its inception.

### FROST'S BIOGRAPHER

What is it about Agnes Scott that has brought Robert Frost back to the campus for twenty visits in the past three decades?

Searching for the answer to this question, the poet's official biographer, Dr. Lawrance Thompson, of Princeton University, spent a week at the college this spring.

By the end of the first day at Agnes Scott, he had his answer. "It's simple enough," he smiled. "The combination of intellectual excitement, friendliness, and beauty is pretty irresistible."

Dr. Thompson, who has authored biographies of Longfellow and Melville, spent several days researching Agnes Scott's famous Robert Frost collection. In talks with librarian Edna Byers, President Alston, members of the lecture committee and the English department, he retraced the poet's visits to Agnes Scott and concluded happily, "There's a whole book here if someone would write it."

### OTHER VISITORS

Other spring visitors included Dr. Gardner Murphy, Director of Research for the Menninger Foundation, who delighted campus audiences with his lectures on the vagaries of human nature; Dr. E. R. R. Green, of the University of Manchester, who lectured on "Ireland and America"; Bryant Scudder, assistant professor of art at Emory University, whose exhibition of paintings and drawings attracted many visitors to the Buttrick Hall Gallery; and Dr. Eduard Schweizer, of the University of Zurich, who lectured on New Testament theology.



## Dr. and Mrs. Alston Visit Son in Europe

LEADING AGNES SCOTT'S roster of summer travelers are President and Mrs. Wallace M. Alston and their daughter Mary, who left June 12 for Europe.

Wallace Alston, Jr., who is taking his Ph.D. at the University of Zurich, will play host to his family in Zurich, Switzerland. The Alstons also plan side trips to Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. They will return to Agnes Scott July 11.

Dr. W. Edward McNair, director of public relations and development, will give a course on The Church and Contemporary Culture at the annual Presbyterian Women's Conference at Montreat, North Carolina, July 12-19.

Other summer plans:

Miss Elvena Green, winner of a \$1500 Faculty Fellowship from the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, will launch a year of study toward a doctorate in theater arts at the State University of Iowa.

Dr. John Tumblin, Jr., under a National Science Foundation grant, will participate in the Summer Institute in Anthropology for College Teachers at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

Raymond Martin plans to complete his doctorate in sacred music at Union Theological Seminary under a Presbyterian Fellowship.

Dr. Julia Gary will attend the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies under a Presbyterian Fellowship.

Dr. Nancy Groseclose will attend the

Summer Institute for College Teachers of Comparative Anatomy at Harvard under a National Science Foundation grant.

Miss Kay Manuel will teach aquatics at the New York University Graduate Camp.

Richard Hensel will work on his doctorate at the University of Illinois under a Presbyterian Fellowship.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

The reason many children don't learn to read may be simply that they don't think they can, believes *Dr. Lee Cople*, associate professor of psychology.

In a recent magazine article, Dr. Cople outlined his theory that a child's reading problem may be based on a defeatist, I-can't-learn attitude. Under such a handicap even children with exceptional intelligence do not strive for, or achieve, academic success, he says.

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As chairman of the Agnes Scott art department, *Ferdinand Warren* is surrounded by 650 women, and he frequently paints women's portraits. So when an Atlanta magazine attempted to define feminine charm, Mr. Warren was the first man to be queried. His definition: charm is composed of personality, dignity, poise, and individuality—but not surface beauty.

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Mathematical computations by *Miss Leslie Gaylord* on the relative equality of representation between burgeoning Fulton

County and tiny Echols County were instrumental in winning a suit against the County Unit System filed by attorney Morris Abram in April. *The Atlanta Journal*, *The Atlanta Constitution*, and *The New York Times* were among the newspapers which daily reported the mathematician's findings in the historic case.

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Frequent contributors to the *Sunday Journal-Constitution* book page this spring were *Dr. Margret Trotter* and *Dr. Ellen Douglass Leyburn*, of the English department, and *Betsy Fancher*, director of the college's news bureau.

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*Time Magazine* recently noted that one of the best ways to determine the academic quality of a college is by the percentage of National Merit Scholars enrolled. Following this criterion, Agnes Scott, in proportion to the number of students enrolled, ranks fourth among the nation's women's colleges. Leading the field are Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr, and Wellesley, in that order.

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