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ALUMNI
WEEKEND
SCHEDULE

HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED

POLISH CITIZEN RECIPIENT OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE

The speaker for Lycoming College's 111th Commencement will be the Reverend Professor Joseph Szczepkowski. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 12, 1890. He studied at Cazenovia Seminary, Syracuse University, Detroit Teachers College, Drew Theological Seminary, and took post-graduate work in summer schools at Union Seminary, New York and Cambridge University, England.

During the First World War Mr. Szczepkowski was an officer in the United States Navy and went to Poland soon after his release from military service. There he became rector of the Polish Methodist Biblical Seminary in Warsaw and held that position until it was liquidated during the Stalin era. At the present time he is deputy professor and lecturer in English at Copernicus University located in Torun, Poland—the birthplace of the early astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus. He is also director of the Methodist Language College in Warsaw. This is one of the largest of its kind in the world with an average yearly registration of six thousand students.

Although an American citizen by birth, Mr. Szczepkowski was subjected to increasing political pressures as he carried on the work of The Methodist Church in Poland. Ultimately he had to make a choice between his work and his citizenship. In order to guarantee his unmolested stay he became a Polish citizen. Only with this sacrifice is he able to continue his residence in Poland and to serve as the General Superintendent of the Polish Methodist Church.

For his address to the Senior Class of Lycoming College, Mr. Szczepkowski has chosen as his text, "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

FIVE TO BE HONORED AT 111th COMMENCEMENT

The 111th Annual Commencement of Lycoming College will take place on the Flag Court on Sunday, June 7, 1959, at 3:00 p. m. Five honorary degrees will be conferred in addition to the 96 seniors who will receive their A.B. Degrees, 94 seniors who will receive their B.S. Degrees, and 11 students who will receive their terminal certificates.

The Reverend Professor Joseph Szczepkowski will deliver the Commencement address. He will receive the Doctor of Divinity Degree as will the Reverend Doctor Malcolm V. Mussina. The degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, will be conferred on Edwin Crever Dunning. He is the great-grandson of the Reverend Benjamin H. Crever, the founder of Dickinson Seminary—forerunner of Lycoming College. The Doctor of Laws Degree will be conferred on Conway W. Dickson and Judge Frederick V. Follmer. Mr. Dickson is borough solicitor in Berwick, Pennsylvania. Judge Follmer is a resident of Milton, Pennsylvania and is a United States District Judge.

ALUMNI DAY

Saturday, June 6, 1959

Reunion Classes

'54	'49	'58
'34	'39	'44
	'29	
'14	'19	'24
	'09	

and "OLDTIMERS"

HOME COMING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 31, 1959

RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DEGREES AT

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY



MALCOLM V. MUSSINA

THE REVEREND DOCTOR MALCOLM V. MUSSINA was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1902. He was graduated from the Williamsport High School and received his A.B. Degree from Bucknell University. New York University conferred the M.A. Degree upon him. He received his theological training at Drew University, and it was from this institution that he received both his B.D. Degree and Ph.D. Degree.

Dr. Mussina became a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of The Methodist Church in 1932. He served in the pastorate for 12 years before becoming Director of the Wesley Foundation at State College, Pennsylvania. He held this position for five years before his election to Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education in 1948. Dr. Mussina has been a member of the faculty at a number of universities. He was a teaching fellow in the College of Religious Education and Missions at Drew University; Assistant and part-time visiting Professor of Religious Education at The Pennsylvania State University; and Lecturer in Religious Education in the Graduate School of Religion at the University of Southern California.

His conference responsibilities include serving as member of the Committee on Christian Vocations and member of the Commission on Town and Country Work. He has been active in interdenominational circles serving as a Director of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association; member of the Education Committee of the Pennsylvania State Council of Churches; and member of the Commission on Administration and Leadership of the National Council of Churches. He is a member of the Williamsport School District Board and served as president of this body for one year. He is also a member of the Williamsport Area Joint School Board.

Dr. Malcolm V. Mussina is the son of Vivian E. and Margaret MacMillan Mussina and is married to the former Florence Spencer. They have two children, Carolyn and Malcolm.

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS



EDWIN CREVER DUNNING

EDWIN CREVER DUNNING was born in Howard, Pennsylvania in 1914, but moved to Southern California at an early age. He is the son of the late Dr. James Edwin Dunning, and the great-grandson of the Reverend Benjamin H. Crever, the founder of Dickinson Seminary. He was graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California.

The son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Dunning has been continuously interested and active in the fields of church music and teaching. At the age of 19 he received his first appointment as a choir director. A year later he was engaged by the First Baptist Church in Los Angeles where he served for ten years as Minister of Music and baritone soloist. He is currently Minister of Music at Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco. He is also a regular member of the Cosmopolitan Opera Company of San Francisco.

He has taught in the Samoilloff Bel Canto Voice Studios of Los Angeles, in the Baker Conservatory of Music in Flint, Michigan, and was a member of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto under Hermann Geiger-Torel. After a year with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Mr. Dunning moved to San Jose, California, where he is a member of the faculty of the Music Department at San Jose State College, and a founder and Head of their Opera Department.

The greatest public recognition has come to Mr. Dunning through his opera singing. In a Hollywood Bowl production he took the principal role in the opera "Martha." In New York he sang in "La Boheme" with Grace Moore—a performance which proved to be the last in this country for the noted soprano. The following year he was engaged for the Chicago Opera season. Engagements in New Orleans, Richmond, Pittsburgh, Washington, Cuba and Central America followed in quick succession. During the war he traveled more than fifty thousand miles singing with USO through the South Pacific, Europe and Asia.

LYCOMING'S 111th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

DOCTOR OF LAWS



CONWAY W. DICKSON

CONWAY W. DICKSON was born August 14, 1885, in Berwick, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Sterling W. and Lillie E. Dickson. He attended Berwick public schools, from which he was graduated in 1903 as valedictorian of his class. He entered Lawrenceville Preparatory School where he was class orator and an honor student. During his year at Lawrenceville he was a member of the football team, the debating team, and the Philomathean Society. Mr. Dickson matriculated in the academic department of Yale College in the fall of 1904 and was graduated in 1908, receiving a B.A. Degree. While at Yale, he took part in inter-class debating, held membership in the University Glee Club and the Zeta Psi fraternity.

In the fall of 1908 he became a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in 1910, receiving the LL.B. Degree. While enrolled at that institution, he was a member of the Sharswood Club and editor of the class report. He entered upon the practice of law in the fall of 1910 in the offices of M. J. Martin and Ralph W. Rymer, Scranton, Penna. He was associated with them two years before he opened law offices in Berwick where he has continued to maintain a general practice. In 1927 he married Gertrude Anna Finck, a native of New York City.

Mr. Dickson has served as president or chairman of the following organizations: Columbia and Montour Counties Boy Scout Council, Berwick Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Wyoming Valley Yale Club, Community Chest, Community Concert Association. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, P. O. S. of A., and the I. O. O. F.

The Methodist Church has also benefited from the leadership of Conway W. Dickson. He is President of the Trustees of The First Methodist Church of Berwick, President of the Sumbury District Trustees of The Methodist Church, and a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference Committee on Conference Organization.

DOCTOR OF LAWS



FREDERICK V. FOLLMER

FREDERICK VORIS FOLLMER was born December 12, 1885, in Milton, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Dr. John S. and Elizabeth B. Follmer. A life-long resident of Central Pennsylvania, he attended the public schools in Milton and was graduated in 1902. He matriculated at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and had conferred upon him the A.B. Degree in 1906. While a student at Bucknell, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Judge Follmer continued his graduate work at Harvard University and was graduated from that institution in 1909, receiving the LL.B. Degree. He was honored in 1956 when his alma mater, Bucknell University, conferred upon him the honorary degree, Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.).

On Memorial Day, 1921, he married the former Ella Brown. They have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert E. LaCroix), presently living in Prairie Village, Kansas.

In 1910 he opened his practice in Milton, and the following year was elected Assistant District Attorney of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He held this position for three years. He continued his legal practice in Milton until 1935 when he was appointed United States Attorney. He served in this capacity eleven years. In 1946 he became United States District Judge and presided over the Eastern, Middle and Western District of Pennsylvania. In 1955, as United States District Judge, he was specifically assigned to the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Follmer has few competing interests and hence is able to devote his talents in the service of The Methodist Church as an active layman. For 36 years he has been the organist at the First Methodist Church in Milton. In that church he has been the President of the Board of Trustees for many years and is also the Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. He is the lay member to the Annual Conference and a director of The Methodist Home for the Aged in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

*Schedule of Activities
For Commencement Weekend*

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1959

(All Activities on Daylight Saving Time)

Registration 9:00 a. m. — 12:00 m. Main Campus

Lycoming College Museum Open 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 m. — 2:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Eveland Hall

Luncheon 12:00 m. College Dining Room
(All alumni guests of the College)

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association will immediately follow the luncheon at which time:

Introduction of 40-year alumni Dr. Victor B. Hann

Presentation of 50-year certificates Dr. D. Frederick Wertz

Presentation of the Order of the Warrior Mr. W. Russell Zacharias

Report of the College Dr. D. Frederick Wertz

2:00 p. m.

Meetings of Classes holding Reunions

6:00 p. m.

Alumni Banquet College Dining Room

Speaker: MR. FRED A. PENNINGTON '32

(Tickets \$2.00 — Purchase at Registration Desk)

8:15 p. m.

The Lycoming Choir Concert Clarke Chapel

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1959

10:45 a. m.

Baccalaureate Service Pine Street Methodist Church

Speaker: DR. D. FREDERICK WERTZ

President, Lycoming College

3:00 p. m.

Commencement Flag Court, Lycoming College

(In case of rain — Roosevelt Junior High School)

Speaker: THE REVEREND PROFESSOR JOSEPH SZCZEPKOWSKI

General Superintendent, Polish Methodist Church

DEAR ALUMNUS:

This is the time of the year when grads' thoughts turn toward their Alma Maters. For somewhere a few years ago or many years ago, this time of year caps and gowns, farewells, and goodbyes, "sheepskins" and speeches were the order of the day. For thousands of Seminary and Lycoming Graduates, distance, time, physical infirmities, family obligations, and perhaps some indifference will bring only memories tinged with nostalgia and retrospection. For some hundreds of former students, there will be the joy of walking again once familiar places, of greeting old friends, of bragging a little about family achievements and noticing the changes that time has made in the physical forms of former schoolmates. But something inexplicable happens when one returns to the Campus of the School which made an impression far greater than one ever expected. It is the rebirth of the spirit, the fanning of long smouldering coals of memory, the quickening of lethargic responses. It is going back "home" for a short visit.

If you have not been to the Campus in years, you will have trouble recognizing familiar landmarks. If you have been back as recent as last year, you'll be delighted with the new Student Activities Building. Many physical and other changes have taken place in the relatively short period that Dr. Wertz has been president.

Commencement this year will mark the closing of my service to the College as Alumni President. I have appreciated so much the help of my associates on the Alumni Board. It's been a joy of mine to have served my School, particularly in these years when so much has happened on the Lycoming Campus. My successor is a most capable, highly respected alumnus of the College and a citizen of the Williamsport Community. He will make an excellent leader.

Sincerely,

VICTOR B. HANN,
President.

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