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## Four To Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

Lycoming's 119th Annual Baccalaureate and Commencement Services will take place on Sunday, June 4. The Reverend L. Paul Neuffer, director of religious activities at the College, will deliver the baccalaureate address at 10:45 a. m. at the Pine Street Methodist Church. The commencement service is scheduled to take place at 3:00 p. m. outdoors in the Flag Court (in case of rain—the Williamsport Senior High School Gymnasium). A graduating class of 226 students will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree. The College will also confer four honorary degrees at the ceremony.

### Doctor of Laws Degree To George A. Newbury

George A. Newbury, a thirty-third degree Mason and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, will give the commencement address. A lawyer and banker by profession, Mr. Newbury was president of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company of Buffalo, western New York's largest independent banking institution, until his retirement in 1962. Lycoming will confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Born in Ripley, N. Y., on November 7, 1895, Mr. Newbury was educated in the Ripley public schools

and graduated from Cornell University (LL.B) in 1917. Following his graduation he served as a lieutenant (j. g.) on the U. S. S. *Delaware* during World War I.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Mr. Newbury began practicing law in Westfield, N. Y. and in 1924 became associated with the Buffalo legal firm of Locke, Babcock, Adams, & Hollister. He left active practice in 1946, when he was named executive vice president of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company of Buffalo. He succeeded to the presidency in 1954 and acted in this capacity until his retirement in 1962.

Mr. Newbury continues as a director of the M. & T. Trust Company and as a member of its Executive and Trust Investment Committees. He is also a director of Fisher-Price Toys, Inc.; Beals, McCarthy & Rogers, Inc.; Health Service, Inc.; and National

Health and Welfare Retirement Association, Inc.

Upon his retirement as president of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Mr. Newbury became counsel to his old law firm, now Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, and continues in this capacity.

Mr. Newbury served two terms as a member of the New York State Banking Board, 1959-65. In addition, he has served as a member of numerous committees of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, American Bankers Association, the New York State Bar Association, and New York State Bankers Association, of which he was president in 1961-62.

Mr. Newbury has played a major role in the civic affairs of Buffalo and the Niagara frontier area. He served as president of the Hospital Service Corporation of Western New York (Blue Cross) for seven years and is presently chairman of the Board. He headed the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce between 1943 and 1945; the Children's Aid Society and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 1942-49; the Community Chest for

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## ALUMNI WEEKEND — JUNE 2-3, 1967

### Friday

Alumni-Faculty Golf Tournament		
Buffet Luncheon	12:00 noon	Williamsport Country Club
Tee Off	1:00 p. m.	Williamsport Country Club
Class Reunion—1917	6:00 p. m.	Washingtonville
England Choir Reunion	8:30 p. m.	President's Residence

### Saturday

Registration and Coffee Hour	9:00 a. m.—12:00 noon	North Hall
Luncheon (no charge)	12:00 noon	Dining Room
Alumni Association		
Business Meeting	1:00 p. m.	Dining Room
Class Reunions	2:00 p. m.	As Designated
(Class years ending in 2's and 7's)		
Musical Program	3:00 p. m.	Fraternity Lounge
Lecture	3:30 p. m.	Fraternity Lounge
Dr. Clifford O. Smith '59		
Alumni Banquet*	6:00 p. m.	Dining Room
Choir Concert	8:30 p. m.	Clarke Chapel

\* Tickets at \$3.00 each will be on sale at the registration table Saturday morning and in the Alumni Office Saturday afternoon until 5:00 p. m. or may be obtained by writing to the Alumni Office.

### Dr. Skeath To Be Named Doctor of Letters

Dr. J. Milton Skeath, professor of psychology, who will retire from Lycoming at the end of the current academic year, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Dr. Skeath has served on the faculty of Lycoming College and its predecessor institutions for more than forty-five years. He first came to Dickinson Seminary in 1921, following his graduation from Dickinson College, Carlisle. He preceded by two months the arrival of former president John W. Long to the campus.

Joining the staff as a mathematics instructor, Dr. Skeath added psychology to his field when the seminary became a junior college. He also served as one of its first track coaches. During his long tenure Dr. Skeath has seen Lycoming enrollment grow from 300 to the present 1,400 undergraduates.

At four different periods during his affiliation with the College, Dr. Skeath has served as dean, the last time as interim dean in 1964-65. He was dean when Dickinson Junior College became a four-year degree-granting institution in 1948. That year, for the

first time in the history of the institution, the board granted a year's leave of absence to a faculty member to do advanced study. Leave was given to Dr. Skeath to complete work for his doctorate in psychology at The Pennsylvania State University.

In 1956 Dr. Skeath was the recipient of a merit award for outstanding service to the College, and in 1965 Skeath Hall, on the southeast corner of the campus, was named in his honor.

Dr. Skeath is married to the former Dr. Frances Knights, chairman of the Mathematics Department. His son, who holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois, is on the faculty of Cornell University.

### Divinity Degree for The Rev. Paul E. Myers

The Reverend Paul E. Myers, will be the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Pastor of the First Methodist Church of York, Pa., since 1963, Mr. Myers has been appointed district superintendent of the Altoona District of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of The Methodist Church, effective July 1.

Born at Lititz, Lancaster County,

Pa., Mr. Myers was educated in the public schools of Harrisburg and received his A.B. degree in 1941 from Lebanon Valley College. He received an S.T.B. degree in 1944 from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Licensed as a local preacher in the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church of Harrisburg at the age of fifteen, Mr. Myers was ordained as a deacon and an elder in 1944 and became a full member of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference in 1946. All of his twenty-seven years of ministerial service have been in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, including pastorates at the Manor Hill and Warriors Mark churches in Huntington County, Simpson Methodist Church in Altoona, and the Chambersburg Methodist Church.

Among Mr. Myers' connectional responsibilities in the Central Pennsylvania Conference has been service as chairman of the Board of Evangelism 1955-63; chairman of the InterBoard Council, 1961 and 1962; and member of the Commission of World Service and Finance 1963-67. His community service includes a term as president of the Chambersburg Area Council of Churches, president of the York County Methodist Union, and a member of the Social Action Committee of the York County Council of Churches.

Mr. Myers and his wife, the former Thelma Irene DeSong, have four children. The eldest, Caroline, was a member of the Class of 1963 of Lycoming College, and is now married to Abraham Reyes, a member of the Class of 1962.

### Humanities Degree to Lynn Manning Clark

Lynn Manning Clark, superintendent of schools of Westfield, Mass., and a Lycoming alumnus, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

A native of Westfield, Mass., his present residence, Mr. Clark attended Lycoming College from September, 1946, to August, 1948, when he transferred to Bucknell University. He received the B.S. and M.S. degrees from Bucknell in 1949 and 1952 respectively, and did additional graduate work in school administration at Columbia University, the University of Massachusetts, and other institutions.

Before entering college Mr. Clark served in the U. S. Army from 1940



to 1946. Having enlisted as a private, he was honorably released from duty as a captain.

In 1959, after serving for six years in the school administration at Glen Rock, N. J., Mr. Clark returned to the school system where he had received his own public school education, as assistant to the superintendent of schools of Westfield, Mass. In 1962 he was appointed superintendent, with responsibilities for the administration and supervision of a school district which includes 13 school buildings, 6,600 pupils, and a staff of 300 educators and 200 civil service employees.

Active in many educational and community affairs, Mr. Clark is serving as president of the Western Massachusetts Economic Education Council, Inc., chairman of the Selection Committee of the Westfield Gas and Electric Scholarship Program, and incorporator for the Pioneer Valley United Fund and the Westfield Athenium. He serves as a director of the Westfield chapter of the American Red Cross, the Westfield Council for the Aging, and the Westfield YMCA, and a member of the Greater Westfield Scholarship Foundation, the Massachusetts Advisory Council to the State Board of Education for vocational education, the Selection Committee of the Tryon Scholarship Fund, and the Westfield Kiwanis Club. He is a trustee of the Western Massachusetts Economic Education Council and of the Woronoco Savings Bank and vice president of the Co-operative School Service Center. In addition he was recently selected to be a consultant for the Associated Educational Consultants, Inc. He is a steward in the First Methodist Church of Westfield.

Mr. Clark and his wife, Ruth, were married in Williamsport in 1946; they have one son Lynn L., 17, and a daughter, Ruth M., 14.

### Dinner for Dr. Skeath

Friends of Dr. J. Milton Skeath will pay a tribute to him on the occasion of his retirement with a dinner at the Lycoming Hotel on Friday, June 2 at 6:00 p. m. Dr. Skeath will address the gathering and will be presented with notes and telegrams from well-wishers.



*Dr. J. Milton Skeath, retiring professor of psychology, receives a farewell gift from the faculty and tributes from Dr. George K. Shortess and Dr. Wertz.*



*Arnold A. Phipps, vice president of the Board of Directors, presents Dr. Elvin Clay Myers with a watch commemorating his twenty-five years on the Board as Dr. Hubert V. Manning (left), Founders Day speaker, and Dr. Wertz look on.*

## Dr. Skeath and Board Member Honored at Founders Day Dinner

Dr. J. Milton Skeath, who will retire from the Lycoming faculty this year, and Dr. Elvin Clay Myers of Mechanicsburg, who has served on the Board of Directors for twenty-five years, were honored at the fourth annual Founders Day Faculty-Directors Dinner held at Holiday Inn on May 11.

Dr. Skeath, who is also scheduled to receive the honorary Doctor of Letters degree at commencement this year, was cited for his long service to the institution by Dr. George K. Shortess, who spoke on behalf of the faculty. Assistant professor of psychology and chairman of the department, Dr. Shortess is a former student of Dr. Skeath.

Arnold A. Phipps, vice president of the College Board of Directors, spoke

in recognition of Dr. Myers' years of service. A graduate of Dickinson Seminary fifty-one years ago, Dr. Myers became administrator of the Methodist Homes for the Aged at Tyrone and Mechanicsburg in 1962. He joined the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference in 1920 and served as superintendent of the Williamsport District from 1942-46. Last June he participated in the fiftieth reunion of the Class of 1916 on the Lycoming campus.

Dr. D. Frederick Wertz, president of the College, presided at the dinner and introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Hubert V. Manning, president of Claffin College, Orangeburg, S. C. Lycoming and Claffin are currently engaged in a program of academic cooperation.

## Newbury—(Continued)

the two years 1950-51, during which he was both president and campaign chairman, and the Salvation Army, of which he is presently chairman of the Advisory Board. He has been a director or trustee of such organizations as the Buffalo General Hospital, Children's Hospital, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, the Greater Buffalo Development Foundation, Inc., and the Boy Scouts of America.

The field of education has also benefited from Mr. Newbury's talents as an organizer and administrator. He has served as a trustee of his alma mater, Cornell University, since 1960. He is also a member of the University Council, and for three years served as chairman of the Cornell Fund. He is also an advisory board member of the State University College at Fredonia, N. Y., a part of the New York State University System, and of Rosary Hill College, a Catholic girls' school at Buffalo. He has served as a director of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. In recent years Mr. Newbury has played a prominent part in the establishment of WNED-TV, Buffalo's educational channel, of which he was the first president and is currently vice president. finance.

Despite the demands of a busy professional life, Mr. Newbury has con-

tinued his interest in Freemasonry which began when he was made a Mason in Summit Lodge No. 219 of Westfield in 1920. He entered Scottish Rite in Buffalo in 1926, presiding over Palmoni Lodge of Perfection in 1931 and over Buffalo Consistory from 1936-39. He was created an honorary member of the Supreme Council at Cincinnati in 1940 and was elevated to active membership at Cincinnati in 1947.

Recognizing his leadership abilities, Mr. Newbury's colleagues on the Supreme Council designated him Grand Minister of State, 1954-60; Grand Lieutenant Commander, 1960 to September 30, 1965, on which date he succeeded the late George E. Bushnell as Sovereign Grand Commander. He was elected to this post the following year.

Mr. Newbury has actively assisted his church, Westminster Presbyterian of Buffalo, as a deacon, an elder, chairman of its Finance Committee and of its Board of Trustees. In 1958 he became a member of the Legislative Commission of the New York State Council of Churches, and serves currently.

Mr. Newbury has received two nationally known honors, the Justin Ford Kimball Award of the American Hospital Association and the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America.

## New Members Elected to Board

The Preacher's Aid Society of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference recently elected three new members to the College Board of Directors:

Dr. T. Sherman Stanford '32, director of admissions of The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa. (alumni representative)

The Rev. Donald H. Treese, pastor of Newberry Methodist Church, Williamsport  
Dr. Jackson Burns, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del.

After serving eighteen years as a regular member of the Board of Directors Charles V. Adams '03 was elected an honorary director.

## Summer Grants Awarded

Summer Graduate Study Grants of \$250 each were approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the following faculty members:

S. Ray Brost, instructor in German  
John H. Conrad, assistant professor of education  
Roger W. Opdahl, assistant professor of economics  
William E. Rogers, assistant professor of biology  
Louise R. Schaeffer, assistant professor of education  
Elizabeth H. King, assistant professor of business administration



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