

## English Instructor Relates Travels In South America

"South Americans don't know the United States, and what is more, they have no desire to," said Mrs. C. S. Anderson, instructor of English composition, at a lecture Wednesday. She spent four months traveling in South America in 1940.

Mrs. Anderson has visited every country in South America except Paraguay, Bolivia, and Guiana. The following, according to her, are "impressions of a North American traveler, reinforced by conversations with natives and by a study of authoritative literature."

The so-called cultured group on the continent, who compose about 10 per cent of the population, have been educated in Europe, stated the English instructor. As a result they have the ideologies of the Europeans and their customs. The ambition of every city is to be like Paris with its wide boulevards, statue-lined streets, and beautiful buildings.

In "Rio" the South American "promenade" takes place each afternoon at 5 o'clock. At this time the places of business are closed, and people just relax, walking around to see what they can see and to greet friends, pointed out Mrs. Anderson.

Twenty-three hundred feet above the city stands the statue of Christo Redemptor on Corcovado Height, literally dominating the city with its outstretched arms, Mrs. Anderson said.

Spanish is the language of all South America, except in Brazil

where Portuguese is spoken. The climate of the continent is the reciprocal of North America's, brought out Mrs. Anderson. The warmer zone is in the north, and the temperate and colder zones are in the south.

"In the north is found a mixture of black and white population, called Mestizos; along the western coast are red Indians, with some mixture of black and white; and in the interior is a fusion of red and black natives," explained the composition instructor.

"The only two all-white countries are Uruguay and Argentina, who control their population by relatively strict immigration laws. These countries more closely resemble the United States than any others.

"The whole continent of South America is at present torn by political and social tension and strain. Political sympathies range from devoted Americanism to pro-Axis sympathies.

"South America is a land in which we should be interested," concluded Mrs. Anderson, "and whose future will be closely bound with ours."

## 333 to Receive Degrees At June Commencement

The College will award 333 degrees at its seventh wartime commencement in Schwab Auditorium on Thursday, June 22. Howard L. Bevis, president of Ohio State University will be the guest speaker.

Bachelor of science degrees number 223, divided as follows: School of Education, 77; School of Chemistry and Physics, 73; School of Engineering, 30; School of Agriculture, 25; School of Mineral Industries, 12; and School of Physical Education and Athletics, 6.

Eighty-five bachelor of arts degrees will be awarded, 64 from the School of Liberal Arts and 21 from the School of Education.

Advanced degrees are: master of arts, 2; master of education, 3; master of science, 19; doctor of philosophy, 9; and engineer of mines, 1.

## Moisture Gauge Equips Lab for Forestry Tests

The forestry utilization laboratory is now equipped to perform all of the standard tests commonly done, according to Dr. N. A. Norton of the department of forestry at the College.

A Kaydel moisture gauge, used to determine the moisture content of wood samples, is the newest addition to Dr. Norton's laboratory. This device measures moisture contents ranging from four to 40 per cent.

## War News Analyzed

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**Italian Theatre**—The Allied assault on Rome moved forward with bitter German resistance. The west coast of Italy from the toe of the boot to the Anzio beachhead is now in the hands of the Allies. The fringes of the Alban Hills below Rome have been reached, and on Memorial Day Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark declared that "before many days have passed, we shall have freed this first of the European capitals from Nazi tyranny." The Germans have brought up big guns and appear to be making a last stand before Rome. It is obvious, however, that the strong German resistance is taxing their strength. In the recent advances in Italy the first all-selective service outfits to fight in Europe played a prominent part. They were the 85th and the 88th divisions of the Fifth Army.

**British Theatre**—The American and Allied air assaults on German manufacturing centers, communication lines and the coastal regions have continued during the past week. On Monday, May 29, more than 4,500 planes, 4,000 of them American, bombed Fortress Europe from the west coast as far east as Poland. The bombings continued daily, with a thousand or more bombers, accompanied by as many fighters, taking part. Continued radio messages are being sent to Europe in many languages giving instructions to the natives how to aid the invasion forces when D-day arrives.

**Asiatic Theatre**—Fighting in Burma has been slowed by the monsoon which broke last week. Although the Allies were a very short distance from their objective, Myitkyina, on Sunday, the city, head of rail and river traffic in the Irrawaddy Valley, has not yet been taken. Without Myitkyina the Allies cannot develop and protect the land route eastward from India to China. Tuesday and Wednesday hard street fighting took place in the city, with American and Chinese troops trying to beat back Japanese counter-attacks.

**Chinese Theatre**—After the Japanese seized Yoyang (Yochow) in the northeast corner of Hunan province early last week, they launched an attack Saturday and Sunday down the Hankow railroad in an attempt to occupy the entire Canton-Hankow line and establish defenses against a possible American landing on the China coast. Tuesday and Wednesday the Japs made further advances with the attack spearheaded by 150,000 veteran crack troops brought from Manchuria. Chinese authorities stated that the drive already has developed into the biggest in the rice bowl since the war started almost seven years ago.

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## Hetzel Honors War Dead In Memorial Day Speech

President Ralph Dorn Hetzel paid solemn and grateful tribute to the heroic dead of this and other wars at Memorial Day services on the front campus Tuesday.

"In this crucial hour," the president told his audience, which was composed of students, faculty, staff, and officers and men of the military and naval units, "let us repledge our faith and our loyalty to the principles and ideals for which they died."

The President reminded his audience that "in the relatively short life of this institution its students and its faculties have four times gathered under the shadows of Old Main to pledge their lives and their fortunes in the defense of their ideals."

In an impressive ceremony, the program was opened with the singing of "America" by the entire assembly, after which the president spoke. The flag was then raised from half to full mast, and the ceremonies concluded by the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Music was furnished by the Navy V-12 band.

The program was arranged by

an all-College Cabinet committee headed by Edmund Koval, president of the Independent Student Council.

President Hetzel's talk follows: "We are by instinct and tradition a peaceful people. As a nation, we have repeatedly pledged ourselves to the establishment and maintenance of a world in which understanding and good will shall reign supreme. We have given generously of our resources—material, intellectual, and spiritual—that these objectives and ideals might be preserved to us, and extended to all of the peoples of the world.

And yet as we gather here this morning we are reminded that in the relatively short life of this institution its students and its faculties have four times gathered under the shadows of Old Main to pledge their lives and their fortunes in the defense of their ideals. They gathered here in the early 1860's to fight for the unity of their country. They assembled again in '98 to champion the political and social and religious privileges of neighboring peoples of lesser strength and resources.

Within less than a quarter of a century they were mobilized to fight for the cause of liberty and democracy on the battle grounds of Europe. And at this hour they are engaged in every quarter of the world in a conflict of such dimensions and of such significance as to exceed the limits of our understanding. Our strength now is the strength of our faith.

"Each time we have marched off to battle our numbers have been larger. Each time the ravages of war have exacted from us a heavier sacrifice. Each time we have mourned the loss of a larger

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## W. V. Dennis to Lead Discussion on Religion

William V. Dennis, professor of rural sociology at the College, will lead the last discussion of the series on "Comparative Religions" sponsored by the Student Interfaith Council in 304 Old Main at 8 p.m. Monday.

Dennis will speak on "What the Churches Can Do to Meet the Demands of the Returning Servicemen." A group discussion will follow. Refreshments will be served.

## Alumni Council Receives Executive Board Ballots

Ballots for the election of five of the 11 members of the executive board of the Alumni Association were mailed Wednesday to all members of the alumni council including the class secretary and president of the district alumni clubs, the alumni office announced today.

Also included is a ballot for the election of two alumni members to the athletic advisory board to serve three-year terms beginning July 1. Accompanying the ballot is a short biographical sketch covering the undergraduate and alumni activities of each candidate.

Under normal conditions this spring election would be held during commencement week. However, since alumni day has been scheduled this spring, the election will be conducted by mail.

After the election closing June 21, the executive board will meet and elect officers of the association for the coming year.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

PENNSYLVANIA GREYHOUND LINES wish to announce to all students that, in order to arrange accommodations for travel from June 16 to 22 inclusive, it will be necessary to make reservations by purchasing your ticket as far in advance as possible, but not later than twelve hours prior to your intended departure time.

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**7:55 P.M.	1:40 P.M.	
11:15 P.M.	6:20 P.M.	

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