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Monmouth College Sets Five Honorary Degrees

WEST LONG BRANCH—Monmouth College will award five honorary degrees during its 31st commencement exercises at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 5. There are 490 candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 280 candidates for associate in arts degrees.

Dr. William G. Van Note, president of the college, has announced that Major Gen. F. W. Moorman, commanding general, U.S. Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, will be the commencement speaker and will receive the honorary degree of doctor of science.

Honorary degrees of doctor of humane letters will go to Bob Hope, radio, film and TV comedian; Milton Erlanger, Elberon, a Monmouth College honorary trustee and retired businessman; and Dr. George S. Stevenson, Red Bank, a mental health specialist and consultant J. Russell Woolley, West Long Branch, Monmouth County clerk, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Gen. Moorman was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in June 1934, commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, and assigned to the 12th Infantry at Fort Washington, Md. In June, 1935, he was transferred to the 21st Infantry School at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and he graduated from there in September, 1937.

Following his graduation from the Signal Corps School in June 1939, he was assigned to the 4th (later 6th) Signal Co. and remained with it until war was declared.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, the 82nd Infantry Division was organized, and Gen. Moorman was ordered to it as its signal officer. He remained with the 82nd Infantry (later Airborne) Division through the campaigns of Sicily, Italy, and Normandy as its signal officer and later as the assistant chief of staff, G-4.

When the XVIII Corps (Airborne) was organized in the summer of 1944, he joined that headquarters as its assistant chief of staff G-4, remaining with it throughout the various campaigns in which it participated in Europe. After a brief post war period of service in the Far East, he returned to Italy in the fall of 1945 as a member of the Theater staff.

Gen. Moorman assumed command of the U. S. Army Electronics Command at Ft. Monmouth on August 30, 1963.

Among General Moorman's decorations are the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal and the Commendation Ribbon.

Mr. Erlanger was elected to the Board of Trustees of Monmouth College in July, 1955.

came an honorary member of the board in October 1961.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Mr. Erlanger entered Johns Hopkins University at the age of 15 and earned his bachelor's degree at the age of 19. After distinguishing himself as an outstanding collegiate lacrosse player at Johns Hopkins, he was elected to the Board of Governors of the U. S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association where he served for a decade and at one time was president of the association. In 1915, Mr. Erlanger was named as a member of the All-Time Hopkins Lacrosse Team.

Following graduation from college, he became associated with the family enterprises, known as the B. V. D. Corporation, and helped develop that well-known trade mark. He became vice president of the company after a number of years and, upon the retirement of his brother Sidney, Mr. Erlanger became president.

In 1956 Mr. Erlanger created the Erlanger Business Corporation. Having created this successful business group, Mr. Erlanger retired from the executive direction of the company, became honorary chairman of the Board of Directors, and was succeeded as chairman by his son, Michael.

Mr. Erlanger married the former Arlene Sylvester Stern of New York on June 1, 1914. The couple summered at Oakhurst where his parents resided, and eventually made their residence Monmouth County. Mr. and Mrs. Erlanger have a thoroughbred horse breeding farm, Woodside Stud, Inc. in Ocean Twp. and West Long Branch.

In 1963 Mr. Erlanger was elected "Man of the Year" by the Ocean Twp. Chamber of Commerce. He is treasurer of the U. S. Section, International Council for Bird Preservation; a member of the Monmouth County Branch of the English Speaking Union; delegate from Poodle Club of America to the American Kennel Club; and a member of Temple Emanuel in New York and Temple Beth Miriam in Elberon, where he was chairman of the Temple's 75th Anniversary Committee.

Dr. Stevenson, a member of the Governing Board of the Monmouth Medical Center and advisor to the Monmouth County Mental Health Board, has received the Lord and Taylor Award, the Adolf Meyer Award, and a Selective Service Decoration for his outstanding work.

He serves on numerous committees and boards including the National Child Labor Committee, Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, Fountain House and Spring Lake Ranch, halfway houses; AFL - CIO Community Services Advisory Committee; Schizophrenia Research Committee of the Scottish Rite; Council of American Psychiatric Association, Executive Board of World Federation for Mental Health; Board of New Jersey Association for Mental Health, Board of Monmouth County Association for Mental Health, Council of N. J. Association for Retarded Children, Civil Service Commission on N. J. Welfare Council; vice president of Monmouth County Organization for Social Service; Board of U. S. Committee for World Health Organization; Advisory Committee to Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University; and trustee of Monmouth Community Action Program.

Dr. Stevenson has bachelor of science, master of science and doctor of science degrees from Bucknell University, as well as a doctor of medicine degree from Johns Hopkins University. He has vast experience in the field of psychiatry including positions as field consultant and later director of the Division of Community Clinics of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene 1926-1939; medical director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 1939-1952; a national and international consultant, the National Association for Mental Health, 1952-1959.

Mr. Woolley's public service spans more than 40 years.

After his return from World War I, he was appointed borough clerk of West Long Branch a post he has held continuously since 1921 under both Republican and Democratic mayors.

His county service began in 1936, when he was appointed clerk of the Board of Freeholders. The following year, he was elected to a three-year term as Freeholder.

Mr. Woolley was elected county clerk in 1939, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Raymond L. Wycoff, and has served the office since that date. He is chairman of the Monmouth County Republican Executive Committee, a post he has held for more than 20 years.

He was born in Long Branch but has lived most of his adult life in West Long Branch, where he has a long record of civic activity.

His career as a fireman also spans more than 40 years, during which he served as president of the fire company, foreman of the company, and as chief in 1939.

Mr. Woolley served on the Board of Health for 18 years. He is a member of the office

Infantry, 78th Division, and saw active service in France. He was the second commander to be elected by Long Branch Post No. 44, American Legion. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 40 and 8, the Masons, Junior O.U.A.M., Elks, Eagles, Grange, Tall Cedars, and Long Branch Rotary Club.