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Progress Press' First Book To Be Released March 25

'Illini-Bluegrass Schoolmaster' Written By Dr. J. T. Dorris

"An Illini-Bluegrass Schoolmaster," a warm personal story of the eventful life of Dr. Jonathan Truman Dorris, perhaps Kentucky's foremost historian, will be the first book published by the Eastern Progress Press when it is released March 25.

The autobiography of the retired history professor and curator of the J. T. Dorris Museum, the book contains 22 chapters within its 250 pages and tells a satisfying story of 75 successful years in the classroom.

It will be made available to the public March 25, when Eastern observes its 58th anniversary and the 90th anniversary of higher education on the Richmond campus. Much of the Founders Day observance will evolve around the University Building, which housed old Central University, Eastern's predecessor, and the Dorris Museum, which is located inside the building.

The college publications office has planned a special pre-publication subscription sale that begins this week whereby the attractively-bound, well-illustrated book may be reserved for \$4.00. It will cost \$4.75 when the book is placed on the shelves in the college bookstore on March 25.

Reserve Copies Now Copies of the book may be reserved by mailing a check or money order for \$4.00 per copy to: Illini-Bluegrass Schoolmaster, Business Office, Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, Kentucky, Twenty-

five cents must be added to the price if the book is to be mailed to the purchaser and Kentucky residents must add a three percent state sales tax to the amount of their check. Students and faculty members at the college, and townspeople in Richmond, may reserve copies at the business office, cashier's window, located in the Coates Administration Building.

The author, who, at 81, is the oldest living member of the Eastern staff, has served the college since 1926. Before his retirement from an active teaching career in 1953, he was professor of history and government. Since then, he has been curator of the college museum, which was named to honor its founder in 1960.

Founder of College Museum President of the Pioneer National Monument Association, Dr. Dorris has campaigned for development of a state park at Booneboro for 30 years. His dream will soon become a reality. His book tells of this struggle and of the obstacles which had to be overcome to attain this triumph.

It tells of his relentless efforts to create the museum on the Eastern campus and of his continuing efforts to improve and enlarge the museum.

His interest in education has been long, having served in both Illinois and Kentucky schools and colleges for six decades. As a creator of museums, commemorative celebrations, historical societies, and as an author, he has made history come alive for others.

Written Other Books In addition to "An Illini-Bluegrass Schoolmaster," Dr. Dorris has the following books to his credit:

"Three Decades of Progress" (1936), "Five Decades of Progress" (1957), histories of Eastern; "Old Cane Springs" (Continued On Page Six)

DR. J. T. DORRIS

Two Department Heads To Relinquish Duties At Close Of The Current Semester

Two department heads at Eastern have announced that they will relinquish their administrative duties at the end of the current semester, but both will remain on the teaching staffs of their respective departments.

They are Mr. James E. Van Peurse, 63, head of the music department, and Dr. J. G. Black, 65, physics department head. No successors have yet been named, President Robert R. Martin said.

President Martin said that Eastern is fortunate that both men have consented to remain on the teaching faculty. "They are outstanding teachers and our students will be fortunate because they will continue to teach here."

Mr. Van Peurse has been head of the music department since coming to Eastern in 1929. Dr. Black came to Eastern in 1947 as head of the physics department.

Mr. Van Peurse is also director of the Eastern choir, and has directed the presentation of the Messiah at Christmas time at the college since its inception in 1962, except for one year when he was civilian music director at the U.S. Army University at Blarritz, France. He also was director of the Army Day Show in Vienna in 1946.

Directed Foster Camp He has served two terms as president of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association, Kentucky Band and Orchestra Directors Association, and the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Mr. Van Peurse, Dr. Black Will Remain As Teachers

He is best known nationally as director of the Stephen Foster Music Camp, which enters its 28th season on the Eastern campus this summer.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, he has premiered two of the larger works for chorus and orchestra of John Jacob Niles, the cantata, "Rhapsody for the Merry Month of May," and the dance cantata, "Mary the Rose."

His interest and attention in music has been equally divided between choral and instrumental music, as well as between band and orchestra, and he is frequently engaged for festivals and concerts which require a director skilled in all these fields; and also as an adjudicator in these areas.

Pavilion Honors "Mr. Van" Last year he was honored by the naming of the new outdoor music pavilion in his honor. Located in the natural Creek amphitheater, in the center of the campus, it is called the James E. Van Peurse Music Pavilion.

Mr. Van Peurse is a graduate of Morningside College and holds the B. S., M. A. degree from Oberlin College, and the M.A. from New York University.

Dr. Black, who has actively worked with the government agencies in nuclear research,



EASTER SEAL COMMITTEE... Two Eastern student groups met with faculty members Wednesday afternoon to plan an upcoming Easter Seal campaign on campus, beginning March 22. Shown from left are, standing: Dr. John D. Rowlette, Richmond area chairman; Mr. Joe Johnson, drama instructor; Miss Janet

Hubbard, commerce instructor, and Mary Ann York, secretary of Kappa Delta Tau. Seated: Roger Smith, president of Sigma Chi Delta; Betty Stafford, president of Kappa Delta Tau; Roger Shaffer, treasurer, Sigma Chi; Isabelle Brown, treasurer Kappa Delta, and Connie Leatherman, vice-president of Kappa Delta.

For Crippled Children

Campus Easter Seal Drive Starts March 22

The Easter Seal Campaign for the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children will begin March 22 on Eastern's campus.

Now in its 41st year of service, the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children, the Eastern Seal Society has pioneered in providing needed services for children crippled by many causes. According to the pamphlet distributed by the Society to each acting program, the contributions make possible services for those crippled by such disabilities as polio, cerebral palsy, accidents, birth defects, serious hearing problems and speech defects caused by hearing loss.

Approximately ten percent of its Easter Seal funds are contributed to the national

research and development program, and the rest of the money stays in Kentucky to help provide needed direct services for the handicapped.

Oldest Agency

Also according to the pamphlet this statewide, non-profit organization, is Kentucky's oldest agency for the crippled and is affiliated with the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults and 1700 other state and local Easter Seal Societies. Last year more than 4,000 Kentuckians were helped along the road to active, happy, more useful lives.

According to Dr. Rowlette, this is the first year that there

has been a direct effort made for contributions with the Eastern students. He expressed hope that Eastern students would respond to the program.

Approximately 600 students

from 38 central Kentucky high schools will participate in the 43rd annual Regional High School Speech and Debate Festival to be held at Eastern next Friday and Saturday.

Teams from 16 schools will compete for superior honors in the debate activities on Friday, while representatives from all 38 schools will enter the 14 areas of speech competition Saturday.

Superior rating students will advance to the state festival to be held on the University of Kentucky campus April 16-18.

Director of the Richmond festival is Mr. D. J. Carty, director of in-service education at Eastern.

Judges for the two-day event will be members of the Eastern English Department.

Schools registered for debate competition are Dunbar, Berea Foundation, Frankfort, George Rogers Clark, Georgetown, Harrison County, Harrodsburg, Henry Clay, Lafayette Senior, Lexington Catholic, Model, Mt. Vernon, Paris, Pine Knot, University High, and Woodford County.

38 Schools In Speech Activities

Competing in speech activities will be students from Anderson County, Anderson High, Berea Foundation, Berea

High, Bourbon County, Bryan Station Junior High, Bryan Station Senior, Crab Orchard, Dunbar, Frankfort, George Rogers Clark, Georgetown, Harrison County, and Harrodsburg.

Henry Clay, Jessie M. Clark Junior High, Lafayette Senior, Lancaster, Lee County, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Junior High, Madison Central, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Midway-Pinkerton, Model, Montgomery County, Morfitt Junior High, Mt. Vernon, Paris, Pine Knot, Powell County, Scott County, Stanford, Tates Creek Junior High, University High, and Woodford County.

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The schools participating in the tournament included Georgetown; Miami of Ohio; Morehead; Bowling Green of Ohio; Cumberland; Indiana University; Pikeville; North Michigan; University of Kentucky; Cedarville of Ohio; Berea; De Paul; Western; Marshall; John Carroll of Ohio; and Bellemine.

Bellemine College placed first for the affirmative team, and University of Kentucky placed first for the negative team.

Regional Speech, Debate Festival Scheduled For Next Week-End

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MRS. KENTUCKY ANTI-SLAVERY STUDENT

Mrs. Betty Cox, currently attending Eastern, was selected Mrs. Kentucky Wednesday at the State Fair Center in Louisville. Mrs. Cox, 29-year-old housewife, and her husband, James, are the parents of two children.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS... The 1963-64 senior class officers are pictured above complete with the new officers who filled offices vacated at the end of the fall semester due to graduation. Roger Smith, standing, far right, was elected vice-president replacing Bill Allison who graduated, and Ellen Rice, seated, far right, was chosen to fill the treasurer's

spot vacated by Bill Partin. The completed group is, seated, left to right, Norma McKinney, reporter; Sue Sherman, student council representative; Bill Bohanning, president; Mildred Taylor, secretary; and Miss Rice, treasurer. Standing are, left to right, Dr. John Rowlette and Miss Willie Moss, sponsors, and Smith, vice-president.

J. E. VAN PEURSEM

DR. J. G. BLACK

