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Eleven ROTC Cadets Commissioned at College

Eleven Wheaton college ROTC cadets received their gold second lieutenant bars at commissioning ceremonies June 14. The 8 a.m. service in Wurdack chapel preceded the June commencement.

Major James Sangster, acting head of the military science department at the college, and Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, college president, spoke. James Hutchens, college chaplain, and George Cramer, chairman of the college military affairs committee, gave the invocation and benediction.

The oath of office was administered by Major Donald Eckstrom of the military science department.

A coffee hour was scheduled for the new officers and guests after the commissioning.

Five of the senior cadets were design-

nated Distinguished Military Graduates. Selection is based on academic achievement and outstanding leadership in military science, campus and civic activities.

Distinguished Military Graduates and their branch assignments are Jason A. Chamberlain, Sharon, Mass., air defense; Douglas Crow, Washington, D.C., transportation; Robert Davis, Chadds Ford, Pa., air defense; Alan J. Johnson, Jr., J. Thurber, Arlington, Mass., air defense. Clearwater, Fla., infantry, and Richard

Other cadets to receive commissions include Ralph L. Berke, Park Ridge, military police; Gareth H. Cole, Oklahoma City, Okla., medical service corps; Barry A. DeWolfe, Chatham, N.J., signal corps; Robert C. Hayden, Yorkville, field artillery; Dan W. Hess, Seattle, Wash., adjutant general corps, and Edward P. Meyer, Downers Grove, infantry.

Four cadets already received commissions this academic year.

A Science Success Story--Edwin Hubble

If one were to mention to the recent graduates at Wheaton Central and Wheaton North high schools that one of them may make a significant contribution to science one day, they would probably believe it, for these youths are old enough to have seen men land on the moon.

But if members of the Class of 1906 at Wheaton high had been told that one of them would make such a contribution, they probably wouldn't have believed it. The Wright brothers had made their historic flight just three years before, and electricity in homes was just beginning to become commonplace when Edwin P. Hubble and his classmates left the Wheaton schools.

Hubble, who died in 1953, became an internationally-known astronomer, the guiding force behind the building of Palomar Observatory in California, and ultimately made the discovery that the universe is expanding.

A Harvard astronomy professor is presently seeking information about Hubble's boyhood in Wheaton.

After graduating from Wheaton high, Hubble compiled a brilliant record at the University of Chicago and went to Oxford university as a Rhodes scholar, where he studied law. He returned to the United States to practice law in Louisville, but shortly after the beginning of World War I volunteered for the army and was made a battalion commander in France.

After the war he went back to his greatest interest, astronomy, as a research fellow at Mount Wilson Observatory.

His research there led to the discovery that there are countless other "universes," contrary to the prevailing notion that the star system called the "Milky Way," of which the earth is a part, was "the" universe.

Further, he discovered that the other universes are constantly moving apart from one another. His observations at Mount Palomar, with a telescope twice as large as Mount Wilson's, proved that his expansion theory was correct.

Collier's magazine, in the May 7, 1949 issue, included an extensive article on Mount Palomar, including its first photographs of the stars, Collier's called

Hubble's discovery "the most startling scientific news of our generation."

The article mentioned that the scientists at Palomar expected to send up a rocket satellite within the next 25 years and to establish observation platforms in space or on the moon within the next 50 years.

The importance of Hubble's discovery was immediately recognized by scientists throughout the world and led to other theories about the creation and destruction of planets.

But perhaps the discovery's true significance escapes present-day scientists as much as it would have escaped Hubble's classmates at Wheaton high.

Bible Professor Receives Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Herbert K. Jacobsen, assistant professor of Bible at Wheaton college, received a doctor of philosophy degree from New York university June 7.

Dr. Jacobsen's dissertation considered "Theism and Responsibility: An Essay on the Moral Theory of H. Richard Niebur."

A member of the Wheaton faculty since 1967, Dr. Jacobsen was the recipient of three Wheaton College Alumni association summer study grants. Prior to joining the Wheaton faculty, he was a teaching fellow for one year at NYU where he also earned his master of arts degree. His A.B. degree is from King's college.

Dr. Jacobsen is a member of the intercollegiate athletics sub-committee of the Faculty Senate.

Congratulations Grads

Frances Lee Kay of Wheaton was among approximately 2,000 students to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in graduation ceremonies May 30 at East Carolina university, Greenville, N. C. Miss Kay received a bachelor of science degree.

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