Comptons Win Friends Rapidly As WSC Leadership Changes

President Wilson Compton received his first visitation from the student body interrupting his first regents' meeting during his first day on the campus Tuesday, Jan. 2. Led by Student Body Prexy Myrt Hastings (who is shown in left foreground with Dr. Compton) a group of students called their new leader out from the board session with yells of: "We want Compton". He came, happily, not bother ing to don an overcoat.

The shape of things yet to come for the State College of Washington is perhaps best indicated by the subjects covered in that historic first meeting of Dr. Compton with the complete board of regents. At the close of it the regents said they had covered much ground.

They heard a number of the new president's suggestions for expanded agricultural and industrial research and extension services. The group discussed improved facilities in technologies related to development of the area.

On the college front itself they covered the post-war building programs as they have been shaped up to date, and the general improved provisions being planned for housing and student activities. They talked of general increases in the scale of salaries for teachers and scholars. In the same category they considered facilities for research available to members of the faculties of the State College. They also considered practical steps for further collaboration with the University of Washington and other state educational institutions.

All Regents Attend

All regents were on hand for the historic meeting, headed by the president of the board, Harry E. Goldsworthy, Rosalia. Dean Charles E. McAllister and Arthur W. Davis came down from Spokane, while Iver Youngquist was here from Bow and Ben Perham from Yakima. Two of the regents were bravely bearing personal war-time crosses, Dean McAllister recently having a son killed in action and President Goldsworthy's son, Major Robert Goldsworthy, a W.S.C. alumnus, being reported missing in action.

Dr. Holland was also present to confer with the regents. Missing from the session was Vice-President Herbert Kimbrough, who was stricken with an attack of sciatic rheumatism Dec. 10 while helping to escort a group of Spokane legislators over the campus. He spent some time in St. Ignatius hospital, Colfax, and later St. Luke's, Spokane, but has since recuperated nicely and has been back at his desk since Jan. 8.

The Comptons have been an exceptionally busy couple this January keeping their many commitments. But all along the way they have found the time to meet thousands of people and to make a host of new friends for themselves and the institution they serve. Both are fitting quickly into campus and town life.

Joins Two Organizations

Dr. Compton joined the Pullman Kiwanis club Jan. 4, and the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Jan. 9, following his heart-felt pledge: "I want to be a good neighbor." Feb. 6 he is to be speaker of the evening for the latter organization at its annual dinner and ladies night. First group to honor Mrs. Compton were the members of her own sorority, Pi Beta Phi, who entertained her at a tea Jan. 13, attended by several hundred guests.

But the Compton energies and activities are also already taking a statewide turn. Both have accepted speaking engagements in Spokane. The two were honored guests Jan. 16 at the Spokane Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. Also present for this event were President Emeritus E. O. Holland and Dr. Holland's sister, Mrs. Glenn S. Gifford. Dr. Holland was extolled for his services and presented with a gift on that occasion.

Dr. Compton's future speaking calendar is dotted with appearances in all parts of Washington. Just as the Powwow was going to press he had given talks at Yakima (Jan. 15) and at Ellensburg (Jan. 17). However, he is devoting his major time to the campus, where his office door swings inward to everybody at all times: and to Olympia where he must lead in obtaining for the State College the funds it needs for operation on all fronts in the next critical biennium, during which the institution must simultaneously serve on a thousand fronts in war and still be marshalling its resources to be ready for the deluge of changed activity that the return of peace will bring.

$8,000,000 Budget Considered

Jan. 12 witnessed the receipt by the state legislature in session at Olympia of a biennium budget for the State College of some in excess of eight million dollars, as recommended by the state budget director and submitted through the retiring governor, Arthur B. Langlie. This budget is, of course, now moving up for consideration of both houses and of Governor Mon C. Wallgren. It has been drawn by the regents with a view to most expeditious service on a state-wide basis, through instruction, research and extension. It covers state costs of operation of the huge plant at Pullman, including the agricultural and engineering experiment stations, and also the other agricultural experiment stations and branches at Puyallup, Prosser, Lind, Wenatchee, Mt. Vernon, Walla Walla, Long Beach and Vancouver. It also includes conduct of the state-wide agricultural and home economics extension work which moves so literally in service into every portion of each of 39 counties of Washington.

President Compton's goal is an institution great in its body of loyal, distinctive alumni; an institution great in its vision of the future: an institution great in its human service in the present. The unforgettable Mrs. Compton has her own expressed goal, too. It is very simple, but it is vital and warming: "To be the wife of the president, 24 hours a day."

McGuire-Hayward

The marriage of Miss Letia L. McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McGuire, Colfax, and Dr. Charles Hayward, son of Mrs. Alma Hayward, Colfax, took place in their home town December 10.

Mrs. Hayward is a gradute of Colfax high school and Northwestern business college in Spokane. Dr. Hayward finished in veterinary medicine at WSC in 1944 and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

LT. DORMAN MISSING

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Don Dorman of La-Crosse, that their son, Lt. Donald Dorman, is missing from a mission over France December 17. Lt. Dorman, is a P-47 pilot and has been stationed in France for several months.