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# Furman alumni news

#### **CLASS NOTES SUMMER 03, cont.**

Myron Gordon Howle '37, July 14, Greenville. A World War II veteran of the Army Medical Corps, he made extensive contributions to the quality of health care in Greenville and the Southeast. A family practice physician, he founded the widely recognized Greenville Postgraduate Seminar, a continuing education program for physicians. He held leadership positions in the Greenville Hospital System, which established a lecture series and academic chair in his honor. and at St. Francis Hospital. He served as president of the county medical society and was honored by the South Carolina Medical Association for his contributions to state programs. He received South Carolina's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto, as well as Louisiana's highest award for leadership and achievement in medicine. A patron of the arts and life member of the board of the Greenville Chorale, he established the Howle Music Scholarship at Furman to honor his parents. Furman presented him its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994.

#### **Eleanor Jervey Fraser League**

'37, March 27, Greenville. She served as chair of the board of directors of G.F. League Manufacturing Company and was active in a number of civic organizations.

**Richard Melvin Lynes** '37, April 11, Easley, S.C. He served with the U.S. Army in Panama during World War II and was for many years owner and operator of Friendly Loan Company.

June Blackmon Mitchell '37, April 18, Spartanburg, S.C. She was active in church work and civic organizations.

Amelia Gray Sellars '37, September 3, 2002, Pauline, S.C. She was retired from Spartanburg County (S.C.) School District 4, where she taught for 36 years. John Shorten Oswald '38, May 17, Allendale, S.C. He served in the Home Guard and was a retired farmer. He was on the Allendale Town Council for 36 years and served as mayor pro tem.

**Sara Childers Gaston** '39, March 28, Spartanburg, S.C.

Ruth Breedin Bone '40, March 15, Orlando, Fla.

**Howard E. Carraway** '40, March 19, Bradenton, Fla. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. After 37 years in the Navy, he joined the Florida Telephone Association, from which he retired after 17 years. He was a former governor of the Florida Kiwanis Clubs and was the former president of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

**Connie Alexander Dabney** '40, April 5, Augusta, Ga. He was a Baptist minister at churches in Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Colorado. He also served as director of missions and assistant executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist

#### Hugh Gerthon Morgan '40,

Convention.

March 20, Corsicana, Texas. He was a professor emeritus of behavioral science and directed the Institute for Child Study at the University of Maryland for 20 years. He served as a consultant to public and private schools and mental health facilities, including the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kan., and was a consultant in the development of Head Start and the PBS television program "Footsteps." Author of two books and a number of magazine articles, he was sent to Germany by the U.S. State Department to help develop methods for democratizing the schools and public institutions. He also studied and reported on the learning process in Uruguay for the National Institutes of Health

### **From a reader**

read with great interest the article in the spring issue of *Furman* magazine concerning Dr. Herbert Johannes Gezork ("The Gezork Incident").

I was able to make it through four years at Furman without knowing of Dr. Gezork. I suppose that is not too unusual. What I do find unusual, however, is that I have spent 20 years on the ministerial



staff of Clarksburg Baptist Church without knowing of "The Gezork Incident." I only knew, based on a brief reference in our church history, that Dr. Gezork had taught at Furman.

Dr. Gezork was a beloved interim pastor at Clarksburg Baptist Church. Many of our older members, most of whom are no longer with us, have told me such wonderful things about Dr. Gezork's ministry. Although his [German] accent made him difficult to understand at times, the congregation would hang on every word as he preached. The church is still most proud that "one of their own" was elected president of Andover Newton.

There are stories of the presence of government agents in our worship services on a regular basis. One thing, however, I have never heard questioned is Dr. Gezork's theology. Many of the people who knew him best are people I would consider fairly conservative in their theology. With all the Furman controversy so fresh when he came to Clarksburg Baptist Church, I find it odd it was never mentioned in conversations about him.

Thank you for your informative article. A copy of the *Furman* magazine will be placed in our church's historical collection.

- David L. Hulme '80 Clarksburg, W. Va.

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