

ma. On one memorable occasion, when he threw the chalk and hit the chalk box squarely, he exclaimed, "I have been trying to do that for 20 years!" and dismissed the class, so all could celebrate the occasion.

One alumnus has said of him, "He was a wonderful teacher, a wonderful person, and one of the fairest teachers I ever saw."

Dr. Smith was the son of Col. Francis H. Smith, Jr., for many years professor at VMI. He was a grandson of Gen. Francis H. Smith, first superintendent of VMI, and great grandson of Major Thomas Henderson, founder of the U. S. Naval Academy and of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia.

One daughter and two sisters survive him. His wife, the former Miss Fanny Gay Catlett of Staunton, died earlier this year.

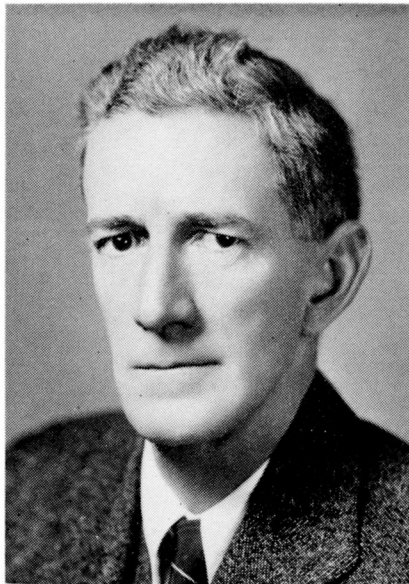
After his retirement from teaching in 1947, Dr. Smith was Cincinnati Society Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus.

## ROTC

■ THE WASHINGTON AND LEE University ROTC cadet corps has been reorganized on a regimental basis, and Theodore M. Kerr, Midland, Texas, former commander of the Gaines Guard precision drill team, has been named to head the corps of 422 cadets.

Since the ROTC program was begun here in 1951, organization for student training has been on a battalion basis. Under the new setup, there are two battalions of two companies each, plus a band company, and the drill team.

Regular Army officers who direct the ROTC program believe the new organization will provide a better basis for training of future reserve officers. By enlarging the chain of command, a greater number of advanced military students



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*A professor gone*

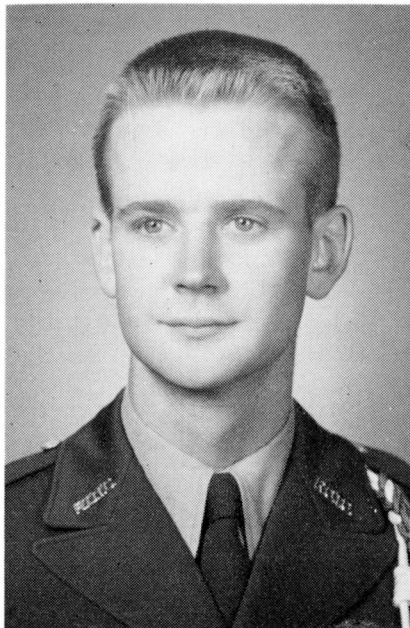
will be able to assume leadership and responsibility on a higher level.

In the corps are 62 seniors, 79 juniors, 100 sophomores, and 181 freshmen. Enrollment is down slightly; there were 424 cadets last year, and 530 two years ago, and a peak of 600 during the Korean War years of 1952 and 1953.

Cadet lieutenant colonels this year are John R. Alford, Glasgow,

Virginia, regimental executive officer; James H. Davis, Houston, Texas, 1st Battalion commander; and Robert I. Peebles, Houston, 2nd Battalion commander.

■ THE ROTC UNIT has one new officer this year, Capt. Karl F. Stein, who replaces Capt. Thomas Dinsmore. Captain Stein is a graduate of the University of Colorado, has been in the army about ten years, is married, and has three children. He comes to Washington and Lee from Fort Devens, Massachusetts.



KERR  
*New responsibilities*