

LADY, 86, GIVES TATTING DOLLAR FOR GYMNASIUM

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With every forward movement in the progress of the race there has risen certain characters of heroic mold. Somewhere nestling among the red hills of Georgia there is a little town which might well do honor to one of its daughters. She has long since passed the allotted three score and ten, but the spirit of service still reigns in her life.

Years ago when educational advantages were meagre in the South, a mother determined that her sons should have the benefit of a college training. Just how this was to be made possible was the question that confronted her. Nevertheless, with a firm faith she planned for her boys to enter college and resolved to make every sacrifice necessary.

She watched her sons with pride as they were promoted from grade to grade. The day came when they were ready to begin their college life. This meant more toil and greater sacrifice for her. Her heart was full and her eyes were dim with unshed tears. Heroically she kissed them and sent them away.

Off to College

With a sacrificial effort the sons stayed in Mercer for four years. These four years were filled with toil and self-denial. A mother prayed that her sons might make the most of the opportunities purchased at such a cost of personal sacrifice on her part.

Four years passed by and graduation time came at last. She was happy that day. Her heart was even fuller than on the day that she first sent them from home. Only this time it was filled with joy, for one of her sons graduated with first honors.

How light the toil of those years now seemed. She was glad that she had made the sacrifice. Glad because she loved her sons, but more because her sons had appreciated her efforts. They had been wise sons and had used every opportunity.

Sons Make Mark

Years have passed by and the sons have grown into mature manhood and hold a place in the world for themselves. Mercer University, then a small college, has grown to one of the leading universities in the South.

Yet the splendid spirit of self-sacrifice still burns high within the breast of this woman. What she labored and gave her sons she now desires that other mother's sons should have. Though 86 years old her physical vision is perfect. Her spiritual vision unhampered by selfishness, and in the light of personal experience, penetrates into the heart of man's efforts and discerns the good hidden there.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, President of Mercer University, recently received a letter which contained \$1. The letter was unsigned and the post mark was blurred beyond identification.

The Note

In it were these simple statements. An old lady of 86, who had two sons to graduate from Mercer, one with first honors, long years ago, asks me to send you the enclosed dollar to help build the Memorial to those who fell in the World War. She made the dollar by making and selling tanning. She uses no glasses. She asks that her name be withheld.

Could there be a more noble or sublime spirit? To those who would depreciate the amount let them consider the source, the sacrifice already made by this lover of men. Let them remember the words of the great teacher as He sat in the treasury in the long ago. "This poor woman cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury."

Things to Worry About:

If the Mammoth Tent and Awning Co. do Tubby Medcal's tailoring?

"I Wonder What's Become of Sally?"

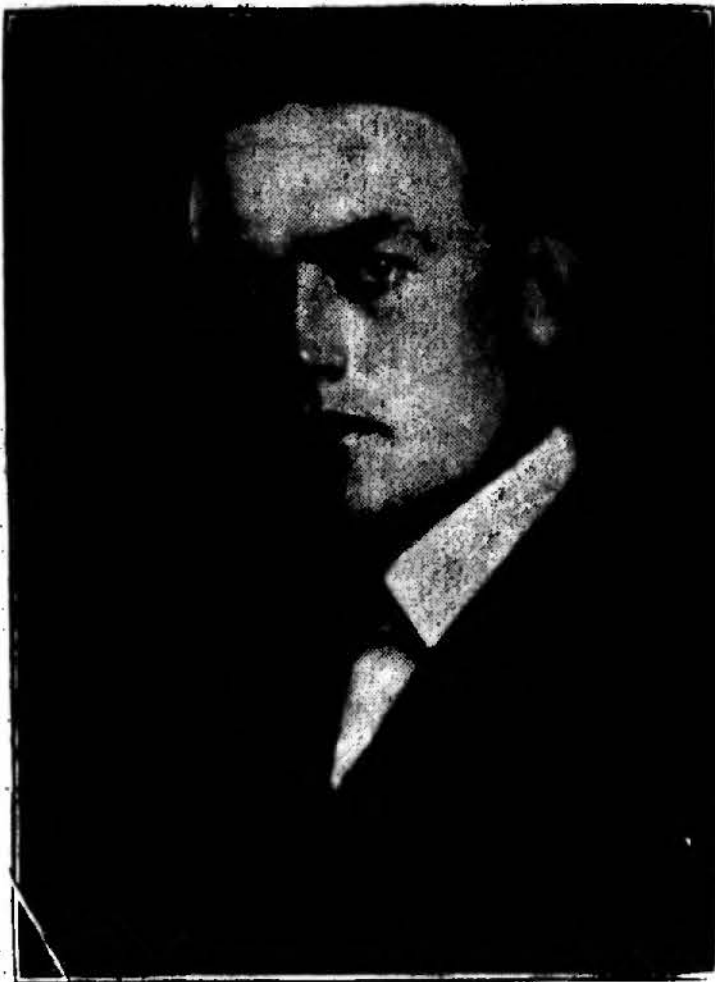
"She went down 'Memory Lane' with 'Big Bad Bill' and now 'Blue-Eyed Sally' is taking her place 'In the Garden of Tomorrow.'"

Drunk: "Have you seen any of this Chicken Whiskey?"

One drink and you're jay."

Drunk: "No, but I just had some Tackle and Tackle stuff—take a drink, about Tackle and you'll tackle any day."

King of Peach Festival



SAMUEL MATHEWS

PEACH MONARCH IS MERCER GRAD

Samuel Matthews, '22, is Named King of Fort Valley Festival

Mercer boasts her first King. Samuel Matthews, of the class of '22, recently chosen King of the Peach Festival, to be held in Fort Valley, March 18-19, has established a mark at which all other old grads and students can shoot.

For decades, Mercer has furnished governors and judges for Georgia and other Southern States. The files in the Alumni office show that Mercer has furnished ten governors and a multitude of judges, bank presidents, and other important state and business officials, but it reminded for Mr. Mathews to achieve the majesty of kingship.

The Peach festival is the Mardi Gras of Georgia, and annually it draws a number of visitors and Mercer freshmen. This year it is to be staged with unprecedented splendor, and is expected to eclipse all past festivals in splendor of production.

In buying your Spring suit do not forget the men who advertise in the Cluster.

He: "The seats in the new stadium are in tiers."

She: "Poor dears, shall I lend them my handkerchief?"

1925-26 CALLS FOR 500 FROSH

Business Manager Asks Aid of Students in Bringing New Men Here

Five hundred members of the Freshman class is Mercer's aim for the coming Fall term. Mr. S. W. Garrett, business manager, announces.

An appeal to the present members of the student body was made by Mr. Garrett at the chapel period on Tuesday. At the Wednesday services Dr. Weaver added his vigorous support to the new movement by calling on the students to submit names of prospective Mercerians and any others that might be interested in attending college next year.

It was pointed out that with the opening of the new Stadium; the renovation of the old gymnasium into a building devoted to the Theological Department; and the beginning of work on the new Alumni Gymnasium, Mercer will be better equipped than ever to accommodate new students.

In addition to the regular catalog, which will make its appearance in the next week or ten days, the business department will issue two special bulletins setting forth the merits of Mercer University as the ideal school of the prospective collegian.

Things to Worry About:

Why King Dunn doesn't carry a pocket comb.

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RIVAL SOCIETIES SHARING HONORS

Ciceronians Win Heated Debate While Phi Deltas Get "Sweet Revenge" on Court

MUSICAL PROGRAM GOOD

Mercer's Literary Societies are chivalrous. For that reason, they split the honors of Society Day—the Ciceronians winning the debate, while the Phi Deltas won the basketball game.

The fifth annual Society Day at Mercer was opened at the Chapel period last Friday with orations by representatives of the two Societies. Samuel J. Welch, Phi Delta, spoke on "Purpose" while W. B. Freeman, Ciceronian, spoke on "Liberty."

After the two orations there was a song selection and then came the debate, the big event of the morning. The question was, "Resolved that the Proposed Federal Child Labor Amendment Should be Ratified by the Several States." On the affirmative were Kenneth Bray and Eugene Cook, for the Phi Deltas, while Herbert Bradshaw and Charles A. Martin, upheld

the Ciceronian colors on the negative. All of the speeches were of such a quality that the audience was mystified. They could not tell who was the best and therefore could not prophesy the winner. After two more orations, "The Need of a Catholic Mind," by Raymond Walker, of the Phi Deltas; and "Soldier, Musician and Poet," by C. W. Milford of the Ciceronians, the judges made their decision two to one in favor of the negative.

At 3:30 in the afternoon, the celebration changed from the campus to the Sports Arena. There the fast Phi Delta five got revenge for their Society by defeating the Ciceronian quint by a 29 to 7 score.

Jim Tweedy's Phidelta five showed great form and literally ran rings around the Ciceronian five which had been coached by "Pep" Dunn. The Ciceronians were unable to locate the basket while the Phi Deltas cooped shot after shot.

In the last half, the Ciceronians staged a rally, but they were unable to break the lead of their opponents and the timer's whistle left them the losers.

It has been rumored that a new Fraternity is to be founded here at Mercer. The name of the Fraternity will be "I Bumma Cig."

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