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ADDS MATURES FOR MACON BOW TUESDAY NIGHT

New Christmas Scenery and Additional Winkles in Program Are to be Used

JACK BAILEY IS BACK

Sections to be Reserved in Ballroom for Winklers and Mercer Students

The 1926-27 Mercer Glee Club will make its initial bow to a Macon audience Tuesday night when it puts on a performance under the auspices of the Macon Exchange Club. The showing is for the benefit of the "Sunshine Special."

The Club has already completed its fall term trip of ten days and is in excellent shape for the performance here Tuesday night. Last week-end the members went to Milledgeville where they gave two performances, one in the afternoon at the G. B. C. W. auditorium and the other Friday night at the city opera house. Large and enthusiastic audiences were out for both shows.

While in Milledgeville several new winks were tried out on the program to see how they would suit for the Macon debut. They were well received and Tuesday night will find quite a few new winks to the program. One addition to the personnel of the club will be of major importance. It is that of Jack Bailey who has been a member of the club for the past four seasons, but due to business interests has been unable to attend the Macon until this date. Jack has a voice of unusual richness and sings a solo, "Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride." This past summer he was with light opera.

Chorus Praised

The chorus has learned two new numbers, the Marching Song, as an opening chorus and a negro spiritual. The latter number is of such unusual quality that the newspaper comment of Milledgeville praised it highly.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Bob Lee, will shine in all its glory Tuesday night, for it is playing with a new set of scenery for its act that has never been used before. This scenery arrived the first part of the week and is in the form of a mammoth radio loud speaker. The curtain rises in this act disclosing the musicians seated in the mouth of the huge horn. The electrical effects of this act are unusual and very striking.

Another additional feature will be that of a male quartette, composed of Opler Cooper, Mac Davis, Jack Bailey, and Julius Johnson. They sing a number of the latest hits and ballads. One of their outstanding numbers is "Bye Bye, Black Bird."

Sections Reserved

A section of the balcony will be reserved for the Mercer students along with another section, hard by, for the Wesleyan girls. Special rates will be given the students of both institutions at 75 cents apiece. Tickets are on sale at the Herbert Sauer Clothing Store, Mr. C. G. Sanders, of the Mercer faculty, and also a smaller number in his possession, for those desiring to save themselves a trip to town.

Don't be in a hurry to see student organizations, if they so desire them. Several organizations have already contacted them, and it is probable that there will be quite a number of fraternities here tonight. Last year at the time showing all the bands were taken by the students.

There will be a parade Tuesday afternoon through the streets by the members of the Exchange Club members. The parade will take place at 1:30 and will be headed by the Mercer Glee Club.

Students of the Mercer University will be in the city on Tuesday night in connection with the performance of the Glee Club. The Mercer University newspaper will be in the city on Tuesday night.

A WARNING!

The Cluster fondly hopes that the little boy who borrowed its other typewriter wakes up Christmas morning and finds that Santy hasn't put anything in his stocking except ashes and a long switch. Seriously, the man who kidnapped, abducted or vamped this machine is promised plenty of trouble if he doesn't get it back at once. An investigation has been begun and action will be taken against the person found to blame.

PLAYERS SELECT CAST OF COMEDY

"Nothing But the Truth" to be Presented by Club After Holidays

The cast for the Winter production of the Mercer Players was announced at the last meeting of the club. The following are the parts and players for "Nothing But the Truth": Robert Bennett, Wingfield Walker; E. M. Ralston, Edwin Swain; Dick Connolly; Lawton Boykin; Clarence Van Dusen, Jim Paul Evans; Bishop Dorn, H. K. Seonyers; Qwendolyn Ralston, V. V. Harris; Mrs. E. M. Ralston, R. Habenicht Casson, Ethel Clark, William Jordan; Mabel Jackson, Ed Jordan; Martha (maid); Harold Raymond. The judges for the final tryout were Professor E. E. Folk, assisted by the director of the club, J. Hamilton Hall.

Many of the players are new men although most of the players from last year are back. V. V. Harris and R. Habenicht Casson, female impersonators from last year are to take the two leading female roles. J. Freeman Hart, one of the best feminine character actors on the club, was unable to take part in the first play but is expected to come out for the Spring production. W. W. Walker and Ed. Swain, the leading men of last year, are to take corresponding roles in the new comedy.

The play, which is by James Montgomery, had a successful run in the East and was on the road for several seasons. A performance in the nature of a dress rehearsal will be put on at Bill Mills Community House on Friday evening, January 19, and the next night the players are to play at Bessie Tift. The itinerary has not been completed by the manager, Burdette Lane as yet.

THEOLOG LIBRARY GETS NEW BOOKS

Over two thousand volumes were added last week to the Mercer Theological Library. These books are on various theological subjects and have made a notable addition to the Theological Library.

Two thousand volumes were bought by the University from Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper of Philadelphia. The University has been negotiating with Dr. Tupper for over a year but only last week the sale was completed.

Eighty volumes were given to the library by Mrs. Millard Reese in memory of her mother, Mrs. S. P. Callaway.

MAY SANTY BRING YOU EVERYTHING

The Cluster uses this method of telling the students and subscribers that this will be the last issue published this year. Examinations start to-day and go on until the end of next week, and the staff finds it impossible to study for exams and write news the same time. So, business before pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, we've got to study and the Cluster can't be published without work.

The next issue will be gotten out the first week in January, after everybody has come back with their trunks full of Santa Claus, and their heads full of memories of the good times which were had by all.

BEAR QUINTET'S CAGE PRACTICE WILL BE BEGUN AFTER HOLIDAY

Examinations and School Work Cause Coach Moore to Postpone Basketball Training

PREVENTS TRIP NORTH

Team Will Have Short Journey Into Tennessee and One to Birmingham

Basketball practice will start immediately after the Christmas holidays, according to an announcement made by Coach Bernice Moore, who will direct the cagemen as he did the grid-iron warriors during the Fall.

The reason for the delay, said Coach Moore, is that examinations will take place next week and many of the men who will play basketball also played football and will need this time to make up the work they lost during the football season.

This means that the Bear five will not make a northern trip during the Christmas holidays as has been the plan for the past several seasons. However, a trip is being planned by Sam Grice, basketball manager, which will start in Atlanta with the Jewish Progressive Club, and go northward, taking on the quintets of Vanderbilt, Sewanee, and the Chattanooga Rail-Lites. Also a trip is being worked on which will take the Bears to Birmingham for three games, one with Howard, another with Birmingham-Southern, and the third with the Birmingham Athletic Club.

Will Have Two Weeks

Starting practice on January 3, Coach Moore's men will have two weeks to get into readiness for the first game of the season, which is scheduled to take place in Charleston, January with the Citadel Bulldogs furnishing the opposition. There has been a rumor that this game will be played in Savannah instead of at the home of the Cadets, but nothing officially has been announced by either the coach or manager.

Practically all the men who are expected to come out for the team are working out daily at the Y. M. C. A. Several are playing on the amateur teams which have formed into a league and are playing games twice a week.

"Shorty" Green, who will lead the Bears out onto the floor this season has been taking a few shots of his variety, under the goal, and he has found that his eye still picks the loop. Green is a great member of Mercer's offensive having been high point man during the last season, and hung up a record of free throws besides.

When Coach Moore calls for candidates (Continued on Page 6)

JUDGE WILLIAM FISH, LAW DEAN EMERITUS, DIES OF PNEUMONIA

PHI DELTA THETA IS AWARDED CUP

Leads All Fraternities in Percentage of Men Returned to School This Year

PAN-HELLENIC ELECTS

The Pan-Hellenic Council committee, which was appointed a few weeks ago for the purpose of deciding which fraternity on the campus should win the award for returning the largest number of old men this year, has met, and it decided that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity won. The committee was composed of Milo Medlock, chairman; Lige DeVaughn and Tom Cobb.

The council, which is composed of nine national Greek letter fraternities, decided at the close of the last Spring term to give a loving cup to the fraternity which had the largest percentage of last year men back in school this year.

The cup will be presented to the winner at one of the regular banquets which are held every month, the exact time to be announced later.

The Pan-Hellenic Council is composed of the following fraternities: Alpha Lambda Tau, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu.

The complete results of the committee's investigation are:

Fraternity	Eligible	No. Returned	Per Cent
Phi Delta Theta	30	28	93.33
Kappa Alpha	23	18	82.60
Alpha Tau Omega	36	28	77.77
Pi Kappa Alpha	15	11	73.33
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	29	21	72.41
Alpha Lambda Tau	21	15	71.43
Pi Kappa Phi	27	18	66.67
Sigma Nu	34	21	61.77
Kappa Sigma	16	9	56.25

The Pan-Hellenic Council met at the Pi Kappa Phi house last week for the regular monthly meeting. The election of officers was held.

Charles Stapleton, Sigma Nu, was elected president of the council for the winter term of school. Frank Twitty, Alpha Tau Omega, was elected vice-president, Tom Cobb, Kappa Alpha, secretary, and Charlie Walker, Phi Delta Theta, treasurer.

All of these men were elected for only one term, with the exception of (Continued on Page 4)

Eminent Jurist Was Stricken While Teaching His Class Last Friday

CAME TO MERCER IN 1920

Resigned Supreme Court Bench Post, Held Twenty Years, to Teach Here

Judge William Hanzel Fish, 77, dean emeritus of the Mercer Law School and for 18 years chief justice of the Georgia supreme court, died in his apartment at the Lanier Hotel Wednesday at 11:10 A. M. He was buried yesterday afternoon at Ross Hill Cemetery beside the grave of his wife.

Pneumonia was the cause of his death, which came as a surprise to most of his friends. He had been confined to his bed for only five days.

Dean Fish contracted a cold on November 20 as the result of a hunting trip. Last Friday morning he became delirious in his classroom and was persuaded by his students to discontinue the class. His students helped him into a taxi and one of them accompanied him to the lobby of the Lanier Hotel where he finally left him seated in a chair.

Falls on Floor

That night he made his way up to his apartment where he fell upon the floor. A porter found him there about four o'clock the next morning. A doctor was summoned and a trained nurse secured to take care of him.

His daughter, Mrs. Nina Fish McCleaky of Little Rock, Ark., was notified of his illness and she arrived here Sunday. Other relatives and friends who were at Judge Fish's bedside at the time of his death were: Mrs. Mary Simmons, grand-daughter, Judge James K. Hines, of the Georgia supreme court, Mrs. Marion Ramsey, of Macon, Mrs. Nina J. Yankey, of Atlanta, Mrs. Lula Coma, of Macon.

The funeral services were held yesterday at 3:30 at the Mulberry Street Methodist Church with the pastor, Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, officiating. The pallbearers were M. Felton Hatcher, Roland Ellis, J. T. Killen, Dr. Thos. H. Hall, Tom W. Hooks, Osgood Glarke, Warren Grice, and Edwin Sibley, the latter of Milledgeville.

Many Tributes Paid

In tribute to the service rendered by Judge Fish to Mercer, all classes were suspended and a large body of the students attended the funeral. The Law School students, who attended in a body, together with Macon Bar association members formed an escort for the body at the funeral. Separate floral wreaths represented the faculty, students and the faculty and students of the Law School.

Wesleyan College was represented by an honorary delegation. Resolutions relating to Dean Fish's death were adopted by the Wesleyan student body Thursday morning at chapel.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. McCleaky, of Little Rock, Ark., Dean Fish is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Anna Haygood, of Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Chester Johnson, of Atlanta; two grandchildren, Mrs. Simmons, of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Charles H. Garhandt, of West Point, N. Y., three nieces, Mrs. Ramsey, of Macon; Mrs. Yankey, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Lula Coma, of Macon; and Judge Hines, a brother-in-law.

Dean Fish has a long record of public service and was widely known (Continued on Page 4)

So Mought It Be With All Men When They Bet Against Bears

A little group of men huddled in the center of the football field. It was midnight and the moonless sky overhead cast a gloomy shroud over the earth. Away in the distance a rooster crowed, either to refresh his lungs or because he was too sleepy to know it was not yet morning.

Through the mistiness of the night, the broad expanse of the concrete stands that make Centennial Stadium could be seen to curl a horseshoe form lovingly around the sodded playing field. The stars overhead twinkled merrily as if laughing at what took place below.

The little group of men slowly wended their way to the southernmost end of the field. Then they paused and the head moved inch by inch back toward the other end. One of them traveled slowly, creeping close to the ground. It was evident he was on his all-fours.

No doubt he had lost something and

was searching for it. But why was he taking that unholy hour of the night to do so? Now and then one of the number could be heard to emit a low laugh. Why should the band be merry if their number was hunting for something?

The little group finally reached the opposite end of the field after traversing it at a snail-like pace. A faint cheer went up from the crowd as the crawling figure rose from his all-fours and stood erect. The benedict had crawled the length of the stadium field and had made full payment for a lost wager!

And so it came about that Bill Brumbach, sports editor of The Macon News, fulfilled the loser's end of a bet that he had made with Bob Gilbert. The scene just described took place Monday night.

The bet was made in the week preceding the Mercer-Oglethorpe game. (Continued on Page 6)