

BAD BUT NOT VERSE

On Things in General
Being a retired columnist is all right, in his way. But when slanderous rumors are heaped to the effect that instead of retiring we have merely QUIT, it's time something was done about it. There might be some dignity to QUITTING, if done, say, "at the earnest request of all sincere lovers of the truth," or "in the interest of More and Better Boosting," or "by combined petition of the Faculty and the Presidents' Club," with Alfred Pullen thrown in (or out) for dramatic effect. But it will never do to QUIT.

Of One of the Late Gamma Alphas
Occasionally some dominating personality succeeds in living down his Home-Town. But was to him who shows his local sheet around! Even by reading the Silver Stallion and hearing Sophie Brasian, (and brave deeds they are), Hubert Calhoun cannot be deemed one of the literati while the Harris County Journal is informing an expectant world that:

"The BOOK CLUB met last Friday at Dottie Strank's house. There were five tables of players."

"Nothing but the Truth," and Little of That

One of the sights of the season is the spectacle of Ye Mercer Players, strolling from shop to shop buying dresses. As Shakespeare or Mill Gross would put it, it gives us pause. Indeed Hal Harris may be right in his theory that the only sure way for the male half of the population to be different from the girls is to wear petticoats.

The Glee Club's Unpardonable Sin
So the Glee Club invaded G. S. W. C. with one of its big guns missing from the armory. Jabber himself tells the tale through the lips of one of the fair sufferers:

"I spent the whole afternoon waiting, waiting for them to crack that joke they always tell about the parade of G. S. C. girls who have never been killed; you know, the one they have been pulling every year since 1400 U. C. etc."

"IMA FIBB"
Doesn't the glee club know that all these girls live for is to hear that joke once a year? No wonder they didn't get a press notice; the editors didn't believe it was Mercer on the stage.

However, one suspects that "Ima Fibb" is probably the Hard-billed Virgin who would lead the parade. At least, if she depended on the Glee Clubbers to render her ineligible.

That Medieval Institution, Chapel
We dropped into a chapel service last Tuesday, same being our first visit "since 1400 U. C." to quote Ima Fibb, and noted with interest that it is still being held in the old barn, where was some young fellow there trying to give the Boy Scouts a black eye by claiming Mercer was behind them.

We caught the words, "Some of you ministerial Students might make a bit of that," and surmised he must have been talking about tying knots, meaning of course, the matrimonial band in which they specialise. But he didn't notice any Ecclesiastical snells being whipped out.

If he is recruiting for scouts here, he must have adopted the mental age of a test.

George A. Pindar.

MINISTERS HEAR CARTER TUESDAY

"The Christmas Bible," was the subject of an address read to the ministers Tuesday evening at their regular meeting by Dr. J. F. Carter, a professor in the Theological Seminary. The theme developed in the message was:

- I. The man who refuses to accept the deity of Christ has a Christmas.
 - II. The man who refuses to accept Christ as a medium of creation has a Christmas.
 - III. The man who refuses to accept the incarnation of Christ has a Christmas.
- Dr. Martin A. Ward, a prominent minister in the city, visited the seminary. He visited his son and appeared at the homecoming dinner held by Dr. Carter. He concludes thoroughly agreeing with Dr. Ward.

THE OPEN FORUM

In this issue of The Cluster there appears a new column, the Open Forum. As a starter, some very good letters have been received, it is good stuff and The Cluster bids you weigh the facts brought out in these letters.

The Open Forum will be a place for all you who have things to offer for the good of the University, all you who have something to gripe about or all you who just want to break into print, to give vent to your feelings. Use it, it's yours, all The Cluster asks, is, be decent, sign your name and let the world, or Mercer's world, know your opinion on matters of interest.

OPEN FORUM

Editor Cluster:

There is a supposition, in most of the minds of the God-fearing citizens of this great commonwealth, that to deal in politics is low down, under-handed and crooked. "No man can be honest and morally upright if he has anything to do with politics" is heard from the pulpit of many churches.

This damnable philosophy is expounded by many moronic pastors and is thus impressed upon the minds of the common people as the voice of God.

Mercer is not only a school for future pastors but is likewise one for Georgia's best future citizens. The students of this institution are becoming impressed with the same idea because open politics are at the present frowned upon by most of the leaders on the campus.

In the future, elections for all important offices should be conducted on the same basis as elections for public offices of the state, thus giving the students real experience in some of the duties of a citizen instead of driving him from these duties by placing the brand of dishonesty upon them.

Parks M. Low.

Mr. Editor:

John King, basketball coach here last year, made this statement to a student: "It is difficult to get referees for our games here, because of the conduct of the students during the games." The hissing, protesting and rebuking of the boys against the decisions of the referees prompted Coach King to make this statement.

I do not believe a student would protest against the decision of any referee, if this student were alone. It has been observed that many students who did not see a play would join those who protest in unison; the old weakness of "doing as the fellows."

The Mercer students want clean sports. They are not willing to show good sportsmanship at all times. It is easier to admire a player if he plays a clean game. We say he is a "good sport." We forget that while we are pointing out the fair, thoughtful man on the floor, he is judging us collectively according to conduct. A student cannot see the game from his seat as a referee can on the floor. We should, therefore, respect his decisions. If we do not, I believe local supporters will fail to support our teams. There are students who revolt against this, also. A senior, who is respected on the campus as an outstanding man said this: "The way the students hiss against the referee goes against something inside of me. I had rather we lose a game than to act like grammar school boys."—Wm. Spenser.

MERCERIAN WAS QUEEN'S HELPER

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sible for his travelling complex. "In Cuba," he says, "they don't mind at all if you hobo, in fact they consider it a compliment for an American to ride their trains. In England, however, it's impossible to hobo. The cars are so small they'd turn over if you didn't sit directly in the center of them."

If Littlefield returns to Mercer to complete his education, he plans to pay his way through college by writing.

MERCER SINGERS LEAVE THURSDAY ON TEN DAY TRIP

Bob Lee, Recent Wreck Victim, Rejoins Club After Long Stay in Bed

ACT ADDED TO PROGRAM

The Mercer Glee Club leaves on its second ten-day trip Feb. 4, to tour the North Georgia towns. In general the arrangements and personnel will be the same on the first long trip taken early in November. Included among the towns at which the performance will be given are: Athens, Toccoa, Gainesville, La Grange, Rome, Dalton, Calahan, and Griffin.

Because of the serious accident to the Georgians, some doubt existed whether that orchestra would be able to accompany the Glee Club any more. However Bob Lee, the leader of the musicians, is back again assuring Dr. Richardson that his part of the program will be filled.

The program will be approximately the same as given on the first trip. McKay and Arnold will be the leading end men. One of the new acts is a trumpet quartet by the three Benton brothers and J. E. Squires. The troupe will travel in a private car of the Central of Georgia. Dr. Richardson, the leader, and C. C. Sanders, business manager, will accompany the Glee Club.

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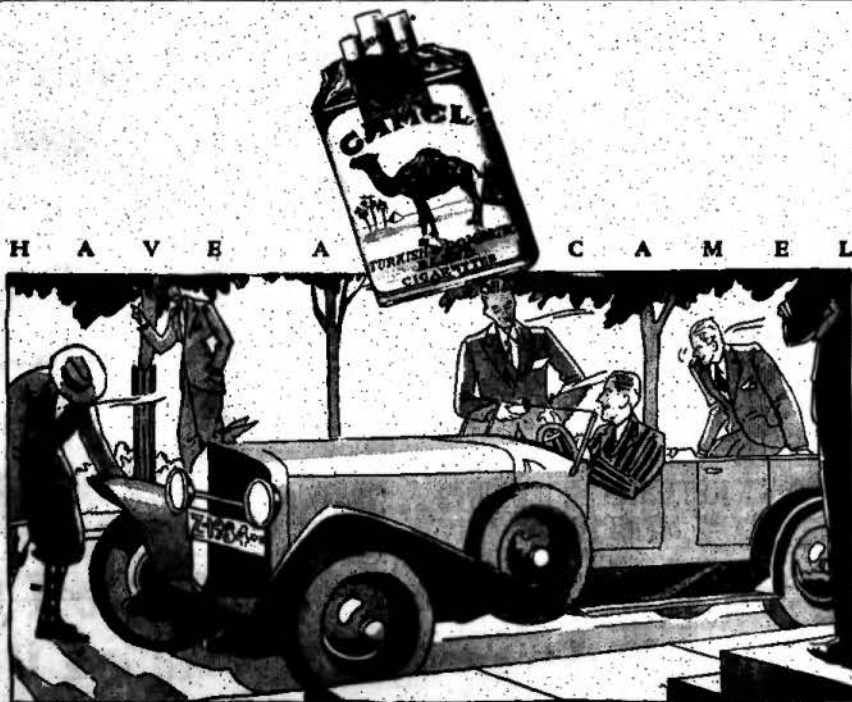
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