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BEAR NINE LEAVES FOR THOMASVILLE

Inter-Church Sunday School Meet Opens Here Today

MANY EXPECTED AT CONFERENCE OF YOUNG FOLKS

Nearly Every College in Georgia Will be Represented

BANQUET SATURDAY P. M.

Editor's Note: Detailed program of the conference is printed separately on another page of The Cluster.

At seven thirty this evening the opening exercises of the first Inter-denominational Sunday School Conference will be held on the campus. From reports already received by the local committee over five hundred delegates will be present.

Practically every college in the state will be represented. Girls from Bessie Tift, Wesleyan, Brenau, G. S. C. W., G. S. W. C., Shorser and practically every other female college will be here. All the men's colleges will be represented, it is indicated.

Others Expected

Besides the college students a number of high school students and young business men have signified their intention of being delegates. Three hundred of these will come from outside of Macon, it is claimed. Macon's delegation is expected to include practically every church in the city, as well as a large portion of the Mercer student body.

Macon will entertain the delegates on the Harvard plan, that is giving breakfast and a place to sleep without charge. A banquet will be given Saturday night, at which the entire delegation is supposed to be present.

Many Speakers

"Making Life Count" is the theme that the program is to be built around. The speakers, all specialists in their (Continued on Page 6)

'MERCER STATION' IS NOW PLANNED

Terminal for Hoboes Asked in Plea to Chamber of Commerce

It is hoped that an automobile terminal will be established soon on the corner of Ash and Adams Streets for the convenience of those many Mercerians who must daily go to town to shoot pool and transact other important collegiate business.

At any hour of the day two to twenty listless collegians can be found waiting for some kind motorist to pick them up and provide free transportation to town. It has been suggested that some waiting room be provided them.

Cluster Has Plan

The Cluster suggests that the Junior Chamber of Commerce co-operate (i. e., furnish the money) with the university in establishing the South's first collegiate automobile terminal. It has been suggested that to reduce expenses an old vacant cow-barn on Johnson Avenue be purchased for the waiting room, and moved to the proposed site of the terminal. Benches could be put around the wall at a small cost.

The outside of the depot could be painted orange and black, and the large letters, WMAZ—JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RADIO STATION, might be printed on each side. In smaller letters would appear, "Watch Mercer Attain Zenith."

When motorists stopped to watch for this miracle to transpire the students would make a grand rush for the cars.

Cluster Article is Quoted By The Macon Telegraph

Editorial on Chapel is Discussed by Johnson on Editorial Page of Local Daily

The Mercer Cluster, expressing the consensus of local student opinion, printed two weeks ago an article on its front page entitled, "We Voice The Prayer of Many Mercerians."

It consisted of a quotation from a news story in the University of North Carolina Tar Heel and comment upon that news story relative to the Mercer chapel situation. The Cluster's plea was one for consideration.

No radical criticism of compulsory chapel here was offered. The Cluster article expressed the hope that those in charge of chapel would follow the steps of the North Carolina authorities who lifted the burden of daily chapel from the shoulders of the student body there.

The Cluster herewith reprints the recognition which it has received so far. The recognition came not from the faculty or those in charge of chapel. It appeared in "SHRDLU ETALON," a column on the editorial page of The Macon Daily Telegraph. The writer is Ben B. Johnson, telegraph editor of the paper.

The summary of his discussion is that though The Cluster's stand is partly justified, the paper's fight in behalf of the student body is a vain one. To which The Cluster replies that it takes a delight in a struggle and that it will continue even though its blows have to be muffled and its voice is ragged.

In the following, The Cluster prints (Continued on Page 4)

BEAR CUBS PLAY HERE TOMORROW

First of Five-game Series to be Played

The first of five games scheduled for the Mercer freshmen will be played when the Cubs meet Case-Fowler Lumber Company's team at Central City Park Saturday afternoon.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the freshmen will play the Glenwood athletic club at Glenwood and on Thursday and Friday two games are scheduled with Vidalia High School in Vidalia. Two games with Montezuma to be played there have been scheduled for the first week in May. No definite date has been set for these two games as yet.

Practice Hard

Practice will start in earnest for the Cubs immediately in expectation of these five games. The team will prob- (Continued on Page 6)

SIDNEY JOHNSON TO QUIT MERCER

Signs as Head Coach for Brewton-Parker Institute

Returns to ALMA MATER

Announcement was made last weekend that Albert Sidney Johnson, varsity line football coach, had resigned his position here and has signed a contract as head coach at Brewton-Parker Institute, where he will begin work next fall.

In signing with Brewton-Parker, Johnson is returning to the school of which he is a graduate and which he formerly was athletic director for several years before coming to Mercer in the fall of 1925 as freshman coach. In the fall of 1926, Johnson was promoted to line coach of the Mercer varsity football team. Johnson also is a graduate of Mercer and won many class (Continued on Page 6)

SPEAKS HERE



Prof. Q. H. Harris, of Emory University, who will be one of the speakers at the conference here.

DEBATERS MEET AUBURN TONIGHT

Cobb and Hale Uphold the Orange and Black

DEBATE IN THE CHAPEL

Mercer's debating season will be officially opened here to-night when Auburn will be met in the Mercer chapel. The subject will be, "Resolved that Foreign Nations Should Relinquish All Control in China."

Tom Cobb and Roy Hale will uphold the affirmative side of the question for Mercer. Both Cobb and Hale are veterans from Mercer's forensic team of last year. Paired with Millard Townsend, who is now graduated, Hale scored a win over Wake Forest College last season.

Others Scheduled

The next debates scheduled are out of Macon. Eugene Cook and Frank Twitty will debate the University of Florida in Gainesville, April 29th. They will uphold the negative side of the question: "Resolved, that the Five Day Week in Industry will Promote the Social and Economic Interests of Our Country."

On the same date Charley Walker and Charley Cork will take the affirmative side of the issue. "Resolved, that the McNary-Hangen Farm Relief Bill is Proper Measure of Relief for the Nation's Farmers," while the Furman debaters will uphold the negative side. The following night, April 30th, Cork and Walker will engage the Wake Forest College debaters in argument on the same issue. (Continued on Page 3)

TO PLAY PETREL CLUB TWO GAME SERIES ON JAUNT

Will be Bears' First Appearance on Foreign Soil

THIRTEEN MEN ON TRIP

The Mercer Bears left yesterday, thirteen strong, with Coach E. Parker Mosely and Manager Aubrey Myers for Thomasville, where they will take on the Oglethorpe Petrels in a two game series today and tomorrow.

Those making the trip are: Parks and Barnes, catchers; C. Stapleton, Butts, Bush, Hamrick and Cannon, infielders; Eason, Smith and Guerry, outfielders; and N. Stapleton, Crowe and Purcell, pitchers.

Last year the Bears played the Petrels four games, two in Macon and two in Atlanta, and were able to win only one of the four.

Will Play Auburn

Unless Coach Mosely is successful in scheduling two games with Auburn, for which games he is now dickering, the present series will be the only games the Bears will play outside Macon. The team may, however, visit Auburn on Friday and Saturday of next week for a two game series there.

The University of Florida team which was scheduled to play Auburn on these dates has disbanded and Coach Mosely stated Tuesday night that was highly probable that the Auburn authorities would be willing to play Mercer on these dates.

If Coach Mosely is not successful in getting the games with Auburn the Bears will play only two more games this season, they being with the Petrels May 10 and 11 in Macon. There were two other games upon the Bear's schedule for May 2 and 3 with the University of Florida team, which of course will not be played.

GARRETT GOES TO MEET IN ATLANTA

Attends Gathering of College Registrars and Finds Startling Facts

Mr. S. W. Garrett, registrar and business manager of Mercer University, attended the meeting of the American Association of College Registrars held in Atlanta April 12 to 15. There are 496 colleges and universities, members of the association and 24 registrars were present from 107 countries and the District of Columbia and Canada.

One of the most startling facts brought out at the meeting was the fact that twenty per cent of the men who are admitted to the Freshman class in the average college do not advance to the Sophomore class. The investigations brought out the fact that many colleges have introduced "Freshman week" and orientation courses to reduce this Freshman mortality rate.

Mr. Garrett also attended a meeting of the Georgia College Placement Bureau, held in Atlanta, the first part of the month. The object of the bureau is to assist college men, especially college graduates, to find permanent employment. The Placement Bureau is financed by the colleges and business men.

Mr. Garrett said: "Special effort is being made by the Bureau to sell education to the big business corporations; that is, to demonstrate to them the advisability of employing college trained men."

Senior-Faculty Baseball Game Proposed

The Cluster offers a serious suggestion to the effect that a baseball game be played the last day of school between the faculty and the seniors. This is an annual custom at many universities and the event at Mercer would be watched with much interest.

Citing an instance at a nearby institution, Wake Forest College has this annual game, it is understood, and the students look forward to it through the school year. It comes as a grand climax to the college career of a senior and provides a unique occasion for the faculty.

Up to Seniors

It is not probable that the faculty here will take the step towards making an invitation to the seniors for the game. It is highly probable that if the seniors request the faculty to take part in a ball game, their invitation will be accepted.

The seniors would be able easily to organize a team. It would be no less hard for the faculty. A Mercer professor stated in all seriousness that he would like to take part in the tilt and that he'd like the first base position the best. No doubt there are others

among the faculty who would like to recall the days they spent in athletic contests.

Play Last Day

The game could be played the last day of school, on the Monday morning before the diplomas are delivered. Exams close on Friday, and Saturday might be selected as the great day. If it were adopted as an annual event at Mercer, it would be a custom that offered much interest and amusement.

At least nine members of the Mercer faculty would agree to take part (Continued on Page 4)