

The Lord Brings Lee Back Home; Battle Boosts Basketball

By Joe Bobbitt
Lee Battle has come home! New Years day meant the start of a new year indeed for Lee after his long fight for life which started last September 25. It was on New Years that Lee came home to "his boys."

Battle attributes his recovery to his confidence in the Lord. "You know the Lord give us a song and He said, 'God will take care of you' and He means it. Confidence is the greatest thing on earth and if I hadn't had it, I never would have got well at my age. I'll be 62 come April 8. Believing on the Lord I ain't been uneasy about the outcome yet, not one time." "You ask how was Christmas? Well, it was good, and the greatest thing was that the Lord let me live. Yessur, that was the best present I got. Times when I was sick they give me up to die, but I didn't worry one bit cause I knew the Lord was with me."

The old idea that Negroes are averse to dead people is not altogether true for Lee says that "its the live ones whut's dangerous and not the dead ones. 'One night a man died in the ward and the orderly wouldn't tech him so I got up and tried his mouf closed and closed his eyes, 'n tied his hands across his chest so's they could take him on home. The dead 'uns in my ward never made me lose heart and sixteen of them died, some as how was worrying about me, and I'm still here."

Lee said he started to slip down to the basketball game last Saturday night, but was afraid it would be too much so early, but he says that he more than likely will be to the next one. Until the freshmen hear him in action at a game they know nothing of college spirit or battling optimism—or Battle optimism.

Senior Class Rings To Be Ordered Soon

Only thirteen out of an enrollment of approximately 100 students in the senior class have ordered their senior rings for the year 1928-29 according to Bill Wright, chairman of the ring committee for the fourth-year class.

Thus far only one ring order has been sent but Mr. Wright plans to send in one order each term, he said. The order for this term will be sent not later than Jan. 20, according to his announcement this week. He urges that each senior who desires to get his ring this term see him as soon as possible, as it may not be possible to pay each individual a personal visitation concerning the matter this term.

The ring is the standard senior ring which was adopted by the student body last year, and is being made by the Charles H. Elliot company, of Philadelphia. The price of the rings will vary from \$17.50 up, depending upon the grade of material, the amount of inscription and the settings, the chairman stated.

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MERCER PLAYERS PLAN FOR SEASON

Tryouts for the cast of the play to be used on the Mercer Players spring tops were to have been held Thursday night, according to an announcement made Tuesday morning by J. C. Shelburne, director of the club. The play, selected by the Players' play committee shortly before the holidays, is "Square Crooks," a comedy-drama in three acts.

Miss Nellie Boone, librarian and Mr. Shelburne were selected by the club to stand as final judges in determining the merits of the actors. With the number of men returned from last year and the new material from the present freshman class, it is expected that the dramatic club will have the best season they have had in a number of years.

Officers of the club predict that it will take about three weeks to get the cast prepared for their first trip. They are expecting to play Tifton, Thomasville, Albany, Moultrie, Tallahassee, and Forsyth on their first trip, though the bookings as yet have not been completed.

GO TO CHURCH MONTH OPENS SUNDAY, JAN. 13

"Go to church month" has been set to begin Sunday, Jan. 13, and to continue through Feb. 10 by the council of the Baptist union, according to Hugh Duzier, president. The council asks each student to cooperate in its endeavor to get boys to attend church services, he said. Each student is cordially invited by city religious leaders to attend some service of the church of his choice during this month, it was said.

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Stray Greeks Hold Banquet on Monday

The stray Greek club, an organization of Greek letter men from other schools who have no local chapter of their various fraternities, will hold the first of its monthly banquets next Monday night, Jan. 14, at 7 o'clock at the Tip Top tea room. An interesting program will be given at the banquet, according to M. H. Kelly, president.

The present members of the stray Greek club are: Mr. Kelly, Phi Gamma Delta, Tech; president; J. Q. Davidson, Delta Tau Delta, Georgia, vice president; W. E. Smith, Chi Psi, Tech, secretary and treasurer; J. C. Shelburne, Phi Kappa Sigma, Howard; O. L. Dayton, Phi Kappa Tau, Florida; Dick McGruder, Phi Kappa Sigma, Tech; Fred Ney, Sigma Chi, Kentucky; F. A. Rhodes, Phi Kappa Tau, Florida; Frank Peoples, Theta Chi, Florida; Kon Boland, Delta Tau Delta; Prof. F. B. Grubb, Phi Kappa Sigma, Oklahoma.

All Greeks on campus without local chapter are urged by Mr. Kelly to get acquainted with those named above.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first regular meeting of the Mercer Presidents club will be held in the Phi Delta literary hall Monday morning at 10:30. Heads of all campus organizations are urged to be present by the president, J. Q. Davidson.

The Mercer tennis club will meet in the classroom directly behind the chapel stage Monday morning at the chapel period. The president urges all last year's members to be present.

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