

THE MERCER CLUSTER

PREXY'S PARAGRAPHS

Among the various exercises that are being held this year in honor of the Centenary of Mercer, the events of today, in which we all find pleasure in participating wholeheartedly, occupy a very important place.

Fathers and mothers, trustees and friends are honoring us with their presence while, in the spirit of true hospitality, we join in extending to them a most sincere and cordial welcome, and in wishing for each and all the happiness, the helpfulness and the exaltation of body, mind and spirit that may well come from the friendly association and the better understanding that grow out of acquaintance and fellowship.

How fine it would be if we could develop a warm feeling of cordial and co-operative relationship between the home and the school! How super-fine it would be if we could get that first-hand understanding of our respective and of our common problems that insure the best possible response to our several and group needs!

It is a remarkable privilege to be in the line of descent of Jesse Mercer and those noble spirits who joined him in founding Mercer a century ago. It is even more remarkable that so many of us who love the name of Mercer may enjoy the rare privilege of celebrating the close of the old and the commencing of the new century as trustees of the Mercer of yesterday and as ambassadors of the Mercer of tomorrow.

The formal exercises, in the chapel at 10:30, the meeting of the Auxiliary, the work of classroom and laboratory, the conference period, the luncheon hour, the field day exercises and the reception in the Library are all intended to express the warmth of our hospitality and the genuineness of our happiness as your hosts today.

In that same spirit special exercises will be held in the Mercer Library at five o'clock, when Mrs. E. J. Forrester, with the assistance of Rev. Frederick E. Smith, of Augusta, will formally present to the University the library of the late Dr. E. J. Forrester, who for many years was a distinguished member of the faculty, and who throughout his adult life was a Christian minister and statesman of the very highest character and ability.

The last sermon Dr. Forrester ever preached was at our Commencement exercises last August, and this beautiful act of Mrs. Forrester, in establishing here a worthy memorial to a most worthy man, will touch the hearts of those of us who are present today with a sense of fitness that bears constant testimony to the character and culture of so distinguished a Christian gentleman.

Not only will this gift and all that it signifies serve as a benediction to us who are gathered here today, but it will also be a constant witness and an enduring

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ORVILLE PARK TELLS MERCER STUDENTS OF NEEDED REFORMS

Bibb Legislator Speaks On Failure of Last Assembly; Thinks Body Is Too Unwieldy.

HITS GOVERNOR

Says Leader Offered Three Dollar Tag When State Faces Large Debt

Orville A. Park, Macon attorney and Bibb county legislator, told the students at chapel Monday why the last session of the Georgia legislature failed to accomplish anything in the way of constructive legislation.

Mr. Park began with a paradox, stating that the legislators did and did not represent the people. He explained that the local prejudices and lack of vision of many of the law-makers was a reflection of the communities which they represented. They were not representative of the people, explained the speaker, when one county of 340,000 was represented by three men, while one of 2,700 was given one seat in the House. He said that many of the needed reforms in Georgia are opposed by the poorer counties.

Lack of Leadership

Lack of leadership, continued Mr. Park, was another reason for the failure of the legislature. With a debt of \$9,000,000 hanging over the state, the governor had only two things to propose, a three dollar tag and a cotton holiday, was the indictment of the speaker.

The rotation system of electing senators and the mass of local issues in the legislature were stressed by the speaker. He said that practically every member of the two bodies came to the session intent upon representing their respective localities, with little interest in state-wide bills.

Hits Sixty-Day Session

The sixty-day session is the key to the immediate reform of legislation. (Continued on Page 2)

A. T. O.'s Win Title From Kappa Sigma's

Victors Hold Lead From First Whistle Throughout

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity five won the Mercer frat basketball championship by defeating the Kappa Sigma quintet decisively, 35 to 26. The Omegas took the lead from the opening whistle and were never headed in their drive for the championship.

Two goals by Cook, sophomore forward, and one by Ralph Hampton, gave the A. T. O.'s a lead that was held for seven minutes before Joe Seryak crashed through with a field goal. At the end of the first quarter the A. T. O.'s led, 8 to 4.

The Kappa Sigmas pulled up to (Continued on Page 2)

MOTHER

Would, Mother, thou couldst hear me tell
How oft, amid my brief career,
For sins and follies lov'd too well,
Hath fallen the free, repentant tear.
And, in the waywardness of youth,
How better thoughts have given to me
Contempt for error, love for truth,
'Mid sweet remembrances of thee.

—JAMES ALDRICH.

GREETINGS FROM THE CAMPUS MOTHER

Every year we look forward with glad anticipation to the days when we have the honor and pleasure of having the Dads and Mothers as our guests on the campus. Heretofore these have been separate days but this year we are doubling our happiness by combining these days.

To you our honored guests, we bid you a very warm and hearty welcome to the chapel where an enjoyable program is to be given, to the dormitories and fraternity houses which are your children's homes for nine months, to the class rooms and library where the intellect is quickened and developed, to the athletic field where physical prowess is strengthened, to the cafeteria where the inner man is renewed and to our hearts where you are cherished and esteemed.

MRS. A. P. MONTAGUE,
Campus Mother.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO PARENTS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER FRIENDS:

I wish to voice the warm welcome of our entire Mercer family to each and every visitor on our campus today.

Our Dads' Day Exercises in the fall and our Mothers' Day Exercises in the spring are being observed jointly as Parents' Day and as one of the special features of this Centennial year.

Underneath the joy and pride in your presence lies the very earnest hope that out of the experiences of this day Mercer and every home here represented may be brought into that friendly and helpful relationship that makes for the very largest degree of intelligent and healthy cooperation.

We are happy that you are here, and wish for you, one and all, a day of such abundant entertainment and abounding good will that Mercer will forever be cherished in the sacred places of your love and loyalty.

Sincerely,
SPRIGT DOWELL,
President.

Battle Celebrates Thirty-third Year On Mercer Campus

Lee Battle, Mercer's grand old Negro chef, celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday April 8, with all of "his Mercer boys and girls." Lee was given a party by the students who met in the University dining hall, and he was presented with a huge birthday cake with sixty-six candles on top, and also his name written across.

In telling of his life Lee said that he had been at Mercer since 1900. He can remember men who came to Mercer from 1900 to 1933 if he ever had close contact with them. Lee has made a speech at every home football game played by the Mercer Bears.

Among Lee's friends of 1900 whom he remembers are Walter F. George, United States Senator from Georgia; Wayne P. Sewell, Warner Sewell, Felton Munday, Charlie Reed, and Mark Stratton among other.

Bob Smith had charge of (Continued on Page 3)

Thompson Upsets Seeded Players

Tiny Star Advances To The Semi-Final Round After Surprising Wins

By JACK KASSEWITZ

Play in the Mercer school tennis tournament has advanced to the quarter-final round, and one player has entered the semi-final round. Diminutive Charlie Thompson led the way into the semi-finals after two startling upset victories over Harry Orr and C. K. Poske.

Thompson defeated Orr in a long three set match, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Thompson was hard pressed to win this match from Orr, who was seeded No. 4 in the tournament ratings. Thompson was unrated, but has led the field into the semi-final round after a second upset victory, this time over C. K. Poske, in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5. Charlie showed good form to beat the big Baltimore youth.

Smith Meets Stephens

Ben Smith, defending champion, meets Joe Stephens in a quarter-final match. Smith defeated Frank Mitchell and J. S. Hayes, and drew a bye in the third round. Stephens beat Jimmie Jackson and then drew a bye. He defeated George (Continued on Page 3)

MOTHERS, FATHERS ATTEND PARENTS' DAY FESTIVITIES FRIDAY

Dr. L. A. Henderson, of Columbus, and Mrs. Homer R. McClatchey, of Columbus, To Make Main Addresses

CONTESTS ARE FEATURE

Chapel Addresses, Conferences, Visitations, Lunch, And Athletic Contests To Comprise Program

Welcome Mothers and Fathers to the Mercer campus! Parents Day is a feature of the celebration of Mercer University's centennial year, and this year our Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day have been combined so as to bring our families closer together on the campus.

By JACK KASSEWITZ

Parents' Day will be featured by a special convocation in the Mercer chapel, where Dr. L. A. Henderson, of Columbus, Ga., a member of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Homer R. McClatchey, of Columbus, Ga., will make the main addresses. The speakers will talk on "Mercer's Centennial from the viewpoint of a Father and Mother."

Lunch will be served at 1:00 in the university dining hall, after which the Fathers and Mothers will go to the Centennial Stadium to see the annual field day athletic meet. All students are expected to take part in this celebration.

At 5:00 there will be a reception for the parents in the University library. At the same time the library of the late Rev. Dr. Forrester, of Sparta, Ga., will be presented by the widow of Dr. Forrester, and will be accepted by Miss Sallie Boone, librarian for Mercer University.

Innovations At Mercer

Parents' Day is an innovation (Continued on Page 4)

Mercer Songsters On Five Day Trip

Glee Club Closes Season With Trip Through South Georgia

Mercer's glee club will return Saturday from a five-day trip through South Georgia. The club booked engagements at Vidalia, Jesup, Waycross, Americus and Albany. Thirty-two men were taken on the trip, with the chorus of 25 singers, and the orchestra of 18 players, many of the men doubling with singing and playing.

Songs, Skits And Solos

The program as presented consisted of songs by the entire chorus, intermingled with solos by Jack Dawson, James Lawson, and Harris Duker. The usual comedy (Continued on Page 4)