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THREE DEANSHIPS ABOLISHED BY TRUSTEES

GEORGIA BASIC LAW HAMPERS PROGRESS, SAYS ORVILLE PARK

Macon Attorney Tells Mercer Audience State Constitution Has Too Many Details For Changing Times

CITES AMUSING PARTS

Amendments Have Resulted In Confusion And Ambiguity, Says Speaker

Explaining that the guiding principle of the constitution builders of 1877 was to limit the powers of state officials, Orville A. Park, Bibb legislator, told an audience of Mercer students and visitors Monday night that the present constitution has failed to meet the changing needs of Georgia.

Mr. Park spoke at the Roberts theological chapel on the invitation of the Students' League for Progressive Political Action, a newly organized group on the campus formed to work for the general welfare of Georgia and Georgians. The speaker commended the purpose of the group and added that he thought it remained for the coming generation to remedy the existing needs in the state.

The greatest weakness in the constitution, according to Mr. Park, is the mass of details which leave almost nothing to the state officials with which to meet the new social and political demands of the changing times. He cited portions of the constitution, explaining that parts have been amended so much that it is almost impossible to ascertain the law on some questions.

The speaker showed how the present constitution is hindering the work of reorganization of the state government. He said that the pressing needs for extension of state functions has resulted in legislation which is constantly being questioned as to its legality. He added that the constitution is (Continued on Page 4)

Mercer To Furnish Group For Pageant

Part of Bi-Centennial Celebration To Represent Mercer's Founding At Penfield

Mercer will furnish 71 of the persons to take part in the Georgia bi-centennial celebration, which will be staged at the stadium May 28, 29, and 30, according to an announcement by Richard Grinolds in chapel, Monday.

R. L. McKenney, former editor of the Macon News, who has charge of the pageant, has asked the cooperation of all civic clubs and Mercer in helping to reproduce scenes from the history of Georgia and of important events in Macon's history.

Daly Smith Enters Finals of School Tennis Tournament

By JACK KASSEWITZ
The field in the Mercer tennis tournament has narrowed to four players with one player in the finals, one in the semi-finals, and two in the quarter final round.

Daly Smith entered the finals in the lower bracket, after defeating Charlie Thompson, McDonough star, 6-3, 6-3. Thompson was badly off form, showing lack of practice. Smith has beaten Jack Murr, Carl Daw, David Wilson, and Thompson to enter the finals.

Hugh Wallace beat Martin Moseley in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. Wallace played the best game of the two, although he was caught out of position by Moseley on a number of shots. Wallace scored numerous points in the last set on service aces, Moseley making no attempt to hit the balls. Wallace will meet the winner of the Ben Smith-Joe Stephens for the right to meet Daly Smith in the finals. Wallace is favored to go into the finals, but Smith seems to have the best chance to win the championship.

Heyward Vann, team manager, announced that games are being arranged with the leading junior colleges of the state and with the state universities, Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Tech, if any open dates are to be had with these clubs. The six quarter finalists will make up the tennis squad. (Continued on Page 4)

OSTROM GIVES PLANS FOR REHABILITATION OF MERCER BAND

Proposes "Junior Band" For Students With No Previous Musical Training

TO ESCORT TEAMS

Mr. Ralph K. Ostrom, the new director of Mercer university band for the coming scholastic year, gives the following outline of his plans for the band next year.

He expects to have three one-hour rehearsals each week during the entire year, and is anxious for new members to join the band. He states that it is not necessary for any student to have a musical knowledge as he proposes to start at the beginning of the term a Junior Band made up of students who are not able to play any instrument but who are willing to learn. He even goes so far as to guarantee that all new members of the band will be able to play a concert of six or eight numbers at the end of an eight week period. He hopes that all freshmen will keep this in mind.

During the football season Mr. Ostrom plans to have the band participate in all home games and also those which are not at too great a distance. He hopes to take the (Continued on Page 3)

Mercer University Given Huge Library By Former Teacher

A gift of 500 volumes of the library of the late Dr. Eldred John Forrester, of Sparta, Ga., was presented to the library of Mercer University on Parents' Day, April 14. Reverend Fred Smith, Augusta, speaking in behalf of Mrs. Forrester made the presentation to Mercer. Col. T. E. Ryals, a close friend of Dr. Forrester, and a member of the Board of Trustees, accepted the gift for Mercer. Mrs. Forrester and members of the family were also in attendance.

Rev. Smith spoke of the life of Dr. Forrester, giving a short biography of his life, and telling of his fine work at Mercer and in the pupil of several churches.

Dr. Forrester was a faculty member at Mercer from 1905 until 1918, teaching in the school of Theology. He was a prominent historian, theologian, and teacher, and was the author of several books, some of which are included in the 500 books presented to Mercer.

Dr. Forrester delivered the commencement sermon on the Mercer campus in 1932. He died during the summer of 1932 at his home in Sparta.

Col. Ryals was a close friend of Dr. Forrester, being a school mate and a close friend during life.

Now that the small investor hasn't anything left to invest there's talk of throwing safeguards around them.

TRUSTEES APPROVE COURSE REDUCTION; 'MUST MEET CUT'

Under New System Only Deans of Law And Arts Remain; Others Will Be "Heads"

OBJECTIVES DEFINED

Not To Make Material Successes, But Moral Leaders Is Cause Of The Institution

A curriculum providing only for work in the school of liberal arts and the law school, to be effective with the beginning of the 1933 fall term, was approved by the Mercer board of Trustees at their regular quarterly meeting Friday, April 14.

Under the new system, there will be deans of only the law and arts schools. Instructors in charge of other departments will be known as "heads," and the degrees of bachelor of arts, bachelor of law, and master of arts will be the three degrees given by the university.

The reduction of the number of separate schools in the university, necessitating a decrease in the number of degrees offered, is a movement designed to meet the figures of a reduced budget, members of the board declared. Several years ago, the deficit was approximately \$18,000, but now it has been reduced to about \$6,000. Members of the board of trustees will seek to obtain this money from friends of the institution by the first of June.

The revised curriculum for the university, approved by the board is enumerated as follows:

1. Humanities, including studies in religion, English, French, German, Greek, Latin, Philosophy, and Spanish.
2. Social sciences, including studies in accounting, economics, education, government, history, journalism, law, psychology, and sociology.
3. Natural sciences, including courses in astronomy, biology, (Continued on Page 2)

Currie Leads Law School For Winter

Augusta Student Leads Lawyers For Second Successive Term

G. Brainerd Currie, of Augusta, again led the Law school in scholastic averages during the last quarter, according to an announcement by Dean McLain. This is the second successive quarter that Currie has led the law students, his average being 89.68 for the last quarter's work.

Charles Noell, of Lexington, was next with an average of 87.5, and A. J. Land, of Columbus, was third. Currie and Land are freshmen; Noell is a senior.

COLLEGIATE WHIRL

By MIKE GOLDWIRE

"Student Meets Future Husband At First Junior Prom in 1906"—headline in the WATCHTOWER. Are they married yet? —BURP—

In the latest issue of the Duke University catalogue is a phrase like this, "no student is permitted to leave the college health without permission from the dean's office." Lads, we still have something to be thankful for. —BURP—

We see in the BLUE STOCKING that the P. C. orchestra has been practicing nightly for the past week preparing for a dance. It just goes to show, Bill, that they have to practice weeks at other schools, too, before they can play a few tunes for the public. —BURP—

"Four P's Important, Says Cameron Beck"—headline in THE BLUE STOCKING. In what word gentlemen, in what word? And over what period of time? —BURP—

From THE YELLOW JACKET we get the news that W. W. Gordon, Sophomore at Randolph-Macon, while climbing on the roof of the Old Dormitory, fell through and injured his shoulder badly.

We wonder if the Old Dormitory is co-ed. If it was, why should he be on the roof? —BURP—

"Lauds Hatchet Plan For Student Council"—headline in THE UNIVERSITY HATCHET. Lads, (Continued on Page 3)

SENIORS PLAN SAVANNAH TRIP

Special Train To Carry Seventy Mercer Students To Bi-Centennial Pageant April 26-29

Seventy Mercer students, including the senior class, will travel to Savannah aboard a special train April 26 to take part in the Savannah bi-centennial pageant, April 26-29. Robert M. Smith, senior class president announced.

Mercer has been invited to have a part in the pageant, because of the fact that Georgia is celebrating its 200th anniversary, and Mercer University its 100th year. The pageant is sponsored by the city of Savannah and while in Savannah, the students will be escorted (Continued on Page 4)

when they start carrying hatchets it's bad. We wonder why some of the students (?) here haven't thought of that. They could tear down things lots quicker that way. —BURP—

BOSTON UNIVERSITY NEWS states that Esther Mulrenin, C. L. A. junior, received 150 "clipped" ballots in the "Queen of the Prom" contest. He sho must be crazy about her. —BURP—

We see in THE COLONNADE that the freshman class or something of some year at G. S. C. W. decided by vote that lemon pie was the preferred dish—Mary and Smith were favorite names. What, then and now, was the favorite entertainment???

"Women's Sports"—column head in the BOSTON U. NEWS. That's nothing, several of the boys here are but they don't go around putting it in the paper. —BURP—

Clemson is going to resort to scientific methods to clean their barracks. Boys, the old "quick Henry, the Flit" method will get rid of them too. —BURPED—