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GRAD GOES BACK FOR INDOOR DOPE

Early Games Played in "Y"; Twelve Front Seats.

By Old Timer

Just about the first I ever heard of a Mercer basketball team was along about 1904 or 1905 while doing the hat checking job in the old Macon Y. M. C. A. building, long before the present building was erected. My only affiliation with Mercer at that time was the fact that Dr. P. D. Pollock, president of the college, sometimes taught a Sunday School class, of which I was a member with about ten other bad, sulky, indifferent grammar school boys.

Since that time I have seen them come and go, and later on, many years later as a student at Mercer had the privilege of having played on the same team with Captain "Skin" Melton, picked by Heisman as an all-Southern forward. Hence the interest of Old Timer and this ALL-Time Mercer basketball team scheduled to play here on February 18.

Regular Fellows

The Mercer team playing against the Macon "Y" that year consisted of Harry Popper, the Harry who is now prominent in business and social life in Macon and who is doing so much for the advancement of Mercer athletics; Sidney Connor, now an officer stationed at Camp Benning; "Pat" Stovall, who left Mercer a few years later to accept a commission in the regular army; Dave Quarles, now living in Atlanta and connected with the Atlanta Journal; Bunyan Stephens, now pastor of a church in Tallahassee, Fla.

Judge Will Gunn, Bibb county judge, was either on the Mercer team or the Macon "Y." Other former students of Mercer playing on the Macon "Y" were Baxter Jones, Dr. Holmes Mason, Charlie Waite, Cliff Hatcher and C. D. McClure. C. D. McClure, a graduate of University of Indiana, later was coach of the Mercer team when Old Timer played as a "parked corner" guard. Players then played the man and not the ball.

The game was played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, then located in the basement, and less than one hundred attended the game, the admission being 15 cents for general admission and 25 cents for a chance at one of the twelve front-row seats.

Four or five hundred wooden dumb bells lined the walls on each side of the gymnasium and there being fouls called only when a fellow slugged another in the jaw about the only "time out" a player got was to knock from the wall as many of the dumb-bells as he could reach without attracting too much notice. John White (name and soul white but color black) was sent for to collect up the dumb-bells while the team rested.

Cars Scare

Old Timer does not know exactly why the game was played at the "Y" building rather than in the Mercer gym except that maybe it was because Harry Popper lived near the "Y" building and the walk was too far out to Mercer or that the 15 cent patronage did not care to take such a long journey on a Long Belt car later than 9 o'clock at night. Harry did not then have his Cole 8 nor did lots of other folks have Buicks, Dodges, Fords and the like.

Next week—More early games and some of the players.

MORRIS IS DISAPPOINTED

By J. G. Wilkes

Disappointment seems to be written over the face of a great number of Mercer students. The latest case of this disease has shown itself in a person heretofore never bothered by anything similar, not even in his many love affairs. Romeo Basil Morris happens to be the one upon whom this unfortunate thing has settled and after ascertaining the facts as nearly as possible from the said doomed personage it can be easily understood why he contracted it.

For several days he had been looking forward to the time when he was to appear before the photographer and have a snapshot made of himself so that Mercer University might

have a better chance to advertise than ever before. Countless minutes had been spent before the mirror combing his hair and in other ways "dolling" up.

After neglecting all of his other work the day arrived, but it was not as he had expected. It was cold, nearly to the point of freezing with the clouds hanging low and everything seemed to point to the fact that it would soon snow. But he still maintained that undaunted spirit and believing that the day would soon become brightened by the beautiful rays of sunshine, he prepared for the last time, he thought.

Basil, although late, went to his classes with a smile spread all over his face. After trying to make his professors think that he had studied, he found out that that eventful day had been changed and all of his preparation counted for nought.

NEWMAN'S PUPIL SAYS PLAY SQUARE

Knowing, Doing and Obtaining is Dr. Arthur's Theme.

"It behooves us to play the game square, fellows, so let's do our best in everything. This can be accomplished through the three principles of knowing, doing and obtaining," said Dr. Samuel J. Arthur in addressing the Mercer students during chapel hour.

Dr. Arthur explained that duty becomes plain through the instruction of some supreme authority and doing indicates faith in the authority. Continuing, he said that the act of obtaining is accomplished by combining the knowing and doing principles.

Dr. Arthur is a former student of Dr. Newman, who was teaching in Canada about thirty years ago, and is now pastor of a church in Erie, Canada. Dr. Newman, in introducing his former pupil, stated that "Samuel" was a model young man as well as a star student, in the bygone days.

PERSONALS

John Hackney, Julian Groover, Sid Ellison, Joe Hardeman, Abe Rice, Eugene Massey, Charley Wasden, "Son" Sammons and J. Aderholt attended the Georgia-Mercer basketball game in Athens.

Harris Bashinski and Benton Evans spent the week-end in Tennille.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver was in Birmingham, Ala., several days last week in the interest of Mercer University.

The Volunteer Band, of Mercer, went to Bessie Tift Thursday night to put on a joint program with the Volunteer Band of that college.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stephens spent Sunday in Gordon, at an all-day meeting of the association gathering of the churches in that vicinity for a mission rally.

Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, of Tennille, was in Macon Thursday visiting her son, Ellison, who is at Mercer this year.

Allie Thompson visited the home folks at Cochran during the past week.

J. H. Cline, of Byron, had to leave Mercer recently on account of eye trouble. He will return to resume his studies next term.

Clay Ryals spent the week-end in McRae with the home folks.

"Doc" Browder was at home in Cordele during the past week.

Ellison Gilmore and Dan Hammack were visitors in Sandersville Friday and Saturday. Gilmore went from there to Tennille to spend Sunday with his mother.

Ed Morgan, Mercer's former star left fielder and now at Georgia Tech, is in Macon to spend the week.

E. B. Brown, who graduated from Mercer last year, was in Macon Sunday and paid the boys a visit.

T. B. Twitty, who has been sick for the past week, is out again.



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