

MANY CANDIDATES OUT FOR PRACTICE

"Tige" Stone Dodges Weather With Battery Men.

Seventeen candidates responded to Coach Cody's call for battery practice Monday afternoon with prospects pointing towards the greatest team that Mercer has ever had.

Mercer's own "Tige" Stone was the only veteran of past struggles to make an appearance. "Tige" was on the grounds coaching and instructing ten candidates for the pitching staff.

Among those who were trying for a berth on the staff, and those the dope is in their favor, are "Tige" Stone and Allie Thompson. Thompson is a south-paw and is from Cochran, where he showed much ability last season as a pitcher; Clay Ryals, who is a nifty right-hander, pitched for the strong McRae team, and is following a close third, according to dope; Milton Wallace, who is from Douglas, the town which has heretofore been represented on the teams of the University of Georgia and among those from Douglas, were "Bum" Day and "Puss" Welch. Day pitched for Douglas last season, also pitched several games in Kentucky; Stapleton, from Colquitt, is also showing great form with his south-paw; others were Jack Weaver from Lanier High, Buchanan of Dalton, Henry Mulligan from Sylvania, and Daniels and McKissack.

The catchers who were on the scene were "Hop" Morgan, who comes here with a reputation; Clegg from last year's scrubs who is expected to push some one for the receiver's place; "Fatty" Lord, a former Lanier High star; Daniel, Sid Ellison, Thomas Vining, Tennille and Morris are among the lot.

Manager Clark said that regular practice would probably start next Monday, and that he expects about one hundred candidates for the various positions. He thinks that Coach Cody will have to divide the squad into two sections, one to practice in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Every place on the team seems to have several competitors. The initial sack is to be a hard fought for position, with "Consuello" Smith and Irwin contesting. Other infielders are Henderson, Wilkes, Printiss, Sears, Rice, Newton, Waden and many more who have not announced their candidacy. The outfielders are Hammock, Harper and Sheppard, who were letter men last year, and "Shorty" Poore from Gordon and who was half-back on the football team for Mercer this last season.

DR. FOX MAKES WAR ON ROBIN HUNTERS

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

"Shooting robins and other migratory birds is strictly against the Federal migratory bird law," said Dr. Henry Fox, Mercer Biology professor, and also United States deputy game warden. Dr. Fox, together with Scout Executive H. O. Hunter, has declared war on the small boys who have for the past few weeks been unmercifully slaughtering the robin, which makes an easy target on account of its tameness.

In his list of birds which it is against the law to kill, Dr. Fox leaves out very few, the English sparrow being the only one which he says is not helpful to the farmers. The robin, the bird which has been the chief victim, is a song-bird in the North, and is very tame. In many instances this bird has been known to eat from a man's hand.

The game wardens of Georgia are determined to stop the wholesale slaughter of these birds, and will arrest any men or boys who continually violate the law. The police of Macon have been instructed to enforce the law against the shooting of firearms in the city.

PHI DELTA'S PEP ISSUES CHALLENGE

Would Fight Ciceronians With Tongue or Fists.

By L. L. Lovett

Pep and enthusiasm were very much in evidence at the weekly meeting of the Phi Delta Monday night. The old spirit of '22 was there.

Election of officers and report of the committees took the place of the regular program. Plans were also formulated in regard to Society Day, which comes on February 22.

A challenge was made to the Ciceronians to have a contest in oratory on Society Day, but they feared the sting of the defeat which would face them, so they modestly declined. A challenge to a boxing match was also heralded, but once more modesty prevailed, for the Ciceronians wished to protect their beauty.

The following officers were elected at the meeting:

- R. L. Brantley, president.
- W. A. Bottle, vice-president.
- J. L. Clegg, critic.
- R. E. Walker, censor.
- C. E. Bryson, chaplain.
- Max Lassiter, secretary.
- J. C. Young, assistant secretary.
- E. E. Grant, janitor.
- L. L. Lovett, reporter.

UNCLE BIM'S STUFF

In the discussions which take place each day in the several sociology recitations, numerous subjects are brought up. Wednesday Professor "Bo" Railey entertained the class for a few moments with the following monologue:

"Yes, she was a good-looking young lady and I hadn't seen her in quite a while until I saw her in Macon the other day. She said, 'Why, professor, I thought you would be married by now.' I answered, 'No, not yet; it looks like you might help me out.'

"The lady said, 'Why, no, I would not marry any bachelor,' but we talked a while and when we parted, she said, 'Well, I don't know whether I would marry a bachelor or not.'

There was a whisk of coat-tails of summatiers diving beneath seats for concealment as the train conductor of the "Mercer Special" entered the coach to take the tickets. Then some enthusiastic rooster cried out:

"Fifteen for the conductor."
"Fifteen, what?" a passenger asked
"Fifteen years," came a muffled voice under a seat.

PROF. JACOBS ON SCOUT MOVEMENT

Mercer Teacher Speaks to Scout Boys at Vineville Methodist Church.

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

"The Scout movement is the only thoroughgoing, comprehensive movement covering a large territory, which attempts to develop growing life according to Nature and according to the way God intended boys and girls to be brought up. All of us should be glad of a chance to help the Scouts," said Prof. Peyton Jacob, Psychology instructor at Mercer University, Sunday night in his address to the Macon Scouts at the Vineville Methodist church.

"Play is the best way by which children are prepared for the problems of after life, and the Scout movement is an effort to take advantage of this play instinct," continued Prof. Jacob. "Through play he learns to control his own body; and through joyful exploration he becomes acquainted with the many things which surround him. Most of his play is imitative and therefore constructive. Through this imitative playing, he learns how to do the work which he sees his elders performing. All of us have seen children playing school, housekeeping, etc."

"Children who live in the city have not the advantages which are afforded to those who live in the country, for they are not close to nature as is the farmer boy. They do not come in contact with productive sources, nor do they have the benefit of working in close companionship with their fathers, sharing in the labors of the farm."

"Why do we support the Scout movement? Some men support it because it gives pleasure to boys, and for that reason only; some because the Scout activities tend toward a greater physical development; others think there is no great good in the Scouts but that it gives them something to do, and thus keeps them out of mischief. The moral teaching of the Scouts, however, causes more to be done for them than any other one thing. Anyone who lives up to these teachings is an upright man and a good citizen."

Freshman (writing to Pop): It was right after the game, Dad, that I met the sweetest girl in the world. She has promised to be my bride, ten years after I graduate and have built up a flourishing business as a Bachelor of Arts.

MERCER Y. M. C. A. SPEAKERS CONDUCT CHAPEL SERVICES

CRUDUP, HINESLEY NEWSOME TALK

Considered One of Best Programs of College Term.

Mercer Y. M. C. A. had charge of the chapel hour Wednesday morning and gave the student body a period of addresses that were heartily applauded.

The speakers were W. F. Hinesley, Josiah Crudup, Bruce Newsome and Guy Atkinson, who is president of the Mercer Y. M. C. A. John Henry Green led the devotional service.

The program was one of the several that the different student organizations will hold at the chapel hour from time to time. It is said to be the intention of the faculty to draw the students a larger part in the chapel programs than heretofore. Students declared it one of the best programs of this year.

VALUABLE STUDENT

Josiah Crudup was one of the speakers on the Y. M. C. A. program given at chapel Wednesday morning. His subject was "The Value of a Christian Student on the Mercer Campus."

The speaker stated that a student is defined as one devoted to study, and drew smiles from the students by suggesting that this definition might not apply to all who had the name of students. Mr. Crudup stated that in all pursuits of knowledge, whether in history, science or any other line, the study, if carried to its ultimate analysis would find its end in God.

"But it is not for us to depend upon courses of study alone for our knowledge of Christ," said the speaker. "For we know God through Christ. He is the one who reveals to us the person of God. It seems to me very necessary for students to leave out of their lives all profanity and unclean living."

Mr. Crudup stated that a man can combine the characteristics of a true student and a true Christian. He spoke of the fact that Mercer had great athletic teams, but insisted that to succeed Mercer must not lose sight of ideals. "These ideals," he

said, "might be attained by fastening to Christ and opening our books."

JACK TAR STICKS

"What the Vesper Services Mean to Me" was the subject of Bruce Newsome, who was one of the speakers at the Y. M. C. A. program Wednesday morning.

The speaker stated that he came to Mercer first six years ago, where he felt homesick and lonely as he heard mention of "getting rats" and saw the big sophomores strutting around. Then he was invited to go to the "Y" services where he found a familiar atmosphere of religious brotherhood.

"The vesper service has been a dynamo in my life," said Mr. Newsome. "It has charged my life with something to fall back on in the hard places. When going overseas during the war a great storm came up. The captain of the ship declared it the worst in twenty years. Alone in the crew's nest, being on watch at midnight, I thought of the Vesper services at Mercer."

The speaker told how many of the fellows shot dice while he read and prayed. Sometimes they threw boots and shoes at him, but his thought reverted to the poem "Jesus Is My Hiding Place." Mr. Newsome closed his talk by dramatically reading a poem.

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE

"The power of the Cross" was the subject of an address by Dr. C. L. McGinty, dean of the School of Christianity, to the Mercer students at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Tuesday night.

Dr. McGinty in his address drew an analogy between electricity and the power of the Cross. The power of the Cross is transmitted to the Christian by the invisible Holy Spirit, even as the power of the wireless message is felt from tower to tower though no connection is visible.

"As the giant wireless tower stands and sends out powerful waves which are caught up by the smaller towers at a distance, so the omnipotent tower of Christ on the Cross stands to send power to the tower set up by the individual," said the speaker. "The storage battery on the car is constantly giving off power but it is replenished faster than it loses; and it has power to cause the lights to burn when darkness comes. In like manner the Christian life gives off power, but replenishes itself from the Cross, and has power for light in the dark places of life."

The Dean illustrated his topic by showing how the electric car must keep in contact with the wire, stating that a man must keep in touch with the power from above. Again, he said, the boy on the bicycle lays hold of the trolley car and is carried along by power not his own, so the Christian laying hold of Christ is carried and kept by an irresistible force.

DEVELOPMENT

"A Mercer man should stand for intellectual development, for a Greater Mercer, and for the principles of Christianity," said W. F. Hinesley, who addressed the student body as one of the Y. M. C. A. speakers Wednesday morning.

Discussing the subject "What a Mercer Man Should Stand For," Mr. Hinesley told of the necessity for intellectual strength. He stated that Mercer men should be intellectual leaders in their respective fields of life. Speaking about the Greater Mercer, he urged the students to realize their responsibility.

"On our shoulders devolve a large part of the work of building and

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University of Georgia Basketball Team Plays Mercer Team Saturday Night, Feb. 11, City Auditorium