

GIRLS' TRAIN FOR MERCER

Fair Ones of Bessie Tift to Arrive on Society Day.

SOCIETY DAY PRECEDENT

A trainload of Bessie Tift girls will come to Mercer next Wednesday for Society Day, according to an announcement by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver. The special train bearing the Bessie Tift beauties will stop at Ash street where the young ladies will be greeted by the whole Mercer student body. "I am anxious that Society Day should actually have a social feature," said Dr. Weaver. "Therefore we have asked the Bessie Tift girls to celebrate the day with us. It is important that Mercer and Bessie Tift have very cordial and close relations."

"The young women will come down in the morning and stay until we tell the dispatcher to let the train depart for Forsyth. It is my desire that you young men should see to it that the young ladies do not get lonesome while at Mercer."

According to the plans the Bessie Tift girls will stay until after the reception, which begins at 9 o'clock Wednesday night. It is said that the coming of the young women will add greatly to the interest and enjoyment of Society Day at Mercer. The precedent set by their coming will probably be followed each year hereafter, and the day will gain in prestige and importance with the student body.

Last year Society Day was considered a big success, but the plans now under way bids fair to make this year eclipse all former celebrations of this kind. Many Alumni and friends of Mercer are expected to be here at that date also.

MERCER LAWYERS CONTROL THE BAR

Judge, Clerk, Opposing Counsel and Litigants Once Students.

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

Where do Mercer men go after they finish college? This question was partially answered Tuesday morning when it was found that in the municipal court of the city of Macon all the lawyers except one were Mercer graduates, and that this one has two brothers who have graduated from Mercer.

The judge, Hugh Chambers, was a Mercer alumnus; so was the clerk, W. H. Spillers. Over half the jury were graduates of that institution, among them being Prof. Geo. Sparks, of the Mercer School of Journalism.

Some of the lawyers in the court room who attended the Mercer Law School were Baldwin Martin, B. S. Deaver, Sid Hatcher, Will Turpin, McKibben Lane, Judge John P. Ross, Douglas Carlisle, Grady Gillon, Allen Clements, Sam Hunter, J. C. Estes, Judge Cunningham, and Jim Clements, former all southern catcher for Mercer; also Baxter Jones, Daisy Churchwell.

Even the litigants were Mercer men.

MERCER FRESHMEN DEFEAT THE B. A. C.

Big Victory Is Achieved in Barnesville.

By J. P. Leggett

Mercer's Freshman basketball team journeyed to Barnesville to do battle with the Athletic Club there last Thursday night. The Freshmen re-

MERCER SCHEDULES INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES FOR YEAR

Mississippi, Howard, Emory and Furman on List.

BRENAU AND BESSIE TIFT

Debaters: Mathews, Marshall, Williams, Shirley, McRae, Green, Bootle, Broome.

Four intercollegiate debates between Mercer and other colleges have been definitely scheduled and the debaters for these contests chosen, according to an announcement by Dr. A. P. Montague, chairman of Mercer University Debate Council. Mercer will enter the arena of argumentation against Mississippi, Howard, Emory and Furman.

The triangular debate with Mississippi and Howard, which will take place on Thursday night, March 9, will come first on the debating schedule. The subject for this contest is, Resolved that the modern tendency in government toward direct action by the people is not advisable.

L. B. Matthews and Warren ("Red") Marshall will uphold the affirmative of the subject against the Mississippi negative team at Mercer. Rabun Brantley is their alternate. William G. McRae and Robert Green, with Mike Terrell as alternate, will journey over to Birmingham to champion the negative of the question against Howard on the same night.

Mercer will meet Emory University in debate at Forsyth in the Bessie Tift auditorium during the last week in April. The subject for this contest is, Resolved that Japanese immigrants should be admitted to the United States on the same terms as Europeans. J. K. Williams and H. H. Shirley will uphold the negative for Mercer, with J. A. Ruffin as alternate.

Mercer and Furman representatives will meet in debate at the Brenau auditorium in Gainesville about the last of April. On this contest W. A. Bootle and C. J. Broome for Mercer will champion the negative of the subject, Resolved that the several States should enact minimum wage laws providing for the establishment of a minimum wage in workshops and factories. Guy Atkinson is Mercer's alternate.

Mercer debating teams in the past have made good records, and it is said that the teams this year are regarded as fully capable of adding to the laurels already acquired. Dr. Montague states that Mercer is especially fortunate this year in having such a strong array of alternates. These, he said, will be expected to take a large part in the preparation for the debates, since they must be prepared to speak at a moment's notice in the place of either member of their respective teams.

turned victors by a score of 39-33.

The teams were about equally matched in the first half, the score being 18-18 at that point of the game. After Simmons replaced Sammons at center the "Rats" gradually forged ahead.

Ellison, Bennett, and Simmons played the best for the Freshmen, while Kemp, O. Dumas and P. Dumas starred for the Athletic Club.

Coach Eyer, of Gordon Institute, refereed the game.

Rats (9)	RF	B.A.C. (33)
Ellison (16)	RF	Kemp (15)
Bennett (15)	L.F.	O. Dumas (10)
Sammons	C.	Wooten (2)
Cecil (4)	RG	P. Dumas (6)
Roberts	LG	Matt

Substitutions: Mercer, Simmons (4) for Sammons; B. A. C., Pate for Matt.
Fouls, Bennett 7, Kemp 7.

DEBATE, ORATIONS AND A RECEPTION MARK SOCIETY DAY

Ciceronian and Phi Delta Societies Furnish Speakers.

SHIRLEY WILL PRESIDE

Three Ciceronians and Three Phi Deltas Act As Marshals.

An inter-society debate, four orations and a reception will feature the annual Society Day program which will be held next Wednesday at Mercer. The holiday as usual will be given over to the activities of the two literary societies.

February 22 was established last year as Society Day at Mercer. As this is Washington's birthday, it was decided to combine the observance of this day with the special day for the literary societies. The day is given over to the societies with the idea of giving every possible encouragement to their activities, and to promote greater interest in literary work and public speaking.

The committee arranging for Society Day state that an exceptionally good program has been planned. The activities for the day begin with a debate at 2:30 in the afternoon between representatives of the two societies.

The subject for the inter-society debate is, Resolved that the several States should enact minimum wage laws providing for the establishment of a minimum wage in workshops and factories, constitutionality waived. For the Ciceronians, Andrew Carraker and W. M. Marshall will uphold the affirmative, while W. A. Bootle and John C. Polhill will champion the negative for the Phi Deltas. The speakers are regarded as well able to produce a stiff contest, and the two societies will be on hand in full force to back and encourage their respective representatives.

Orations by four speakers from the societies will be delivered at 8 o'clock. L. E. Smith, of Grayson, a Phi Delta, will speak on the subject "Religion." E. R. Welch, of Thomsville, a Ciceronian, will come next on the program with an oration on "The Challenge of the Impossible." The second Phi Delta orator will be W. F. Hinesley, of Carrollton, who will have as his subject "Dreams." "The Present Crisis in American Democracy" will be the subject of W. H. Odum, of Valdosta, a Ciceronian, who will be the last speaker of the day.

A joint reception by the two societies at 9 o'clock will close the program for the day. The library building will be the scene of the reception. Music and refreshments will be provided and nothing will be left undone to make the affair one of the most successful of the college year, according to the committee in charge.

The marshals for Society Day are: Talley Kirkland, S. H. Dyer and Mike Herndon, Ciceronians; R. E. Brantley, E. B. Everett and L. L. Lovett, Phi Deltas. H. H. Shirley will preside, with M. C. Lasseter as secretary.

Five hundred thousand dollars for a club house for foreign students has been given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the Intercollegiate Cosmopolitan Club of New York. Plans call for the building on Riverside Drive, opposite Grant's tomb. It will accommodate five hundred students. This club, the largest of its kind, has 620 members from 65 countries, attending 41 colleges and universities in New York City.

The Chinese Students Christian Association in North America has about 1,500 members. The student Y. M. C. A. in China has 174 associations and 19,000 members.

FRESHMAN SCRIBE INTERVIEWS COMEDIENNE, LOUISE FAZENDA

Finds the Celebrity Ignorant of One Subject But Anyhow "Nice and Pretty."

Howard E. Littlefield

After supper one night last week my roommate, Milton K. Wallace, offered to carry me to the Capitol Theatre, where Louise Fazenda, the famous movie comedienne, was appearing in person, if I would conscientiously promise to refrain from "horse-laughing." This expression was used to refer to my occasional mirthful outbursts which occur when I see good movie comedies. I promised, with my fingers crossed behind my back, so quickly that it made his head swim. In a few minutes we had flagged down an auto and were on our way to town. Being put out right at the Capitol we entered and were soon spellbound in a love story picture. When the final clinch had faded away we saw a comedy in which Miss Fazenda starred. I laughed very much and Wallace several times reminded me of my agreement and showed me that I had nearly kicked a brass bar down upon the audience—we were in the balcony.

Pig Tails and All

Then Miss Fazenda appeared on the stage. She was dressed in her film make-up: broques, gingham dress, striped stockings, and pigtail curls. She entertained us for quite a bit, keeping the house roaring with laughter. Wallace had been so tickled that he chewed up and swallowed two or three pages from his note-book. We recovered what was left and I noticed our journalism assignment, suggested that we interview a prominent personage as soon as possible. "Let's interview Louise!" I exclaimed.

Wallace began to argue that he needed a shave, shoe-shine, hair-cut, manicuring and many other applications of methods of transforming ordinary people into Adonises. I told him that she wasn't looking for a husband, so it didn't much matter. After many excuses Wallace agreed to go with me and take notes if I would do all the talking. To this I agreed, having vague plans of asking about Charlie Chaplin, Grace Cunard and Ben Turpin. I knew that she had probably been pestered with reporters everywhere and knew what to say in an interview.

Expected Harm

We went down and asked for the manager. He was taking up tickets at the time for the regular ticket catcher, who had stepped out to get a wienie. I approached him with faltering footsteps and told him that I was a reporter from the Mercer School of Journalism and that I wanted to interview Miss Fazenda. I kept my eyes on his hands as I spoke, ready to flee on an instant's notice, if he decided to do me bodily harm on account of our having "rushed" the Capitol a week or so before. But he harbored no such intentions and asked me to wait a few moments. I stepped aside and talked to Wallace in an undertone, endeavoring to give the manager the impression that I was an old and experienced hand at meeting big guns and that I was probably talking of the time when I had to refuse an invitation to dine with Woodrow Wilson. I just had time to stop Wallace from shining his shoes with the fringe of one of the entrance curtains when the manager was relieved by the regular ticket catcher, and asked us to follow him. I caught Wallace sneaking out the door when my back was turned. He mumbled something about going to get a haircut and bath and promised an early return. But I looped my little finger in his button hole and made him promise to follow me. We then trotted down the aisle and went behind the stage with the manager.

Really Pretty

He knocked at a door and Miss Louise Fazenda appeared, with a smile on her face. She still had on her stage costume but it didn't take me but a very few seconds to realize that she is really very pretty. (I'm not saying this merely because I've promised to send her a clipping of this and if you doubt me and have an hour to spare, just ask Wallace about it!) I introduced myself and Wallace and began to try to remember some of the questions I had been intending to ask her, which, funny to say, had flown from my mind. She came to my rescue and offered to tell us anything about her career. We were surprised to learn that she is a graduate of Stanford University and was a journalism student.

"Then, of course," I asked, "you have heard of Mercer through our reputation in journalism?"

Upon her saying that she hadn't I gave her an incredible stare and gasped.

Hold Miss Garner

"What! Haven't heard of Mercer in the journalism world? My word! How strange!"

She seemed terribly ashamed of her ignorance about Mercer and was very glad to have me explain to her that we had one of the highest courses in journalism in the world.

She told us how she had got into the movies: by being acquainted with a family that were actors, and by acting a little to get some Christmas money. She first acted minor parts with Grace Cunard. She knew Eddie Polo and most all of the actors of Los Angeles and New York. She said that Ben Turpin was really cross-eyed and that she received extra checks when she had to kiss him. She told us quite a bit about the movie game, but advised anyone to "keep out." When we asked her if she received an enormous salary, she replied that she had no cause to complain and that it was better than laundry work.

She said that she had written quite a bit for some of the film magazines and that writing was her hobby. She knew several big editors and told us something about them.

After asking her about everything from comedies to spiritualism, we forced ourselves to leave, as she was writing her answer to Johnny Spencer's letter to her when we first disturbed her. She gave us her New York address and insisted that we call around to see her the next time we happened to be in the city. Wallace heartily promised to do so pretty soon and she told him that she would introduce him to all of her friends when he did and show him around the large hamlet. Wallace, who had manicured his finger-nails with a stray shingle-nail, seemed to make a hit with her and it was with the utmost difficulty that I could persuade him to leave. Even then he kept talking to her until he was nearly out of the theater, walking into a column with a force that shook the whole building.

Best of Managers

We thanked the manager for his kindness, who, by the way, hasn't a single Criterion characteristic, and thanked him for the way in which he had received the Mercer rush. He laughed and remarked that he had been glad to have us. I just want to tell you fellows that he's a friend to Mercer and deserves our support.

I was then forced by Wallace to trudge down to the depot and lug four or five hundred train bulletins, giving routes to New York, back out to our room. We piled them all over the beds and desks, but I managed to crawl between my sheets and after tying a pillow-slip over my head to shut out the light—for Wallace was studying the bulletins—I finally managed to drift off into sleep, dreaming that a cross-eyed movie elephant was sitting on my chest watching a billy-goat chase Miss Fazenda all over New York.