

# The Mercer Cluster

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## FOOTBALL PLAYERS

"Po" McMillin, writing in the American Magazine for February, gives some inside facts concerning the great football team that Centre produced last year.

"Bo" tells in details of the first time the Centre squad prayed before a game. It was just before the famous Centre-Kentucky game, which the Colonels won 3-0, a lone drop kick being registered by a "man who had never tried a drop kick in a game in his life."

McMillin says, "You never heard a stranger or more striking prayer. We stood still or bent forward on the rubbing table, or sat on the floor with our shoes in our hands, our heads all bowed and our hearts full. It wasn't a prayer for victory; it was just an honest, whole-hearted appeal that every man that day might give the best he had in him for Old Centre; that he might play a clean game. . . . So we went out on the field and fought as we had never fought before. . . . Since that afternoon, no Centre College football team has gone onto the field for a game without that word of prayer."

It seems that prayer and brotherly love have both been great factors in the success Centre has experienced on the gridiron, for McMillin quotes "Chief" Myers, the athletic director, as follows, "I want to say to you that brotherly love and team-spirit 'made' us more than anything else. Now, if each of us was ten times as good, we wouldn't get anywhere without that spirit."

Centre with her system of prayer and brotherly love went to the top in football. These are practically the only roads to the top, anyway.

## SOCIETY DAY

The second annual Society Day, which is to be celebrated next Wednesday, should enlist the interest and support of every man on the campus. All should attend the programs and give encouragement to the speakers and representatives of the two literary societies.

All of us whole-heartedly give our support to Mercer's athletic contests and the other activities of the campus should have the same measure of support. The men at Mercer inclined to public speaking and literary activities are always on hand to yell for our teams when we meet other colleges. The men who prefer athletics to literary achievement should be just as ready to cheer the speakers in society and intercollegiate programs.

A whole-souled support of all Mercer's college activities by all the student body will make us able to grow along all lines of endeavor, and we will thereby unitedly meet all tasks and challenges. Society Day should be hailed as a real feature in the life of Mercer, and all should get behind it.

## EMORY HONORED

C. B. Millican, editor-in-chief of the Emory Wheel, has recently been elected vice-president of the Southern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association. The office now held by Mr. Millican is that of vice-presidency over the States of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Southern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association, was formed in 1921 by representatives from all the better college papers in the South. The purpose is to provide a spirit of co-operation between the liveliest college weeklies in the South, to link them into a chain-like system willing and able to help one another, and to raise the status of the papers to a

higher intellectual and moral level. Members of the association run a column weekly headed, "Intercollegiate News," which contains notes prepared from the papers of the other members by a special member of the staff. The column is designed to bring the various papers into closer contact and provides also a gist of the principal events of all the Southern colleges for readers of the papers.

Mr. Millican is to be congratulated as this office to which he has just been elected is filled from all the five States named.

## TIPS AND TAPS

By Bob Gamble

Our dearly beloved Ruth, who is "as fair as a star when only one is shining in the sky," whose sweet, pretty face is soothing to the eyes, whose voice is as soft as a summer breeze, whose smile sets the heart at rest, and whose—(Pardon us!) Ruth says:

"If you love a man, he isn't worth it;  
If you don't love him, you don't know what you want;  
If you lead him on, you're a flirt;  
If you ignore him, you are heartless;  
If he has money, you are mercenary;  
If he hasn't money, you are foolish;  
If he's old you're robbing the grave;  
If he's young, you're robbing the cradle;  
If you stay at home, you're an old maid;  
If you don't, you're a rounder;  
So,  
For the love of Mike,  
What IS a poor girl to do?"

That one gets us. Of course now, if we knew lots about girls we could answer, but being timid and shy when among the ladies, and almost invariably experiencing that tendency to be backward when wanting to go forward, we must pass it up. If any reader of the column can tell us a good bit of soothing balm we could pass on to Ruth, we'd be obliged. But Ruth doesn't need any balm, we figure, and furthermore, she doesn't need anything else, 'cause she's all to the merry just plain so, the plainer the merrier, 'cause Ruth was abundantly blessed by Nature.

### On The Sea of Matrimony

When it comes to marrying 'em off we claim we get the candy; not that we want any candy for under such circumstances 'twould be a bitter sweet as well as a bit o' sweet. But when "love runs smooth" for the other fellows (and rough for us), we just sit and wait and wonder whether we're lucky or not, for among other things,

### Our Married Friends Say:

"Concerning men, women are illogical; to believe all men knaves is unjust, but to believe any of them saints is just nonsense.  
"A woman's chief weapon of offense is her tears . . . and decidedly offensive they are.  
"When a woman aims at originality, up pops gossip.  
"Any woman will pardon a charming man who marries for money, provided it is not her money.  
"God forgives, man forgets, but woman remembers forever.  
"The only really contented people are usually to be found in lunatic asylums.  
"Marriage which makes two one is a life-long struggle to determine which is that one."  
Ho hum! Wonder who'll be next.

## A SONG OF SUNSHINE

John Milton Samples

Night with its veiling shadows,  
Its sorrows and grief are flown,  
The sunlight is flooding the hilltops,  
The world's at the cradle of dawn.  
My heart is full of the glory  
That gilds the fair face of the morn,  
The sunshine is hiding life's sorrows  
As the bloom on the primrose the thorn.  
As songbirds in sweet-noted carols  
Exultant are rending the air,  
I'll sing you a songlet of sunshine  
And breathe the sweet presence of prayer.

My soul is full of the beauty  
That Nature lends lavish to life  
And my heart is attuned to her music  
And the world is at rest from all strife.

I'll sing you a songlet of sunshine,  
I'll waft it on wringlets of air.  
May it find in a lone heart a lodgment  
And banish its burdens and care.

## A SUMMER IDYLL

By T. M. Hart

THE NATURE LOVER SPEAKS:  
Whence comest thou, bright stream of water fair?  
From mountain crest, or lofty hillside, where  
The nearness of God's Heaven stills the earth?  
Or did the lowly woodlands give thee birth?  
The silent bits of forests in between  
Those mountains, whose high summits now are seen,  
Now hid by clouds, the wand'ers of the skies.  
O tell me, stream, where doth thy waters rise?

### THE BROOK:

Out of the depths of the forest,  
And over the mountain top,  
Leaping the dangerous cataract,  
My glistening waters drop.

Coming from regions of fairyland,  
I bring all their beauty to men,  
Filling their souls with enchanting dreams,  
I come with the swiftness of wind.

### THE NATURE LOVER:

Thy rippings are like music to my ear,  
That drives away each thought of grief or fear,  
That fills the heart with unproved joy,  
And brings each hearer bliss without alloy.

## PHI DELTAS BUSY

Debating the subject, "Resolved, that several states should pass a minimum wage law, providing for a minimum wage in factories and workshops," B. F. Farrar, G. L. Keith and E. B. Everett, upholding the negative side, won over O. K. Webb, W. A. Ingram and J. A. Ruffian, who championed the affirmative viewpoint. But as usual victory wasn't awarded the victors until a verbal battle had been waged. Much interest was shown in this subject, because it is to be used in the contest on Society Day between the two societies.

There has been considerable discussion here of late among the societies as to the advisability of forming a new and third literary society on the campus. The question was voted on by the society on Monday evening and failed to be approved, the argument being to endeavor to build greater societies out of the two already functioning, and postponing the forming of a new one.

The question, who's to be our guests on Society Day, was before the society for consideration. Bessie Tiff's inability to be with us on that day was reported to the society and caused many a downcast look to creep over the society's personnel. However, Wesleyan College and the Junior and Senior classes of G. N. & I. C. are to be invited, and it is thought that girls galore will be with us on that day. Let us hope so.

By R. L. B.

## SPICE OF LIFE

Soph: "What will we do?"  
Senior: "Let's spin a coin. If it falls heads, we will go to the movies. If it falls tails, we will go to the dance, and if it stands on edge, we will study."

### At The Meet

The student in his track suit stood,  
The maiden's laugh was rippling,  
And turning to her friend she said,  
"That's what they call a stripling."  
"Yes, sir, this certainly is fraternity weather."  
"Howzat?"  
"Gives everybody the grip."  
J. P. L.

## PERSONALS

M. K. Wallace visited homefolks in Douglas last week.

E. B. Brown, graduate of last year, was in Macon to see the Mercer-Georgia basketball game.

Victor Graves spent two days in Dublin during the past week.

We are glad to see W. J. Wood out again after being sick for several days.

T. B. Twitty, who has been sick for the past two weeks, went home Saturday to stay with the homefolks until he completely recovers.

Ned Warren, graduate of 1920, was in Macon Saturday and Sunday for the purpose of seeing the Mercer-Georgia basketball game.

## BALLOONS BY HELIUM GAS

Recent tests of Helium as a non-inflammable gas for balloons calls attention to this strange occupant of the air we breathe.

Helium is in the air in the proportion of one part in 185,000 by volume; neon, one part in 60,000; argon, one part in 104; krypton, one part in 19 million, and xenon, one part in 190 million. These gases are all inert, do not react with other elements and for this reason probably more than for any other they have excited great interest among chemists. Next to hydrogen helium is the lightest gas known, having twice the density of hydrogen.

Helium has been liquefied by Professor Onnes in Leyden. The liquid boils at 268.75 degrees C., which is very close to absolute zero, that is, 273 degrees C. Onnes is the only one who has liquefied helium and he used the small amount of liquid obtained to determine some of the properties of matter at this extremely low temperature.

## ANOTHER PRECEDENT BROKEN

The Mercer Cluster last week put into effect one of the most unique plans that has ever been known when it published the pictures of the Georgia basketball team without mentioning the fact that Mercer had already won one game from them.

Never before in the history of the school has Mercer shown a visiting team such a courtesy, nor has any other school, as far as can be determined. Usually when a team has lost on its home court and then goes to visit the winning team, it is customary for the team which has won to play up that fact in the college paper that "the team which we beat last week will play here."

The Cluster, by not mentioning the fact that Mercer had already won from Georgia, established a precedent of which it has a right to be proud.

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