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OUR TEAM!

It is good to be able to call such a team "our" team. Gallantly, cleanly they have upheld the standard of Mercer through five gruelling, hard-fought contests in the Atlanta tournament. Harmoh, Smith, Gamble, Harper, Pope, Wear, Wilkes, McWilliams, all have done for Mercer the most that could be done under the circumstances.

It is the consensus of opinion that our team defeated four of the best quintets in the South. Centre, Kentucky State, Chattanooga, and Tech all took the count from the Orange Typhoon which swept right up to the finals through the roughest sea navigated by any crew.

And the fair and chivalrous spirit shown by all the teams in the tournament, the high tone of the press discussion, the interchange of compliments between rival colleges, all these things mark a new era in intercollegiate athletics. Mercer men, losers in the finals, have uttered high praise for North Carolina, their winning opponents. Georgia, through her college paper, the Red and Black, has generously complimented Mercer's team as worthy to represent the state in every respect.

Here we quote The Technique, Georgia Tech's organ. Says The Technique, "Mercer also deserves praise for her great team, and if we must lose, we are glad to lose to a team of her calibre."

Thanks, Tech! Thanks, Georgia! It is an honor to have athletic relations with colleges of such fair sportsmanship as yours. Mercer, all of Mercer, appreciates your frank words of congratulations.

To our team: adding to the chorus of voices raised to sing your praises, we wish to thank you for your accomplishment, and assure you of our unstinted support in the future.

TO MERCER

To the gallant Mercer five, "in the heart of Georgia," we extend our heartiest congratulations on the splendid essay they made to win the S. I. A. A. championship at basketball. They were beaten in the finals, yes, but beaten by a team that was able to lick our own Bulldogs. And the Baptists were not ousted before they had masterfully completed an exacting task, probably the most difficult assignment handed any team in the tourney—that of putting Centre College, Kentucky State, Chattanooga, and Tech out of the running.

It is a noteworthy accomplishment, is the rapid resumption of a lost athletic rating by the Macon school. In other days, Mercer knew few, if any, peers in the commonwealth of Southern intercollegiate athletics.

Under the new and progressive regime of its corps of officers, the Macon university is coming back into its athletic own.

Again, congratulations, Mercer, you were good enough to stand for Georgia in the finals!—Red and Black, University of Georgia.

GOING STRONG

The editor of the Cluster has had a strenuous time during the last two weeks, with the managing editor in Atlanta and Indianapolis with the team; the editor himself and the majority of the staff in Atlanta a part of the time, with an intercollegiate debate speech in preparation, with examinations almost at hand, in the midst of it all the stork swooped down and left with us our second son, a future Mercerian we hope, Sherwood Mercer by name.

TEACHABLE THINKERS

College men should strive to acquire, among other things, two characteristics: first, the habit of INDEPENDENT THINKING, and second, the quality of TEACHABLENESS.

Independent thinking is almost a lost art. It must be acknowledged that there is among college men a dearth of original mental effort. Men rest upon their oars, content to think the same old thoughts and to follow the same old ruts of life, that have been beaten so hard and so deep by the countless generations gone. Like the mountaineers who followed the Indian trails with their roads, up and down hill, winding about wherever the temporary opening led, when they could have followed the level ridge, just so do men follow the ancient trails of thought and action when they might walk the heights of original and independent thinking.

Wherever there is a hill, a hard place in the world's life, college men should THINK, smooth the trail, straighten the road. Second-hand thoughts are like second-hand clothes, fairly good if they fit; but they are often too full or too tight for the times.

It is true, as the German adage puts it, that all that is new is not good, and all that is good is not new, but the independent thinker can also be TEACHABLE, learning and retaining the wisdom and truth of age and experience; and at the same time outdipping upon it a new and helpful edifice of thought and action.

ACTION NEEDED

Tennis weather is upon us, and the hundreds of tennis players at Mercer have no suitable courts for this enjoyable and beneficial pastime. It is to be hoped that the athletic committee will soon realize the situation and take steps to provide at least four good tennis courts.

When one considers the attraction and benefits of tennis, it is strange that provisions for the game have been so woefully neglected at Mercer. Baseball, football and basketball can be played by dozens of men, while hundreds can wield a racquet well enough to be exercised thereby. Athletics for all demand that we have our tennis courts put in shape.

This matter has been suggested time and time again, but still the courts are in worse condition than ever. A little effective and timely action in regard to tennis would meet with hearty appreciation on the part of a host of Mercer tennis enthusiasts.

BACK OF THE CLOD IS GOD

John Milton Samples

Back of the clod is God
Breathing the breath of life,
Ever with infinite mind
Weighing this mortal strife.

Back of the clod is God
Animating the whole,
Making the senseless soul
Into immortal soul.

Back of the clod is God
Smiling in wood and stone,
Although men see His face
His essence is all unknown.

Back of the clod is God,
While scientist and sage,
Seeing where He has trod,
Struggle to read His page.

Back of the clod is God
Judging the hearts of men,
Weighing the deeds they do,
Whether of right or sin.

By the way the North Pole is moving around it must be trying to keep from getting discovered.

Why not hang out a service flag when some member of the family gets into the movies?

When getting up on a cold morning, hubby's motto is "Women First."

Dun and Bradstreet can't tell you how much a friend is worth.

Texas is using airplanes to locate stills. The staff is high.

Wonder if a conference in Cannes is a put up job.

PERSONALS

Jesse York, who finished the premed course at Mercer last year and is now at Emory University, visited friends in Macon last week.

Leon Green, junior law student of last year and now holding a position in Camilla, Ga., was in Macon for several days during the past week.

Walter McMillan, Clay, Ryals and Shorty Petteway spent the week-end with friends and relatives in McRae.

Skeeter Easterlin, who was at Mercer last year, was a visitor in Macon last Friday.

Marvin Pharr spoke in Lawrenceville Sunday on the Greater Mercer Program. He was offered a place as supply pastor for the next few months but declined. Marvin stated that he would have to ask a certain young lady to help him decide the matter.

Professor J. L. Railey spoke at Cross Keys Sunday on the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

E. B. Brown, graduate of Mercer in '21, spent a few days in Macon last week.

Charley Ellis, Mercer alumnus, was in Macon for the week-end.

Walter McMillan, senior law student, has been sick for several days but is able to be out now.

Lack of space forbids giving the names of everybody who attended the last two games of the tournament in Atlanta last week.

H. C. Edenfield, who was at Mercer last year, was a visitor to Mercer and Macon last week.

"Red" Peddy, Mike Terrell and H. C. Edenfield spent Sunday in Sandersville.

WOMAN

By R. L. Brantley

Of all the mysteries I've known,
One is deeper than the rest,
'Tis fair woman perched on her throne,
Man just lives for her to jest.
She is clever and so charming
Man is awayed this way and that.
Her influence is alarming,
She's the best at tit for tat.

Oftentimes she's cruel hearted,
And poor man is knocked about.
It's a wonder they're not parted,
But man always sticks it out.
His distracted mind remembers
Back to days when he was young,
When he watched the dying embers,
Heard great tales from mother's tongue.

Maybe it's the thought of mother
That has saved man from his wrath,
Made him call each man a brother
And forget the angry path.
Men admit woman's queen of all,
She's patient and always kind,
Relieves your troubles, great and small,
Creates ties that ever bind.

COUNTY CLUB ORGANIZED

Boys from Warren county met at the home of Dr. C. L. McGinty on Tuesday evening, February 28, and enjoyed a very delightful supper. Mrs. McGinty proved herself to be a charming hostess.

After supper, the Warren County Club was organized. Kenneth Bray was chosen as chairman; W. M. Kelley as secretary; Roy Pool as mascot, and Miss Marion McGinty as sponsor. The members of the club are Dr. McGinty, Kenneth Bray, D. V. Cason, W. M. Kelley, R. M. Coleman and Robert Ricketson. The honorary members are Mrs. McGinty, W. C. Pool and Glynn Pool. Kenneth Bray and R. M. Coleman could not be at the meeting because of very urgent business in Atlanta, where the Mercer-Tech game was being played. The other members decided that such an excuse for absence was quite acceptable.

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