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#### YOUR MESSAGE?

Young man, what is your message? Every man has a message for the world. Your message may be good or it may be a bad one. You have often heard the slang phrase, "I'll tell the world." Well, you will tell the world. In words that all may hear, in letters as tall as the pillars of time, you will tell the world your message.

What is your message to the world? Is yours the message of jazz? We do not mean jazz music, but jazz life. The philosophy of the fast life has gained wide currency. Is this your philosophy? Do you say to the world by your activities, "Speed, speed is the thing"? Are you calling the world back to barbarism with a call to the passion-hot trail of primitive impulses and selfish abandon?

Go to the small town, the big city, the country, anywhere. See that sixteen-year-old girl? Her face is covered with paint and powder, but it is not enough to hide the drawn look of age that has already seized her countenance. She has lived too fast. Her nerves will last a few years longer and then she will be an old woman. There are many like her among the rising generation. The young men are dashing from one high stimulant to another. Nothing satisfies but for a moment. On with the dance! Is that your message? Are you adding to the confusion and the aimless whirl engendered by the philosophy of the fast life?

Is your message jazz? Or pessimism? Or optimism? Faith? Courage? Hate? Love? Accomplishment? Analyze each of these. Then look at yourself and say "What is my message to the world?"

#### TOO MUCH GRIPING

The habit of continually griping and talking about some play that one of Mercer's athletes has made is fast becoming a nuisance. Some of the students seem to think that each man on the various teams should be perfect and that no errors ought to be made. If the athletes were perfect, it would be only a matter of time until they would be in the big leagues in all branches of sports.

Every time a misplay was made by some Mercer player in the games against the Columbus Americans, a continual stream of adverse criticism was heard from all parts of the grand stand. It could not be expected of the team that they should be in mid-season form in the first games of the year. While the team is still in the initial stages of its development, and all the other time as well, the entire student body should give them its support and encouragement.

Every true Mercer man will get behind the teams in all branches of sports and will boost and encourage them all the time. Let's get together and help Coach Cody put out a championship baseball team and give the team the same kind of support that was given the basketball squad.

By Julian P. Leggett.

#### DR. FOSTER AT MERCER

Dr. J. H. Foster, President of Besse Tift College, addressed the students of Mercer Tuesday morning.

The speech of Dr. Foster dealt with some of the principles brought out in the book of Genesis. The speaker declared that there is no conflict between the Bible and true science. He stated that the book of Genesis had meant more to him than any other part of the Bible because it unfolded fundamental principles, beginning with the words, "In the beginning God," and also showing that man is made in the image of God.

### "CLIPPED AT GEORGIA"

By I. G. Wilkes

"Doc" Clarke, the baseball manager, received a new name while at Athens, one that seems to be appropriate and one that will stick with him for sometime. No one knows who gave him the name nor why it was given to him. However, by asking him you may find out the straight of the whole affair. He is now known by all who made the trip as "Sailor Joe."

"Battling" Irwin, a football star at Mercer the past season and member of the present baseball team, made his debut before the fans as a wrestler, boxer and fighter in the fifth inning of the last Mercer-Georgia game. Many congratulations were showered upon him as a result of his splendid showing in his first bout.

Captain Stone ought never be troubled with sickness of any kind as long as he continues his present method of taking exercise in the early hours of the morning. Upon awakening he grabs the pillow "around the neck," as he calls it, and then there begins a terrific scramble with first one and then the other getting the best. Sometimes he is thrown off the bed, but he never gives up. He creeps around and finally takes the pillow by surprise and then it is that he becomes its master. No wonder that those who sleep with him get up first. Safety first.

"Three oranges and a little sleep are better than getting up for breakfast any time," says "Consuelo" Smith. He never acted contrary to his statement on the recent trip, but he did request that the oranges be brought to him at once.

"Irwin, move your feet over this way. Maybe that will offset the amount of weight on the other side." Several of the boys were speaking to him at the same time, for they were all in earnest, being scared. The reason for all this was the fact that there had been a wreck in the yards at Athens in the early morning and it had not been cleared away by the time our train arrived. The Georgian bus was waiting at the place where the train had to stop and as it was being hilly and sloping it looked for a while as if it might turn over. No wonder that such a remark was made.

#### DEATH

By T. M. Hart

'Tis said that death is an adventure great,

Or, that it is an everlasting sleep, And some have said it is ordained by fate

When death shall come, and bring us slumber deep.

And thus men think and think, alas, who knows?

For none who've passed away come back to tell.

Of sleep unending, or the Styx that flows

Between two worlds, of heaven or of hell.

Some men seek death as ending all their woe,

As ending all their earthly cares and strife,

But does death end it, or must then we know

More pain and sorrow than we knew in life?

Away, these doubts! Death does end life, 'tis true,

But what is life beside eternity? And what are these conceits we struggle through

To joys—or griefs—that we'll know presently?

#### BILLY IN WASHINGTON

"Billy" Griffin, Mercer '18, is now operating in Washington, D. C., one of the swellest cafeterias in the entire United States, according to Linton Collins, who was in the capital city last week, and visited the "As You Like It" cafeteria operated by the former Mercer man, on Vermont avenue.

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And now we have artificial lightning. One million volts of electricity—approximately one fiftieth of the voltage in a lightning flash—have been sent successfully over a transmission line in the General Engineering Laboratory of the General Electric Company. This is nearly five times the voltage ever before placed on a transmission line.

Much valuable knowledge of high voltage phenomena—essential for extending long distance transmission—was acquired from these tests. Engineers now see the potential power in remote mountain streams serving in industries hundreds of miles away.

Man-made lightning was the result of ungrudging and patient experimentation by the same engineers who first sent 15,000 volts over a long distance thirty years ago.

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