

YALE BULLDOGS BOW TO MERCER

ALLIE THOMPSON WINS HARD-FOUGHT GAME

Wilkes Bangs Home Run and Starts "Wrecking Crew."

With Allie Thompson, of Cochran, in the box, Mercer University baseball team yesterday defeated the Yale Bulldogs 8 to 7. While not the best played game the two teams have already staged this season it was crum full and running over with about every feature of the Old Ball Game.

The Mercer players did their share of the bad playing but with the good pitching of Thompson and the heavy swatting of Wilkes, Shepard and Thompson, Coach Cody's men out-generated them in a fashion that just suited the biggest crowd of baseball fans gathered this season at Central City Park.

Bad decisions by Bob Higgins were responsible for at least three of the runs made by Yale. Infield errors also did considerable damage to the Mercer hopes in the early stages of the game.

Peterson, who was knocked out of the box in the seventh inning, recently pitched a four-hit game against Fordham. South Carolina lost to Yale 8 to 1 Wednesday afternoon.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Mercer.....000 210 401—8 8 7
Yale.....010 231 000—7 7 4

NEWTON OFFERS PRIZE TO POETS

Writer of Best Sonnet Wins a Copy of Lanier's Poems.

By offering as a prize a deluxe edition of Sidney Lanier's poems to the student in any Georgia college submitting the best sonnet by May 1, Louie D Newton, a graduate and former instructor of Mercer University, is endeavoring to encourage the poetic talent of college students. Mr. Newton is now editor of the Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga. His offer is to all students of all Georgia colleges.

The Emory Wheel of last week carries the announcement of the prize offered by the Index editor. Below is the details of the sonnet contest as given by Mr. Newton in a letter to the Emory paper.

"Professor of English, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

"My Dear Sir:
"I am convinced that we do not call on the poet among us as perhaps we did when there were not so many details in our every-day life. I think this is particularly true in our colleges—I know it was when I was teaching at Mercer University. I do not indite the other activities, but I do want to see the young man or the young woman who may have the gift of the Muse to have a chance—a cordial inducement.

"I have thought it might be a suggestive thing to offer the columns of the Index to the English Departments of our Georgia colleges for such a high end. I therefore make this proposition:

"I will give a deluxe edition of Sidney Lanier's poems to the student in any Georgia college submitting the best sonnet by May 1. The Index will publish the sonnets offered in the order of the rating given by the judges. I hope your institution will have at least one student who will submit a sonnet for this contest.

"Cordially yours,
"LOUIE D. NEWTON,
"Editor Index."

RUG HOPPERS ARE TO PLAY FOOTBALL

Much Sweet Stuff Soon Going to Waste.

By I. G.

"Ye Lovers of Wesleyan," take heed, for something must be done and that at once, is an expression that has been rumored about over the campus for some time. Spring football practice has started and it has brought forth not only the varsity men of last year but about thirty-five others, who are desirous of winning an "M" at Mercer. Some of these men have caused the above statement, being made.

Glenn Webb, Charlie Parker and several others, of the notable line-hounds who pay their respects constantly to Wesleyan, have been working hard but they are handicapped because of continually losing their powder puffs, combs and the like. They state that Coach Cody is cruel to them and it seems that he just likes to throw them down.

It is rumored that the Wesleyan girls are getting a petition ready so that this cruel treatment of these boys will cease. If it does not cease it means that they will not get their Sunday treats as often and they state that they could not stand for them to be cut short. Oh, what a cruel old world it is anyway. At least there are some who will agree with that statement.

These petitions must be partly ignored, however if Mercer is to remain in the S. I. A. A. According to a ruling made by that body no Freshmen will be allowed to play on any varsity team representing the school and these spring practices may bring forth some athlete yet unheralded, but who may become famous before leaving the university.



CAPTAIN ALDRICH

Leader of Yale baseball team, now playing here.

TECH WINS GAMES; TIGE STONE PULLS BIG COME-BACK

Tech Wins First Game 9-3 and Last 1-0 by Home Run in Eighth Inning.

By Julian Leggett

Tech defeated Mercer in the first game of the series in Atlanta 10-3. The Baptists were able to get only four bingles off Collins, while "Tige" Stone gave up a total of nine hits.

"Red" Barron had on his batting clothes and touched Stone for a home run, a triple and a two-bagger out of four times to bat. Bratton and Ingram also connected for a couple of safeties each.

Sears, Irwin, Harper and Sheppard accounted for the four hits credited to Mercer. Three of these came in the ninth inning when all hope seemed gone, and two runs were brought across the plate.

The fourth inning was the big frame for Tech. Six hits, two walks and five of Mercer's errors were bunched in this inning and a total of nine runs was chalked up before the third man was out. Barron got his home run and triple during this heart-breaking session, while Ingram, Bratton and Baum secured one bingle each.

Wilkes and Sears were the outstanding stars for fielding honors in this game. The little second baseman was at the best condition of the season and Sears showed up better than any man tried out on first base so far.

Batteries: Mercer, Stone and Morgan; Tech, Collins and Bratton. Umpires, Cochran and Harville.

Score by innings: R. T. E.
Mercer.....010 000 002—3 4 7
Tech.....000 900 10*—10 9 2

Stone's Comeback

Tech made it two straights Saturday when Mercer lost 1-0. Palmisino connected with a fast one of Stone's deliveries for a home run in the eighth inning for the winning run.

Stone, who pitched Friday's game, came back and pitched a three-hit game. Tech supporters expected to see the "little man" murdered before the game was half over, but to their surprise, "Tige" held Tech to two hits up to the eighth frame and had the same men who had practically knocked him out of the box the day before, eating out of his hand. The mighty "Red" Barron was unable to hit the ball in the right place. All the Techites except Palmisino, the little catcher from West Point, looked like high school players at the bat. One sport writer stated that what "Tige" did that second game took not a Man of Iron but a Man of Steel of very high tension.

"Hop" Morgan deserves just a word of praise for his part in Saturday's game. "Hop" had the hard luck to get one of his fingers broken in the first game of the Tech series, but the boy from Ashburn went right into that game and caught in fine style, even though every ball caught was an agony. Men like that will be the type that will put Mercer in the front ranks in all branches of sports in future years.

"Kid" Wilkes and "Consuello" Smith played a stellar brand of ball in this game and won a reputation for themselves. In these two men, Mercer has good prospects for a couple of the flashiest and most consistent infielders in the South, is the opinion of Morgan Blake and other well known sport mentors in Atlanta. Besides fielding in excellent fashion, Wilkes got one of three hits given to the Baptists.

Allison, pitching for Tech, put up a good exhibition of mound work.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS WILL CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

JUDGE GEORGE, OF 1900 CLASS, HERE

Praises Basketball Team and Expresses Hope for Still Better Athletics.

By John L. Hackney

"A few old buildings, the same name and Lee Battle are about all of the Mercer I knew that now remain," said Judge Walter F. George, when asked about his alma mater by an amateur interviewer. "Mercer is one of the great schools of the South," he continued, "and deserves the high place it holds." He expressed the opinion that the courses given at Mercer are not surpassed in any Southern institution.

This much was easily drawn from the dignified interviewee, but when questions were asked about the judge's personal record, stern glances and an occasional smile were the only replies. However, when sports were mentioned Judge George manifested much interest and congratulated Mercer on her showing in the recent tournament in Atlanta. "I was never a basketball player, but have always liked the game. Baseball was my favorite game and I used to play the outfield occasionally in my college days," said the Judge. But again he stopped talking for other questions were asked that he modestly ignored and our second attempt to find out something of the man himself failed. But we were not to be stopped there for we had to learn something of the man. We therefore returned to the dormitory and sought out his son, Heard F. George, a member of this year's Freshman class.

"Papa graduated here in 1900," said Heard, "and won't even talk about any school but Mercer. He's the hottest Mercer man I know." Through this source we learned that Mr. George advanced rapidly in his chosen profession. After practicing law for a few years in Vienna, he was elected solicitor-general in his home district and later became judge of the Superior Court. From this position he became a member of the Georgia Court of Appeals and then a member of the Georgia Supreme Court. Mr. George resigned from the Supreme Court the first of this year and is now engaged in a general law practice in Vienna.

BACHELORS TO TREAT

The Easter egg hunt for the children of the Mercer campus, given by Dr. J. L. Railey and Prof. George Sparks, will start this afternoon at 4:30. The egg-hunt will take place on the campus at Magnolia Dell just below the main building toward the tennis courts.

The two bachelor members of the faculty are determined to do their part in making the day one to be long remembered in the lives of the kiddies. Refreshments will be served after the eggs have all been found. Every child on the campus or all the children of the Mercer students and faculty are invited to be present.

The lanky southpaw allowed only three hits, walked one man and sent four back to the bench via the strike-out route.

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Mercer.....000 000 000—0 3 3
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MANY PROMINENT BAPTISTS TO SPEAK

Barbecue Dinner Will Be Served Visitors at the University.

Ten thousand Southern Baptists are expected to be in Macon June 6 to celebrate the centennial of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist church in Georgia. The university will serve a barbecue dinner to the visitors on that day.

In making this announcement in chapel President Rufus W. Weaver said, "The decision to hold this celebration at Mercer is but another step in the plan to make Mercer University the Mount Zion of the Baptists of Georgia."

Although the program is still in the making, it is certain that Dr. George W. Truett, declared to be "the most popular preacher in the South," will deliver the principal address. It is planned that this address be given in the open air at Mercer if a suitable gathering place can be arranged.

The following speakers will also appear on the program:

Dr. John D. Mell, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention; Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, president of Mercer University; Dr. H. W. Battle, of Virginia; Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, of North Carolina; Dr. Z. T. Cody, of South Carolina; Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Chattanooga, former president of Mercer; Dr. Arch C. Cree, secretary Georgia Baptist Convention; S. E. Brooks, president Baylor University, Texas; Dr. L. R. Christie, Mississippi; Dr. A. B. Vaughn, LaGrange, Ga.; Congressman William D. Upshaw; Rev. C. A. Stokely, of Alabama; and Dr. C. M. Britain, of Florida.

With such men as these on the program, the celebration could hardly be other than a huge success. The

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CAULDRON ON WAY

The Cauldron, Mercer's annual, is well on the way to being a finished product and may be delivered as early as May 15, according to an announcement by the editor and business manager yesterday.

Editor Johnson and Business Manager Hawes have recently read and returned every page of the proof of what promises to be one of the greatest annuals ever produced. The Cauldron this year will contain twenty pages more of matter than the book of last year. This results from the fact that the editors have succeeded in getting in more recent material than ever before.

The Master Mercarian picture, the new buildings, the individual pictures of the entire football team, full length cuts of "Tige" Stone and "Smokey" Harper and many other features are shown in this year's Cauldron.

The editors this year have dedicated the Cauldron to "Our Mothers," which is regarded as giving a peculiar interest to the book.