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TWO SENIORS

Two Seniors at Mercer recently announced that they had found what had been lacking in their college career, namely, any practice in the art of public speaking. Consequently both of them signed up for Public Speaking and joined a literary society.

Freshmen, their inability to find themselves should be a lesson for you. Going through three years of their college career without any practice in the valuable art of public speaking, they have missed much, and find the time remaining very short.

These men thought they were getting all there was to get out of a college course. In scholarship they have always stood high and have taken active part in various activities, both having made the coveted "M" in working for their college. But there was one vital part of their training left out and they have found it at last.

New men, now is the time to commence your training along oratorical lines. Join a literary society while you are a Freshman and get the benefit of four years training.

HARDWICK'S PUBLICATION

In establishing his weekly newspaper, the "Georgia Cracker," Governor Thomas W. Hardwick will be able to give to the people of the State all the political dope as it is, putting before the public all the fine points of the game which he has learned as a veteran of many stormy campaigns.

Governor Hardwick has now gone East in the interest of his proposed weekly, which will begin circulation as soon as the details have been worked out. The circulation to begin with will be 30,000, but it is thought that this number will be doubled within a short time.

It is interesting to Mercer men to note that this weekly will be edited by a Mercer man. The only political weekly that ever took well with the people of the State, the Columbia Sentinel, was edited by Senator Thos. E. Watson, also a Mercer man.

It is believed that Governor Hardwick's paper will prove a worthy successor to Senator Watson's Sentinel as a moulder of political opinion in Georgia.

EVANS MEMORIAL

The Macon Bar Association held a memorial in honor of Judge Beverly D. Evans this week in the Federal court room.

Judge Evans died at his home in Savannah during the early spring. He was a former Mercer man and held the office of Federal Judge for about six years, succeeding Judge Emory Speer, who was Dean of the Mercer School of Law for twenty years.

Resolutions were read by Hon. Orville A. Park, of the faculty of the Law School.

THE MERCER SPIRIT

The thing that seems to be sadly amiss at the present with the Mercer student body and especially the Freshman class, is a lack of spirit. This is probably due to a lack of proper persuasion. Last year belts brought the desired results and instilled in the first-year men a patriotism that is conspicuously absent in this year's outfit.

But hazing has been abolished at Mercer. We do not care to comment further on an incident that is closed. It is neither our purpose nor intention to criticize any action of the faculty and we heartily endorse any and every movement made or sentiment expressed by them which they believe to be for the benefit of Mercer University, whether it corresponds with our views or not. We are for Mercer 100 per cent.

However, we would like to make the suggestion that the Tribunal exert its influence in instilling the Mercer spirit as of old.

A school without spirit cannot flourish. Already the trees of laxity are bearing the fruits of insolence, disrespect and willful disregard for Mercer's traditions and laws. If we maintain the standard of the past, then we must look to the future.

We have thought the question over thoroughly and to us there appears but one course to pursue, and that is the Tribunal.

There must be action!
Milton K. Wallace.

NAVY DAY

To-day has been designated as Navy Day all over the United States. This at the suggestion of the Navy League of the United States and approved by the Navy Department.

We must not forget the vital service the Navy rendered the Nation and humanity during the World War. It is true there were no great naval battles fought, but the convoy, the anti-submarine control, and the mine barrage were essential factors in winning the war. The Navy did not fail during the war and to-day safeguards our peace and prosperity as a nation. It carries no threat, but it lends authority to America's voice, speaking for altruism, justice and law.

Those who proposed the celebration of Navy Day, who urge upon you what they believe to be an opportunity of patriotic service, are advocates of peace. They believe in and support the policy of reduction of armaments by agreement, but reject as absurd the fatuity of disarmament by example. Living in a world of reality, they would foster the instrument of their security while looking forward to the realization of the ideal not yet attained when the only security needed by mankind shall rest in the hearts and minds of men and nations.

CHIEF JUSTICE FISH

In the effort to get Judge Fish as head of the Mercer Law School, the administration is keeping abreast with the progressive program mapped out for the university.

In all probability Judge Fish will accept the position offered him and it is thought will take up his new duties at the beginning of the new year.

Judge Fish has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia for twenty-six years and is known throughout the legal world as an authority on law. He was endorsed by every Bar Association in Georgia in his recent race for re-election.

Mercer will do well to get this learned, Christian gentleman as a member of her growing faculty and his presence is sure to lend prestige to the Law School, together with increasing the standard of the school to that of any in the land.

THAT'S GEORGIA

John Milton Samples

A pleasant place in a pleasant land,
With all that heart and life demand,
From mountain height to wave-washed sand—

That's Georgia.

Rippling rills and sun-kissed sea,
Home of people brave and free,
A place that's good enough for me—

That's Georgia.

Land of light and home of love,
Starlight skies of hope above,
Song of lark and coo of dove—

That's Georgia.

Crimson hills and smiling plain,
Forest land and fields of grain,
Cares to lose and hope to gain—

That's Georgia.

Here I live, here let me die,
Here contented I shall lie,
Where the Southland's breezes sigh—

In Georgia.

INSANE SENSE

In an insane asylum in the northern part of New York State a most peculiar and extraordinary inscription was found written over the window in a cell of one of the inmates whose mind was probably weakened by the subject of the "Wonderful Love of God:

Could we, with ink, the oceans fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;

Were every reed on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the Love of God above
Would drain the oceans dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.

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