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Mercer's 1941 Homecoming Festivities Begin; Bears to Meet Presbyterian in Feature Event



They Share the Spotlight Tomorrow

BLUE KEY PREXY FRANK GRAHAM and his sponsor, Miss Evelyn Neel. They, along with James Porter and two bands, will perform at the game tomorrow, which Blue Key is sponsoring.

Mercer to Dedicate Stadium to James H. Porter Saturday

Dedication of the James Hyde Porter stadium will take place Saturday afternoon during the half of the Mercer- Presbyterian game.

Elaborate ceremonies honoring the well known philanthropist will express Mercer's appreciation to the school's largest single benefactor in the history of the university.

Porter Gym was a gift of Porter and was dedicated in 1937. This building has been a great addition to the campus. It houses the offices of Coach Hooks and Smith and serves the athletic teams, physical education classes and the inter-fraternity contests.

In January of this year dedication ceremonies were held in Mary Erin Porter Hall. The new girls' dormitory was the second gift of Mr. Porter. Not a more modern or elaborate dormitory for girls can be found than the one located here.

Hobby is Flowers

Mr. Porter's philanthropy has been confined to no creed or race. He has made contributions to Central City College for negroes, Wesleyan College, Mulberry Street Methodist church, Porter Memorial Baptist church in Columbus, and other projects, too numerous to name.

James Porter lives in an English country home about five miles south of Macon. Included on this place is a swimming pool where he frequently entertains students from both Mercer and Wesleyan. His hobby is flowers,

and people who have visited his country home never forget his rose garden which has won nationwide acclaim.

Baxter Band Is Versatile Group

Orchestra Is Rapidly Becoming a Favorite

Direct from a record breaking run at Savannah's Smart Club Royale, Ronny Baxter, favorite Hollywood bandleader, and his nationally known orchestra comes to Macon for the Homecoming dances.

Ronny is one of the new crop of bandleaders steadily gaining favor with dancing America. His band is not one of those "typed" affairs. Baxter, who is a stickler for perfection, is his own severest critic and if there is any one thing he looks for in his men it's flexibility. They must be musicians... true musicians... capable of delivering swing or sweet, rhumbas or tanges. And that, perhaps, is the main reason why Baxter is meeting with universal appeal.

Tau Kappa Alpha Names Dean Feild

The Mercer chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, national forensic fraternity, has selected Dean David Meade Feild as their adviser for the scholastic year 1941-42.

Dean Feild accepted the honor and stated that he would lend his aid in all matters related to the fraternity. Tau Kappa Alpha plans a busy year in the field of intercollegiate debating.



RONNY BAXTER, who not only plays a trumpet and leads his band, but also sings and writes arrangements.

Parade and Dances Are Big Attractions

Parade Starts at 11 a.m.; Blue Key to Give Prizes for Best Decorated Float

Mercer Homecoming will be celebrated a week early this year with all the usual accompanying dances, the parade and game, with Ronny Baxter's orchestra furnishing the music for the occasion.

The dances are three, as always, with the first beginning at ten o'clock tonight at the Shrine Mosque. The other two will be held at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon and nine o'clock tomorrow night with Pan Hellenic sponsoring the swing sessions. Pan Hellenic president, Cloud Morgan, and his sponsor, Iris Warren, will head the Pan Hellenic lead out tomorrow night, as well as being featured at the game and in the parade with the other sponsors, the presidents of Blue Key and the Student Body.

Students Will Talk at Forum November 18

Mercer students will have their first forum November 18 when five students and three townspeople take part in a program in Willingham chapel to discuss the racial question.

The five student speakers and their subjects are: Enrique Alcaraz on educational problems; Hubert Aultman on legal problems; George Culpepper on economic problems of the negro; Helen Klinefelter on the domestic problems as related to the negro servant; and Jeanette Blanks on the health problems of the negro.

The meeting will open with our-minute speeches by a woman social worker; an officer from Camp Wheeler in charge of negro soldiers; and a negro preacher.

Audience May Participate

The forum will take the form of a panel discussion and after the speakers have finished the meeting will be thrown open to the audience for open discussion of any racial problem.

After the discussion there will be an open house in the Chris-

tianity building in the faculty rooms. Coffee and wafers will be served by the Macon Women's Auxiliary.

All students are urged to come and especially people from town.

Parade At 11:00

The annual Homecoming parade begins at 11:00 tomorrow morning, with floats decorated by the Mercer organizations and several other cars. The decorated floats will compete for a silver cup to be donated by the Mercer chapter of Blue Key.

At 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, the big game between the Mercer Bears and the Presbyterian Blue Stockings will begin with the Blue Stockings placed on the slightly favored list. The half will be extended 30 minutes to allow an hour for the formal dedication of James H. Porter Stadium. Mr. Porter and a number of his friends will occupy seats of honor on the field. Also on the field will be Frank Graham, president of Blue Key, which is sponsoring the game, and Evelyn Neel, Orbin Howell, president of the Student Body, and sponsor Wena Hunt; and Cloud Morgan, president of Pan Hellenic Council, and sponsor Iris Warren.

W. D. Anderson and Dr. George Steves will speak at the dedication.

Bands to Perform

The Mercer and Lauer bands will perform during the half, and a group of freshmen will also contribute. The freshmen will form an outline of the state of Georgia on the field, with members of the band stationed at various vantage points in the state. The bands will play "Auld Lang Syne," "Glory to Georgia," and "Home, Sweet Home." At the close, everyone will rush to "Macon" to designate Homecoming.

At the half, also, Frank Graham will present the cups to be given by Blue Key for the best decorated float in the parade and for the best dressed store window.

Several fraternities on the campus are planning open houses, and breakfasts after the dances.

In addition, there will be a dinner for alumni at 1 o'clock in Sherwood Hall.

Vocalists Feature Swing and Sweet

Their consistent rise to the top of the orchestra heap is sparked by their clever vocal department. Charming, vivacious Helen Jackson handles the swing singing. On the other side of the ledger Pat Ross is heard on the romantic ballads. Couple this with the Baxter Glee Club and the comic antics of chubby Billy De- and you have a compact department that is rounded out in every respect.

Baxter himself plays trumpet, writes arrangements, directs his men, and contributes to the vocal department. As a musician he rates with the country's greatest having held down important chairs with symphonic Ferde Grofe and swingmaster Jimmy Dorsey.