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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Mercer University and the Cluster is glad to see all the old students back again and to welcome the new students as one of us.

In selecting Mercer as your college, you have selected a school that is rich in the wealth of tradition and wide in its scope of knowledge. Mercer University has, during the past three years, risen from a college of secondary importance until she is now recognized as one of the foremost Universities of the South. If she continues to take the rapid strides that she has in the past, it depends on YOU and YOUR spirit.

We welcome you to Mercer and we know that you will be benefited. The different states and foreign countries represented are ample proof that the reputation of Mercer is spreading yearly and with your co-operation we are going to have the greatest University in the South.

To one and all, Mercer University and the Cluster wish you a happy and a profitable new year.

M. K. W.

SACRIFICE AND VICTORY

Mercer University's fast-flying basketball team has not been overrated. The team has proven to be worthy of all praise, and has emerged victor over the best in the land.

Three of the hardest games on Mercer's '23 schedule were played during the Christmas holidays. After the team had won over the Baptist College of the Southwest (Baylor) in a hard-fought struggle, they met the National College champions of last year (Wabash) and defeated the Indians in the last game of a two-game series.

The members of Mercer's team deserve a lot of praise. Did you ever stop to think that while you were at home eating all kinds of Christmas goodies, your basketball team was here keeping training, missing the joys of going home, and winning victories for the school that you attend? They deserve all your praise. Let it be forthcoming.

WORTHWHILE

Do you ever make resolutions at the beginning of the new year?

It seems to be the custom of a large majority of people to take new oaths and vows to turn over a new leaf with the first day of a year that is in its beginning. Often these resolutions to do better during the year that is just commencing than one has done during the year that has only a few hours been history, are taken in the form of jest and insincerity, and are never meant to be ones really to be lived up to.

To take upon one's self new responsibilities and goals to strive toward is well and good, if a person thinks this necessary to their attainment, but to be promiscuously vowing to do things that one never intends to earnestly endeavor to accomplish is merely a lowering of one's own standard of honesty and a waste of time.

Resolve to do something worthwhile and do it. The phrase "hitch your wagon to a star" is trite and forever quoted, but the world lacks a lot of both being overcrowded with people who are aiming high.

R. B.

VAUGHN-CARTHON

It is with much interest that Mercer students note the marriage of Mr. Glen Carthron to Miss Emma Mae Vaughn of Macon. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on the evening of Friday, December 22nd.

FIVE CENTS PER, FOR PLANTING 100 TREES

Old Uncle Edwin Lives 52 Years on College Campus.

5 cents apiece! To plant 100 trees! How would you like to make your fortune this way?

Fifty years ago Bessie Tift College, under Dr. Hillier, paid Uncle Edwin, ground keeper, 5 cents apiece to plant all the trees shown in these pictures. This is Uncle Edwin's 52nd year on the college campus.

He laid the foundations for Tift Hall, and also planted the hedge. He cuts about twelve inches off this hedge four times a year. If it grows 4 feet per year and were allowed to grow uncut for 50 years, there would be a wall around old Bessie so high that only the girls that live on fourth floor Upshaw could see the train.

The Infirmary was built by Dr. Powell, in view of his approaching marriage. For the time, this was a handsome domicile for a bride. It was a residence until about twenty years ago, when they decided to use it as an infirmary.

The front walk, instead of being in front of Ponder Hall, as it now is, led from Tift Hall, in a round-about and crooked path to what is now used as the freight depot.

The Bessie Tift buildings have been destroyed and rebuilt, remodeled and added to; her sidewalks have been changed and her fight for existence

has been hard, but not once have her high and lofty ideals been changed, not once has she swerved from the right path and now is well on the way to be one of the largest and most influential girls' schools in the South.

MERCER GRADUATE IS BLIND CORONER

Atlanta is Proud of Paul Donehoo As Leader.

Atlanta.—Paul Donehoo, Mercer graduate, prominent Atlanta attorney and Fulton County coroner, nationally known as the "blind coroner," has accepted from the Committee for Lighthouses for the Blind the appointment as chairman of the southern committee on information, it was announced today.

In a campaign to cover nine southern states, the Committee for Lighthouses for the blind proposes to raise the South's share of the \$2,000,000 to be asked of the nation. The moneys thus contributed to the Committee will be used in extending the work done by blind institutes throughout this and European countries, where the sightless may be taught to be independent and self-supporting.

Mr. Donehoo has for many years been one of Atlanta's foremost citizens and a leader among America's blind men. Though totally blind, Mr. Donehoo since childhood practised his theory that the sightless should mingle as freely as possible with so-called "normal" people and the result is that Mr. Donehoo, besides enjoying the confidence of a wide clientele whose legal representative he is, is also coroner of Georgia's most populous county.

"I believe that the blind should not isolate themselves," stated Mr. Donehoo yesterday, "and that they should choose a profession and practice it the same as the sighted. Loss of sight most certainly does not mean loss of mental capacity and ambition. The work of the Committee for Lighthouses for the Blind will tend to buoy up the sightless and restore their confidence in themselves. It should be supported by all."

Watch for Mercer's basketball schedule at the Capitol.

HEY—CAPTAIN SETH

Seth Weekly, A. B. Mercer, 1923 was on the campus a few days this week. Since leaving Mercer Seth has opened up an athletic club in Philadelphia, Pa., and operates it himself. While at Mercer Seth was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams, being captain of the '21 basketball team.

SWINDELL-SHIRLEY

Of interest to all students of Mercer University is the recent announcement of the engagement of Rev. H. H. Shirley, graduate student at Mercer, to Miss Edna Swindell, of Savannah. The wedding is to be solemnized in June, immediately after Rev. Shirley's receipt of his Master of Arts diploma.

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