

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM MAKES BIG COLLEGE DAY

GROWTH TRACED FROM PRIMITIVE PENFIELD ORIGIN

From Three Faculty Members, Staff Has Grown to 73

NEARLY 900 STUDENTS NOW

Ten separate Schools Combined in University of Today

Mercer University celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of its beginning at old Penfield.

Just ninety years ago Mercer Institute opened its doors to thirty-nine students and three faculty members. The faculty, students and classrooms were housed in a building of logs—the faculty and students combining, as recorded in the historic records of the university, "maupned labor with study."

Those ninety years have been placed one on the other with such a devotion to the early ideals of the founders that when today the celebration begins, the celebrants will honor the founders with one long stream of remarkable facts—just a long period of achievement.

Instead of three faculty members, there are now seventy-three and the little student body of thirty-nine fast approaches 900. To meet the great needs of Christian education for the South, ten separate schools and departments are separately carried on within the university, in order to educate for the many professional branches. These schools have been added to include Graduate School, College of Arts and Science, School of Law, School of Christianity, School of Journalism, School of Education, School of Commerce, Pre-medical, Pre-engineering and Night School of Commerce.

Early Scenes at Penfield.

Situated as Mercer is today on a campus of eighty-seven acres of city property, facing beautiful Tattnell Square, forty-one buildings, included and assets making it the next largest capitalized corporation in Central Georgia, the historian realizes the achievement when reading thus from the memoirs of Ira D. McDaniel, the first assistant to Ellington Sanders, first president of Mercer Institution. "Memory brings up to my mental vision a picture of the site of Mercer Institute, as I saw it in December, 1832. Beautiful for situation does it appear, but almost in a primitive forest state, with the historical cabins in course of construction. A group consisting of Jesse Mercer, B. M. Sanders, James Armstrong, John Lumpkin and Jonathan Davis, members of the executive committee, are in session on the grounds, sitting on logs, and the business under consideration is closing the contract with the assistant teacher for the first year. That done, B. M. Sanders, secretary of the board, makes the proper entry of the transaction upon the minutes, and all depart for their homes, through the surrounding forests.

"Memory also recalls vividly a picture of a cotton field, in the Spring of 1833. Most of the students are engaged in chopping out cotton with the hoe. Those who wield the hoe dextrously are far in advance; those who use that implement awkwardly, though laboring hard, are falling further behind; while the leader is passing rapidly from boy to boy and giving each an illustration of the proper use of the hoe."

Notable Mercer Educators.

Many of the early presidents of Mercer University were recognized leaders of the South, including the group Billington M. Sanders, John L.

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VARIOUS EVENTS IN CELEBRATION ON ANNIVERSARY

Mercer Faculty and Students Observe Ninetieth Birthday

PROGRAM AT FORSYTH

Dr. Weaver Relates Many Facts of Monroe County in Talk

WM. H. FISH INSTALLED

Basketball Game, Reception and Big Banquet

Mercer University, assisted by the faculty and students of Bessie Tift College, celebrated the ninetyeth anniversary of Mercer University in a series of events beginning with a program and barbecue at Forsyth and continuing for twelve hours into the night in a banquet at which nearly a thousand took part. It was Mercer's gala day, featuring every historic event of the many years of the university and filled with as much prophesy of greatness for the future as the historians could locate from the past.

One hundred students entrained in the morning for the campus of Bessie Tift at Forsyth Greeted by the faculty and students of the sister institution in song and program, Dr. Weaver of Mercer, in response to the address of welcome by Dr. Aquilla Chambless, made, according to old Monroe county residents, one of the most locally historic addresses ever heard in old Monroe county. His address was full of facts concerning the county and Forsyth which they declared was history altogether new to the sister county of Bibb.

The afternoon train of the Central of Georgia Railway brought down to Macon about four hundred. The afternoon program consisted of a reception in the eight fraternity halls of the university and a basketball game which was won by the Ciceronian Literary Society over the Phi Deltas by a score of 20 to 12.

Lasts Until Midnight.

Featuring the award of prizes for the 800-student campaign, the installation of Chief Justice William H. Fish as dean of the Mercer Law School, and the dedication of the Daniel Marshall Hall, the program lasted until about midnight.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, president of the university and under whose administration the university has grown so much during the past four years, addressed the banqueters on the Founders of Mercer and Judge Malcolm D. Jones, of the Mercer University Law faculty, on The Greater Mercer University Program.

During the dedication of the Daniel Marshall Hall, the first building of the \$2,500,000 building program, William Howell, of Augusta, a great-grand of Daniel Marshall, and a graduate of Richmond Military Academy, presented Mercer with a gavel made from the wood of a tree under which Daniel Marshall made his first Georgia speech. Daniel Marshall founded the first Baptist church in Georgia at old Kiokee near Augusta.

When the banqueters filed from the banquet hall they were astonished to see the Freshmen had built a big bonfire on the campus to top off the big celebration program.

Judge Fish Inaugurated.

At the inauguration of Chief Justice William H. Fish as dean of the Mercer University Law School, Judge Fish stated that he felt himself as greatly exalted, not because he has held the highest judicial office in the State of Georgia, but because he has

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MERCER TEAM WINS ADDITIONAL GAME

Cody's Men Defeat Macon "Y" Third Game of Season.

By Taylor Glenn

He who laughs last generally laughs best.

So sayeth the adage. That statement made hundreds, possibly thousands of years ago, by some logician or thinker either prominent or unimportant, might well apply to the Mercer basketball team, for having bowed in defeat before the Infantrymen from Camp Benning in the two games prior to the one staged last week in the new City Auditorium; the battling spirit of the Baptist brigade brought about the biggest surprise in local sporting annals and triumphed over the Soldiers by a 35-17 count.

Due primarily to the condition of little George Harmon, and secondly to the team work of the entire five; the Mercers got off to an early lead and when twenty minutes had elapsed Camp Benning was trailing a 32 to 6 score.

George Harmon, acknowledged king of the basketball world, in so far as Southern circles are concerned, acquitted himself in quite an admirable manner, his work in the first half being responsible for a total of eighteen of the twenty points credited to his team, sixteen of which were by the foul route and two by way of a pretty field goal. He secured a total of twenty-nine points. King Dunn and "Bubber" Pope were responsible for the other four points made by Mercer during this period, each making a field goal.

Mercer 39—Macon "Y" 22

In view of recent developments and the fine exhibition the Macon "Y" made against Albany "Y" in the South Georgia metropolis not so long ago, the above score does not tell the complete story of Mercer's little setto with Coach McArthur's scrappy athletes at the new City Auditorium Tuesday night.

The game started off with a promise of being about as hard fought as the one between Mercer and Camp Benning last week, but as time passed; as George Harmon das reaching his old stride, the Baptists soon were limbered up and things were looking about as gloomy for the "Y" boys as though they were trailing a 110-3 count.

With the installation of Captain Bob Gamble during the latter part of the first half, things began to look gloomier than that. Bob was responsible for three field goals in five minutes of play, and was credited with three more in the next half.

George Harmon was again the outstanding player on the Baptist quint, but he was run a close race for the honors by Bob Gamble and Manly McWilliams. The latter's guarding ability seems to be improving with each tick of the old Ingersoll.

Mercer leaves early this morning for Atlanta where they take on the fast A. A. G. five to-night and Tech Saturday night. These games are the first two on a trip through the East which will take the Baptists into the camps of some of the strongest teams in that section of the country.

MERCER BOYS' PROGRAM

Mercer is always there "with the goods" and certainly she was last Sunday night. Four of the boys who have given their lives for service on the foreign field came up to Forsyth and gave the following inspiring and instructive program: Talk on India, William Everett; The Inter-relation of Home and Foreign Fields, Guy Welch; The Qualifications for the Foreign Field, Newton; The Nature of the Missionary Call, Durward Cason.

The boys were highly commended and appreciated by the Forsyth people and the Bessie Tift girls.

Lee Celebration At Chapel Today

Dr. W. Ashby Jones is Anniversary Orator

This morning at 10:30 o'clock, Mercer University will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of General Robert Edward Lee, commander-in-chief of the Confederate army during the War Between the States. Dr. Ashby Jones, pastor of the Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta and one of the South's most finished orators, will deliver the anniversary address.

Mercer's Glee Club and a double quartet from the Wesleyan Glee Club are on the program. Miss Aline Corry, business manager and reader on Wesleyan's club, will give a reading appropriate to the occasion.

Dr. Percy M. Flippin, dean of the Graduate School, is chairman of the program committee for the exercises of the day and was instrumental in securing Dr. Jones to deliver the address at Mercer. Dr. Jones' father lived at Lexington, Virginia, and was closely associated with General Lee in his last days. Dr. Jones has lived under this influence during his childhood.

General Lee was given his doctor of law's degree at Mercer University in the early seventies.

A FAMOUS EULOGY

Of all the eulogies in literature, there are none more beautiful than the following upon Robert E. Lee. It fell from the silver tongue of the eloquent Georgian, Senator Benjamin H. Hill, and is said to have been extempore:

"When the future historian comes to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he will have to lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit. He possesses every virtue of the other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without a wrong, a neighbor without a reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was a Caesar without his ambition, a Frederick without his tyranny, a Napoleon without his selfishness, and a Washington without his reward. He was as obedient to authority as a true king. He was as gentle as a woman in life, pure and modest as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles."

Masonic Club Given Lookout Mt. Gavel

Instrument Presented Organization by Johnson and Lancaster

An interesting meeting was held by the Mercer Masonic Club last Thursday. Dr. P. S. Flippin, dean of the Graduate School, delivered the address, stressing the importance of the club.

Such clubs tend to dispel selfishness," said Dr. Flippin. He also advised students not to neglect their class work for fraternal organizations. After presenting the commendable characteristics of the Masonic Order, Dr. Flippin presented to the president of the club a gavel, made from wood that came from the top of Lookout Mountain. The gavel was the gift of C. E. Lancaster and A. S. Johnson, two members of the club, who finished their courses last term and did not return to school this term. Both were former football captains.

Atlanta-Mercer Boys Organize Big Club

Seventeen Students Attend Organization Meeting

A recent organization on the campus is the Atlanta Club, composed of students from Atlanta who are attending Mercer University.

The Club is perhaps the largest of its kind at Mercer, boasting of seventeen charter members. The purpose of the organization is to put Mercer on the map in Atlanta and to put Atlanta on the map at Mercer. Plans are fast being perfected to make this purpose a reality, and it is hoped that next year the number of Atlanta boys here shall be double the number of this year.

The officers of the Club are: H. O. Hughes, president; C. M. Miere, vice-president and William E. Waterhouse, secretary.

The Club members are: Marvin Pharr, R. E. Moncrief, J. H. Drewry, Jr., S. I. Etheridge, E. V. Kimséy, W. C. Sikes, H. G. Starr, C. M. Miers, H. O. Hughes, W. E. Waterhouse, L. W. Williams, J. W. Haley, Al. Jennings, R. B. Eubanks, F. M. Hulme, Swilling and Peck.

Look out for this Club's great extension program! Watch Atlanta show 'em up!

By W. E. Waterhouse.

GEN. R. E. LEE TO MERCER UNIVERSITY

The following is a copy of a letter written to Hon. Henry H. Tucker, president of Mercer University, by General Robert E. Lee, upon his receipt of a notice from Mercer that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws had been conferred upon him:

Lexington, Va., 18 July, 1866.

"Sir: I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th instant, informing me that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws had been conferred on me by the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Mercer University of Georgia.

"I return my sincere thanks for this undeserved mark of the esteem of the Faculty and Trustees of Mercer University.

"I am with great respect, Your obt. servt., R. E. Lee.

"Hon. Henry H. Tucker, President Mercer University, Georgia."

YEA—STRUPPER

"Professor Strupper si in the Bessie Tift math room waiting to help all the freshmen who want to know more about logarithms." This was the startling announcement made in chapel Monday morning at eight o'clock. Doesn't that show interest on the teacher's part to ride 28 miles to help delinquent freshmen, and especially on a holiday?

Hippity, hippity, hoop; Hippity, hoop; Here's to our math teacher, Here's to Strup;

CICERONIANS

A meeting of the Clonian Society was held in Upshaw parlors Saturday evening, January 13. The following program was given:

Two Clonian songs, composed by Florine Johnson—Nadine Little.

A play, "The Spirit of Clonian," written by Edna West. This play was representative of the Clonian spirit at Bessie Tift now and what it is sure to be ten years later. Those taking part were: Eloise Hammack, Lavane Abercrombie, Elizabeth Broden, Edna West, Dot Weston, Wylene Reynolds, Ellen Stakenmiller and Mary Lee Ayers.