

Mercer Team Back Home With A. A. C.

Basketball Brigade to Have All Hands Full Saturday

Mercer's Battling Baptist Basketball Brigade meets the best team in the South when they meet the Atlanta Athletic Club in the new City Auditorium Saturday night.

The A. A. C. outfit has held the Southern championship a number of years, and are well on the way to another trophy for the year 1923. Only once have they been defeated this season, this by Alabama. Tech, Wash, Mercer and others have bowed before them in defeat.

Tomorrow night Mercer and A. A. C. will send their respective teams on the floor, each confident of victory, and each aware of the other's power. Mercer is destined to avenge the defeat handed them in the first game of their trip through the East and are prepared to fight their hardest to win. A. A. C., likewise, will be in there fighting. Their greatest desire is to gain win over Coach Josh Crittenden Cody's men and thereby have a clear claim to the Southern title, for is not Mercer recognized as about the greatest team south of that well known Mason and Dixon line?

Mercer students will have to pull all the more because of the crippled condition of the college team.

Coach E. P. Mosely In Charge Diamond

Gordon Instructor Has Envious Record

It was definitely announced this week that Coach E. Parker Mosely has been appointed head coach of basketball. Coach Mosely before coming to Mercer last fall, was for six years head coach of Gordon Institute at Barnesville, Ga.

As a coach, Prof. Mosely has an enviable record. During all of the six years of his stay at Gordon Institute, his baseball team had a good claim to the prep championship. Since the G. I. A. A. was organized three years ago, Gordon has been champions of his association every year. The last two years of Coach Mosely's tutelage, the baseball team did not lose a single game.

The thing that seemed sadly amiss with the baseball team of last year was their inability to hit, and Coach Mosely is expected to overcome this discrepancy. In the six years at Gordon Institute he never had a club to bat under .300.

FRENCH CLUB MEETS

The Bessie Tift French Club held its first meeting of the New Year Monday evening. An interesting and entertaining program had been planned by the program committee of which Watherine Mulryne is chairman. Jo Allen made an interesting talk on musical activities in France since the war, and Hinda Roberts read an instructive report on French comedians. Several French records were played on the Victrola.

The Social Committee, Betty Coker chairman, contributed the most interesting feature of all the program in the form of several amusing games in French.

ROAST TO FACULTY

A number of the members of the faculty of Bessie Tift decided to celebrate the last of examination week by having a bacon roast on the fifth floor of the swimming pool. Appetites were keen, the air was brisk and cool, the sauce gorgonzola. "What more mortal man desires?" All the merry ones returned with happy hearts to their work. Nature and fresh air are wonderful Panaceas for the weary.

Guy Hulburt Makes Plea For Russians

Mercer Graduate Would Educate Boys and Girls.

R. P. Marlowe

"There are in Russia 112,000 students embarrassed for lack of books, food, and fuel, whose only hope rests with students of America" emphasized Guy Hulburt, canvasser for Russian students, in an address at Mercer chapel Tuesday morning.

After being introduced by President Weaver, Mr. Hulburt seemed to be proud and his eyes sparkled as he remarked that he had occupied the chapel seats that the students were occupying. Mr. Hulburt is a graduate of Mercer University.

Mr. Hulburt said that it would rejoice his heart if the students desired to take part in the facts which he was going to state regarding the student condition of Russia. His first fact was that there were 112,000 students in Russia whose hope depended on America.

"One dollar and fifty cents takes care of one student for one month. The Russian students eat only one meal a day. God knows, students, if I had the greatest oratorical powers of orators, I could not tell you of a decimal part of the suffering of the students in Russia. It is almost impossible for a man or woman who has not been in Russia to understand the conditions there. Sisters just like yours, brothers just like you, live in hell today for the cause of their education."

"The students of Russia have only potatoes and oil to eat and nothing else and yet they are not willing to quit," added Mr. Hulburt. He told of one girl to whom he had talked that hadn't eaten for three days. The girl was one of a class of the wealthiest and best educated people of Russia. When she was asked when she had eaten last she remarked that she had had a cup of tea and a piece of bread three days before. The girl added that she was not thinking about herself, as she wanted nothing, but of the many whose need was greater than hers.

"As I speak to you to-day," concluded Mr. Hulburt, "the temperature in Russia is probably 46 degrees below zero, and girls are cleaning snow from the streets to earn their daily bread, and going to school at nights. In God's name save them if you can."

Lyceum Reading

On Friday evening Miss Evelyn Lewis of Atlanta gave a reading in the Bessie Tift chapel. This was one of the regular lyceum numbers, and this Georgia artist met the standard of other exceptional entertainers who have appeared at the college.

Miss Lewis presented "Mr. Antonio" by Booth Tarkington, a play made famous on the stage by Otis Skinner. The play lost nothing of its charm in the reading of Miss Lewis. Not only the characters in their varied individuality moved before her audience, but also the spirit of the play pervaded her interpretation. The audience caught the humor, and the cleverness of the play, but better still the feeling of a broader charity for the erring ones.

MARVIN PHARR COLLAPSED

Marvin Pharr, ministerial student, entertainer, musician and all-around good fellow, is suffering from a nervous collapse at Shellman, Ga., where he went recently to fulfill a speaking engagement. He had just the week before finished a speaking engagement at the Central Baptist church in Atlanta, his home.

Pharr had a collapse while in the pulpit. The physician who is attending him reports that it will probably be a week or ten days before he will be able to resume his studies again at Mercer.

Columbus, Georgia

(Fifth of a series of appreciations of Georgia cities.)

When Sydney Lanier said in his "Song of the Chattahoochee," "the dry fields burn and the mills are to turn," he was only prophesying the existence of Columbus, Georgia, the greatest city of industry lying on the banks of the Chattahoochee to-day. Wrapped in nature's verdure, the simplest and most beautiful of decorations, Columbus affords a suitable site for the great industries which she sponsors.

Served by more railroads than enter Berlin, Germany, this city of some half hundred thousand souls is conveniently in touch with the outside world and has ample facilities for the export of her manufactures. With 439,500 spindles, Columbus is the second cotton manufacturing city in the South, and is the largest manufacturer in the South of fine bank, drug store, and jewelry store fixtures. Its iron works are big and famous. Ice machines were first manufactured commercially in Columbus. The ice machines, cane mills, transmission machinery, agricultural implements, and special castings made in Columbus are used in many countries. In Egypt, Africa, South America, and in the Far East, cotton is ginned with gins made in Columbus.

The furthest South great water-power in the United States is that furnished by the Chattahoochee river at Columbus. The river falls 365 feet in 36 miles, affording 135,000 horsepower.

The largest and most interesting military institution in America is the Infantry School, located at Fort Benning, ten miles from Columbus. The Fort Benning reservation comprises 97,000 acres, 17 miles in length and 13 miles wide. The garrison consists of 882 officers and 4,420 enlisted men, with facilities for training 7,000 officers and men. Secretary of War John W. Weeks says, "We have at Fort Benning the greatest school of arms in the world, bar none."

Columbus furnished the president for the New Republic of Texas—Mirabeau B. Lamar, and in the Civil War had the distinction of furnishing more soldiers to the Confederacy than any other city, in proportion to population. The beautiful custom of Southern Memorial Day, a custom that soon spread throughout the South, originated in Columbus.

Columbus established the first system of municipal public schools in the South in 1867, and built the first vocational school in the world, maintained by a municipality, where boys and girls are taught, in a practical way, useful occupations. Columbus' educational system is known nationally and has been described in European journals.

The city is a literary center, being the birthplace of Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "St. Elmo" and many other popular novels; the home of Dr. F. O. Ticknor, author of "Little Giffen of Tennessee," and other poems; O'Hara, author of "The Bivouac of the Dead," once lived in Columbus, a cotton buyer. The newspapers rank high in the South. The Ledger is the afternoon paper, while The Enquirer-Sun, morning paper, is one of the historic papers of the South. It has been published since 1828, one year since the State of Georgia laid off the city of Columbus.

"Blind Tom," the famous musical prodigy—a blind, ignorant negro slave, whose marvelous piano playing amazed two continents—was a Columbus product. His relatives live in Columbus to-day. There still stands the house where he performed his first almost unbelievable musical feat, when a mere child. He crawled into the parlor, mounted the piano and reproduced, with faultless technique, notes that had registered on his poor weak brain, attuned only to music; reproduced with the same fidelity that the mocking-bird gives a second birth to the wild, free music of the fields.

Columbus has the only marble Y. M. C. A. building in the world.

Mercer's S. I. A. A. Champs Back Home

Include Richmond, Phila. and New York on Trip

By Taylor Glenn

Mercer's S. I. A. A. champions of 1922 returned home Monday afternoon from about the longest trip ever taken by a team representing the Orange and Black. The itinerary included Atlanta, Chapel Hill, Clemson, Richmond, New York and Philadelphia.

While the results of a majority of the games played proved most distasteful to the five, the team gained much in experience. It was earnestly and sincerely hoped that the Baptists would win every game. The team battled to their utmost toward this end, but they were, after experience more than anything, and were handicapped thereby.

All sorts of officiating was meted out to the players on this trip. The setback they received when they were defeated by the Atlantic Club is held largely responsible for the defeat by Tech.

The Clemson victory was expected and the only reason the score was not more one-sided than it was is due to the fact that Coach Cody used his entire second team almost the entire game.

4-Day Ride.

At North Carolina, the Baptists met the Southern champions of 1922, and were defeated 33-22. Mercer's five were considerably tired and worn by the four-day ride, but put up a brave battle, nevertheless.

The Baptists had another easy one in the Takola Athletic Club, of Richmond, winning by a 21-17 score. Two complete teams were used by Coach Cody as in the Clemson affair.

Mercer was decidedly off-form in the struggle with the Crescent City Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, losing the game 27-22. Mercer probably would have won this one with little trouble had it not been for the fact that the strain of the long journey was beginning to tell on them.

After the game with the Brooklyn quint, the Mercerians were feted by the Bankers' Club of New York City, and later enjoyed a show along Gotham's Rialto.

In meeting the Pennsylvania University boys, the Baptists stacked up against the strongest team in that section of the country, a team that has been champion of that territory for eight years.

Journalism School Known Everywhere

Harvard Graduate and Writer Talks of Fourth Estate

"You may not realize it, young men, but the Mercer school of journalism is well known, not only in your South but all over the United States and even in Canada."

This was the statement made by John R. Giblyn, graduate of Harvard college, and representative of the Appleton Publishing Company, in a short talk to a class in journalism last Friday.

Mr. Giblyn is recognized as a journalist of ability, and recently gave an address before a body of newspaper men in New York city. His work carries him to all the principal universities and colleges in the country, where he is enabled to see, at first hand, the efficiency of their departments, and bring an enthusiast in journalism, he quite naturally gives especial attention to that department.

THE LAZINEST NIGGER

This conversation was heard on a dinner between the head chef and another chef who was sent on an errand. Being gone longer than the head chef liked, the latter said to his assistant on his return: "Well, nigger, you can go the fudderst the quickest and stay the longest, and do the leasest of any nigger I ever saw."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Red" Simmons Goes To Heaven After Tige Gets All Soaped Up

Says That Bubber Pope Would Join the Follies But for Teamwork.

G. E. Shellgrove

"Red", where have you been all this week? "Oh, gee, boys, I just dropped in from New York," was the answer given by "Red" Simmons, Mercer football and basketball star, who has just returned with the team from an Eastern tour through Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania. "Red" has done something that no one else has ever accomplished. He has acquired a brand new kaceent just like Straton's. No one has ever been able to accomplish this in just a day and night, but "Red" says that it comes perfectly natural with him.

"That was the greenest bunch of fellows, including Coach Cody, you nearly ever saw. I just had to tell them everything," says "Red," as he related some of his peculiar experiences. "The only thing that I hate is that I swallowed my last chew of 'brown's mule' when I tried to look high enough to see the top of the Woolworth building. Some of the boys never had seen anything that high, but in Fayetteville, where I came from, we have several buildings that high."

"We arrived in New York City at 8:30, and you know that bunch didn't know which way to get out of the terminal, but I have never seen a place resemble another place as much as New York City resembles Fayetteville in all my life. I just led the boys right out as easy as anything."

"We registered at the Martiniere Hotel, put up our baggage and caught a subway over to Brooklyn, where we played the Crescent Athletic Club, which resulted in a 21-27."

"When we returned to the hotel we surely had some tough experiences. It was some cold weather up there and we were on the twenty-seventh floor. All the windows were up and you know them boys didn't even know how to put them down, so they stayed up."

"When I went to bed I told Tige to turn off the light. He got the fan button mixed up with the light button and turned on the fan right over my bed. Tige got thirsty about two o'clock and couldn't find the light button, so he went to the lavatory and tried to get some water in the dark. He pushed the wrong button and drank a big glass of liquid soap. I bet he enjoyed it."

"I never got so cold in all my life. That night I almost froze to death. When we got up about 8 o'clock, I found that electric fan making about 4367 revolutions a minute right over my head."

"We sure put it on that day. Old Eugene Stetson is a regular gellow, 'cause he is an alumnus of Mercer. He entertained us at the Bankers Club that day, and boys we had some swell eats. I got as near Heaven on that trip as I ever will, for we dined on the 42nd floor. We had six other Mercer alumni there and we had a gay time. After the eats they passed around those Bankers' Club cigars. Bubber Pope had a package of '111' in his pocket, and threw them out the window. Everything went well until we went to come down, when Tige got excited from those fast 20 floor leaps of the elevator."

Mary and Bubber

According to "Red", Mercer came very near losing one of her star players, for Bubber Pope, after seeing Mary Lewis in the Ziegfeld Follies, was anxious to sign up with them but Coach Cody persuaded him to stay one more year with the team.

When asked to compare the Southern and Eastern teams "Red" says, "All the science and smooth work of the Eastern teams that had been so much talked about was all bunk. And that Clement Eyer was an ideal referee."

"Red" said that he hoped that the day would soon arrive when he could board a New York bound train again.