

Jr. Members Added To Faculty Homes

Percy, Jr., and E. Powell, Jr., Imported in Households

T. Ayer Hatcher

Congratulations!

Dr. Percy Scott Flippin and Dr. Edward Powell Lee are taking a great interest in freshman of late. The reasons for this outburst of interest are Percy Scott Flippin, Jr. and Edward Powell Lee, Jr., Percy Jr. and Powell Jr., were born Friday, January 26, 1923.

Dr. Flippin is head of the department of history and Dean of the Graduate School. Mrs. Flippin, before her marriage, was Miss Laura Binns, of Atlanta. She will also be remembered as a sister of Charlton Binns—Mercer 1920.

Dr. Lee is head of the department of Sacred Music and Director of the Glee club, mandolin club, and orchestra. Before coming to Mercer, Dr. Lee was associate Pastor and Director of music in the South Side Baptist of Birmingham, Ala.

BESSIE TIFT HUMOR

Dr. Chamlee: "How does God punish people?"

Merle Rogers: "He punished Noah by putting him into the Ark."

Bernice McCool (reading a verse from the Bible): "What does 'M-I-S-L-E-D' mean?"

He took her in his arm and pressed her to his breast, he stroked her soft, silken hair, and said "Kitty, did I step on your tail?"

Dr. Macon: "Miss Stakemiller, you mispronounced that word incorrectly just now."

Miss Brewer (to her piano pupil): "You may take that with all three hands together next time."

Prof. "What are you laughing at—not me?"

Stud.: "No, sir."

Prof. "What else is there in the room to laugh at?"

"WHO'S WHO" BY CLONIANIS

A very delightful and unique program was given by the wearers of "the lavender and green," Saturday evening in the Bessie Tift chapel. It consisted of the life and works of some of the most prominent educators of the day and those whose names go down in the "Who's who" column.

Reading—Apphia West.
The Life and Works of Irvin S. Cobb—Edith Kimbrough.

A Sketch of Hoffman—Helen Crawford.

Violin Solo—Van Lee Tyler.
The Life of Thomas A. Edison—Ruth Simms.

Quartet "Santa Lucia"—Kathleen Estes, Inelle Fillyaw, Nadine Little and Lois Hagin.

The Life, Works and three Friendship Poems of Edgar Guest—Florence Johnson.

NOW THEN

Mr. Alfriend:—"Long ago when men wore high-tailed coats and long hats."

This was the notice posted by Prof. Whatley, the instructor in Astronomy: "Any one wishing to look at Venus, please see me."

History Lecturer:—"Can any one tell me what makes the tower of Pisa lean?"

Corpulent Ida:—"I don't know, or I would take some myself."

First Freshman:—"Do you hope Miss Rogan will teach our S. S. normal class?"

Second Freshman:—"Goodness no! She would give us parallel on Sunday."

Eva Walker:—"Is our lesson in Bible the book of Ephesus?"

Hundred Year Old Letter

October 13, 1833! That was quite a long time ago—yet that was when this old letter was written. Its chief importance is due to the fact that it sheds considerable light on Mercer's "ancient" history, and gives a clear picture of Mercer as it used to be. Mercer was founded in Jan. 1833 and this letter was written the following October. It takes the reader into the very midst of Mercer's activities, and hence is the most valuable document on the school's early educational ideals and working farm, in existence.

This letter is now in the possession of Miss Eliabeth Brewer, the instructor in violin and pipe organ at Bessie Tift. The letter was written to Miss Brewer's great grandfather, Samuel Waite, the first president of Wake Forest. When B. M. Sanders, Mercer's first president, wrote this letter to Pres. Waite, little did he dream that a hundred years later it would be read with even greater interest than it afforded the one for whom it was originally written. Neither did he know that he was trying to aid an institution which would produce Mercer's great president for 1923. When this was written, Mercer did not claim the name of Mercer University, but instead was known as Mercer Institute.

40 Students

A few of the most interesting items in this manuscript follow:

When the school was opened for the first time it had forty students. Mercer boys used to rise with the sun. They always spent three hours doing farm work. They even did the plowing. The chief products they raised were corn, potatoes, peas and cotton. Even the horses were not allowed to remain idle; to prevent this, they worked by classes in rotation. However they always exercised great care in choosing that species of crop that required the least plowing and the most hoeing.

In order to encourage the boys in their labor, the president went out and worked with them, often assuming the burden of the most menial task. It is little wonder that Mercer has reached the heights it has, when one considers the type of presidents it has had.

The financial obligations attached to attendance of Mercer Institute were small, in fact if the present students of Mercer University had lived in 1833 they would have been only \$4 per month. Mr. Edison had not put in his appearance at this time, so the Mercer boys did not burn midnight oil or electricity, but candles which they had to furnish, besides their bedding.

Weeks Vacation

They had two sessions. One began on the second Monday in Jan. and lasted for six months. Then they had a week's vacation and on the third Monday in July, they resumed their work and continued for five months. This unusual arrangement was made to suit the crops.

Their farm labor did not interfere with their study. They devoted seven hours per day and two hours at night to preparation of their class room work.

Mr. Sanders, in giving his theory of discipline, stated that he believed in having few restrictions and then only those which were absolutely essential, but he thought that these should be vigorously enforced. He said that partiality should never be shown.

Mercer Institute's financial policy could not be improved upon. Dr. Sanders said that nothing could be bought on credit, and that what they could not pay cash for they must do without.

As a special concession to the students, one man was hired to help with the farm work.

Thus we see that Mercer Institute boys had to work much harder for their education than Mercer University boys, but we realize that their education was just as valuable.

"SPECT HE WEPT

He married a widow and all went well for a week when they had their first quarrel. The next day he came down to breakfast with a mourning band on his arm.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said his wife; "what is it for?"
"For your first husband," he replied. "I'm sorry he died."

CICERONIANS

An interesting program was had at the regular meeting of the Ciceronian Society Monday evening. The program opened with an oration by Robert Cousins. This was followed by a debate on the question, "Resolved, that France is justifiable in her present attitude towards Germany." Ralph W. West and L. J. Blackwell argued for the affirmative side of the question, while John Morgan and J. G. James defended the negative side. The judges rendered a decision of 2 to 1 in favor of the negative.

A. J. Harper was received into the Society as a new member.

KAPPA DELTAS

The Kappa Delta Literary Society of Bessie Tift presented, January 27, "The Sweet Family," who gave an entertainment.

Ma Sweet, a love "relic"—Eva Walker.

Betsy Belindy Sweet, with many winning ways—Bernice Smith.

Twins: Caroline Cordelia Sweet—Elma Pool. Dorothy Delilah Sweet—Sara Smiley.

Elizabeth Eliza Sweet, by far the most attractive—Mary F. Johnson.

Frances Fedory Sweet, partial to flowers—Augusta Wadsworth.

Glorianna Gadabout Sweet, who giggles—Myrtle Poole.

As each of the Sweet family had a special accomplishment they read, sang and gave vocal and instrumental selections. The costumes of the Sweets were comical and original.

THE WATER LILY

John Milton Samples

Down deep in the slough of the dismal pond,

In the secret womb of earth,
She saw with eyes that gazed beyond
Her dim confines of birth.

By day and night unceasingly
She strove with upturned face
To raise her form in modesty
And seek the sunlit place.

I saw her there one spring-like morn
With radiant, smile-lit face,
Above the slough, where she was born,
Full-robed in queenly grace.

Then I said, O heart, dispel your gloom,

Look up amid the night;
The skies with stars are all a-bloom,
A-flame with heavenly light!

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