

MERCER BEARS GET PEP TALK



NOW, HERE IS THE SET-UP—Coach Jim Cowan, standing, Mercer University basketball mentor, outlines plans for this year's edition of the B Bears. This will be the second year in which the Baptist Bruins have participated in intercollegiate basketball since the sport was dropped at the beginning of the war.

MURDOCK, WILKES, SHULER RATED THIS YEAR'S BASKETBALL FAVORITES

by Rivers Jackson
 Bob Murdock, holdover from last year's "B" team, was the outstanding player in last Thursday's scrimmage game. Murdock, with an afternoon total of 24 points, sparked the Orange team throughout the first and last quarters with his good passing and constant recoveries of the back board.
 Glenn Wilkes, a favorite of last season, led the varsity squad in points scored although he played only about a third of the game. Bob Shuler, another sterling performer of last season, was second high scorer for the big team and was a constant threat to the "Bees" defense.
 After the practice session Coach Jim Cowan slowly shook his head when asked for comments. "The boys haven't come very far since

last week," he said. As a whole the team's pass work was off but they did show signs of improvement occasionally, but Coach Cowan didn't seem too worried about that. "Our defensive game has got to be improved," were the coach's parting words.

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 For the Fall Quarter
 It will be impossible to publish another paper before January because of Thanksgiving holidays and Final Examinations.
 We, the staff, wish you a joyful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

The BEAR FACTS



by Rivers Jackson
OUT ON A LIMB
 With the array of good basketball material that Mercer has this year, it's no wonder that I am about to undertake an in-depth analysis, pure

Tourney Lags

The horseshoe tournament, now in the quarter final stages, has progressed slowly due to unfavorable weather. The original plans called for the completion of the tournament before this date.
 Two matches remain before the semi-final round gets under way. The winner of the Bob Murdock, "Skeets" Irby match will compete with Almer Tippet for a chance in the finals. The winner of the Hugh Snow, Mayes Dobbins match will play Ray Elanders in the semi-finals.
 A beautiful gold trophy will be awarded the winner of the tournament. This is not a rotating trophy. It will become the property of the winner.
 If you're asking this in a skeptical tone, then you don't know sports—much better.
 Remember those good looking black uniforms our basketball team had last year? Maybe you are wondering, as I have been, why they weren't used more often. Here is the story.
 Last season the Bears went out on the hardwood five times in black uniforms and each time they were defeated. Not once all season did the boys in black win a game. Now the question is, can the jinx be broken? Coach Cowan is determined to find out.
 December 6, the Mercer Bears will open their cage schedule against the Howard Bulldogs in those black uniforms. Tempting fate? No, just an effort to break the jinx.
 Coincidence you say? Well, try to tell Coach that.

JINX or COINCIDENCE
 Superstition in this modern age



BATTLE FOR INCREASED SUBSISTENCE payments for vets in college was carried to the American Legion National Convention in New York by the Damon Runyon Post at the University of Miami. Dashing off a law exam early in the day, Commander George Nicholas raced home to pick up Joan, his pretty blond student wife who also is Post Adjutant, and finally relaxed over a gin rummy game in the lounge of a National Airlines DC-6. The big post-war luxury liner sped them from Miami to New York in less than four hours, and in time for George to make a scheduled appearance to speak in behalf of the subsistence increase. George's argument, and two days of lobbying, apparently helped the fight—the Legion went on record in favor of increases to counter the high cost of living and to keep veterans in school. Prevailing opinion is that the subsistence increase will be voted by congress next year.

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