

NEW MENTOR IS LEADER OF MEN

Starred in Backfield While Attending Colgate University.

PRIMARILY FOOTBALL MAN Newspapers Say Robinson One of Cleanest Men in South.

By John L. Hackney

When it was learned some time ago that Josh Cody had decided to leave Mercer and return to his alma mater, Vanderbilt, as full time assistant to Coach Dan McGugin, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, president, promised that "a good man" would be selected to carry on the large program planned for Mercer. Last week it was announced that S. L. Robinson, a man of whom little was known, had been chosen. Yesterday Dr. Weaver received something of the new mentor's record and immediately it indicated that Josh's successor had been wisely chosen.

Coach Stanley L. Robinson is a native of Michigan, but received the greater part of his education in New York. In 1911 he graduated from Buffalo high school after making a prominent record in athletics. That fall he entered Colgate University, where he graduated in 1915. During his four years at Colgate, Robinson was awarded four letters in football, four in baseball and two in track.

Twice, in 1913 and again in 1914, he was selected as halfback on the American football team. It was first reported that Robinson had played end in his college days. In 1913 he was one of the stars of the Colgate team that defeated Yale, 16 to 6, and in the same season he was the hero of the Colgate-Army game in which he ran seventy yards through the Army team for a touchdown. It has been said of him that "his literary record is scarcely less brilliant, for he was both a scholar and an athlete."

Started Coaching Early

During the college year of 1915-16 Coach Robinson was Director of Athletics at the University of Vermont. In 1917 he coached Mississippi A. & M., which won the State football championship. Immediately after the close of the football season he entered the Naval Aviation Corps and served until the signing of the armistice. He was discharged with the rank of ensign. He returned to Mississippi A. & M. in the latter part of 1918 and in 1919 won the State football championship for that college again.

During the summer of 1920 he was Physical Director of Southern Y. M. C. A. College at Blue Ridge, N. C. In the fall of 1920 Robinson became Director of Physical Education at Mississippi College, where he has served since. His contract there expires at the end of this school year and he will come to Mercer this fall.

In a sketch of Mr. Robinson, the Mississippi College annual says of him: "Although he is proficient in all major sports, he is primarily a football man. He has that rare quality of judging just how much a man can stand, and he certainly drives the football squad to the limit. Yet he does it in such a way as to make the men like the game and love him. He trains the players mentally as well as physically. He places confidence in a par with skill, and in doing so, he puts football in the mental as well as the physical realm. His favorite motto is, 'A man can do anything if he wants to bad-enough.' Coach has that characteristic which makes a true leader of men. He does not imitate, but goes ahead and does things, letting others imitate him. This initiative is shown in everything he undertakes."

Praised by Newspapers

The official student publication of Mississippi A. & M. said of Robinson when he was coaching there, "The football men were the first to appreciate his worth. They recognized him

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DEBATE ON WAR DEBTS MONDAY

Mercer Team Will Be in Triangular Affair Next Week.

MEETS RICHMOND, FURMAN

The debating teams of Mercer University, under the direction of Dr. A. M. Montague, will open their program for the year when they meet the University of Richmond, of Richmond, Va., and Furman University of Greenville, S. C., in a triangular debate, next Monday night. The subject of both debates is on the cancellation of inter-allied war debts.

W. A. Bootle and Rabun L. Brantley will represent Mercer against Richmond. This debate will be staged in the university chapel on Mercer campus. On the same night W. M. Marshall and John C. Polhill will oppose the Furman team in Greenville, S. C.

The men representing Mercer in this meet have been at work on their arguments for some time and during the week will be pitted against each other in practice debates staged before the debating council of the university. The judges who will serve Monday night have not yet been selected.

Three Others Scheduled

Mercer's teams have three other schools on their schedule for this year. On April 26 Howard College, of Birmingham, will send a team to Macon to oppose L. E. Smith and Joel H. Terrell on the subject, Resolved, that all inter-allied war debts should be cancelled. On the same night a team composed of C. M. Coalson and W. A. Ingram will meet Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., to argue the same subject.

This will conclude the triangular arrangement with these two colleges and will decide the winner of the contest. In the past two years Mercer defeated Howard once and Mississippi twice. The only loss of the local institution has been to Howard.

The last debate of the year will be against Stetson University, of DeLand, Fla., on the subject, Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations. Mercer's representatives are A. B. Couch and H. O. Hughes. It will be staged at Mercer on May 10.

MERCER TEAM OFF TWO ROAD GAMES

Freshmen to Play G. M. C. Squad Here.

Mercer's squad of baseball performers will open the 1923 season this afternoon with the Auburn Plainsmen in the "loveliest village." Final practice was held on Alumni Field Wednesday afternoon and the team left for Auburn yesterday. The Orange and Black Freshmen will oppose Coach Hub Dowis' G. M. C. cadets at Central City Park Saturday.

The lettermen making the trip are: Capt. "Tige" Stone, Clay Ryals, Charlie Stapleton, pitchers; Hop Morgan, catcher; Crook Smith, Sid Ellison, "Rabbit" Prentiss, Gid Wilkes, infielders, and Dan Hammock, Harvey Sheppard, "Smokey" Harper, and "Shorty" Poore, outfielders.

Judging from reports reaching Macon from the Tiger headquarters, that outfit is suffering from the same weakness that is troubling Mercer. "Slick" Moulton is just about all the Auburn pitching staff, just like "Tige" Stone is all that the Baptists can claim who has been thoroughly tested and makes the grade.

Coaches Cody and Mosely are optimistic over the chance of winning the opening games. Auburn has already opened her season, breaking even with Fort Benning in a double-header last Saturday.

The team has been handicapped during the earlier part of the week on account of the rains and a muddy field, however the Mercer mentors drove the players hard during the time the sun was shining.

WILLIE PEARL DAVIS 1923 TENNIS CHAMP

Douglas Girl Leads in Bessie Tift Tournament.

"Willie Pearl Davis—1923" is the inscription of the beautiful silver loving-cup awarded to Miss Willie Pearl Davis, '26, of Douglas, Ga., by the Bessie Tift Athletic Board, as winner of the fall tournament of tennis.

The presentation took place at chapel hour. The members of the Athletic Board, sportily dressed, were on the stage.

"Bessie Tift" was sung, and Dr. Chamies made a few opening remarks concerning the girls, as well as their intellectual advancement. After this, the Freshman Class, of which Miss Davis is a member, arose and sang two songs written to Miss Davis, praising her merit and expressing their gratitude and pride.

The members of the Athletic Board are: Lois Summerall, president; Sarah Smiley, vice-president; Susie Hamrick, secretary and treasurer; Mary Frances Johnson, head of tennis; Clitie Beasley, head of basketball; Willie Pearl Davis, head of baseball; Inez Harris, head of track; Mary Lee Ayers, head of swimming; Helen Lower and Essa Lee Jordan, senior representatives; Josephine Clarke and Florence Johnson, junior representatives; Evelyn Wright and Lavonia Lee, Sophomore representatives; Charlie Watson and Edna West, Freshman representatives.

GLEE CLUB NOW ON TOUR SOUTH GEORGIA

Lot of Variety and Spice Sprinkled with Classic Numbers.

After playing to capacity houses in Montezuma and Dawson on Wednesday and Thursday nights, the Mercer Glee and Mandolin Clubs will perform tonight at Americus for the third concert on their road trip.

"A good show" is the comment made by those who have heard the performance up to date. A lot of variety and spice is sprinkled here and there with the classics, all going to furnish fun for the most particular fancy. Musical numbers by the entire club, the quartet and the mandolins, together with Dan Davis' Seven Shufflin' Syncopaters, go to make up the main features.

Ronald Young, from Edinburgh, Scotland, creates a "Night in Scotland" with his violin. Young plays a series of Scotch folk songs and properly interprets music that was written as an accompaniment for the highland fling. His act is interspersed with comments in his natural Scottish brogue.

The feature act of the club is the minstrel skit of R. E. "Parson" Chandler and Earl "Fat" Lord. The act is original with the two stars, except for their songs and dances.

Dan Davis' Orchestra is said to be second to none in the South and as exponents of up-to-date syncopation are the equal if not the peer of any similar college organization in the country.

Prof. E. Powell Lee is in charge of the clubs with Paul Perry, business manager.

FACULTY DINNER

One of the most successful social affairs of the year was the dinner given by the Seniors in honor of the Bessie Tift faculty and their wives on Saturday evening, March 17. The Senior "Round Table" was attractively decorated in the green of St. Patrick's day—shamrock and "The harp that once through Tara's halls the soul of music shed."

HONK! HONK!

Dr. Flippin (in English History): "Now listen, while I run over Queen Victoria's children."

MASTER MERCERIAN ATHLETE--SCHOLAR

While Playing on Team He Leads Classes.

Isben Gidden Wilkes, of Adel, was elected Master Mercerian over fourteen other candidates at the annual election in chapel Friday morning. This is the highest honor the student body can pay a student of the university. The Master Mercerian is regarded as the one who most nearly approaches the ideal student in all-around ability.

Wilkes is a Senior in the School of Arts and Sciences and will receive the A.B. degree in June. He entered Mercer three years ago as a member of the Sophomore class, coming from Locust Grove Institute. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilkes of Adel. In his first year at Mercer, Wilkes made the varsity baseball team and played on his class basketball team. Since then he has made his letter in baseball for the second time and played two years as a regular on the basketball team. During the past season he was player-manager of the basketball team.

In addition to his athletic activities, Wilkes has been associate editor of the Cluster, and was elected to the Quill Club, an organization of students of journalism. Last spring he was elected secretary of the "M" Club. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and of the Ciceronian Literary Society. He is at present treasurer of the Pan-Hellenic Council. While playing on two teams he made all "A's" in his studies.

Wilkes is the third consecutive member of the Cluster staff to be honored with Master Mercerian. R. L. Carter, a member of the staff, was elected in 1921, Robert Gamble received the unanimous vote last year, and Wilkes this year, all of whom were associate members of the Cluster force.

WEAVER TO ADDRESS EDUCATIONAL ASSO.

Mercer President, State Superintendent and Head of Tech on Convention Program.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, president of Mercer University and president of the Association of Georgia Colleges, will be one of the principal speakers at the meeting of the Georgia Education Association to be held in Atlanta on April 19 through April 21.

Besides Dr. Weaver, other prominent speakers on the program are Dr. M. M. Parks, state superintendent of schools; Dr. M. L. Brittain, president of the Georgia School of Technology and other speakers of a national and international reputation.

Prof. Walter P. Jones, principal of Lanier High School, is treasurer of the Georgia Education Association, and those who expect to attend the meeting should write to him to secure reduced railroad rates.

Many social features have been arranged for the meeting in addition to the business sessions.

BESSIE TIFT ADDRESS

R. P. Lane, who has recently returned from Europe, where he represented the Junior Department of the American Red Cross, lectured to a large audience in Bessie Tift auditorium Thursday evening. His subject was, "Present Conditions in Europe," and he stated in a comprehensive way the present conditions of the leading European nations. Mr. Lane talked to several history classes the following morning and in addition held conferences with any who wished to get facts directly from one who had recently made a study of affairs in Europe.

Mr. Lane is making a lecture tour under the auspices of the "International Relations Club," to aid the Southern colleges.

SHELBOURNE OPENS NEW SPRING TERM

Former President of Howard College at Convocation.

Dr. James M. Shelbourne, formerly president of Howard College and now pastor of the First Baptist church of Danville, Va., opened the spring term at the convocation exercises Thursday morning with an address on the "Honor System, or the Way to Liberty."

Dr. Shelbourne, who during the world war was director of educational and social work at Camp Wheeler, is recognized as one of the foremost educators of the South, and his talk on the honor system was consequently of peculiar interest.

"There has been a universal struggle since the beginning of time," he said, "against authority; the authority of church, school, convention and the business and professional worlds. We have always thought it to be some thing that limited our happiness and crippled our activities. This is not the case, however, for there can be no freedom without authority, paradoxical as this may seem."

"And in order to be free from the bonds of authority," Dr. Shelbourne continued, "some of us are inclined to rebel against its dictates. Others sulk about it. It has been found, though, that neither of these methods is successful. The only way of securing the 'larger freedom' is adaptation, and the co-operation with authority."

"The honor system," he added, "is humanity's intelligent efforts to be free. It is our protest, not against rightful authority, but against that suspicious authority that is always 'watching' us. By this system we are not really rebelling, but are co-operating with the dictates of convention and our own consciences."

An interesting feature of the exercises yesterday lay in the fact that three former presidents of Howard College were seated on the platform, they being Dr. Shelbourne, the speaker, and Dr. E. P. Montague and Dr. Charles B. Williams, faculty members of the University.

NEW LAW FRAT

Sigma Delta Rho Announces Existence at Mercer.

The existence of Sigma Delta Rho, a local legal fraternity, at Mercer University, was announced yesterday by A. E. Gilmore, Jr., who said the organization had been on Mercer campus for more than a year, but had been kept secret until definite plans of its becoming allied with a national fraternity could be formulated.

Sigma Delta Rho is the second organization of its kind in the Mercer law department, the other being Adona Fraternity, which is now in its second year at the institution.

Mr. Gilmore expressed the opinion that the new fraternity plans to petition Phi Delta Phi, considered the largest legal fraternity in this country.

The members of Sigma Delta Rho are George H. Craven, Macon; W. E. Swinson, Blakely; Frank B. Stowe, Jesup; A. E. Gilmore, Jr., Tennille; H. A. Bootle, Reidsville; E. B. Everett, Jr., Americus; W. D. Hamilton, Vienna; John C. Parker, Moultrie; J. R. Walker, Jr., Patterson; S. F. Maddox, Dublin; J. W. Smith, Cartersville; Sam M. Mathews, Macon; L. M. Collins, Macon; A. H. S. Weaver, Macon.

Dr. H. L. Thompson, of the Mercer faculty, and a member of Phi Delta Phi, is an honorary member of Sigma Delta Rho. Other honorary members are Douglas Carlisle and Lanier Anderson, of Macon.

WHERE SHE LIVED

Girl: "When a man bores me I always tell him that I live in Vineville."

Davis: "Clever idea, and where do you live?"

Girl: "In Vineville."—Emory Wheeler