

MERCER OFF TO BATTLE CHOCTAW

Petrels Nose Out Baptists by Lone Point.

The Mercer Baptists entrained late yesterday afternoon for Clinton, Mississippi, and will reach that town some time today, where they will try to work off Pullman car stiffness in preparation for tomorrow's clash with the Choctaws of Mississippi College.

The Mercers, after suffering two reverses in the last brace of starts, are on the warpath this week, hungry for a victory to slice into the two week's slump. The Choctaws have accounted for themselves well on the grid this season, having beaten Birmingham-Southern, Ole Miss, L. S. U., Louisiana College, and it is assured the proteges of Coach Robinson that they will have plenty to keep them busy when the Indians open up with a war whoop and reach for an Orange and Black scalp.

Petrels Nose Out

The hectic battle at Grand Field last week in which Mercer was trimmed by the Stormy Petrels' one-man aggregation by a lone point, has long since been relegated to history by the University campus. For the benefit of somebody's scrap book or "forget-me-not album," here is an excerpt from O. B. Keeler's story in the Atlanta Journal after witnessing the struggle:

A Great Game

"The game, starting with a break that came with all the bewildering smash of a dynamite explosion in a rose garden, was one of the greatest ever played at Grand field. Every element of the dramatic was there at a stretch that clamped on the roaring spectators a tension almost unbearable. It was anybody's game for every minute of the embattled hour of play.

"And the game started with one of those spectacular things you hear about and read about and so seldom see—like a home run with the bases full in a world series ball game, or a horse trotting his mile under two minutes. Catching the Oglethorpe kick-off on his own fifteen-yard line, 'Kid' Cecil was confronted with a curious split in the rush of the Petrels' line, a sudden sweeping out by his own interference—and before a breath could be drawn he was on his way. Straight out he came, as if emerging from the mouth of a funnel; and by the time he reached mid-field, with only a half reversal and not a hand laid on him, he was in the clear and passing the Oglethorpe safety man, who seemed to have run in too close for safety.

"Then it was a matter of legs, and the Kid had the legs. Maurer and Gordy were after him; Maurer was closing the gap—but the supply of white lines was running low and lower, and the Orange of Mercer went across the goal line four lengths to the good, carrying six points and a staggering wallop full in the face of the Robertson crew.

"It was that rarest of feats, a touchdown from the kickoff, a run of 85 yards.

On the heels of the first tremendous break came another, almost un-noted at the time. For as the game turned out, the point after that touchdown meant all the difference between a tie and a defeat for the Mercer team, and a tie and a victory for the Petrels."

And he concludes the write-up: "It was a great game between two of the greatest and hardest fighting teams I ever saw."

Among those who attended the Student Volunteer convention as the guests of Miss Lucy Rubin were Misses Hinda Roberts, Katharine Moore, Mayry Phillips, Marjorie Jacobs, Katharine Armstrong and Ruth Ivy from Macon.

MANY CANDIDATES FOR DEBATE TEAM

Strong Teams to Be on Intercollegiate Schedule.

By Leonard Williams

Answering the call for those who wished to enter the inter-collegiate debates for the 1923-24 season, twenty men responded Wednesday at a meeting of the Mercer Debating Council. A large number of others have signified their intention of trying out for places on this year's teams and the number it is thought will finally reach fifty.

Contests for elimination and choice of the debating candidates will not be held until the week following Thanksgiving. The men were only called together to assign subjects for the try-outs and for instructions as to preparation for the final meets with other Southern colleges.

As yet, Mercer's debating schedule is not definite. There will be a triangular debate between the University of Richmond, Furman University and Mercer, it is known, which will be held about the first week in April. Stetson University will be met in DeLand, Fla., at an undecided date, and with these exceptions the completed schedule is not yet known.

Emory Challenges

The Emory University freshmen have challenged the Mercer freshmen to a debate for late in the season, and though this is not a regular intercollegiate contest, Dr. J. H. Moore, chairman of the Debating Council, states that the council will follow the matter up and that the Emory first year men will probably be met.

The following subjects were given to the men entering the tryouts to work on for the competition after Thanksgiving:

Resolved, That co-education should be adopted in American schools.

Resolved, That state judges should be appointed by governors of the several states.

Resolved, That the United States government should have a larger participation in world affairs.

Resolved, That taxation of incomes by the Federal government should be discontinued.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Federal Constitution should be made: Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States.

Resolved, That the United States should abandon the policy of a protective tariff.

BESSIE TIFT GIRLS IN FRESH vs. SOPH GAMES

The Bessie Tift Freshmen and Sophomores are preparing for a battle Thursday that promises to be a mighty one. It is something of a struggle for the Freshmen because the Sophomores hold last year's championship and even a "Fresh" needs courage to buck up against such odds. However one can hardly say which team has the dope. The Freshmen have more good material to pick from than the other classes and should have a non-stop team while it goes without saying that the Sophomore's team is a crackerjack the game promises to be a close one and intensely interesting, but it remains to be seen who the winner will be.

This is the first game of the season and there is excitement in the air. All the classes are interested and class spirit rises higher and higher as the day draws nearer. The Junior vs. Sophomore game is to be the twenty-fourth and much interest centers around this game for there has always been the sharpest of rivalry between these two classes. The final game to determine the championship is to be played December 6th by the winners of these two previous games.

DONATED \$100,000



Frank S. Ethridge, Atlanta business man, who recently pledged \$100,000 to higher education when he gave Mercer University the largest single gift it had ever received.

This was followed a few days later by a gift of \$50,000 to Bessie Tift by Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Winder, Ga.

BESSIE TIFT ALSO GIVEN LARGE SUM

J. M. Williams Donates Forsyth College \$50,000.

An endowment of \$50,000, the second large donation to be made a Baptist institution of higher learning within the last two weeks, was recently announced by Dr. Aquila Chamlee, Bessie Tift president. The donor, J. M. Williams, cotton merchant of Winder, Ga., is the father of Miss Essie Lee Williams, a member of the freshman class at the Forsyth college.

The gift is the largest ever made by any individual to Bessie Tift, and is the first of the half-million endowment fund which will be raised to endow the college and used in the education of young women of Georgia. This gift, coming close on the heels of the \$100,000 donation recently given Mercer by Frank S. Ethridge of Atlanta, brings the total to \$150,000 given the two colleges of the Mercer University System in the past two weeks. The two donations, it is believed, are the first of what promises to be a number of endowment funds which the Baptists of the state will raise for their schools and colleges.

The immediate cause for the donation by Mr. Williams, it is said, was his visit to the Forsyth campus in October when he was much impressed with its management and ideals.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS MEET AT BESSIE TIFT

Dr. Owen and Dr. McGinty Make Addresses.

The Student Volunteer Convention of Georgia was held at Bessie Tift College from Friday, Nov. 9, until Sunday, Nov. 11. There were delegates from all over the state at this convention who were Student Volunteers. During the convention many talks were delivered by returned missionaries, which helped to determine the minds of many Bessie Tift students to be missionaries.

Many girls have given their lives for foreign work. It was a great convention for the young Volunteers of the state and the next meeting at Mercer is looked forward to for the good that the Volunteers expect to receive.

During the Saturday morning service of the convention at Bessie Tift, Dr. William Russel Owen spoke on "Blessed Are the Meek." He told in a graphic way how the meek had truly inherited the earth. He told of how he stood amid the ruins of the Parthenon and thought of the glory and beauty of Greece, now past and gone, and he realized that only one thing had lasted and that is the influence of an Apostle of Jesus Christ, Paul, who once stood on the steps and told the people of an unknown God. He told of how Napoleon had learned the lesson that might was not right and could not rule in this world, for God had said that the meek should inherit the earth.

One of the most interesting services of the convention was the sunrise service conducted by Dr. McGinty, of Mercer University. After an earnest address on the questions in Genesis, Dr. McGinty called for a consecration service, and every version in the service offered their life to go anywhere Christ would have them go.

It was a touching scene and as every one came forward to take the speaker's hand they stood in a group around the platform while Dr. Aquila Chamlee delivered the consecration prayer.

The Y. W. A. of Bessie Tift College gave a reception to the Student

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KITCHEN PLAY FOR BESSIE TIFT GIRLS

Mercer Students Invited to Annual College Event.

The Junior class has recovered itself from the exertion in behalf of the Halloween party and is planning another evening of entertainment for their friends. And this time it is to be a dramatic effort—a play—and is said to be a delightful play, and since it has been greatly enjoyed on Broadway.

The Juniors are to give their play Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th, at 8 o'clock in the Bessie Tift chapel. They cordially invite their Mercer friends—and if the other "Mercerites" do not know the girls they are invited to come up and get acquainted. All the Bessie Tift girls will be there.

But you don't know the name of the play and so the class tells you, and then all will want to come. Burton Crane tells Jane Ellen positively to "Come Out of the Kitchen"—and she comes!

SECOND ISSUE OF ALUMNUS NOW OUT

New Organ of Alumni Association Is Successful.

How Chilton W. Coleman, Mercer alumnus, built a modern community out of the regular type of mill settlement around the Muller Callaway mills of LaGrange is told in the November issue of the Mercer Alumnus, monthly magazine of the Mercer Alumni Association.

This is the second issue of the Alumnus, which is published under the direction of John K. Williams, alumni secretary. A permanent feature of the alumni organ is the sports page by Robert M. Gamble, former Mercerian. Other permanent pages and columns are to be added with the December issue, it is understood.

The Mercer School of Commerce, by Dean W. G. Bradley, and Progress of Mercer University Toward Financial Independence, by Dr. R. W. Weaver, are other articles of interest. Roy Davis, president of the senior class, also comes in for a share of this month's news in an article, The Mercer Spirit, in which he is chosen as typifying the spirit of the student body.

MERCER MEN INVITED

Everybody at B. T. C. is looking forward to the Freshman-Sophomore reception which is to be this Saturday night. All the Freshmen and Sophomores and a few Juniors will be present. The Mercer student body is invited and most of them are expected to come because Bessie Tift girls all know that they all love a good time and try not to miss having one every chance they get.

PLANNING FOR SECOND INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN

Delegates From All Over State at Luncheon Wednesday.

Mercer University was host at a luncheon given in the Mercer dining hall Wednesday at noon, given in honor of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 25 city and state organizations.

This organization, which is for the purpose of training women in civic leadership, took courses last summer at Mercer under the auspices of what is known as the Mercer Institute for the Training of Women in Civic Leadership.

This school will open again about June 15, lasting for the period of two weeks, or more. Classes will be held both in the morning and the afternoon, it was decided Wednesday. Members of the Mercer faculty will give courses in adolescent psychology, political science, public speaking, and probably other courses. Men and women of national prominence will be engaged to give lectures every night during the school session.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, presiding at the meeting Wednesday, was authorized to appoint a committee to arrange the courses and schedules for the school this summer.

Every delegate representing the 25 organizations pledged her wholehearted support and co-operation in furthering the plans and purposes of the school to be held this summer.

JUNIOR BAPTISTS WILL MEET CADETS

Frosh Determined to Wipe Out Old Scores.

Mercer's aggregation of Junior Baptists will have an opportunity to wipe out old scores with the cadets from G. M. C. here this afternoon when they meet Coach Dowis' cohorts at Alumni Field in a battle unto the death.

The Frosh did not fare so well against the cadets several weeks ago when the gridsters met in the shadow of the old capitol at Milledgeville, the Rats receiving a 19-6 setback. That was early in the season, however, when the first year men were not so well drilled as they now are under the tutelage of Coach Barker Moseley, and every member of the team is out with blood in his eye, and determined that the score today will be a reverse of the other one.

The Orange and Black freshmen have a squad, which, though not heavy, has fight galore and not a little experience in the pigskin pastime. From this team it is believed a number of recruits will next season strengthen the varsity, although there will be few vacancies here and the ones who fill them will have to move about like they mean it.