

BAPTISTS PRIMING FOR LAST GAME OF SEASON

Power of Road Jinx Broken As Locals Return to Alumni Field.

Home again! That sounds mighty good to anybody when they have been out of their own backyard for a while—but it has an even more pertinent meaning to members of the Baptist grid eleven and to the student body at large. Why? Because all the hokum and black magic wielded by the Road Jinx counts for naught when he comes snooping around the home environs of a team he has been hounding for three weeks. He went right along with the team to Florida, climbed into the Pullman for Atlanta, and hung like a leech when the Mississippi voyage was commenced. Truly, he is, as has been said, a good and faithful servant. But his day is over for 1923. Coach Robinson's crew is home again.

Tomorrow afternoon the Mercerians make their last appearance of the season against the Fighting Parsons from Carson-Newman, of Jefferson City, Tenn., and a real battle is anticipated with the team that held the Centre Colonels to only a two touchdown lead. The Parsons have made a good record this season, their eleven being composed of a number of stars formerly players at other colleges. Hutchins, one-time brilliant fullback for North Carolina State, and who scored on Yale in 1921, and Higgins, once the minstey of the Ohio State machine, being two notable examples of the material the Tennessee team boasts.

The Orange and Black squad has been working like a crew of Trojans during the week for Saturday's clash. Besides the one football game to win, the local lads are thinking of the past also. The visitors last year nosed out Mercer by a 13 to 7 score and "Kid" Cecil's cohorts are primed for revenge.

The fact that the Baptists' footsteps have been shadowed by the powers of darkness while on their recent trips does not mean that the eleven has necessarily slumped into poor form. All teams lose more games away from home than they win. Tech is wise. The Tornado has been away from Grant Field only twice this year—and on these two occasions occurred their only losses. The same state of affairs prevails with regard to Georgia's squad. They know they are likely to lose a football game as soon as they venture off Sanford Field. Road Jinxes are on the lookout for a traveling team. And that's why everybody is happy that the Baptists are home again.

And everybody on the Tattall Square campus is determined that the season be ended with a victory over the rivals from Tennessee.

COLLEGE BENEFACTOR SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

J. M. Williams Hopes Others Will Give Likewise.

The student body has never before felt the throeb of gratitude it felt Sunday morning when J. M. Williams spoke. Mr. Williams, a merchant of Winder, Ga., recently donated \$50,000 to Bessie Tift. He and George Bagwell were visitors of the Senior class, conducted by Dr. Macon. Mr. Williams stated in his talk that his gift was not made on the impulse of the moment, but was made after much deliberation and prayer on his part and his wife's. He shrank from publicity, but is anxious that his example may inspire others to donate to this worthy cause.

PREACHERS SHOW UNUSUAL RECORD

5,474 Members Added Churches by Mercerians in Summer.

By Leonard Williams

As a result of evangelistic work done by ministerial students of Mercer University over the past summer there were 5,474 additions to Baptist churches of the South and 804 additional conversions, according to a final report of the summer campaign given out here recently by Dr. C. L. McGinty, dean of the Mercer School of Theology.

Of this number, 3,979 were by baptism, 1,414 were received into the churches by letter and 81 were by restoration.

Comparison of this report for the past summer with statistics as given in the Baptist Year Book show that only in twenty states in the United States did all the Baptist churches, missionaries and evangelists give a larger report than that of Mercer students for the summer alone. One per cent of all the baptisms performed by Baptist ministers in the world for the past year were performed by Mercerites during last summer, the Year Book shows. Pastors for 110 churches in Georgia and neighboring states are Mercer students, according to Dr. McGinty's report.

Prominent in the report is the record of a student who during the summer had 375 additions to his churches, 356 of which were by baptism. Another shows that out of eleven revival services which he held during the summer there were 325 additions, while another reports 240 additions.

Other items of the statement given out by Dr. McGinty are: churches organized, 2; Sunday Schools organized, 9; B. Y. P. U.'s organized, 21; Bible study courses held, 35; volunteers for foreign work solicited, 24; churches built were several, but one with a cost of \$3,000 and another which cost \$6,000; buildings repaired 5; pianos purchased 3; those doing work in Baptist associational training schools 4; new financial plans installed; deacons ordained; books of playlets printed; and a series of addresses on higher education given.

CLASSES TOMORROW TO ALLOW FOUR HOLIDAYS

Friday Following Thanksgiving Is Holiday.

Thought of turkey, cranberries, pies, cakes, and the thousand and one other things that go to make an ideal Thanksgiving are now filling the head of every freshman, to the exclusion of books, studies and everything else.

Especially is this so since it has been announced by the faculty that Friday after Thanksgiving will be a holiday, thus allowing those students who live some distance from Macon ample time to return home for the day.

The holiday was granted after the student body at chapel last Friday unanimously voted to petition the faculty for a holiday on that day. However, in the words of the poet, every rose has its thorn, and this particular rose is no exception. In order that no time may be lost from the class-room and books, the faculty decided, in accordance with the petition, to have school tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 24.

After tomorrow three more days of toil and anguish and then home and four long days of eating much, sleeping late and doing in general whatever is pleasant.

NEW RECORDER



McKibben Lane, Mercer alumnus, a member of the law firm of Turpin & Lane, recently elected Recorder of Macon.

BESSIE TIFT GIRL ENTERTAINS LIONS

Miss Annie Barton Sings for Macon Club Members.

One of the features of the entertainment program offered the members of the Lions Club of Macon at their luncheon at the Dempsey Hotel last Tuesday was the singing of Miss Annie Barton, of Bessie Tift College. Miss Barton sang two songs, "The Cucoo" and "Lilac Tree," which were enthusiastically received.

The Lions had also as their guests about forty boys from the rural districts, who are to compete for prizes offered by the Lions for the best acre of corn next year. The Lions will furnish the seed and the boys are to see who can raise the best and most corn to the acre of ground.

B. T. C. JUNIORS IN PLAY

The Juniors are to give their play Tuesday evening, November 27, at 8 o'clock in the Bessie Tift chapel. They cordially invite their Mercer friends—and if there are other Mercerites who do not know, they invite them to come up and get acquainted. Of course all of the Bessie Tift girls will be there.

But you don't know what the name of the play is: Burton Crane tells Jane Ellen positively to "Come Out of the Kitchen," and she comes!

FIRST OFFICIAL CAGE DRILLS BEGIN MONDAY

FRESHMEN TRIM G. M. C. CADETS

Aerial Attack Overwhelms Visiting Gridders.

By C. D. Tounaley

Revenge is sweet, saith the poet, and the members of the freshman team agree with him. Saturday afternoon on Alumni Field they got revenge on G. M. C. for a former game of the season, in which the first-year men came out holding tightly to the wrong end of the score.

Saturday's fracas ended with the freshmen on the big end of a 20-0 count. The game was harder fought than the score indicates, for G. M. C. contested every inch of ground and fought bitterly to the last whistle.

Forward passes proved to be the undoing of the cadets. Time after time, "Rusty" Lawrence tossed the sphere into the waiting arms of some teammate for a material gain. The whole freshman team starred, but those who deserve mention include Lawrence, Stein, Presto and Parks. Glover, Banks, Dunn, Davis and Fleming also showed up well.

For G. M. C., Bass, Thompson, and Everidge shone, especially on the offensive, and Day, brother of the once illustrious "Bum," looked good on the defense.

This game concluded the freshman schedule. Five games have been played, of which two have been won and three lost. G. M. C., Georgia freshmen, and Auburn freshmen have been victors over the first-year men, while Madison A. and M. and G. M. C. have been defeated.

B. T. C. GLEE CLUB NOW PREPARES FOR PROGRAM

Miss DeAhna Adds Much New Talent This Year.

The Bessie Tift Glee Club has been doing intensive practicing for the last few weeks, as the concert will soon be held. Miss DeAhna has arranged a splendid program, including folk songs, as well as the more classical ones. The Glee Club this year is larger than it has been for years. The new talent which has been added is expected to make the club better than it has ever been, and the club is expecting a good year ahead.

Palmolive soap—5 cents cake. College Co-Op.

First Practices Show Bright Prospects for Winning Quint.

By Julian Leggett

With the close of the football season tomorrow afternoon, plans for the development of another great basketball team will get under way at Mercer University. Coach "Tink" Gillam has issued orders to the candidates to report to the first official practice of the year on Monday afternoon, and more than seventy men are expected to be in uniform on that day.

For the past two weeks, the aspirants for berths on the Baptist indoor aggregation have been drilling hard, and many of the men are already in first class condition. However, it will take the football players a couple of weeks to get into the proper trim to handle the basketball in the recognized style, and the first game, scheduled with the Albany "Y" on December 14, will find Mercer ready to go.

According to Elbert Fields, manager of the cage squad this year, the schedule has not been arranged, but several contracts have been closed. It is assured that Georgia, Tech, Vanderbilt, Florida, Trinity, Baylor, and Texas University will be encountered, while other games are now pending. Manager Fields stated today that he believes that the list of games will include more than twenty-five contests, half of which will be played in Macon.

Mercer's varsity five this year appears to be already picked, although there are a number of excellent players who will give the regulars a tough battle for the places on the quint before the initial game is played. "Consuello" Smith, captain and all-Southern forward of last season, will again be seen in action at his position; "Bubber" Pope, letter man who plays forward, will be the other selection for forward, while the guards will be George Harmon and Manly McWilliams. "Red" Simmons, one of the sensations of the Atlanta

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WOULD CHALLENGE OTHER COLLEGE TENNIS TEAMS

Bessie Tift would be glad to challenge any college for a game of tennis, with "Bill" Davis representing her. "Bill" is a Sophomore and one of the best all-round athletes. She holds a tennis championship, won in her freshman year, is a wearer of the "B. T. C." and owner of several stars won on field days.

"Bill" is a member of varsity teams in baseball and basketball, being pitcher and guard. She learned to swim and passed swimming test in less than one week. Her latest sport is golf, and we are just wondering if she will walk with all honors in that sport as well as all the rest. So with the Sophomores let's sing: "Sing, ho, for 'Bill' Davis, 'Bill' Davis, 'Bill' Davis."

JUNIORS AND SENIORS B. T. C. IN BASKETBALL

First Game of Season for Upper Classmen

Next Saturday, Nov. 24, will be another day of athletic excitement at Bessie Tift for the first game this season between the upper classmen—and it is only a matter of who's to win. Each team is practicing much this week and also denying themselves of all "sweets."

Mr. Dennis will referee the game on Saturday and it is hoped that a hard fight will be put up—only "time will tell."



EVERYBODY HAPPY NEXT WEEK BUT THIS BIRD