

# ANOTHER LOCAL IS RECOGNIZED

### P. K. A. Grants Charter to Mercer Alpha Nu.

The Pi Kappa Alpha National Fraternity has granted a charter to the Alpha Nu Local of Mercer University. The initiation of the local and the installation of the Mercer chapter will probably take place before the Christmas holidays.

There are fifty-nine active chapters of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in the United States. There are three chapters in the state of Georgia; the colleges represented are Emory, Dahlgren, and Tech. With the installation of a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, Mercer University will have nine National Greek Letter Fraternities.

The Alpha Nu Local was organized at Mercer University in September, 1922. In June of the same year the Board of Trustees of Mercer granted a charter which permitted the organization of a local chapter with the right of petitioning a national fraternity for a charter.

The charter members of the Alpha Nu Local are: Charles Hubert Berryman, Royston, Ga.; James R. Bethune, Alma, Ga.; August Burghard, Jr., Martin C. Burghard, Macon, Ga.; William L. Granade, Statesboro, Ga.; Joseph S. Hand, Climax, Ga.; Claud Joiner, Jr., Tennille, Ga.; James Artemus Ruffin, Barnesville, Ga.; William J. Shiver, Quitman, Ga.; Richard Durwood Smith, Milledgeville, Ga.; Raymond E. Walker, Carrollton, Ga.; Milton K. Wallace, Douglas, Ga.; Hawey A. Wells, Richland, Ga.; Cecil F. Whitaker, Macon, Ga.; and Lewis Lamar Lovett, Wrightsville, Ga.

The following men have been pledged by the Alpha Nu: James C. M. Chapman, Milledgeville, Ga.; Milo B. Medlock, Macon, Ga.; Thomas Hall Smith, Milledgeville, Ga.; Forest Glenn Berryman, Royston, Ga.; Walter Cecil Dowling, Jesup, Ga.; and Wilburn Dicks, Macon, Ga.

## Boxes

(A notice to home folks)

By Clark

It was a box, an unimposing box securely wrapped in humble brown wrapping paper. It was not an impressive looking box to a casual observer, but the young college fellow who received it knew that it had more potential possibilities for gladdening a lonesome boy's heart concentrated within its papery walls than any box of like size and weight anywhere in the world.

It was a box from home that the mail clerk at the College Co-op was handing over to a Mercer student, who for some reason was unable to make the trip home for the Thanksgiving holidays. There were many such boys on the campus and there were many such boxes received by them.

You can imagine the contents of this box; a whole chicken, sliced ham, cake, several different kinds of cake, cookies, doughnuts, bottles of pickles, jars of home-made preserves, separate compartments filled with parched peanuts, extra trailers or annexes loaded with nuts and apples, and in some cases numerous stalks of sugarcane accompanied the other good things.

And the fellows are not selfish with their boxes. As soon as it comes the lucky chap rounds up all his friends and buddies and they all enjoy the food.

A letter from a fellow's best girl lets in vibration certain chords which form a symphony that sings the world into a more rosy hue. A check from home is as pleasant a thing as being nominated for president, and far more necessary—but, the thing that makes it worth while and possible for a man to stay off at college for four whole years is the knowledge that every once in a while he will receive one of those wonderful, heaven-sent, all-in-all boxes from back home.

Advertiser: "So you desire to become my son-in-law?"

Applicant: "No, not especially. But if I marry your daughter, sir, I don't know how I can very well get out of it."

## "BESSIE TIFT" SPARKS



PROF. GEO. M. SPARKS

First, be it known, that the above picture and the following remarks are published without the knowledge of Prof. Sparks, the faculty advisor of this paper—he may cancel subscription when he read it.

Announcement was made in a previous issue of The Cluster that the Bessie Tift class in journalism was to publish an eight-page quarterly paper. All publications must have names, and the Forsyth young ladies saw no reason for publishing an anonymous sheet. They began to cast about for a suitable name to place at the top of the masthead of the paper and once decided on "Tiftensis," or something "Latinish."

At a general council of war, however, the young lady scribes changed their decision on the paper's monicker and someone suggested "The Bessie Tift Sparks." Sparks are generally conceded to be lively articles; they can glow with warmth, burn with brilliance, or illuminate distant points. One can never tell when a spark is to "pop off"—and they follow, for the most part, their own rule-book.

So, altogether, it is a happy combination.

Prof. Sparks is the first instructor in journalism ever included on the faculty of the Forsyth institution and it is largely through his efforts that interest in newspaper and journalistic work has been stimulated there.

The initial issue of the newly founded paper is expected to make its appearance in the near future.

## Family Clans Are Well Represented On Campus Roster

### 62 Students Have Brothers for Classmates.

Sixty-two of the 956 students enrolled at Mercer for the present session have another member, or possibly two, from their family also in Mercer, it was shown by a recent survey of the student body.

There are thirty sets of brothers, or brothers and sisters, in the student body. From this number, two sets of three members each are from the same family.

Of the "triplets," Charles, James and Miss Lillian Fulghum are from Macon, while Jackson, Ga., has furnished three Patricks, E. D., A. H., and T. T. The Smith generation has turned out four sets, prominent among these being the athlete, "Consuello," and his freshman brother, Abe. One other Smith family is furnishing embryo preacher-brothers, L. C. and T. V.

Those in Mercer from the same family are: R. D. and T. H. Smith, Milledgeville; E. S. and A. H. Heyward, Macon; A. J. and L. M. Polhill, Hawkinsville; J. B. and E. W. Burch, Eastman; J. L. and C. H. Buchanan, Dalton; E. C. and Broadus Martin,

## Inter-Society Fresh Debate Held Tonight

### Ciceronian and Phi Delta Rho meet in Annual Affair.

by W. O. Dorrough

AN AFFAIR long to be remembered in the annals of the history of Mercer University, will be the result of annual Phi Delta Rho vs. Ciceronian Freshmen debate, which is to be held in the chapel tonight at 7 o'clock. The subject to be debated is, "Resolved, that the state judges should be appointed by the governors of the several states."

The Ciceronian society will be represented by M. C. Townsend and C. A. Martin, who will uphold the affirmative side of the question. C. W. Howard and G. L. Sprattin will defend the negative in favor of the Phi Delta society. These men were chosen from a large representation of the new members of the societies by a try-out elimination contest and therefore represent the very best forensic talent of the freshmen class.

Unusual interest seems to be centered on this debate and it is expected that the student body as a whole will be there to see and hear the new men represent the two ancient and clever rivals of many past victories and defeats. At the last meetings of the societies speeches were made by several of the members encouraging a full attendance and the best of spirit at the debate.

Well leaders will be on the job and society colors will be in full display throughout the debate, so there will be no need for worry about being entertained. There will be special music by the Mercer octette.

Macon; August and M. C. Burghard, Macon; E. D., A. H. and T. T. Patrick, Jackson; R. E. and J. E. Chandler, West Point; B. T. and E. E. Griffith, Benton, Ky.; C. B. and S. R. Elkins, Pineora; R. P. and J. S. Lawrence, Menlo; W. F. and J. F. Caylor, Dalton; C. B. and C. F. Carson, Reynolds; Louis and M. B. Peacock, Albany; J. R. and J. E. Peddy, Sandersville; E. M. and R. M. Rountree, Wrightsville; A. B. and B. L. Smith, Fayetteville, Tenn.; C. W. and J. L. Smith, Macon; L. C. and T. V. Smith, Marshville, N. C.; T. N. and J. L. Stapleton, Colquitt; J. C. and Russell Turner, Hillsboro; J. D. and L. N. Witt, Americus; J. F. and J. R. S. Mays, Macon; A. E. and E. M. Dunstan, Brazil; S. H. and T. A. Dyer, Newnan; R. A. and C. L. Hartley, Macon; J. T. and Miss Clara Minor, Macon; C. R. and W. F. McCord, Macon; C. J. and Alton Davis, Macon; Charles B., J. H. and Miss Lillian Fulghum, Macon.

Mercer's success in basketball is of long standing. As far back as 1911 a Mercer team took a trip through South Georgia and Florida on which they won fourteen straight games.

C. O. D.: "Where's the funny paper?"

P. D. Q.: "Funny paper? Today ain't Sunday. I told you not to take that bath last night."

Twice since the erection of the Main Building on the Mercer campus fifty years or more ago has it been on fire. Quick work at those times prevented any large part of the building from being destroyed.

"Do you mean to say you shave yourself all the time?" asked the barber.

"Well, hardly," replied the customer, "I stop occasionally for meals."

## AGAIN---

### What's in a name?

When a movement was started to change the name of the mockingbird to that of the South's premier poet, Sidney Lanier, some twenty years ago, there was a storm of protest. People don't seem to care about having changes made in customs of long and honored standing—and innovations are, by name, itself at a disadvantage.

A topic freely discussed in local athletic circles throughout the past football season seems to have diminished none in interest. A number of sport fans suggest coining a new name for the teams representing Mercer University, "Baiting Baptists," they say, is not a poor selection in that it has justifiable grounds due to the denomination of the local institution—and the alliterative effect is good.

In view of the multitude of Baptist teams in the South and elsewhere, however, it is thought that to avoid confusion another name might be chosen. This is intended as no reflection on either the denomination or the persons who may have selected the name in the past. A change would simply render sport stories as well as ordinary conversation much less confusing when reference is made to a Mercer team.

### Too Much Confusion

When the Furman Hornets played Mercer here in the opening football game of the local season, it was a case of two Baptist teams meeting. News dispatches from South Carolina referred to the "Baptists" and their chances of winning. Macon writers sent similar dispatches to the Furman camp. There was confusion and misunderstanding.

Again, the game Mercer played with the Florida Alligators was preceded by the Florida-Wake Forest game a week earlier. Florida scribes wrote of the showing the "Gators" made against the "Baptists" and made prediction as to the outcome of the game with the "Baptists" the next week. Sometimes in the same paragraph there would be two references

to "Baptists" and only a Philadelphia lawyer might be certain "which was which."

Rummaging through the dusty files of newspapers something like a dozen years old, it was recently discovered to the younger generation that the Mercerians have not always been "Baptists." A sport story about an ancient basketball game frequently mentioned the Mercer Tigers, and the evidence gathered fails to substantiate the theory that the local college might once have claimed a zoological garden in its repertoire.

"Tiger" might be resurrected and used again as a monicker. There is a host of names that would do very well. What is needed, it is thought, is a nickname that will distinguish the local teams from any other, and at the same time (this may be a journalistic selfishness) one that is short and easily incorporated into a brief newspaper headline.

If you are in favor of a change, what is your choice?

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