

Bessie Tift College News

Bessie Tift girls enjoyed last week a series of lectures and pictures in Health given by Dr. Ricker from the State Department of Health at Washington. Dr. Ricker has been sent to Georgia to make talks and show these pictures in the interest of schools and colleges. He revealed facts about the conditions of ignorance and disease that exist everywhere in America. These conditions exist because the people are ignorant.

With his program the Bessie Tift girls had other entertainment. Thursday night the picture machine refused to work and between attempts songs were sung, of the old time variety, showing the real spirit of Bessie Tift. The picture was shown Friday night.

The Epsilon Alpha Delta Club entertained Saturday night, Miss Mary Roberts acting as hostess. The following members were present: Misses Mary Jackson, Inez Harris, Mildred Ligon, Sara Eubanks, Bill Davis, Maude Perkins, Ola May King, Bernice McCool and Marc Leigh Chapman. Miss Mildred Ligon had as her visitor Miss Elizabeth Tate, from Thomaston, Ga. The other members present were Misses Mildred Bradshaw and Cathryn Chappell. Delightful refreshments were served and games played.

The Clonion Society met in chapel Saturday evening to witness a delightful program. The Freshmen and new girls in the upper classes presented their talents in an attractive form. Miss Florino Brazier and Eloise Hammack acted as program committee. Gussie Goss gave a reading, showing how the gods set aside the four seasons, calling them Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter. Girls dressed to represent some holiday or typical day, came on the stage and acted their part. Misses Hazel Fagin, Mary Frances Joiner, Johnnie Hilburn and Emily Braswell, were spirits of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.

During the program the ability of each girl was realized and the Clonions are proud of every new girl. The Clonion songs, together with songs written to popular tunes, have been printed and the girls are putting more pep and loyalty into the society than ever before.

The Kappa Delta Society held its regular weekly meeting Saturday evening in Uphaw parlors. A piano solo was rendered by Miss Gwendolyn Jackson. Following that a dialogue, "Backward Child," was interestingly presented. Those taking part were: Miss Thelma Bonner, the governess, and Miss Elma Poole, Pauline, as 12. Miss Ola Mae King then gave a violin solo, after which Blondelle Bowling gave a reading. After having the program the remainder of the time was spent transacting business of the society.

The eleven o'clock services at the Forsyth Baptist church were in charge of Marvin Pbur, ministerial student at Mercer University. As the Bessie Tift girls, and many of the residents of Forsyth, had heard Marvin speak many times previous to his sermon Sunday, they were delighted to hear him again. His sermon was along the lines of the "old time Gospel," and this, together with his winning personality, shall leave a lasting impression among all who heard him, and it is hoped that he will visit the church again as soon as his time will permit.

The chapel period Saturday morning was well spent in learning the instruments of an orchestra. Miss Abbott illustrated the members of both the stringed and wooden instruments. Miss Brinson played records on the victrola so that each could be distinguished. Later several pieces were played by the whole orchestra.

The Bessie Tift girls are anticipating with much pleasure the appearance of the Mercer Glee Club, scheduled to play at the college chapel Saturday night. News to the effect that this year's Glee Club excels by far any of its past performances, has been proven by the success that it has met with in its visits to the various Georgia towns, and study of the local

papers of these towns have praised the management, variety of character and splendid presentation of the club. With such splendid reports as these, the Bessie Tift girls are more anxious than ever to hear them and they feel certain that they will not be disappointed.

Among those spending the week-end at Wesleyan, delegates to the Student Volunteer convention, were: Misses Pearl Bigler, Mattie Lou Campbell, Jessie V. Lee, Jessie Green, Clifford Shank, Annie Barton, Audie Crowe, Emory Drake, Mary Lee Ayers, Kathleen Bates, Thelma Guest, Mattie Lee Bell, Sara Smiley, Florene Johnson, Louise Evans, Grace Henslee, Ellen Stake Miller, Inez Shaw, Lucy Rushin, Olga Everett.

Misses Lucy Lane and Marie Bell, former students of Bessie Tift, were visitors at the college Sunday.

Miss Josephine Clarke, of Tokio, Japan, spent the week-end at home. Miss Kitty Burdette spent the week-end in Macon.

Miss Ina Gily has resumed her college duties, after illness which forced her to go home.

Dean Alfriend had just finished a remark which caused the class to laugh.

Dean Alfriend: "Miss Harper, what are you laughing at?"

Opal: "Nothing at all, just laughing at you."

Miss Osterhout: "Dickens in his comments on the Americans stressed almost constantly the tobacco-chewing habit."

Laura Morgan: "Oh, is that where he got the title for his book, 'Great Expectations'?"

MOSELEY HALL TO BE PERMANENT INFIRMARY

To Be in Charge of Experienced Nurse.

Moseley Hall, one of the seven dormitories on the campus, will be turned into a permanent infirmary with Mrs. A. A. Wainwright, an experienced nurse, in complete charge, according to Mr. S. W. Garrett, business manager of the university.

When the epidemic of cervical adenitis began to spread two weeks ago, the students afflicted were moved to Moseley Hall for treatment, so that the disease would not spread further. This hall was to be only temporary quarters, but since moving the sick students there the management has decided to retain this building for the permanent infirmary which has been so long needed on the campus.

There are now three cases of cervical adenitis and four cases of measles being treated in the new infirmary. It is reported that all the patients are doing nicely and all will be about their work in a short time.

TWO STUDENT WRITERS RECEIVE COMPLIMENT

Big time recognition has been accorded two members of the Cluster staff within the past week with the publication of two articles, one by the Telegraph, and another in the Journal Sunday Magazine.

The well directed editorial of Malcolm Johnson, which appeared in the last issue of the Cluster under the head "I Am Ready," was published on the editorial page of the Telegraph of the Thursday morning issue. This is quite a compliment to be paid a college journalist, and the praise is to be considered even more significant when it is remembered that the subject treated was one which every writer and thinker in the entire world sought to touch with a personal expression. Those rare student readers of the editorial page were enthusiastic in their praise of the article.

G. E. Snellgrove also lodged a contribution in a high class publication when the Atlanta Journal supplement accepted his story of a Mercer freshman.

"MISS SALLIE"



Hello-ooo!

Everybody who has been on the Mercer campus long enough to know even a few of its institutions can easily tell which one of these is exemplified by the above "password."

Miss Sallie Boone, of course, Mercer librarian for a number of years, "Miss Sallie," as she is known to the campus, has a trade mark all her own. Individuality is stamped all over it. Try as they may, no one can successfully imitate her good-morning "Hello."

Miss Sallie has been ill at her home for the past ten days, and her cheery greeting has been conspicuously missing. It is something in the nature of the dinner siren, or chapel-part of the collegiate routine, and when it is missing in action there is, seriously, a genuine emptiness.

Miss Sallie, "students' friend," can direct one unerringly to any book in the library—and some one has said that she knows everything in all of them. She is reported recovering from her recent illness and is expected to again take her accustomed place on the campus with the coming week-end.

Dean Bradley Moans Blanket Shortage

"Short beds are ruining the nation. There ought to be a law against making beds less than eight feet long or blankets less than twelve feet long," emphatically declared Dean W. J. Bradley to a class in economics one day this week.

Somehow, during the class discussion the subject of beds came up followed by a fervent outburst from Dean Bradley on the prevailing inadequacy of the modern bed.

"Short beds are making us all hump-shouldered," he said. "A man sits lumped in a chair all day, perhaps, and then has to double up when he goes to bed. He has to curl up to keep his feet from sticking out," he said sadly. (It will be remembered that Dean Bradley is rather tall.)

Dean Bradley bewailed the fact that the blankets of today are too short also, and spoke reminiscently of times when blankets almost wrapped around a bed.

"I remember when I could just wrap myself up in a blanket," he said, "but now a blanket won't even reach to my chin."

"Why," he exclaimed, "you can't even get a blanket in Macon big enough to cover you. If you pull it up to the chin it's off at the feet."

Dean Bradley prophesied that if some enterprising student would start making blankets long enough to enable one to tuck two or three feet under the mattress and still leave a generous allowance of two or three feet to cover one's head, that that student would become rich on short notice.

Mistress: "I told them 7 o'clock for dinner, Mary, but I think we will give them a quarter of an hour's grace."

Mary: "Well, mum, I'm as fond of religion as anyone, but I calls that rather overdoin' it.—Ex.

My wife is like an umpire—she never thinks I'm safe when I'm out.

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CLUSTER SEEKS STAFF MEMBER FOR VACANCY

Due to the withdrawal of one member of The Cluster staff from the campus, it is necessary that some student from the campus at large be added to the writing personnel of this paper. In order that all students interested in journalistic work of any nature may know of the selection to be made, a contest is announced whereby all candidates for the place may submit copy for the approval of judges.

"Feature" stories, little articles of personal contact and at the same time of interest to the college body, are desired and will also serve to determine more accurately the fitness of candidates for the place. All students who wish to enter their names will submit stories (not over 300 words in length) to this office not later than Monday, February 25. All copy should be typewritten, double spaced, and signed by the candidate.

"ORANGE AND BLACK" ISSUE FOR ALUMNUS

"To the Vice-Presidency on Crutches" is the title of an article about Will D. Uphaw, Mercer alumnus and congressman from the Fifth Georgia District, which appears in the February edition of the Mercer Alumnus, just out. The rise of Mr. Uphaw from a bed where he had been confined for seven years to a place of prominence in America such as to have his name put forth as a candidate for the vice-presidency is recounted in the article.


The Mercer Scout Executive Training School, Mercer's Training for Women in Civic Leadership, Mercer Preachers and Their Message, and other features are in the February edition of the Alumnus, by Coach Stanley L. Robinson, Dr. Harvey Clarke, Louie D. Newton, and others. An orange and black edition giving to the alumni a presentation and interpretation of campus life and ideals is to be the March issue, according to John K. Williams, editor and alumni secretary. A series of campus views and student features will appear at that time.

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