

Mercer students and alumni who volunteered or were drafted into the armed services.

Willing to Fight

A straw vote asking the students if they would be willing to fight if the United States proper were attacked brought the result that "Mercerians Favor Peace But Are Willing To Fight." (Volume 20, No. 3)

The Nov. 3, 1959, issue relates that the "Determined Bruins Include Athens Today." The story continues: "Mercer's crippled Bruins will meet their traditional rival, the University of Georgia Bulldogs, on the field of battle at Sanford Stadium in Athens today. The Bears, although weakened by the injury of several key players in their tilt with the mighty Tennessee Vols last Saturday, will be breathing fire in their attempt to wrest a victory from the Red and Black for the first time in Mercer

Students' Newspaper

Just ten years ago, the Cluster carried the notice to students: "The Cluster is your newspaper. Therefore, any student or faculty member who wishes to make suggestions, comments, or criticisms, is requested to do so, either openly through the publication or directly to the editor." This would seem to be the attitude of all Cluster editors throughout its history. The Cluster was first of all a student publication and is still student owned and student operated.

The Messiah was performed with accompaniment by Mrs. Arthur Rich at the controls of the new \$25,000 organ in Willingham chapel.

Mercer was observing its 117th anniversary and had 973 students enrolled. Plans were announced for the establishment of a school of education and for the expansion of University facilities for women

of School Events

Football history." Unfortunately, history repeated itself and the Bears lost.

Lee Battle Dies

The Jan. 12, 1940, Cluster carried a box on the front page that told Mercer students: "With Sad Hearts We Announce the Death of Lee Battle, Friend of Every Mercer Campus." This issue of the Cluster was dedicated to the memory of "Doctor" Lee.

May 3, 1940, found the Cluster carrying a story about a plan by Blue Key that proposed to bring an Honor System amendment to the student constitution before the student body in the fall.

The Cluster reviewed the school year in its last issue in the Spring and noted that Billy Goss, editor, was the first Cluster editor to accomplish the feat of making the Cluster an all-American newspaper. This is the highest possible classification conferred by the Associated Collegiate Press, of which the Cluster is still a member.

This was also the year that Roberts Hall was nearing completion. One of the special advantages of this dorm was, according to the Cluster, that "all beds are equipped with coil springs."

students.

The Lambda Chi's were officially installed as the Zeta Omega Chapter. They had been founded about two years before this ceremony.

Boone Hall, addition to Mary Erin Porter Hall, was begun.

The Mercer ROTC began its annual Field Day exercises in 1950 with the first one having the 11th Air Force Command Band in attendance.

Won't Know Facts

On the last page of volume 20, an article by Winkie Harris deplored the fact that "Mercer Students of 1960 Won't Know Facts Concerning 1950 Baseball Team." Mr. Harris, of course, could not know that the Cluster staff of 1959-60 would desire to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

These are only a few of the multitudinous articles that have appeared in the Cluster during its forty-year history. Any student who has the time or inclination will find a goldmine of information plus a lot of unintended humor as he reads the old issues of the Cluster.

The Mercer Library has a complete collection of the past Clusters in the Museum, which can be examined by students.



Willie Smith (l.) was drum major at Mercer from 1932-34. Virginia Williamson (r.), who was nicknamed "Cowboy," led the band from 1933-37. She is now a teacher in the Bibb County School System.



(l.) Remember the downstairs pews in Willingham Chapel? (r.) Mercerians took their issues more seriously in those days. (r.) Wonder if this would pass a 1959 room inspection? BELOW—Scenes from past Homecomings. Compare these with shot of Recent Homecoming on Page A-8.



Brief Histories Of Social Groups

Phi Mu Fraternity established a chapter on the Mercer campus in 1938. However, the group's history dates back to 1852, when three Wesleyan girls founded Philomathean Society, and later a chapter of Phi Mu for over 60 years. The Phi Mu creed is "To lend to those less fortunate a helping hand."

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has been established at Mercer for some 70 years. Alpha Zeta was founded by one of ATO's three founders, Otto A. Glazovsk, in 1880 while he was rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Macon. His son was Alpha Zeta's first initiate.

Kappa chapter of Kappa Alpha Order was founded at Mercer in 1876, the seventh chapter of the order. The southern fraternity was founded at Washington College (now Washington & Lee) in 1877 by four men, two of whom were Confederate veterans. The motto on the coat of arms reads, in translation, "God and Woman love." Their big annual social event is the "Old South Ball."

Chi Omega was the first sorority founded to create a national organization similar to those for men. Chi O's only honorary member is a man, Charles Richardson, who advised the founding sisters in setting up their organization. Phi Gamma Chapter was founded at Mercer in 1948, derived from a former sorority, Alpha Chi Epsilon, founded in 1909. The motto is "Hellenic Cultures and Chris-

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