

TO RUSH CONSTRUCTION WORK ON \$100,000 MUNICIPAL STADIUM

TO BE READY FOR USE NOV. 15 IS HOPE

Contracts Already Let; Begin Operations in July.

By Leonard Williams

Completion of the \$100,000 concrete athletic stadium to be erected on the Mercer campus near the present site of Alumni Field is expected about November 15, Coach Stanley L. Robinson reports. Should this come about, Mercer will contest two affairs in the new structure during her football season, the first with the University of Florida 'Gators, on November 15, and the other being a Thanksgiving engagement with Mississippi College.

Contract has just been awarded by Macon city council to Freeland, Roberts & Co., of Nashville, Tenn., to supervise the work, which will start in July. The Nashville engineers erected the Vanderbilt bowl and one for Hendrix College, of Arkansas. While the Mercer stadium is to be on the college grounds it is to be financed and owned by the City of Macon, this having been passed by voters in the recent bond election.

The bowl will cover seven acres of ground and will be set in one of the natural scoops between the hillsides near the present athletic field. Its seating capacity is to be 15,000, a portion of the concrete stands to probably be covered. A football field, baseball diamond and track will be located inside the enclosure. Its large number of entrances will require the opening of several new streets here.

Other football contests scheduled for Mercer next are: September 27, University of Georgia, in Athens; October 4, Syracuse University, New York; October 11, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; October 18, Chattanooga University, Chattanooga, Tenn.; October 25, Howard College, Macon; November 1, Loyola University, New Orleans; November 8, Wofford College, Macon, and November 22, Oglethorpe, Atlanta.

It is understood that other intercollegiate contests may be sought to play in Macon in the stadium during dates when Macon will be engaged elsewhere.

Boifeuillet Writes Of Historic Relic

Find Mahogany Desk, Property of Jesse Mercer.

At "Thurston," the home of Miss Bessie and Miss Daisy Butler, of Madison, Ga., is an old mahogany desk which was the property of Jesse Mercer, Baptist minister and founder of Mercer University. It was on this relic that Dr. Mercer's will was written which provided that the university should be the principal legatee of his estate.

"Following the death of Dr. Mercer, September 4, 1841, nearly eighty-three years ago," John T. Boifeuillet, Mercer alumnus and staff writer of the Atlanta Journal, writes in the issue of May 20, "this desk passed into the possession of the late eminent David Edward Butler, and it has descended as a cherished souvenir to his daughters, Misses Bessie and Daisy Butler." Dr. Butler was for nearly thirty years the chairman of the board of trustees of Mercer, having himself once been a student here.

"The Mercer desk has several long, large drawers, with metal handles, and on each of the plates to which the handles are fastened is a beehive and under the hive are the words, 'Nothing Without Labor.'" Mr. Boifeuillet writes. "Of the bequest to the university, the will says, 'This amount is to constitute, with the sum of the professorship made by the Central Association, a professorship of Sacred Biblical Literature, or Theological Learning.'"

Maybe It's The Big Word--But They Are Humdingers at That

Scribe is Proud of Success of Mercer Players.

Perhaps it is philoprogenitiveness, or perhaps it is our honest admiration for a work well done, for difficulties overcome; or perhaps it is because all of us like to see a success made of any undertaking, or more likely, it is a combination of all these things—at any rate, Mercer is proud of her youngest, but most energetic of organizations, The Mercer Players.

From the time of the first meetings of the club in the Sherwood Hall room of its pioneer president, A. J. Moncrief, to the present, the club has ever been characterized by an enthusiasm for work, a willingness to serve, and a seriousness of purpose. The first definite steps toward a dramatic organization were taken when Dr. Goode of the English department gave his talk on plays, playwrights, and play productions.

With no outside financial aid the Players faced the problem of putting on their first play. Through the intrepid spirit and business ability of Hail and Glover, costumes were secured, scenery arranged, and the auditorium engaged for the first production. The financial success of the play vindicated the faith and work these two men put into it.

The play, Adam and Eva, was pronounced by many just critics to be the best amateur performance of its nature to be presented here in the last several years.

Few of the students know that the men on the cast of Adam and Eva put more time and consistent effort on the perfecting of the play than any of the personnel of any other organization, athletic or musical, on the campus are required to do. To Prof. Joseph Robinson, who drilled the cast, should go the lion's share of the praise.

The Mercer Players have proven themselves. They are a remarkable asset and advertisement for the college. They deserve the whole-hearted support of school and students in all of their future endeavors.

—Clank.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED BY STUDENTS

80 per cent of students attending Mercer were prepared for college in State high school.

13.6 per cent of students attending Mercer were prepared in denominational schools.

6.4 per cent of students attending Mercer were prepared for college in privately supported schools.

Of the students attending Mercer who were prepared for college in denominational high schools, 83.3 per cent were prepared in the secondary schools of the Mercer system.

Of the students attending Mercer only 10.9 per cent were trained in the secondary schools of the Mercer system.

Of the students attending Mercer who were prepared for college in the Mercer system of secondary schools 43.3 per cent attended Locust Grove Institute.

Of the students attending Mercer who were prepared for college in the secondary schools of the Mercer system, subtracting the number attending from Locust Grove Institute, the system furnished 6.2 per cent of the remaining ten schools of the Mercer student body.—The Alumnus.

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BRADSHAW-RUFFIN WIN ORATORICAL CONTESTS

To Be Awarded Medals as Best Speakers of Two Societies.

Herbert Bradshaw, of Fitzgerald, has been declared winner of the annual oratorical contest of the Ciceronian literary society, following the open competition last Monday night. J. Artemus Ruffin, of Barnesville, won the Phi Delta contest a week before.

Ruffin will receive the Garner medal, given the best speaker of the Phi Deltas by Rev. G. W. Garner, of Atlanta. Bradshaw will be awarded a medal to be given this year by either Congressman W. D. Upshaw or Ciceronian members of the graduating class of 1904, which holds its reunion here in connection with the June commencement.

Judges for the Ciceronian contest were Dean W. E. Farrar, Dr. Percy Scott Flippin, and Dr. C. T. Goode. Judges for the Phi Deltas were Dr. Henley Fugate, Recorder McKibben Lane, and David Ellis.

CAMPUS DIRECTORY Officers-elect for '24-'25

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ATHLETICS

Football

"Red" Simmons, Fayetteville, Tenn, captain.

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Basketball

"Consuello" Smith, Fayetteville, Tenn., captain.

Elbert Field, manager.

Board Athletic Control (Student representatives)

"Consuello" Smith, "Red" Simmons and "Scotty" Young.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The "Y" services have been unusually good this week. Tuesday evening Judge E. C. Collins, member of the Macon Bar Association, came out and gave a short talk on "Two Kinds of People." Wednesday evening Miss Fay Lockhart, accompanied by Miss Katherine Watson, furnished the musical program. Thursday evening Otis Dorrough, president-elect of next year's senior class, made a short talk. This brought to a close a very successful year of the Y. M. C. A., and The Cluster has been asked to express to the students the thanks and appreciation of the officers for the cooperation that they have given.

If every fellow gets a college seal, who has really dignified his intention, there won't be enough to go around. Get yours today.

TO CAMPUS FIGURES

By Goofy Coffee

To our parting Senior, Arthur Rich, The boy who wears the shortest breech,

We hope you'll have the best of weather,

To wear the knicks and colored sweater,

The knicker style which you have set Is all the etahounds' very best bet.

Now, Arthur, don't be too much of a flirt

Or some day you'll be wearing an undershirt.

J. Harry P. Thomas, the telephone fiend,

Buys all the girls' "sody" and ice cream;

His midnight calls to the Atlanta town,

Has created jealousy for miles around

Next year a senior he will be, If he pays "Pam" Ragdale the usual fee.

And during this year this noble knight

Will win an Atlanta girl if it takes all his might.

Now Robert Dunwoody, the Macon boy

Has created loads and loads of joy;

The G. A. B. girls are all so thrilled

On account of the knickers he so gracefully fills.

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