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ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATED.

Interesting Addresses on National Topics.

Armistice Day was celebrated at Southwestern in loyally, patriotic fashion. Drs. Townsend and Pharr delivered addresses to a gathering of the faculty and students. The University orchestra rendered several popular selections which pleased the audience greatly.

Dr. Townsend explained the meaning of the armistice in a most interesting way. He reviewed briefly our reasons for thankfulness, which every American—and, in fact, every citizen of the world—should feel on this, the anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in the greatest war the world has ever known. He outlined what the results would have been had Germany triumphant in the conflict. Then he gave a short criticism of the peace treaty, pronouncing it on the whole as wise and just as any peace in history. While the treaty may not be perfect, he declared it to be superior to any substitute which has been offered for it.

Dr. Pharr, beginning his address in a humorous way, settled seriously to his topic, "The Meaning of Patriotism." His address was an interesting and inspiring presentation of the idea that true patriotism is a manifestation of that real and noble kind of self-love or respect which leads us to the desire for only that which is greatest and best for ourselves. As applied to our country, this should mean co-operation, hearty interest in, and loyal service in all our national affairs, to promote the welfare of the nation. At a time when our country is torn by selfish interests, this spirit of sacrifice, of unity of aim, is the only thing that can calm the disquietude of the times.

When Dr. Pharr had finished speaking, the students who had seen service across the sea were requested to stand, while they received the enthusiastic applause of the audience. The program was then concluded by the singing of the song we all know so well, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," accompanied by the orchestra.

No classes were held during the day.

STUDENTS GIVE SEND OFF.

About seventy-five students accompanied the team to the train as they were departing for their trip to "Ole Miss." A lot of pep was shown and cheer after cheer went up for the team as well as the individual players when the train pulled out.

E. L. Buckley has been confined to his bed for the past few days with a slight attack of malaria. It is thought that he will be able to resume his work soon.

ALPHA PHI EPSILON FLOURISHING.

New Charters Granted.

Alpha Phi Epsilon, a national literary society, was founded in Birmingham, Ala., on April 26, 1918. The Stewart Literary Society at Southwestern had a representative at this founders' meeting, and became one of the nine charter chapters under the name of Stewart Chapter. Other colleges and universities having charter chapters are: University of Alabama, University of Mississippi, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Richmond College, Emory College, Stetson University, Howard College, and University of Tennessee. Since the founding of the society, chapters have been organized at Centre College, University of Kentucky, Maryville College and Millsaps College. The purpose of the society is to promote literary society work in American colleges. As a means of doing this, inter-collegiate debates, oratorical contests and other literary features will be held at the annual national conventions. The society has recently begun a campaign for the purpose of establishing a department of public speaking in all institutions in which it has chapters.

At the convention held last spring at Auburn, Alabama, where all subsequent conventions will be held, great and effective progress was reported. At first the society admitted only men, but at the Auburn convention held in April, the constitution was amended so as to permit the admission of women. No college may have more than one chapter.

Individual membership consists of three grades of members—associate, active and honorary. Associate membership into the society is obtained through co-operative election. An associate member must be a bona-fide student in the college in which this chapter is located. To become an active member a person must have been an associate member six months. He must have attended at least three-fourths of the meetings, and must have delivered at least two original speeches and participated in one debate. He must also pass a test in parliamentary law and must have been recommended for active membership in the society by a committee of the chapter. Honorary membership is granted those who have attained unusual literary accomplishments, upon a recommendation of a chapter, by the national executive council.

Mr. Wm. Crowe, the retiring President, is the National Committeeman for this session of 1919-1920. A number of men are greatly interested in this form of college activity, and it is hoped that the literary arts of debate and oratory will attain the prestige due them in the college activities at Southwestern.

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'VARSITY MEETS DEFEAT.

Cobb, McAtee and Grizzard Star.

To alibi or not to alibi—that is the question? In a state of feverish excitement Southwestern awaited the news from the Varsity in their contest with the University of Mississippi. Report followed report—first that the wires were down as a result of a storm, then that the score was 15 to 0. At last the final score came in over long distance telephone from Coach Richardson that we had been defeated by a score of 30 to 0.

Southwestern received the ball to open the game, but lost it on the second down as a result of a fumble. The Ole Miss eleven then made two touchdowns to complete the quarter. In the second and third quarters the Varsity came back with a vim and held the line, preventing any further scores. The last quarter, however, proved less successful as a result of faulty tackling and expensive fumbles.

The playing of Cobb was nothing short of spectacular, bringing forth the comment from Sullivan, the Ole Miss coach: "He is the fastest man I have ever seen on a football field." McAtee and Grizzard also played star games for the Varsity.

The second game of the trip will be played on Tuesday against Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Coach Richardson reports that the Varsity is out for blood and revenge. That we will make an even break on the games is confidently expected and the scalp of the Unionists must be ours. Our revenge on Ole Miss must, unfortunately, be postponed until we can meet them in basketball and baseball, when we will retrieve the laurels we lost in pursuit of a pigskin victory.

ORCHESTRA BEING PERFECTED.

Much Interest is Shown.

The organization of the University Orchestra was effected early in October and regular practice is now being conducted. There is a showing of unusual talent by some of the students, both men and co-eds. Rapid progress is being made, and it is hoped that they will appear in public in the near future. Especially are they needed at the "Little Theater" performances and other entertainments held on the campus.

At present it is composed of:
Miss Orgain—First violin.
Robert McReynolds—First violin.
W. H. McAtee—Second violin.
Robert Ferguson—Saxophone.
Siebert Morrow—Drum.
A. P. Crowe—Cornet.
E. H. Bragg—Trombone.
R. D. Johnston—French horn.
Miss Wilson—Piano.

TO DEFEAT BETHEL AGAIN.

The Varsity will play Bethel College at Russellville, Ky., on Friday, November 21. Bethel was delighted that they were able to hold us to a score of 39 to 2 in our last encounter. They feel confident now, after our team has been on a week's trip South and is tired out, that they can hold our smashing eleven to as small a score as four touchdowns.

If Bethel were to make a touchdown on our Varsity, they would have three weeks of Thanksgiving and celebration. Bethel cannot be blamed for showing this spirit, for should they score a touchdown on our Varsity, they could rightfully say they have a football team to be proud of.

TEAM NEEDS MORE SUPPORT FROM TOWN PEOPLE.

This year the manager of our football team has given the people of Clarksville one of the best local schedules they have ever been given, and the coach has presented one of the best teams we have ever put upon the gridiron.

To carry on a successful football season incurs a great deal of expense which the students have to pay, unless the athletic enthusiasts of this community give the team their support.

We read constantly in the daily papers of record-breaking attendances at the games all over the country, and yet this year the people of Clarksville are responding less than ever before on the athletic field. Further, they are missing the opportunity of seeing the best team we have had in years past.

Naturally, it is not only discouraging to the men on the team to know that their own supporters are not taking sufficient interest in them to see them win, but it is discouraging to the management when a large deficit appears at the end of the season.

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THE HONOR SYSTEM.

The honor system today is in practice in practically every leading educational institution in the United States, because it embodies the fundamental principles of what we believe to be an ideal citizenship. No longer do the old forms of autocracy exist.

There is one difficulty, however, which has not only hindered the progress of the honor system, but at times seems to render its services impossible.

If we abide by the true ideals of American citizenship, we will realize that each man is responsible to his community for the conduct of every other man in the community. This is just where the difficulty arises. We, as a free thinking people, do not assume this obligation and therefore we cannot realize the full benefits of what we know as the honor system. To obtain a better nation, we as a whole must think as one, act as one and co-operate in every way possible, is the substance of a statement recently issued by the government in regard to the labor situation.

The spirit prevalent in the high schools and preparatory schools of our land is a most vicious one, and is difficult to overcome. In these institutions the man who can commit the worst breaches of gentlemanly conduct is most admired. Naturally, having acquired this spirit, it is hard to change his ideals, and he must suffer (as he thinks) at the hands of those of his fellows who have been appointed to help him.

It should not be true that the responsibility of our moral conduct should fall upon twenty-five per cent of the whole. We had much rather govern ourselves than have some one else govern us who does not understand our nature.

At no time since the establishing of the honor system has the faculty failed to uphold the decisions of the honor council and to carry out its recommendations in the form in which they were originally presented.

Fifteen years of continuous co-operation between the administration and student body has created a rare and admirable spirit between the professor and the student, which can only exist when both stations have been raised to the same level.

The modern dramatic library at Southwestern probably excels that of any other educational institution in the South. Practically all of our modern playwrights are represented in it with the best of their productions.

A "SOROTERNITY."

New Club at Southwestern.

Kappa Tau Iota is the name of the new secret "soroternity" that has been organized at S. P. U. in the near past. It is a strictly local organization of unlimited popularity among the students, and bids to this select group of noble young men are much sought after by all, from seniors to freshmen. Its direct purpose is to offset the influence of the A. P. O. fraternity, which has become a power at Southwestern through the initiation of Grantham, Huber L. Crowe and Lockhart.

The charter members of this ambitious order are K. Pipkin Walker, S. Proctor McCutchen, P. Vernon Draughon and H. Ellison Adger. The pledge list includes such prominent names as M. Ledbetter Gewin, right half on the Hawkshaw eleven; J. Richmond Glassel, of Robb Hall; and C. Crawford Wilson, owner of the famous "Ooley's Ape." All the pledges report that they have written home for money and as soon as their funds arrive and are exhausted and no more rushing can be done, they will be introduced to that sanctimonious bond of union—the Grand Ceremony of Initiation of K. T. I. This is one of the unique features of a "soroternity," that while the charter members diligently perform the age-worn custom of rushing, the prospective initiates must do all the "put-ing." This is the manner in which the dues are collected.

No doubt other notable seats of learning will follow in the footsteps of Clarksville's renowned genius moulder, and we are expecting at any minute to be asked to grant a charter to Bethel and perhaps T. P. I.

ALUMNI NOTES.

R. E. Carroll, class of '17, is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Corinth, Miss.

S. R. King is taking a course in law at the University of Chicago.

P. O. Mickel has recently entered the theological seminary at Columbia, S. C.

J. W. Thompson and his bride are now residing in Washington, D. C.

HOPES FOR A CHANGE.

(Baltimore Sun.)

The weary and pallid little man entered the drug store.

"Do you keep 'Rixie's Reviver?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the druggist.

"Gimme six bottles for my wife!"

"Tried all other remedies without success, eh?" said the druggist, conversationally.

"No; she ain't ill at all. But I saw in the advertisement where a woman wrote, after taking six bottles, "I am a different woman!"

In the last edition of the Sou'wester it was stated that Dr. Pharr spent the night in his classroom to meet the co-eds; but recently it has been discovered that he now walks several blocks to meet one of them. Every one watch for further development.

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KAPPA SIGMA ENTERTAINS.

Friday evening, November 7, the members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, with their young lady friends, were participants in a very exciting opossum hunt. They enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Jones Elliott, a Kappa Sigma affiliated with the local chapter. The hunt was held in the Elliott woods, just across the state line in Kentucky. The party gathered at the Kappa Sigma fraternity rooms early in the evening, and rode to the farm in a motor truck. After a long search for the 'possum, they returned unsuccessful, to the large log fire which they had built before starting on the hunt. The failure to secure any game can rightfully be blamed on the "lonesom' ol' moon," which cast its romantic light over the group. Of course, the presence of the young ladies intensified the effect which the moon had on the party. No matter whether it was in Kentucky or in any other state, the "moon-shine" would have had this same effect, with the young ladies present. Marshmallows were toasted over the fire, and a very delightful spread of sandwiches was enjoyed. The party, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Will Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. John Word, Miss Marian Catlett and Mr. R. P. Richardson, returned at a late hour, agreeing that all had had a very pleasant evening.

PERSONALS.

E. L. Buckley who was confined to his bed for several days with an attack of malaria, is able to return to his classes.

Messrs. J. B. Love and H. W. Pritchard, of Columbus, Miss., arrived Saturday night to spend a few days with their sons, J. B. Love, Jr., and V. H. Pritchard.

Frank C. Ashby has returned after a short visit with his relatives in Madisonville, Ky.

W. G. Hynds has recently returned after a short stay at home. He had quite a bit of trouble from an abscess in his ear, making his departure from school necessary.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Laurel, Miss., spent a few days last week with his son, Lester.

F. C. Ashby is spending a few days in Princeton, Ky., visiting relatives. He is expected to be back with us Monday morning.

Mrs. L. I. MacQueen and Miss Margaret Catlett spent a most enjoyable day in Nashville Thursday, November 5.

JAZZY JOKES.

No notice has yet been received as to when letters will be conferred upon the members of the "Hawkshaw" team. We learn, however, that it has been decided to make the presentation before any games are played, in order that every member may have an equal chance for honors.

It is reported that McAtee had been paying marked attentions to one of the fair sex. Having made up his mind to propose, he decided to ascertain first if she was a competent housekeeper. On his next visit he delicately inquired:

"Can you wash dishes?"
 "Yes," she promptly responded.
 "Can you wipe them?"

No announcement of an engagement has yet been made.

Rich says that he doesn't entirely understand the ways of Southern girls just yet, but he loves them just the same.

The way that "Fatty" "squashed" those Bethel men to earth in last week's game makes us understand why he is named Downing.

As one of their latest regulations, the "Hawkshaws" have adopted gum shoes.

If you wish to know anything about Guthrie, Robinson will gladly inform you. He claims that he spent a six weeks' visit there one day last week waiting between trains.

When Ruffin looked over his last report card, he sighed and said, "I'd like to meet that guy who said that 'ignorance is bliss.'"

Daisy—A twin sister to a peach. See dream.

Dawn—The cold gray period immediately following a red-hot night.

Dust—The material from which man is made and that is the reason why woman sweeps all before her.

Ear—A place which hears a great many things which never should have been said.

Elope—A hurried trip taken by two lovers for the purpose of wiring papa for funds to get home.

Freshman Lockhart: "There's a man with a wooden leg."

Freshman Bailey: "That's nothing. My sister's got a cedar chest."

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