FROM THE SOUTHLAND

Dear Bee Gee Readers:

It is considered very impolite for one to boldly do something that another has been invited to do, but under the circumstances, this bit of impoliteness will be excused. I have been asked to contribute a piece of nature writing to the Bee Gee, and it keeps its big glossy leaves all winter. We have a pecan tree back there, too. The children are dressed in thin white, most of the time, with half socks, and I have to blink my eyes and pinch myself to remember that it is really April here, in Alabama!

We live across from a grade school and one day the children of the second grade were singing their own song! Miss Whiteman, of Fostoria, is the music supervisor here. She was at one time a student at B. G. N. C.

On the streets leading up to the Capitol are the sites of two old slave markets, where colored people were auctioned off and sold. It must seem strange to the old residents of Montgomery, who were accustomed to slaves, to see prosperous looking negroes riding around in their own autos and mobiles, or the counters in their own stores. At the ends of the business streets you will find rows of negro stores, where they do most of their trading. On Saturday nights these sections are indeed black with people. The negroes have their own movies and theaters in these sections.

One of the sources of amusement for me is the sight of negro women carrying huge baskets of clothes balanced neatly upon their heads and baskets of vegetables as well. I shall not forget the first time I saw a woman come up the street with a basket of "beets" on her head. I really believed it to be a hat and called to Mr. Spencer to come and see. That same woman comes along each morning calling the "beet heads" and "beet baskets of clothes." She says— "Nice greens, nice peas, nice onions nice lettuce, nice carrots." And when she gets tired calling, her little boy takes up the refrain. But the greatest treat is to see Old Frances and her granddaughter Zula come galloping down the street in their vegetable cart behind a friable Frances is near eighty and chews tobacco! Between chews she tells you her prices and the superiority of her goods to those of all the other women on wagons. She wears a bandana handkerchief around her head and ear-rings. Can you see her? This is a favorite toast with her—

Success to the blackbird.
Also to the wren.
Heaven take the women.
But God save the men!

Our experiences with help have been funny, but exasperating. It is just beginning to penetrate my consciousness that the southern negro is superbly and sublimely ignorant and must be treated like a child. It doesn't do to lose patience with them even when I found a girl brushing the crumbs from the table with a wooden handled dish-mop and brushing up the rug with my oil mop!!

The girl we have now is Lily Belle, and she is black as night but clean as a pin, and willing to learn. She is just seventeen, and we are going to have her as long as she will make it possible to point out in an objective way the need for the additions and improvements which the College desires to make within the next biennium.

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SOCIETY

The Freshman Party was given the 22nd of January. The gymnasium was decorated in green and white. The grand march was led by Kenneth and Helen Urceloh. The program consisted of charades, athletics, contests and dancing. Wafers and punch were served.

"The Valentine Party" was one of the most attractive parties of the year. It was held the eve of Feb. 12. The Patrons and Patronesses for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Kohl, and Miss Marshall.

The "Grand March" led by Mr. Biery and Mrs. Stevens, was the opening number of the evening. Dancing followed. The North Baltimore Orchestra furnishing the music. About the middle of the evening "The Fortune Hunt" was introduced. Tiny colored paper hearts bearing appropriate Valentine Greetings and Valentine Prophecies were concealed in all out-of-the-way corners. When the hearts had been found the orchestra returned to their "Valentine Arbor" and dancing followed.

Wednesday eve, Feb. 9, a dinner party was given in the dormitory for the last-year student girls and Mrs. Stevens to the last-year student boys. Those present were: Mrs. Stevens, the Misses Randall, Clevenger, Ayres, Fischer, Sheehan and Deitsch. Messrs. Lake, March, Raberding, Cecus, Moore (Healy's), Lawrence, Schaller, Vail and Tompson.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET

The Executive Budget for 1921-23 in printed form was received at the President's office last week. This report carries a recommendation of $150,000 for a new dormitory for women. It also recommends a certain allowances for salaries and maintenance of $10,000 for the grounds. It should be understood that this budget was made up by the last state administration, and the recommendations are subject to any revision that the new state officials may see fit to make.

Several members of the Board of Trustees and President Williams appeared before the Finance Committee of the House at a hearing on the budget on last Wednesday to urge more liberal allowances for particular items. The three outstanding needs stressed by the College officials at the hearing were: (1) Allowances for salaries sufficient to enable the institution to attract and hold a strong faculty and efficient employees; (2) A new dormitory for women, and (3) Additional funds for the improvement of the grounds. Increases in certain items of maintenance were also taken up with the committee.

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ATHLETICS

Accompanied by a large number of B. G. C. students, the Normal basketball team journeyed to Findlay on January 21st, where they suffered their third consecutive defeat of the season, the score being 27-11.

The Normals played a fast passing game during the first half and outplayed their opponents by a large margin, but again found baskets eluding their difficulties. At the end of the half was 11-7 in Findlay’s favor.

During the last half, the Normals seemed discouraged and the ball was in Findlay’s hands a great part of the time. However, the team fought hard and when Findlay comes to B. G. on February 25th, the score will be reversed.

Molehorn and F. Updegraph led in individual points, each having eight points. The game was rough and fought at times, due to poor interpretation of the rules.

The summary:


Scorer—Fry.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

On January 26th the Normals scored their first victory, romping away with the Toledo "U" quintet with a score of 25-13. The Toledo team was composed of a group of tallowy players, outweighing the Normals considerably. The game was featured by the good passing of the Normals and the excellent shooting of Skibbie, who scored eighteen of the Normals’ twenty-five points.

While Skibbie was shooting baskets from all angles, Etoll and Smith added much in working the ball within shooting distance. Smith shot two baskets each from near the center of the floor. However, these three were forced to work hard as the visitors played a good defensive game.

Capt. McMann and Bistline kept the visitors’ score down to three field goals, all in the first half.

The passing of the Normals showed much improvement over that displayed in previous games. A good crowd came out to encourage the boys, making the gymnasium ring with the Varaty yells. Crouse, of Wheeling Tech, Toledido, handled the game in good style.

The summary:


Scorer—Fry.

Van Gordner, C. ....... 1 0 2
Reading, G. ......... 0 0 0
Meffley, G. ....... 1 0 2
Dowling, F. ...... 0 0 0
Jones, F. ......... 0 0 0

Bistline, G. ....... 3 7 13

Referee—Crone.

Scorer—Fry.

Time—Lake.


Scorer—Fry.

Collins, F. ......... 3 9 12
Elder, F. ...... 3 9 12
Wright, C. ....... 0 0 0
Badahute, G. ... 0 0 0
Tournsky, G. .... 1 0 2

Referee—Sperry. Toledo.

Scorer—Fry.

Tomey—Lake.

Time of halves—29 minutes.

On Feb. 5th, the Normals played Bluffton College at Bluffton. Fresh from victories over Heidelberg and Ohio Northern, the Bluffton team was expected to humble the Normals. However, the Normals scored nine points while the Normals scored eight field goals for sixteen points. Smith and Etoll each scored six points.

The passing of the Normals showed much improvement over that displayed in previous games and made their shots good when given a chance at the basket. Skibbie led in individual points, scoring eight field goals for sixteen points. Smith and Etoll led in points. McMann and Bistline held the visitors to four field baskets. A good crowd witnessed the game and much enthusiasm was displayed throughout the game.

The summary:


Scorer—Fry.

Collins, F. ......... 3 9 12
Elder, F. ...... 3 9 12
Wright, C. ....... 0 0 0
Badahute, G. ... 0 0 0
Tournsky, G. .... 1 0 2

Referee—Sperry. Toledo.

Scorer—Fry.

Tomey—Lake.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

On Friday, February 11th, the team went to Defiance seeking revenge for the defeat handed them early in the season. From the result of the game it looks as though they failed in their purpose, but any neutral spectator witnessing the game would readily say that the best team was defeated and only through football tactics was this done.

Defiance scored first but B. G. quickly evened the count and took the lead, which they carried throughout the first half, the half ending 12-9 in B. G.’s favor.

From the beginning of the second half, the game resembled a football game. B. G. kept about four points in the lead until the last three minutes of play, when Defiance caged nine points while the Normals scored three. The final score ended 27-22.

The Normals played their best game of the season and had it not been for a little hard luck they would have undoubtedly won.


Scorer—Fry.

Collins, F. ......... 3 9 12
Elder, F. ...... 3 9 12
Wright, C. ....... 0 0 0
Badahute, G. ... 0 0 0
Tournsky, G. .... 1 0 2

Referee—Sperry. Toledo.

Scorer—Fry.

Tomey—Lake.

Time of halves—16 minutes.

On Saturday, February 16th, the Normals played Defiance at Bluffton. The final score was 24 to 22. Contrary to the expectations of the loyal enthusiasts, the visitors were not easily beaten and it was not until the last few seconds of play, when Household and Householder knocked in a basket that the game was won.

The down staters uncovered a whirlwind of team work and by far the best five man defense that the Orange and Brown has encountered.

The game opened with one of the visiting guards leading the ball through Bowling Green’s goal, which counted for the Normal lads; the basket being credited to Capt. McMann. Household and Skibbie claimed all but one of the Normals' scoring, capped another, giving the Normals a substantial lead.

The summary:


Scorer—Fry.

Collins, F. ......... 3 9 12
Elder, F. ...... 3 9 12
Wright, C. ....... 0 0 0
Badahute, G. ... 0 0 0
Tournsky, G. .... 1 0 2

Householder led in points with fifteen to his credit. Skibbie was next with six.

The summary:


Scorer—Fry.

Collins, F. ......... 3 9 12
Elder, F. ...... 3 9 12
Wright, C. ....... 0 0 0
Badahute, G. ... 0 0 0
Tournsky, G. .... 1 0 2

Householder, F. .... 5 5 15
Etoll, C. ... 0 0 0
Mcmann, G. .... 0 0 0
Bistline, G. .... 0 0 0

Referee—Sperry. Toledo.

Scorer—Fry.

Tomey—Lake.

Time of halves—21 minutes.

On February 25th, the Normals played Bowling Green College at Bowling Green. Fresh from victories over Heidelberg and Ohio Northern, the Bluffton team was expected to humble the Normals. However, the Normals scored nine points while the Normals scored eight field goals for sixteen points.

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EMERSON LITERARY

The Emerson Literary Society met in room 315 Tuesday evening, January 24. After the meeting was called to order, the following officers for next semester were elected:

President—Kenton Moore.
Vice-President—Arline Poe.
Secretary—Dallas Lawrence.
Treasurer—Max Grant.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Clement Veler.
Critic—Ora Star.
Faculty Advisor—Dr. Kohl.

The program consisted of musical numbers, sketches from Lincoln and a one-act play, entitled “The Trouble at Satterlee’s.” This play was directed by Miss Nielson.

EMERSON SOCIETY, FEBRUARY 15, 1921

The meeting was short, in point of time yet a record was made for the amount of construction considered. Miss Ross was elected cheer leader; Gertrude Zelis, pianist; Alta House, chorister. A donation was made to the debating team. Slips were passed out to get a line upon talent for the second semester. Contests with the Wilsonian society will be held.

The following numbers:

Songs—Society.
Duet—Miss Rae, Mr. Lake.

The following officers were elected for the second semester:

President—Mr. Lake.
Vice-President—Loyd Miller.
Secretary—Garney Fry.
Treasurer—Dowe Filer.
Critic—Roland Ohnhausen.

Many new members were taken into the society. It is gratifying to know that so many new students desired membership.

WILSONIAN

The Wilsonian Literary Society held a regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 15. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Songs—Society.
Origin of Valentine Day—Ruth Lewis.
Piano Solo—Winnifred Curry.
Recitation—Verna Bily.
Duet—Miss Rae, Mr. Lake.

At the meeting the society voted to donate $15.00 to defray the expenses of selecting good reading.

President Williams made some very pointed statements concerning the students of the college. He said “It is the business of the student to find out at the beginning of a course what the course will cover. Then by application he can keep out of mischief.” Many students are lost at the end of three weeks because they do not get a good start.

The students of the college were delighted with the address of Dr. Fern, pastor of the Church of Christ, of this city. He compared the ancient and modern world, showing man’s progress. As an important factor in this advancement he mentioned the teacher. He said that today the teacher has an opportunity of exerting a powerful influence over the future.

At the first Chapel exercises after the holiday vacation, President Williams spoke on an appropriate theme for the beginning of the New Year. He called attention to the fact that it was the time of the year when the idea of change was made prominent, and while it was profitable to stop and take an inventory of one’s possessions and past achievements, the most important consideration was the unchangeableness of the things of supreme value in life.

He showed that the basis of science, and the validity of all our reasoning depend upon the permanence and consistency of natural phenomena. If the present were capricious, there could be no such thing as natural law. He carried the principle of change into the spiritual realm and stated that the moral virtues are enduring and immutable because they come from God “with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” The emphasis which the speaker placed upon the permanence of “the true, the beautiful and the good” was a most timely and valuable lesson and should hold and steady us as we enter upon the work of the New Year.

On February 8th, President Williams gave an address to all new students. He stated that the institution was making an effort to satisfy demands made upon it by young men and women. The only thing that he asked in return was for some contribution in the way of scholarship, social activity and athletics. He showed, in a forcible manner, the relative values of receiving and giving; that giving is the real means of stimulating moral and intellectual growth. Everyone seemed pleased with this excellent address.

The Win One Club had charge of Chapel exercises on February 15th. Mr. Moore gave a short talk in which the function of the club was emphasized by narrating what the club is doing to increase the enrollment of students. A play, written by Miss McCain, entitled “Uncle Sam’s Children” was given. It brought out the fact that Uncle Sam treats all of his children alike, giving each child a chance to obtain a public school education.

NEW STUDENTS—2D SEMESTER 1920-21

Bair, Helena     Toledo High 86
Boeseil, Mildred  New Bremen 13
Bowman, Florence  Gibbonburg 10
Bradbury, Lowell  B. G. N. C. 22
Brady, Alvia  Toledo 25
Cope, Harold      Upper Sandusky 1
Crandall Mabel     Elyria 18
Cubillo C.        Cleveland 3
Daly, Mary        Sandusky 1
Dilling, Elizabeth  Custar 33

BEE GEE NEWS

ATHLETICS.

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and McMan made a wonderful stand at guard.

In the preliminary game the Gym team defeated the Reserve team 13 to 8.

The summary is as follows:

G. F. P.

Skibbie, R. F. .  4...  0...  8
Householder, L. F.  4...  6... 14
Etol, C.        0...  0...  0
Hatline, R. G.   0...  0...  0
McMan, L. G. (Capt.) .  1...  0...  2

Sir: 9...  6...  24

Wilmington—22.
G. F. P.

Stingley 3...  1...  10
Dodd 1...  0...  2
Ellis 0...  0...  0
Reardon 2...  0...  4
Harm 0...  0...  0

Referee—Krause. 9...  4...  22
Scooter—Fry.
Timer—Schaller.

CHALLENGE.

The following letter has been received from Dale Treece, degree graduate of the Bowling Green Normal College, who is teaching at Archbishop O. this year:

Archbold, O., Feb. 1, 1921.

The Alumni of B. G. N. C. hereby challenge the B. G. N. C. Varisty team to a basketball challenge played at B. G. N. C. on any convenient date. The proceeds of the game go to the “Near East Fund.”

Sincerely yours,

Per F. Dale Treece.

Several new basketball players have been added to the Normal Reserves since the enrollment of a number of new students.