

### TRIAL OF PIERCE BEFORE SOCIETY SET FOR JAN. 17

All S. I. A. A. Tackle Charged With Conduct Unbecoming a Ciceronian

#### WAS SUED BY OLD LADY

Charged with having conducted himself in a manner unbecoming a Ciceronian, "Little Bit" Pierce, star tackle on the football team, will be tried before the Ciceronian Society Jan. 17, it was decided at a meeting of the society Monday night. The indictment charges that Pierce is guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment toward his old lady, and hence should be called to answer to the society for such conduct. Charlie Cork and Waldo West are the prosecuting attorneys, while Bill Freeman and John Gilbert will attempt to prove Pierce's innocence.

Just as Pierce and his attorney, Judge Freeman, got Mrs. Pierce, nee Stovall, to agree to withdraw her suit for divorce, the Ciceronian Society, to which Pierce belongs, took up the case anew.

#### Anger Aroused

This seemed to arouse Mrs. Pierce's ire again, or either someone has plotted with her against her husband. She got in one of the ugliest moods she has been in for hours. She took the nickel which she has been hoarding up for emergencies, got Judge Low, whom Pierce accuses of alienating her affections, jumped on the street car, hired a U-Drive-It, and, getting real extravagant, pitched so hilarious a party that she spent the last mill in the last penny of that nickel.

Nothing came so near breaking Mr. Pierce's heart as when he heard she had deliberately squandered that nickel, and he believes she did it for spite, for, strange to say, he says it is the very nickel he gave her, instead of a diamond, for a wedding present. Pierce says if she takes his reminders of love to be so cheap as to be thrown away in an afternoon that she is not worth a measly five cent piece.

Pierce moans the fact that we haven't any minus money, that is, money that represents lack of money. He says that if such were the case, for the next present, he would get in debt, and, collecting minus money enough to represent his indebtedness, he would give the last little bit to her. While the representatives of Mr. Pierce are silent, two members of the Ciceronian society, Judge W. B. Freeman and Col. Waldo West, express themselves rather forcefully below:

#### "Deny Everything"

"We deny everything and expect to stand by the ship to the last ditch," said Judge Freeman, chief counsel for Pierce. "We not only deny these charges, we resent them. As soon as we have won this case, we expect to bring suit against both the Mercer Cluster and the Ciceronian Society for damages up to and including \$100,000, for defamation of character."

"As to the charges which are being brought against Mr. Pierce, I don't know what they are exactly, but my past acquaintance with the character of the prosecution leads me to brand them as vile and malicious falsehoods. So far from being cruel and inhuman, my client's extreme docility is so well known that in the Georgia game of '25, when he unwittingly became too drastic in his attitude toward a Georgia linesman, the referee didn't believe it, and bawled out Phoney Smith instead. If necessary, we expect to subpoena every spectator of that game as a witness."

#### Prosecutor Overcome

When asked for a statement concerning the prosecution's attitude toward the trial, Col. Waldo West, prosecuting attorney for the Ciceronian Society, was overcome with emotion. It was necessary for him to take time out to get back his voice before he could speak.

"This case is a matter of deep regret to me, and to every loyal Ciceronian," he stated. "For many months we have looked upon Mr. Pierce as a paragon of modesty and virtue. Now we are haunted by the fear that he have taken a viper to our bosom. For one who has held so many positions of trust with our society, from janitor on up, to change in so short a time and become notorious for brutal cruelty to-

### MERRY Christmas



### TECH 'GIRL MEN' TO PRESENT PLAY

Marionettes to Give "The Show Off" at Wesleyan Tomorrow Night

A show off or rather "The Show Off" by "women that are men and every one a nice girl" is a play that will be presented by the Ga. Tech Marionettes in the Wesleyan auditorium tomorrow night at 8:30. Admission for Mercer students will be fifty cents.

The performance will be the first to be given in Macon by the Marionettes in several years. Last year the Marionettes played "The Backslapper". According to reports it was a huge success.

The Tech men are especially noted for their personifications of women; hence their slogan "Our women are men and every one a nice girl".

"The Show Off" has made a big hit on Broadway and has not yet been released for production by amateurs. It is only by special permission that the Marionettes are empowered to present it.

The appearance of the Marionettes is being sponsored by the Wesleyan dramatic club of which Miss Lucile Jordan is president.

### BEAR TEAM EATS WITH ROTARIANS

Bruins are Feted Wednesday at Hotel Dempsey by Macon Civic Club

In keeping with the spirit of helpfulness and cooperation which the Rotary Club of Macon has always shown toward Mercer, the club entertained the football squad at a luncheon at the Hotel Dempsey last Wednesday. The guests included Director of Athletics E. Parker Moseley, Coaches Bernice Moore and Sidney Johnson, and the entire Mercer football squad.

The invitation came as a token of appreciation for what the team has done toward advertising Macon and Mercer, and in recognition of the successful season which the Bears have completed. Several speeches were on the program for the occasion. Director Moseley and Coach Moore were called on for short talks, as well as Captain John Parks, great leader of the Bears during the season just closed. Captain-elect Wallace Butts also made a short speech.

This is not the first time the Rotarians have feted Mercer's athletic teams, and on each occasion it has been an enjoyable time for the Bears.

### PHI DELTA THETA IS AWARDED CUP

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Walker, who was chosen to fill the unexpired term of J. B. Deariso. Deariso will not be in school after Christmas, as he graduates this term.

The retiring officers are: Harry Mangans, Alpha Lambda Tau, president; J. E. DeVaughn, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, vice-president; Charlie Walker, Phi Delta Theta, secretary, and J. B. Deariso, Kappa Sigma, treasurer.

ward the sharer of his bed and board is unthinkable. Yet the good name of the Ciceronian Society must not be allowed to droop into the mire this unspeakable wretch has stirred up. Perish the thought. Rather than I and every other loyal Ciceronian, be forced to give up the protection of our Society and be forced to go out to face the world, oppressed and alone.

The defense has already signified its intention of appealing in case of failure to secure an acquittal. The penalty for the offense charged is a public apology to the society or a \$100.00 fine.

### FIVE MEN WILL GO TO Y CONFERENCE

Students Elected to Represent Mercer at Milwaukee Meeting Dec. 28

Five Mercer University students will go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend the National Students' Conference which will take place there December 28 to January 1. The students were elected by the Mercer Y. M. C. A. as official representatives of the University. The expenses of the trip will be partly paid by Mercer students, members of the Mercer faculty, local business men and churches of Macon.

The students who will make the trip are: Leslie Williams, Sylvania, J. C. Young, LaFayette, Luther Woodward, Dothan, Ala., Carl Daw, Pensacola, Fla., and Fred Forrester, Head River, Ga.

The conference which they will attend will be composed of representatives from both Y. M. C. A.'s and Y. W. C. A.'s over the United States. All of the Mercer delegation are members of the Mercer "Y".

The officers of the University Y. M. C. A. are Fred Forrester, president; Alton Morris, Hartwell, vice-president; Tom Cobb, Tifton, secretary, and B. L. Bond, Macon, treasurer.

The "Y" program last Tuesday night was featured by the appearance of five Wesleyan students headed by Miss Mary Lou Cate, president of Wesleyan's Y. W. C. A. The five girls furnished a program that was declared the best of the year for the Mercer group.

Short speeches, "The Spirit of Christmas", by one of the Wesleyanettes and "Where We Come Short of Knowing Christ" by Miss Cate together with a vocal duet furnished entertainment for the meeting.

Misses Cleo and Virginia Kelly appeared at the Wednesday night meeting of the "Y" and sang several songs.

### JUDGE WILLIAM FISH DIES OF PNEUMONIA

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throughout Georgia and the South, which the presence of the large number of prominent people at the funeral evidenced. In 1891 he became judge of the old South-western Circuit, retaining this position until 1896. He was appointed associate justice of the Georgia Supreme Court in 1897. In 1905 he was appointed justice of the Supreme Court and held this position until he resigned in 1923.

Upon resigning the judgeship, Judge Fish was chosen dean of the Mercer Law School. Under his leadership the school has attained national recognition. The school was given "A" rating in October, 1925.

Due to his failing health, Judge Fish was retired from the active deanship by the University in July, 1926, and made dean emeritus. Since that time he has taught only one class, that on the subject, Georgia Practice, upon which he was recognized as a foremost authority. Only seniors were admitted to the class.

Judge Fish was born in Macon, May 12, 1849, and was the son of George W., and Martha E. (Hansell) Fish. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1869, and married Mary P. Hines, sister of Chief Justice James K. Hines, of the supreme court, in 1876. His wife died in September, 1925. In 1920, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by his alma mater, the University of Georgia. He also held degrees from the University of Virginia.

Besides his legal work and his deanship at Mercer University, Judge Fish has been prominently connected with educational institutions of the state for many years. He was a member of the board of trustees of the University of Georgia from 1898 to 1905; of Wesleyan College, at Macon, from 1895 to 1915.

He was a member of the American Bar association and the national Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and closely affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Students who have taken law under Dean Fish praise him highly as a teacher and as a man. Those who had only the slightest acquaintance with him remember him as an immaculate

dresser. The Dean never came to class except with his clothes pressed to perfection, his shoes shined and his tie adjusted exactly right.

Those of the students who were more intimately acquainted with Dean Fish relate how much he loved sports, liked the movies and appreciated a good joke. He was an avowed movie fan and went to a moving picture show often. He enjoyed relating to his classes that he was "captain of the first nine" when he attended the University of Georgia.

Judge Fish attended the Tech-Georgia football game last fall and missed his class the following Monday morning. On Wednesday he apologized to the class that he was unable to meet the class because he had hurt himself hoarse for his Alma Mater and said that if any member of the class could ever present such a good reason for being absent they would be excused.

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