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## FUN AND FROLIC HOLD SWAY HERE Trustees Meet To Decide Mercer's Future

### BOARD WILL ACT ON SUGGESTIONS FOR UNIVERSITY

Report of Surveyors, Suggesting Radical Changes Here, Comes Before Trustees

### DR. DOWELL TO ATTEND President-Elect Expected to Make Report Dealing With Finances

The exact status that Mercer University will maintain as an educational institution in the future will be decided at a meeting of the board of trustees to be held at 8 o'clock Friday afternoon on the college campus.

The meeting of the board of trustees Friday afternoon is the third in a series of important sessions which have been held within the last two months. The two previous meetings have been held chiefly for the consideration of the present state of affairs at the university, and for the adoption of educational and administrative policies to be pursued in the future.

### Recommendations on Hand Resolving Important Consideration at the Meeting Here, According to Dr. Dowell

Members of the committee which made a complete survey of the institution recently. The radical changes advocated by the survey commission were read to the trustees in session here February 24, but final action on the report was deferred by the board until the meeting.

The survey was planned and carried out at the request of the board of trustees. To make the survey of the needs of the university, the board selected Dr. Shelton Phelps, of Peabody college in Tennessee, Dr. Joseph Rohmer, of the University of Florida, and Dr. Floyd Reeves, of the University of Kentucky. Since the survey was made at the request of the board of trustees, it is anticipated that the recommendations of the committee will be adopted in toto, but it is possible, however, that only some of the changes advocated will be adopted.

**To Choose Faculty**  
The faculty of the university for next year will also be chosen. Communications from Dr. Spright Dowell, president-elect, state that he will be present at the meeting. Dr. Dowell has prepared a list of the names of the men whom he desires to include in the Mercer faculty, and will make them known at the meeting. The faculty, as selected by Dr. Dowell, will have to be voted upon by the trustees, however.

It is expected that nominations of the coaches for the athletic teams will be presented to the trustees by the board of athletic control. The Mercer athletic board is composed of Warren Timmonson and Herbert Smart, local business men, Professors C. B. Wray and E. E. Folk, and C. L. Pierce and Courtland Gillett from the student body.

**Finances in Subject**  
The matter of the guarantee of \$50,000 for the operations of the university is to be discussed also, according to Dr. Clark. At a previous meeting of the trustees, the president-elect was empowered to budget the expenditures of the school, and he is expected to make a report dealing with this phase.

### Ye Fairer Sex Prevails In Mail of Mercerians

### More Than 200 Young Women Daily Send Their Thoughts to Mercer Men

Two-thirds of the letters received by Mercer students at the university post office come from girls, states Mrs. H. M. Cannon, the postmistress. From 350 to 400 letters come daily to the 200 students who get their mail at the university station.

If two-thirds of these come from girls, more than 200 young women every day put their thoughts on philatelic stationery for young men at Mercer. This is an inspiring thought, especially when it is remembered that these letters do not include letters received at street addresses, nor even special delivery letters.

**Ooah, Ye Facts!**  
Here is another fact that may be a surprise: Mercer students spend \$5,000 a year at the university post office for stamps, envelopes and cards. Special delivery stamps, of course, are included in this figure. But Mercer students spend no more for stamps of the 10-cent denomination than do the girls who write to these students. Sometimes the young women even mail special delivery stamps with their letters in order to be sure of getting a reply for a prompt reply that they do this, but because friend Susie or Isabella is getting special deliveries from a young man at Georgia or Oglethorpe. One student at Mercer was so unmoved by the presence of a special delivery stamp in his letter that he swapped the stamp to Mrs. Cannon for a dime, then crossed the hall to the canteen where he spent the 10-cent piece for dopes.

**And Ye Photos!**  
More than a hundred students took advantage of special rates offered by the Metro Studio to have their pictures made, and during the main rush as many as eight or ten pictures were being mailed every day to the university station. Mrs. Cannon soon learned that six cents postage was the amount necessary to carry the photographs, and did not find it necessary to weigh them. But one modest student insisted on sending his picture by first class.

### STUDES TO HEAR GOVERNOR SPEAK

### Student Body and Ministerial Group to Hear Addresses by Dr. Hardman

Dr. L. G. Hardman, governor of Georgia, will speak to the Mercer student body and ministerial association Tuesday, morning and evening, respectively. April 3, it was announced this week Governor Hardman will address the student body in the university chapel and his message to the ministerial association will be delivered in the Roberts Memorial Chapel at the weekly meeting of the body.

**Invited by Eller**  
Gov. Hardman's address to the ministers comes at the instance of Eugene Eller, retiring president of the ministerial association, who extended the state executive an invitation to speak to the organization when it was announced that the governor had accepted an invitation of Dr. A. P. Montague, acting president of Mercer, to visit here and speak in chapel.

E. W. Dupree, of Americus, senior in the theological seminary, was elected to the presidency of the Mercer Ministerial Association at a meeting held last Tuesday night. The new president, who holds a pastorate at Tombsboro, will receive a Bachelor of Theology degree in June, it was stated.

**Other Officers**  
Other officers elected by the association are as follows: O. E. Graves, Luthersville, vice-president; Robert F. Ricketson, Macon, secretary; Q. K. Barrett, Atlanta, treasurer; J. Aubrey Egan, Luthersville, chorister; Mrs. R. C. Floyd, pianist; W. R. Suddeth, reporter; and R. C. Floyd, janitor.

Dr. E. Y. Medina, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak to the ministerial association next Tuesday night, it was announced.

### PRESIDENTS' CLUB TO HAVE ELECTION

Election of officers for the spring term will be held by the Presidents' Club of Mercer at a meeting to be held Monday night in the Phi Delta literary society hall after society meeting. All members of the Presidents' Club who have not paid their pro rata share of the cost of Caudron space are urged to have that amount ready at the meeting.

### LAWYERS TO HAVE SUMMER SESSION

### Students Will be Able to Get LL.B. Degree in Two Years

The Mercer University law school will open June 12 for the first summer session since 1925, according to an announcement by Prof. J. A. McClain, acting dean of the law school.

Many students have signified their intention of attending the summer session of the law school and the indications are that the enrollment will reach a high figure.

**Two Years Required**  
Courses will be no arranged, according to Prof. McClain, that a student can get an LL.B. degree in two years instead of the usual three. To do this, three summer sessions must be attended in addition to two scholastic years of regular legal work. The three summer sessions are equivalent to one scholastic year.

Dean McClain has announced that the summer session will be the last session of the law school in which men will be admitted having eighty-six term hours of college work acceptable for the A.B. degree or its equivalent in this university or in any institution of equal standing.

**Bar Rubing Effective**  
The ruling of the American Bar Association, of which the Mercer law school is a member, that each entrant to a law school must have the equivalent to 90 term hours before he may be admitted to the school, will go into effect next September, said the dean. Practising attorneys may be admitted without the above admission requirements, but they will receive no credit on a degree for work done.

**To Begin Building**  
Work on a new law building is to be started at an early date but as yet the location of the building has not been determined. Mercer officials have announced that Montpelier Avenue is to be cut straight through to the intersection of Adams Street and Coleman Avenue and the triangular lot thus formed, opposite the Tattler Square Drug Store, will be sold. The money obtained is to be used in building the new home for the law school.

Plans for the formulation of a Mercer Law Association are now underway. This organization will be sponsored by Macon lawyers and a meeting of the local attorneys will be held Wednesday or Friday night. The purpose of the proposed organization is to promote the interests of the Mercer Law school, which has been given the highest rank possible among the law schools of the United States.

### PLAYERS TO SHOW AT WESLEYAN SOON

The first and only appearance of the Mercer Players, dramatic organization of the campus, before a Macon audience will be on the evening of March 30, when the group presents its mystery play, "The Thirteenth Chair," at the Wesleyan auditorium. The club has made several trips this year and according to reports, has been very successful. Seventeen members form the cast, the largest in the history of the club. Seven of these take female parts. A special price will be made to Mercerians.

### FAIREST OF FAIR FROM THE SOUTH GUESTS AT HOPS

Advertising Ball Friday Night to Speed Hilarity of Mercer's Spring Festival

### CRAIG'S BAND IS HERE

Nashville Orchestra, Playing This Week-end, "Peps" Party Thursday Night

The annual Spring Festival of the Greek Letter Men of Mercer, which opened with a gay informal reception at the Volunteers' Armory Thursday night, will continue with its hilarity Friday night in the form of a colorful Advertising Ball. Friday night's frolic will start at ten o'clock and the festivities will continue until two o'clock the following day.

**Costumes Planned**  
Practically every known commodity will receive publicity Friday night, for all of the twelve or thirteen hundred attendants will be dressed in the form of advertisements. The Mercer Cluster and the Mercer Players will have their representatives, as will The Macon News, The Macon Telegraph, the Tip Top Tea Room, and the Jos. N. Need Co., and others.

Practically all the business firms of the city will have their personal advertisements there in appropriate dress. Some of the merry-makers will represent the various cigarettes. Others will advertise Wesson Oil, Palmolive Soap, Dutch Cleanser, and many other commodities.

**Guests Arriving**  
Guests from over the South began arriving in the city Thursday afternoon, and still others will arrive Friday in readiness for three days of festivities and fun. The festival was formally opened Thursday night at ten o'clock when the famous Francis Craig Orchestra, of Nashville, struck up a lively tune to begin the first reception of the season.

Hundreds of the college contingent gathered to see that the festive occasion was started appropriately. The ball room of the Armory was brilliantly lighted and prominently decorated. Vari-colored streamers hung from the ceiling, while each of the social fraternities was represented by pennants and emblems on the walls.

A tea stands will be the feature entertainment for Saturday afternoon. The reception will start at five o'clock and continue until seven. It will be given at the Volunteers' Armory. The final ball of the festival will start at nine o'clock Saturday evening and the festivities will come to a close at twelve o'clock. Besides these main events, the various fraternities will entertain with teas and "open houses" at different times during the festival.

The plan of having a Spring Festival was begun two years ago and met with such success and approval that it has since become the chief social event of the year. During the first year, five of the fraternities sponsored "Little Commencement," while the remaining four gave individual receptions. Last year one group sponsored "Little Commencement," while the other group was in charge of "Big Commencement."

This year still another plan is being tried—and it promises to be even more successful. The Pan-Hellenic Council of all the social fraternities decided to take charge and to sponsor both events.