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## PLEDGING RULES ARE SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE

Chapter to Accept or Reject  
New Plan By  
Feb. 17.

## TOURNAMENT IN MARCH

Little Commencement Dances  
Come on March  
21, 22 and 23

A copy of the proposed new pledging rules for the Mercer fraternities were handed to members of the Pan-Hellenic council at a meeting of that body at the Sigma Pi house Sunday afternoon. The proposed regulations, drawn up by a committee headed by Jack Gregory, Pi Kappa Alpha representative, are as follows:

### Pledging Rules

1. We will not bid, nor in anyway whatsoever bind or obligate to membership any first year man, nor in any way indicate our intentions of invitation, through "hold off" pledges or any other means, before 2 p. m. of the third Sunday after the first registration day of the winter quarter. It is understood that this section shall be binding in the case of any alumnus or other person acting as agent of a chapter.

2. We will extend each bid, in writing and without spoken word, at the university residence of the recipient between two and three p. m. on the third Sunday after the first registration day of the winter quarter.

3. We agree that each man to whom an invitation is extended shall be a bona fide student of the university.

4. We agree that each candidate shall answer between five and six o'clock of the day of the bidding by going to the fraternity house of his choice, and that after six o'clock all bids shall be considered otherwise incapacitated from answering. In the latter events, he shall signify his intentions in this identical manner at his earliest opportunity. It is understood that afternoon of the fourth Sunday after the first registration day of the winter quarter any bid may be extended.

### No Bids Re-Extended

5. We agree that no old bids will be re-extended, nor any new bid given after extending the original invitation, until noon of the fourth Sunday after the first registration day of the winter quarter, though any first year man may be rushed and put on a "hold off" pledge after the original invitations are issued.

6. We agree that all questions arising out of this agreement shall be referred to a governing committee, which shall be composed of seven signers elected in a meeting attended by one member of each. No two members of the same fraternity of a member of this committee becomes involved in an alleged breach of this agreement his place shall be filled during the consideration of the matter by an alternate who shall be appointed by the remaining members of the committee.

7. It shall be the duty of the Governing Committee, upon receipt of a request submitted in writing, to interpret any article or articles of this agreement, or to determine the merits of an alleged breach of this provision. The chairman of the governing committee shall have power to impose any of the following penalties upon an offending fraternity.

### Expulsion Offences Fixed

First, the offending fraternity may be expelled or suspended from the agreement. Any fraternity that shall be expelled may not be reinstated before a period of two years has (Continued on page six)



Dr. John E. White

## DR. WHITE WILL START REVIVAL SERVICES HERE

Minister is Distinguished Educator, Author and College Lecturer

## SUBJECT LIST ANNOUNCED

Meetings to Be Held Twice Daily  
In Tattall Square  
Church

Dr. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Savannah and a leader in the Georgia Baptist endowment campaign, will conduct a series of religious meetings at the Tattall Square Baptist church on the Mercer campus beginning on Monday morning, Feb. 11, and continuing through the following Friday, Feb. 15. Two addresses will be delivered daily, one in the morning at the regular chapel hour, 10:30-11 o'clock, the other in the evening, at 8 P. M.

Dr. White is not only an eminent pastor, but is a distinguished educator and author. He is a graduate of Wake Forest college, of North Carolina, and while there won fame on the gridiron. Before going to Savannah, he held several prominent pastorates in the South. From 1914-16, he was a state preacher and lecturer at the University of Chicago. In 1926 he became president of Anderson college, Anderson, S. C., and continued to serve in that capacity until 1927. As an educator, he is remembered as the founder of the system of Baptist schools for mountaineers, as the president of the Clifton Conference for Negro schools, and as president of the Georgia Baptist Board of Education. Dr. White is the author of such books as "My Old Confederate", "The Silent Southerner", and "A Yielded Pacifist".

### Sermon List

In a letter to The Mercer Cluster, received through a staff member, Dr. White sent his greetings to the student body, explained the purpose and nature of the meeting to be held, and with the time at which each may be announced the subjects upon which he would preach. A list of these topics heard follows:

- Monday A. M. "I Have Something to Say to You"
- Monday P. M. "Why Sidney Lanier's Grave Should Be in Georgia"
- Tuesday A. M. "Let Us Look at Ourselves"
- Tuesday P. M. "What Are Worth?"
- Wednesday A. M. "What Do We Want?"
- Wednesday P. M. "Our Unreasonable Expectations"
- Thursday A. M. "Headed for the Wrong Goal"
- Thursday P. M. "Change Your Minds"
- Friday A. M. "One Decent Man in Ten"
- Friday P. M. "The Step That Counts"

The remaining portion of Dr. White's letter follows:

Dear Mr. Cox:—  
Replying to your letter about my visit to Macon, Feb. 11-16, I am enclosing a brief word of greeting.

I am anticipating a pleasant visit. I feel sure that it will be a useful one. Several years ago I made a similar visit to Macon during the suspense following Dr. Pollock's death, and I have met many a man who referred gratefully to that meeting and the influence it had upon his life.

You will notice in the list of subjects that on my first evening I raise an interesting, "Should Sidney Lanier's Grave Be Moved by Georgia to Macon?" I will deal with Lanier's idealistic, Christian quality. It will not be exactly a sermon or quite a (Continued on page six)

## HOLIDAY GRANTED FOR SOCIETY DAY

Classes Will Suspend After  
Chapel for Annual Forensic  
Exercises

## DEBATE AND GAME BILLED

Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, again has been designated as the day on which annual society day will be observed, and a half holiday has been granted the Mercer student body by the executive council, according to a recent announcement by J. C. Shelburne, secretary of the council. The holiday will begin after the chapel period. This action resulted from a request filed by a committee from the Ciceronian and Phi Delta literary societies asking that the day be appropriately observed.

A program similar to those rendered on previous society days has been made. It includes an inter-society oratorical contest in the morning, a basket ball game in the afternoon. (Continued on page six)

## MELL AND WHITE SPEAK IN CHAPEL

Baptist Leaders Address  
Students Tuesday on Future  
of Mercer

## COMMITTEES MEET HERE

Dr. John D. Mell, president of the Baptist convention, and Dr. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Savannah and a trustee of Mercer, made short addresses before the student body, faculty, and representatives from 79 Baptist associations in Georgia during the chapel period Tuesday morning. Following the chapel service, Rev. Mr. Walter Binn, La Grange, took charge of the meeting and the business of perfecting an organization for the cooperative program was in order.

Dr. Mell said he believed that the co-operative program would herald a new era in the growth of Mercer. He urged the students especially to get busy and help create a strong sentiment. (Continued on page six)

## Improvised Traffic Sign Leads Students to Court

By L. Y. Bryant

Cars? Yes! Plenty of cars—but not a ride to be had.

Thus was the situation in which Fitzhugh Chandler and Horace Morgan found themselves, as they stood on the popular (popular from the Mercerian and pedestrian standpoint, but quite the contrary from that of the automobile owner) corner of Montpelier and Coleman avenues. The parties in this episode danced spasmodically, blew their hands, and rubbed their ears to fight off the cold, as the bleak wind whipped past them even faster than the automobiles themselves.

But despite the cold, Chandler and Morgan alternated in forcing a shivering hand from a pocket long enough

to jerk a thumb jauntily toward toward town and call "town mister?", "how 'bout a ride?", or "ride please, sir?" In spite of the "aw, h—!", "well, don't then", and other ejaculations of disgust, the cars failed to stop. More, they seemed to give a contemptuous snort when they passed, as if to express their defiance at thoughts of being imposed upon.

New this was a situation which required strategy, and everyone knows that Mercer boys are bubbling over with strategy. In an exigency like this anything can happen—and it did. A car stop sign and a few bricks were procured from, one knows not where. From the sky probably, or from a bush that yields fruit of this kind, who knows? Let it be said, however, (Continued on page six)

## STUDENTS TO VOTE

The Mercer student body will vote to retain or abolish the eight-year-old tradition of Master Mercerian at the student chapel period this morning. Resolutions, drawn up by a committee appointed by the President's club, will be submitted and voted upon by the students. W. A. Womack urges that all students be present that a representative opinion might be voiced.