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## One-Minute Interviews

Do you believe in Santa Claus? That is the very pertinent question we discuss this issue—and you'd be surprised how many of our fellow students don't know the facts of life.

For example, JIMMIE WATTS states, in reply to our question, "My room-mate tried to tell me there isn't any, but I don't believe him."

And JACK TARVER asserts, "Certainly, didn't I palm everything?" when we questioned him.

"Why, yes, and he's going to bring me lots this year," claims HARRIET PITTMAN.

"Do you mean 'Daddy Claus'?" wisecracks FRESHMAN FRANK HAPP.

"Haven't you ever read Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus?"—VIRGINIA LITTLE.

"Let me go home and ask my dad"—WILLIAM KADERLY.

"He's a thing of the past to me, a has-been"—EMMA NORRIS.

"No, my economics teacher said such a policy as Santa Claus would be financially unsound"—RANDY COOPER.

"Most emphatically no. There's none on this campus"—BILLY KNOX.

"I'm not old enough to say"—FRANCIS MERCER.

"Roosevelt's trying to be a Santa Claus"—GEORGE NUTTING.

"When I go home after my folks have seen my report card, I'll tell you"—DAVID BRYAN.

"No, he doesn't even know where I live."—JACK POOL.

"I won't give my opinion for publication"—JULIA SAUNDERS.

"Don't ask me, I'm still a green freshman"—COUNTRY ESTES.

"Get out of this library with your foolishness"—ANNIE MAYE.

We're sure Santa Claus would repeat that last remark as much as we do. Anyhow, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## From the Copy Desk

Each week the waste basket for floor is filled with bits of news or articles which do not warrant a full story. But in these bits some might find humor, tragedy, and the real news behind the news. It is the purpose of this column to bring to you from time to time these lines from the campus and national affairs, and we hope you will enjoy them with the same amount of gusto as we around the Copy Desk.

It seems that one "partition" has got results without being started by the administration. . . . we hope that this won't turn out to be a "Christmas victory" when we reach the end of the winter quarter. . . . Wandering to JNC (near Sports Dept.): Two Polygamists Sentenced in Arizona—(Headline). Looks like more double trouble to us. . . . And another thing JNC, why don't you try buying your Christmas presents in wholesale lots. . . . Mother of Sisters, Sisters Entreat to Dark Horse of South—(Headline). Don't you mean years of labor? . . . But says that upon being interviewed in regard to being chosen to

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## HARROLD TALKS TO STUDENTS AT CHAPEL SERVICE

### Local Physician Discusses Field of Medicine and Prospects

Dr. C. C. Harrold, Macon physician, presented a talk on the vocation of medicine in the chapel exercises Wednesday morning. The address by Dr. Harrold was the first of a series of five vocational addresses planned for Wednesday chapel periods.

In his talk the speaker disregarded all business and technical aspects of the field and gave the students an interesting series of human interest pictures of his experiences in his profession. His anecdotes emphasized the facts that the practice of medicine is not one to become rich in, is not easy, but has its rewards in satisfaction, fascination and romance.

Topics which will be discussed on following Wednesday chapel periods by prominent speakers will be the law, the ministry, teaching and business.

## NEW TRUSTEES FOR UNIVERSITY

### Six to Replace Expired Terms For Five Years

Six new trustees have been elected for Mercer University to replace those whose terms expire this year. They are: Dr. Hal Davidson, Atlanta; Mr. A. C. Roddenbury, Cairo; Dr. T. B. Rice, Greensboro; Mr. F. R. Martin, Macon; Judge A. B. Lovett, Savannah; and Mr. J. C. Estes, Macon.

Four of the new trustees are Mercer alumni. Judge Lovett was a member of the class of 1901, Mr. Roddenbury of 1909, Mr. Estes of 1910, and Dr. Davidson of 1911. The new trustees will serve for five years, beginning January 1.

Trustees whose terms expire this year are: Mr. Bryan Blackburn, Newnan; Mr. Cason J. Callaway, LaGrange; Mr. Robert M. Hitch, Savannah; Dr. W. C. Lee, Macon; Mr. Columbus Roberts, Columbus; and Dr. J. E. Sammons, Macon.

## Stadium Route Paving Begins Not Later than January Tenth

Preparations for paving the "loop" will probably be well under way by the time Mercer students return to classes after their Christmas holidays. Contracts have already been let for this federal project and work must begin no later than January 10.

The route, totaling approximately one and a half miles, from the university president's home on Adams street to the stadium, left to South College street, and on South street to Ash will be paved at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Work will be done by the state highway department with federal funds.

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## ORCHESTRA PRESENTS PLEASING PROGRAM



Pictured above is the Mercer Glee club orchestra which was presented in the annual Macon performance of the club last Tuesday night. Shown above are: Front row: (left to right) Morgan Fisher, Will Johnson, Elbert Jenkins, Charles Thompson, W. F. Walker, director; Jimmie Jordan, Elliott Lawton, C. A. McAllister, Jr. Back row: James Holley, Tom Hardman, Jack Kimball, John Callaway, and Bailey Small.

## New Bell System Replaces Old Sirens

The new bell system which has been installed by the Stewart-Goette Electric company at a cost of \$450, replaced a siren-bell system that had been working on and off at Mercer for about twenty years.

Lee Battle recalls other systems for timing classes which have been used in past years. "Dey used to have a big bell dat dey rung ebby morning at eight o'clock to let ebbybody know dat school was about to start. Dat was just to get 'em to school, and you could hear it all the way to Cochran. Den for the classes dey rang a big dinner bell—like you

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## Publications Committee Appointed by President

### Library Repairs Begun This Week

The Mercer library is being dressed up. Workmen last Wednesday were swinging a jack from large hooks at the top cornice of the building, and beginning the remodeling work.

New window sash will be put in, and the old sash re-glazed. The woodwork around the windows and doors on the outside will be painted, and the marble cornices at the top and sides will be cleaned. Some work will also be done on the roof.

With a campus newspaper, a humorous magazine, and a college yearbook already being issued by Mercer students, and with a literary quarterly under consideration, the need for a Publications Union to correlate efforts and insure better service at lower cost to the students has often been expressed.

### Stout is Chairman

This week, in response to that need, President Dowell appointed a faculty committee composed of Dr. Wilbur Stout, acting director of the Mercer News Bureau; S. J. T. Price, university accountant; and James C. Shelburne, university registrar, to meet with editors and publishers of all student publications in the interest of greater harmony and mutual benefit.

### Allen May Serve

It is probable that Professor John D. Allen, head of the journalism department, will be asked to attend meetings and give his advice.

According to Dr. Stout, chairman, this committee has no desire to influence editorial policy, and sees no occasion for newspaper censorship on the Mercer campus. He said in part: "Perhaps the copy-readers have not been too heavy at times with the blue-pencil, but the staff in general provokes confidence in its ability to get out a creditable newspaper."

The committee will meet, Dr. Stout said, "whenever it has business to transact."

## Pledges Raised To Reconstruct Penfield Hall

More than \$13,000 in pledges has been raised toward the \$25,000 campaign to completely renovate Penfield Hall for a student activity building. Dr. Spright Dowell announced this week. Six thousand dollars of this amount has already been paid in cash.

According to Dr. Dowell the state has been divided into 16 districts, with a supervisor for the campaign living in each district. He has personally visited more than half of these districts, most of them in the southern part of the state, and plans to visit the others as soon after Christmas as possible.

The new Penfield Hall, which is expected to be completed by the fall

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## GLEE CLUB GIVES VARIETY SHOW TUESDAY NIGHT

### Chorus and Orchestra Presented in Pleasing Performance

By Ed Bernd

Featuring a well-balanced program, the Mercer University Glee club Tuesday night was well received by a large Macon auditorium audience in the opening performance of the club's 31st season. The club presented a program ranging from the semi-classical and old favorite selections given by the chorus of 26 to modern jazz numbers played by a 13-piece orchestra.

### Chorus Well Divided

The chorus, directed by Dr. Burt P. Richardson, presented the first part of the program, opening with "Hall to Mercer," the school song. Two rousing numbers, "Bold Bandoero" and "The Buccaneers," and as a contrast two softer selections, "Goodbye" and "Comrade in Arms" were the chorus' best selections. An old favorite, "Short'nin' Bread," and several medleys of Southern songs were also rendered by the chorus. The chorus gave evidence of the

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## Varsity Debates Iowa in January

With the selection of two men in a tryout Monday afternoon the varsity debating team of Mercer University is completed, according to Dr. John B. Clark, dean of the arts college, and director of forensic activities.

Two men selected Monday afternoon were Jack Rabun, Valdosta; and Ivan Lester, Dublin.

Other candidates already selected include William James and Isaac Levine, Macon; Wiley Johnston, Miami; and Francis Blanks, Macon.

The first team definitely scheduled so far will come from the Iowa State Teacher's College, whose members will pause here early in January while on a southern tour. A definite schedule will be released later, Dr. Clark declared.

The question that the visiting teachers will debate is Resolved, That the Congress of the United States, By a Two-Thirds Vote, Shall Be Empowered to Set Aside a Five to Four Decision Decision of the Supreme Court.

## Hardman Laid Up With Infected Foot

Tom Hardman, III, erstwhile president of the Pan-Hellenic council and manager of the university glee club, has been confined to the hospital for the past several days with an infected foot.

The infection grew from an eruption of the sole of his foot and blood poisoning was narrowly prevented, doctors reported. Although Hardman was removed from the hospital Tuesday, physicians deemed it inadvisable for him to attend glee classes this week.

## Parents of Students Follow Wide Variety of Occupations

According to a report given out by Registrar J. C. Shelbourne, the fathers of the students who are attending Mercer are engaged in a wide variety of occupations, representing 30 types of work.

The report shows that children of merchants lead the group in number, with 68. The children of farmers run close second, with a total of 54.

Mercer's enrollment according to parental vocational work shows the following figures.

Profession of Father	No. Students
Farmer	54

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## Morgan Lectures To Biology Class

"Georgia is gifted with more natural possibilities for the cultivation of game and fish than perhaps any other state in the Union," Charles C. Morgan, Head of the Georgia State Department of Game and Fish Protectors, told the freshman biology class Monday morning in a classroom lecture.

"Game and fish protection is on an upward move," Morgan said. "Within the last year or two there has been an increase from 40 to 125 in the ranks of Georgia Game and Fish Protectors. But the purpose of the department for the protection of game and fish is not to enforce rigid

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## Ministerial Group Conducts Chapel

A group of students of the Mercer university theological department presented a musical and devotional program to students in chapel Monday morning.

The ministerial quartet composed of Joe Brown, tenor; James Rawls, tenor; Guyton MacLendon; baritone; and Morgan Fisher, bass, sang a sacred selection. A short devotional was given by Herman Hiley, Savannah. The closing prayer was

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## Extra Holidays

The Christmas holidays will extend until January 5, according to an announcement made by Dr. Spright Dowell. Students were originally scheduled to return to school January 2, but the vacation period was extended after numerous requests made by the students. Dr. Dowell stated that the students would be allowed no spring vacation this year, since students are required to attend a set number of days.