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## B. S. U. Convention To Be Held On November 13, 14, 15

In its annual session last year the Georgia Baptist Convention accepted an invitation to hold its 1945 session in Macon and, since the restrictions on holding state conventions and other state meetings have been removed, the convention will be held as scheduled.

The convention dates this year are November 13-14-15, the place of meeting, the First Baptist Church of Macon, and the opening hour for the first session on Tuesday, November 13, 10:00 A.M.

The Macon First Church has appointed a special committee, consisting of Dr. Spright Dowell, President of Mercer University, chairman; Mr. Warren Timmerman, Mr. Alfred Willingham, and Mr. W. Lee Wood, who will have charge of local arrangements and details and to be of service to the speakers and visitors who will attend the convention.

Dr. C. Wilkinson, President of the Convention will be one of the main speakers.

Ministerial students from Mercer will be in charge of the book store during the convention.

On the second day of the meeting, Mercer will be honored by the convention in regard to the school of Christianity. All ministerial students will be present at the convention on that day.

At the opening evening of the state B.S.U. convention, October 26, on the University of Georgia campus, Mercer will be represented on the program by Nathan Byrd, Winifred Peterson, Albert Henry and Forest Lanier, who will take part in a discussion of *Everyday Christian Living*. Following the formal program will be a fellowship period in the form of a playlet.

At 9:30 Saturday morning there will be a discussion of the B.S.U. on the local campus covering the perfect plan and the way various units did it. After this Dr. Hugh Brimm of the Mercer faculty will lead a panel forum on "Taking Advantage of Opportunities."

Saturday afternoon Dr. Brimm will lead a section of the forums entitled "Christian Attitude Toward Racial Minorities."

Pope Duncan, director of religious activities at Mercer, will lead the Sunday School hour Sunday morning.

The B.S.U. chorus from Mercer will sing throughout the entire three-day convention.

## Manack Is Chosen Pledge Sweetheart

Miss Celeste Manack, Sylvania, Ga., was recently elected pledge sweetheart for the Georgia Gamma Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Celeste, a junior, is a transfer from the University of Georgia. She is a member of the Chi Omega Fraternity, Dramatic Club, Glee Club, and A cappella choir.

She is the first pledge sweetheart to be elected by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity on this campus.



Lt. Commander R. G. Matheson is shown presenting citation from the Navy Department to Dr. Spright Dowell of Mercer.

## NAVY DEPARTMENT AWARDS MERCER FOR SERVICE RENDERED DURING WAR

Mercer University will write finis to another chapter of its colorful history, with the departure of the Navy V-12 unit, which has been stationed at Mercer since July 1, 1943.

At a ceremony held on Wednesday, October 17, Lt. Commander R. G. Matheson, commander of the unit, presented a citation from the Navy Department for meritorious service in the training of naval officer candidates, to Dr. Spright Dowell, who received the citation on behalf of the university.

Lt. Commander Matheson praised

ed the record of the V-12 cadets from Mercer and the other schools throughout the country: "From the beaches of Normandy to Tokyo Bay, the record of the V-12's has been excellent," he stated in presenting the award.

"The Navy feels that they have been the recipients, rather than the donors in this training program," continued Lt. Commander Matheson, "and it will always be grateful to Mercer and the other colleges who engaged in this program."

Upon receiving the citation, Dr. Dowell stated that: "Mercer is extremely proud of the part she has played in this war and on behalf of the university, I will see that this document has a fitting place in the Hardman Library, where it will be cared for and cherished forever."

Following the presentation ceremony, a group of sailors from the unit staged a skit depicting the four semesters of a cadet at Mercer. Charlie Sholtz acted as master of ceremonies.

## Miss Myrick Speaks To Club

Miss Susan Myrick, of The Macon Telegraph staff, spoke to the Dramatic Club at their regular weekly meeting, Thursday, October 18. Miss Myrick told about the organization of the Macon Little Theater and its history.

Speaking to forty members of the Dramatic Club, she told of some of her experiences in theater work and offered to help anyone interested in theater work.

Miss Myrick urged those interested in the theater to buy season tickets to the Macon Little Theater for the coming season.

## Campus Ministers Hold Meeting

On October 16, the Ministerial Association held its first business meeting of this school year. Several matters of importance were discussed.

Twenty-eight new ministerial students were voted into the Ministerial Association which is larger now than it has been for several years. Included in the membership are several veterans.

Jimmy Waters was chosen as chorister to fill the vacancy of Charles Smith, who is now serving in the Armed Forces of our country.

A committee was appointed to make plans for a banquet to be held in honor of the members who will graduate in December.

## Shorter Presents Portrait To Mercer

In a very impressive ceremony, Friday, October 19, Mr. Edward Shorter presented a painting of Dr. John G. Harrison to Mercer. Dr. Spright Dowell, President of the college, presided and Dr. Hansford Johnson, head of the School of Christianity, received the painting in behalf of Mercer.

Dr. Harrison, the subject of the painting, was a Mercer graduate and Dean of Christianity, preceding Dr. Johnson. He attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; the University of Chicago and later the University of Berlin.

When Dr. Harrison first came to Mercer, as professor of Philosophy and Education, he started the Summer School session and for many summers presided as president of the college. While here, he not only was interested in the school of Christianity, but through his efforts, the campaign for the Law Building was promoted.

Mr. Shorter, the painter, is well-known, also being a graduate of Mercer. He has excelled in painting many such portraits and Mercer is proud to have three of these paintings: Miss Sally Boone, Dr. Newman, and now Dr. Harrison. This painting of Dr. Harrison, so beautifully represented, was painted from memory—the way Mr. Shorter remembers him throughout his Mercer days.

The painting was unveiled by Dr. Harrison's son, Mr. William H. Harrison, and a fitting speech was given by Dr. Johnson, expressing our gratitude to Mr. Shorter.

## Campus Undergoes Changes; Will Be Show Place In Future

It won't be long now before we will have a new Mercer. In fact, I have been told that within a very few years our Alma Mater will be the show place of Bibb County. The campus is at present in a state of transformation and complete renovation.

All Mercer property will be terraced and graded, including the lot Mary Erin Porter is on and the large lot behind the gym. The entire campus will be regraded; all unsightly objects and growth will be removed and replaced by more beautiful foliage; proper drainage will be installed, all walks will be inspected and all faulty walks, together with the present paths, will be replaced by a symmetrical pattern of A-1 concrete walks; a loop drive will be constructed from the old drive and parking lot behind the Chemistry building around, in front of Robert's Hall; parking lots, 16 by 100 ft. or thereabouts, will be laid behind the Chemistry building and the Theology building; an artistic retaining wall will be built from the Adams St. side of Tattnell Square Baptist Church down Ash St.; retaining walls will be used at various points all over the campus where they are needed in the grading of the soil; the present parking lot by Sherwood Hall will be terraced and sodded; the front of Mary Erin Porter will be conformed into a sunken garden effect; and it is hoped that the girls can have an artistic grill behind the dormitory for general recreation. Other improvements will be made as the need arises.

## Farce Comedy To Be Given November 23

Oscar Wilde calls his, "The Importance of Being Earnest," a Trivial Comedy for Serious People. Others call it the most delightful farce comedy ever written. The Dramatic Club has chosen this for its first play to be produced, November 23. Much enthusiasm has been shown in the preliminary try-outs, and the following people have been chosen as the cast:

*"The Importance of Being Earnest"*

John Worthing	Jim Ivey
Algernon Moncrieff	Homer Statham
Gwendolyn Fairfax	Cornelia Ashley
Cecily Cardew	Louise Jarnigan
Rev. Canon Chasuble	Ralph Peek
	Betty Allen
	Carolyn Fuller
	I. W. Bowen
	Dupree Jordan
Carolyn Morrison	Student Director
Jean Feagin	Assistant Student Director

Rehearsals for this play began Friday night, October 19, in the Dramatic Club Room under the chapel at 7:30. Carolyn Morrison and Jean Feagin are assisting Miss Burton with rehearsals.

Dramatic and Speech department will be established in their new home by next week. The technical crews will be announced later.

## Law School Has First Mock Trial

The Mercer University Law School held its first mock court in over two years on Wednesday, October 10, in the law building.

The case tried involved a suit by Mrs. Waits against Mr. Smith for damages sustained as a result of an automobile collision between an automobile driven by her and one driven by the defendant.

The following students participated in the trial: Emma Laura Keaton, Celeste Manack, Carolyn Morrison, Ronald Harvey, Jack Clegghorn, and Bill Demmond; witnesses for the plaintiff, George Jackson, attorney for the plaintiff, Bill Nee and Leonard Bailey, witnesses for the defendant, Jim Rehberg was the attorney for the defendant. Several other students served as jurors.

The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1800.

The Law School was discontinued in 1943 for the duration, and was not reopened until this fall.