

## BASKETEERS HOLD INITIAL WORKOUT

Many Freshman Stars Report For Duty

First call for basketball practice was sounded this week by Coach Tink Gilliam. Until a permanent place for practice can be secured the old city auditorium will be used temporarily. Later it is hoped that a better place will be arranged for in which to hold games which will be played here this season.

The old men from last year's team who were out at the first practice, held Tuesday afternoon, were George Harmon, "Bubber" Pope, Manly McWilliams, Roberts, Cadenhead, Miere, Pinkaton, and Houston. Others who played on last year's team, but who are unable to report until after the football season are "Crook" Smith, captain of this year's squad, Colonel "Red" Simmons, and Sid Ellison.

Among the freshmen who will compose the first year team are Skinner, Green, Dicks, Long, Holmes, all of Lanier High's championship team of last year, and McComb.

Coach Gilliam ordered only light practice at first until the men get in shape. Short distance goal shooting, short passing and light track work will be the methods employed until the candidates begin to round into form.

Last year Mercer enjoyed a very successful year and an even better record is hoped for this year. Although the schedule has not been completed negotiations with the leading colleges of the South are on and another Northern trip, similar to that taken last year, is being planned.

## PHI DELTAS ENJOY SPLENDID PROGRAM

"We want the Phi Delta literary society to grow. What ceases to grow will retrograde, and we don't want this society to be the retrogressive kind," says R. R. Lunsford, tackle on the Freshman football team and a new member of the Phi Delta literary society, in a voluntary speech to the society Monday evening.

The first year men are taking keen interest in the debate between the two societies which is to be held at an early date. Many speeches were made and each was well delivered and well prepared. On account of the limited time all the Freshmen did not have a chance to speak, but it is hoped that within the next two weeks all the men will have been given the chance to exhibit their ability to represent the Phi Delta literary society in this debate.

Short "pop" speeches were delivered by several of the members of the society, including W. A. Bootle and R. L. Brantley, two of Mercer's best intercollegiate debaters and candidates for the Rhodes scholarship.

The oath of membership was given to J. H. Riddick.

## VOLUNTEERS ELECT OFFICERS AT MEET

Webb, Mercerian, is Re-elected President.

By W. O. Dorough

O. K. Webb, senior at Mercer, was re-elected president of the Georgia Baptist Volunteers which held the closing session of the second annual convention at Bessie Tift College last Sunday night. Other officers elected were Miss Volma Wood, vice-president; Robert Daniels, corresponding secretary, and Miss Lucy Rushin, recording secretary and treasurer.

Many interesting speakers were heard during the convention. Dr. Martin A. Wood, of Macon, gave an inspirational talk on "The Heights of Life." Dr. C. L. McGinty, of Mercer, lead the sunrise service Sunday morning, which was acclaimed to have been one of the best meetings of the convention. The Volunteers had charge of the Sunday School service which was held at the college. Rev. C. J. Lowe, a Baptist missionary to China, spoke at the 11 o'clock session at the First Baptist church. He told of the need of the Chinese for the Gospel and how they were ready to receive it. One of the features of the convention was the illustrated lecture given by Rev. Lowe. In it he illustrated his work and the work of other missionaries with a series of pictures.

Among the schools represented at the convention were Bessie Tift College, Mercer University, Wesleyan College, Locust Grove Institute, and Lanier High School.

The delegates at the convention were entertained in the homes of the Forsyth people, and the president in behalf of the convention expresses appreciation for this courtesy.

## Students Use "Miss Sallie's" Car When Flirting With Muse

Librarian's Auto is Refuge of Studious Mercerians

By "Clank"

Wesleyan girls have a crow's nest, Dr. Weaver has his study, Rabbits have holes in the ground, and catfish waters muddy.

In fact, everything has its proper and appointed place and is usually in it, but on the Mercer campus we meet an exception to this rule. The students of the university have a splendid Chapel building and a well equipped library in which to do their studying. Strange indeed it is that there should be another place where the boys would rather take their books. At any hour of the day you can always see some of them there, and one wonders why they should prefer to assimilate lessons in this comparatively open space when there are other more well appointed places prepared for them.

The answer is in doubt. Perhaps it is because the seats are so excellently upholstered, or perhaps it is because the nearness of the library building lends an air of quiet and wards off the cooling winds, or, most likely perhaps of all, perhaps there is something of that genial spirit of cheerfulness and constant good nature of its owner which hovers in the atmosphere all around this place and makes it as holy ground. Your surmises are all correct, boys.

It's Miss Sally's car.

Bessie Tift Girl, looking at Dr. Holder: "Oh! I do wonder if he's married."

## FRESHMAN DEBATERS TO BE PICKED SOON

Definite plans are now being worked out by a committee from the Phi Delta and Ciceronian societies for the coming annual debate which is to be held between the freshmen of the two societies. According to the plans of the committee the debate will be held in the chapel building sometime soon and will be one of the gala occasions of the year.

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Since there has been such a large addition of new members to each of the societies this year the interest in the freshmen forensic affair seems to be keener than ever before. For the past few meetings of the societies try-outs for the debating teams have been given to the new men. It is likely that at the next meeting the try-outs will be finished and the men for the teams will be announced.

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