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## WILSON CABINET MEMBERS ASKED TO SPEAK HERE

Josephus Daniels and W. J. Bryan May Lecture to Journalists

### OTHER EDITORS INVITED

Two members of Woodrow Wilson's cabinet are expected to be among the notables to lecture to the students of the School of Journalism at Mercer University, and letters are being received from journalistic celebrities expressing their desire to visit the journalism department here.

Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, and owner of The News and Observer, of Raleigh, N. C., has written to Thomas J. Hamilton, editor of the Augusta Chronicle, who is arranging the series of lectures for the benefit of the journalism students at Mercer, that would like to speak on some phases of American newspaper life.

William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State in the Wilson cabinet, several times candidate for the presidency, nationally-known statesman and lecturer also, has been asked to speak at Mercer by Mr. Hamilton, and his secretary writes a letter in which he indicates the possibility of Mr. Bryan's acceptance.

An excerpt from Mr. Daniels' reply to the invitation of Mr. Hamilton is as follows:

"I should love very much to come to Mercer, and hope to have the pleasure some day, both because of your invitation and my admiration of Dr. Weaver. I am in this situation this fall: Every day that I can get away from Raleigh, I must speak for the campaign and I have a lecture engagement which takes me into Texas and Arkansas until Christmas."

### Others to Speak

In addition to these Mr. Hamilton has received replies from prominent editors expressing their appreciation of the invitation and their desire to visit the School of Journalism.

Charles J. Bayne, the associate editor of The Macon News, Walter C. Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, and general manager of the Chattanooga News; W. E. Page, general manager of the Columbus Ledger, McDavid Horton, managing editor of The State, Columbia, S. C., and Charles E. Brown, editor of the Cordele Dispatch, are among the others who have been added to the list of prominent writers and editors to appear in the lectures to be given at Mercer.

Among those who already have accepted the invitation of Mr. Hamilton

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## Dorough Announces Junior and Senior Tribunal Officers

Senior and Junior members of the Student Tribunal have been announced by Otis Dorough, president of the Senior class. The Sophomores, it is understood, have not yet elected their representatives. The Student Tribunal is an elective body controlled by the Senior class to enforce student government at Mercer.

The Senior members are: W. O. Dorough, judge; T. A. Dyer, prosecuting attorney; "Scotty" Young, S. T. Crenshaw and W. B. Freeman.

Juniors: Clarence Greene and Eugene Cook.

## SOPHS VICTORIOUS OVER MERCERRATS

Flag Rush is Hectic Struggle; Fresh Pay Penalty for Defeat.

(By VEAZEY HOWELL)

When the timer's whistle blew Tuesday afternoon announcing the end of the annual Fresh-Soph rush, one hundred bloody and tired picked men of the Sophomore and Freshman class emerged from an entangled mass to celebrate. The Sophomores as the victors; the Freshmen as the vanquished.

With a bear-like display of fighting spirit and cunning strategy the Cubs made the best showing of any Freshman class of recent years. Only two Freshman classes in the history of the school have succeeded in capturing the coveted color, but this year a slim, white-headed Freshman came so close to grasping the colors that the Sophomores are still weak from the fight.

An entirely new and novel method of attack was used by the Cubs this year. They divided their force into two parts and sent in the heavier twenty-five first for the purpose of tiring the Sophomores. After two and a half minutes of desperate fighting the remaining twenty-five charged into the fray. From then to the end the colors were in danger.

As a result of the defeat at the hands of the Sophomores, the Cubs must don Green ties and continue to be subject to all forms of hazing allowed by the rules of the "M" book. Upperclassmen received the scare of their lives in the rush Tuesday, and it may be said for the Rats that they came nearer triumphing over the lordly and tyrannical Sophs this year than ever before.

The last Freshman class to capture the coveted colors was that of 1918, though the class of this year came

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## QUINT TO TAKE WESTERN TOUR AT CHRISTMAS

Notre Dame, Chicago and Indiana Will Meet Mercer Team

### FIVE GAMES TO BE PLAYED

Mercer's Orange Whirlwind, of the basketball tossing variety, will spend its next Christmas on a Western invasion. Coach Stanley L. Robinson, athletic mentor, has made this announcement. He said that the schedule of games to be played was about completed and contained on it teams of national repute.

Five contests will be undertaken by the Mercerian quintet. These to be staged, according to arrangements, about January 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

Already signed to be met on the road trip are Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana; the University of Chicago, and the University of Indiana.

Pending, but not definitely decided as to which two will fill out the remaining dates of the schedule, are proposed meets with Wabash College, American champions of year before last; Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., and Perdue University, at Indianapolis.

Of such stuff is the opposition of the Mercer five to be when it whirls westward for the holidays. The University of Chicago, has put out a team of note, Coach Robinson said, as have both Notre Dame and the University of Indiana, but the latter two, it is thought, will not present the trouble the Chicago may.

Announcement was made sometime ago of three other games on the Mercer schedule. Georgia Tech will be met in Atlanta, about the middle of January and again in Macon about the middle of February. Vanderbilt is to be played in Macon, January 23. About twenty games will be listed on the Baptist card in all.

Material in abundance is to be in the camp of the local collegians when they turn out following the football season. Although Harmon, Pope and McWilliams, varsity performers of past years, are not to report this year, there will be Captain "Consuello" Smith, "Red" Simmons, and

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## Gordon Tarpley Highest Marker

98 is Record Mark in Tests; Dance and Sheffield Next in Lead

J. G. Tarpley, of Fairburn, Ga., a graduate of Locust Grove Institute, was the high marker in the psychological test given to the first year men last Friday morning in the Daniel Marshall dining hall. His mark was 98.

Another Locust Grove graduate, W. L. Dance, of Eatonton, Ga., came second with a score of 96, and Y. T. Sheffield, of Pinehurst, Georgia, was third from the top with a grade of 91. It is the requirement of the institution that all new men entering the university take the test. The three leading men are students of advance standing. The average for the 1924 class of first year men was 52.2 per cent, or 1.3 per cent higher than of last year.

For the past six years this test has been given to the students entering Mercer, and it is stated by those in charge that it is invaluable in getting a line on the student and the work that he is capable of performing. The highest mark during the six years was made by J. K. Small, of Macon, graduate of Lanier High School, who made a score of 98.5. The high point last year was Kay Tipton, of Sylvester, Georgia, graduate of Norman Park Institute.

Upwards of 200 men stood the test this year making it the greatest number that has ever taken it at Mercer.

## BEARS PLAY SYRACUSE ON FIRST TRIP NORTH

Mercer Eleven Leaves on Two Week Trip To Make Bid For Intersectional Fame.

(By Malcolm Johnson)

The South against the North! But instead of the gray uniforms of the Confederacy, it is now the Orange and Black football togs of the Mercer grid team; instead of the rebel yell—it is growl of the Grizzly Bears; instead of the flag of the Confederate States it is the flying pennants of a Southern college; and instead of musket and bayonet it is with the pig-skin and line buck that the South will again fight Northern opponents against overwhelming odds.

## DEBATING COUNCIL ISSUES CHALLENGE

Oglethorpe, Tech, Vanderbilt, and Other Colleges May Oppose Mercer.

Oglethorpe, Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt, the universities of Georgia, Florida and Alabama may oppose Mercer's inter-collegiate debating teams this year.

Through Dr. Rufus C. Harris, debating council chairman, challenges have been issued to these colleges, although nothing definite has been booked.

Tryouts for places on inter-collegiate teams have been scheduled for October 28-30. At this time, those wishing to make the teams will be given four minutes to speak on one of seven subjects to be announced by the council. Judges of the speakers will be three Macon citizens. All those wishing to enter the trials should leave their names with Dr. Harris at once, it was requested.

Five or six engagements will be arranged. Five were undertaken last year, and Mercer won four of the five. Freshmen are not permitted to speak in the inter-collegiate debates, except by special permission of the council. A freshman schedule of debates with other colleges is to be arranged later.

### LABELS TO BE GIVEN

Five thousand Mercer labels in the Orange and Black colors have been purchased by the University, it was announced by S. W. Garrett, Business Manager. The labels may be gotten at Joseph Neff's, on Cherry street, every student being allowed two "stickers." The new labels are unique in that they are curved like flying pennants.

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## Bride and Groom Arrive At Mercer for Honeymoon

Clinging to the arm of her youthful husband as if to protect him from the battery of questions plied by Cluster reporters, Mrs. E. C. Anderson, petite wife of a few days, exclaimed, half timidly, half laughingly, "I don't think we had better tell them any more."

For perhaps the first time in the history of Mercer University, a honeymoon, or part of a honeymoon anyway, was spent on the Mercer campus.

E. C. Anderson, ministerial student 19 years of age, who is entering Mercer, was married Sunday and arrived at Mercer the next day with his bobbed-haired, blushing bride, who has seen eighteen summers.

They stood in the doorway of their room in Mosley Hall smiling rather shyly as the news hounds "clustered" around them. Then, glancing rather helplessly at his pretty young bobbed-haired wife, Anderson exclaimed in resignation, "Oh, I guess we may as well tell them all about it."

The wedding took place at the home of the bride, near Summerville, S. C. The young couple were at first reluctant to give their age, and made a feeble effort to insinuate mildly that they had been married "two years" and that they were "terribly" old. But their understanding glances, directed at each other, gave them away.

It was pouring down torrents on the day of the wedding, but the gods sympathized with the love-stricken couple, so J. Pluv, halted his showers for the time being and Old Sol came out to shine benignly upon them until after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson said that they would live in an apartment in town, while the 19-year-old husband attends Mercer, and his young wife keeps his "house in order." Mrs. Anderson will follow the example of her husband after Christmas by enrolling in the University.

## Et tu, Facultati, Mustavi Sharemus Chapelo Joyibus

Welcome, faculty! Students may find some balm in Gilead, some source of comfort and consolation in knowing that the learned members of the staid and sedate faculty of Mercer University can no longer scurry away from chapel or find an obscure seat somewhere in the rear of the building.

For, according to a new ruling of the administration, the eminent and learned college professors shall be required to attend the chapel exercises each morning just the same as the lowliest Rat or most worldly-wise and sophisticated Soph.

Now all members of the faculty may be seen filing sady upon the chapel rostrum and mournfully taking specially assigned seats. Whether or not the Sophomore class has yet sent a delegation to the faculty in an attempt to sell chapel seats has not been ascertained, but it is known that the "Profs" have been assigned to certain seats and that some dreadful penalty shall be inflicted to those

members who have the misfortune to try to "cut" chapel.

It is believed by many that Dr. Weaver decided that the faculty needed the chapel exercises as well as the students, furthermore, the faculty may as well consider chapel as an essential "part of their regular college course" from now on.

Verily, honorable faculty members, we know and can sympathize, but as before stated, it can't be helped. Students are of the opinion that even college professors cannot be wholly immune from platform speakers who throw stardust into the eyes of sleeping students and who praise their intelligence, their looks, and their "bright, eager upturned faces seeking the light of knowledge in this grand and glorious University."

Henceforth, the learned gentlemen of the faculty who have sought and reaped the fruit from the tree of knowledge will be given another chance to benefit "from the great opportunities before them."