

### TELEPHONE 'GIRL' PROVES POPULAR WITH MERCERIANS

Mrs. E. C. Anderson, Operator, Says Work is Puzzling, but Interesting

"Number please?" Mrs. E. C. Anderson, chief operator of the switchboard and telephone exchange at Mercer, connected the call and then turned around.

"It is very little that I know about working the thing," she said with a smile. "You see I was just put on this work yesterday and I had never had any previous experience and it is, oh, so puzzling!

"The instructor came yesterday and told me that when any of these lights flashed," she indicated a row of small bulbs, "to connect this plug here," she indicated another row of bulbs and just above each was a hole she said that the connections were to be made.

"No, no one has bawled me out for not giving service yet—I haven't been here long enough but it is not because they haven't had a chance for the service I have been giving was very bad. Of course, I have done the best that I knew how but I soon will be where I can just answer the call and without looking stick the plug right in the right place."

#### Cuts off Lovers

"Oh, I forgot! There was a boy that called up his girl yesterday and they talked so long that I just had to cut them off for there was someone else who wanted to connect with the out line. I hated to do it for you know I have just been through the mill myself."—she and Mr. Anderson have been married a little over a month—"and I wouldn't want any old operator cut me off when I was talking to him. I listened in after I cut him off and heard him mumble something about 'that bum operator.' I guess he was mad and I don't blame him a bit."

According to Mr. Garret, the telephone exchange is no new idea as the school applied for one last spring but did not get it. But there was a great need for it on the campus and they got it. He said that there were not enough telephones on the campus to attend to business over. The law department did not have one, the Commerce department did not have one, and to show the need for them there have been 15 established where there were only three or four before.

#### Three Campus Lines

There are three main lines running into the switchboard from the campus but there is only one line running to town and the downtown exchange. The apparatus that is installed here belongs to the local exchange and Mercer pays rent.

The Mercer call from out in town is number 5247. The campus phones are designated by the numbers 1, 2, 3, up to 15, according to their position on the list.

The numbers as follows: 1, Radio room; 2, Cluster Office, and the Journalism department; 3, Physics department; 4, Prof. Wray; 5, Law School; 6, Gymnasium; 7, infirmary; 8, chemistry department; 9, Dean Farrar; 10, Alumni Office; 11, Vice-President Montague; 12, Registrar's Office; 13, President's office; 14, Education department; 15, Treasury.

### CICERONIANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR TERM

At the regular weekly meeting of the Ciceronian Society Monday night, the following officers were elected: President, Waldo West; Vice-President, C. A. Martin; Critic, Ben McWhorter; Chaplain, Herbert Caudill; Janitor, Bill Freeman.

After the election of officers the following program was rendered: Debate, Resolved: That motion pictures are a benefit to the community. The affirmative was represented by Messrs. C. A. Martin and J. Harry P. Thomas, while the negative was championed by Messrs. S. V. Collins and W. B. Freeman.

The affirmative won by a vote of two to one. The decision was warmly contested and it was agreed that this was one of the best programs rendered this year.

The Freshman Society to represent the University in the inter-collegiate debate are Frank Twigg and Frank Jones with C. E. Long as manager.

### A Red Headed Bear and Captain



Leadership was what Mercer's grid squad saw in the lanky frame, good nature and ability of "Red" Simmons when they chose him captain of the Bear eleven. In addition to this paramount virtue, the "Colonel" is also one of Mercer's handsomest men, according to a recent vote taken. Note the features of an Adonis on this mug!

### Four Attack Ferocious Cats For the Benefit of Science

Four Mercerians Capture Specimens of Cathood for Laboratory Experiment.

#### By "Clank" Burghard

"Pigs is pigs, true, but cats, now—well, cats is an unknown quantity." Such is the conclusion reached by Marshall Kerry, Charles Rogers, and Bill Everett, students in pre-med, and Professor McDonald of Lanier High School.

Six cats were needed for use in pre-med lab, so the above quartette set out on a cat hunt in Kerry's slyver to the fish and oyster companies, such places being popular cat rendezvous. Four good specimens of cathood were captured and placed for safe keeping in a "croker" sack. Then it was "Back to Mercer" until Bill Everett spied the great grandpapa of all cats asleep on a porch. This cat, a ferocious lad, dark gray in color and striped like a convict, was to other cats as an alligator would be to a spring lizard. He was as big as a Shetland pony, had whiskers a foot long—was a regular man eater with ears flat against his head.

#### Bag Feline

They paid a quarter for said cat, secured it after a fight, and were confronted with the problem of getting it into the bag with the other four whiners. (Let us now turn to these four occupants of the bag.) They had been purring off key—way off key—for some time. In fact they weren't purring at all, but were jangling out their notes like starved tigers viewing Christians in a Roman arena. To get another customer in that bag was not going to be simple.

Rogers held the bag, Kerry and Everett the big feline. Upon the count of three Rogers was to open the mouth of the bag and the big cat was to be plopped in. Three was counted, the bag's mouth opened, the striped rat-chaser heaved. But—

(The rest of this deserves a brand-new paragraph.)

—instead of just one more cat safely in there were five bouncing out of the bag which had instantly become a very active volcano. Its mouth was the crater. From it burst wildcats spitting fire and lightning. Pictures, if you can, five mad bad cats scrambled with four scared boys on the narrow back seat of a slyver. Confusion reigned. Boys rained. And cats ran confusion a good race for the chance to reign.

#### Smash Machine

Kerry states that he doesn't know whether it was boys or cats who smashed all the glass of his slyver

and tore up the upholstery, but that he does know that no human teeth ate two of his hub caps and chewed off his tail-lights.

Rogers hints that the big cat jumped to the front seat, turned the switch, and tried to start the motor. "They had us catalogued for a cataclysm and checked off for the catacombs," claimed Charlie, "and I'll be cataleptic the rest of my days from the experience."

The boys were considerably scratched. According to them, a humble bee has only one sting, but a cat has five in each foot, a foot on each corner of his body, and a mouth set with some thirty alternating needles and razor blades.

"My arms and hands will soon be well," said the iodine-painted Everett, "but I honestly doubt if the lacerations, wounds, and injuries suffered by the sleeves of my new shirt will ever heal. Seriously, though, there are times when we must all be sufferers for the sake of science."

### Alumni Secretary Addresses Studies

Rev. J. K. Williams, Executive Secretary of the Mercer Alumni Association, was the speaker at the Ministerial Association on Tuesday night. He spoke on the reaction he had felt against war, since the Great World War has closed. Mr. Williams was one of the youngest, if not the youngest of the chaplains in the army, it is said.

At one point he asked the question, "Can the church ever endorse war?" and at another point he asked, "Can war ever be right?" He said that "When you admit the right to kill and slaughter, then you admit the possible right to violate all principles."

Mr. Williams told of burying hundreds of strong American youths in France, and also many nurses, and then he asked a further question, "Was it right that these should have been sent there to die in a foreign land, and be so near to their loved ones, and their homeland?" It was the opinion of the speaker that the ministry, and the church must do some clear thinking and earnest preaching, if war is ever to be done away with in international dealings.

#### Things to Worry About—

If the student chapel opened on Friday you a little over time and you get to Roger Rogers's slyver.

### DR. WEAVER ADDRESSES MERCER MASONIC CLUB

The Mercer Masonic Club observed "Faculty Night" at its semi-monthly meeting, held Thursday night, November 6th. The faculty members in the club are: Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Dr. A. P. Montague, Prof. W. J. Bradley, Prof. E. Parker Moaley, and Coach Carey Robinson. The speakers for the occasion were chosen, two from the faculty members, and two from the student members.

Dr. Weaver, who was formerly "Most Worshipful Grand Chaplain" of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, spoke on the "Principles of Masonry." He said that Masonry was a "code of morals, approaching, but not sufficing for, religion."

J. H. P. Thomas spoke also on Masonic principles. Prof. Bradley, who has recently been taking some of the higher degrees, told something of his experiences in his travels. Alfred Pullen closed the program of speaking with a brief discussion of the obligation of clean living incumbent on each Mason, by the mere fact that he is a Mason.

### Students Claim Eight Churches

Out of 857 students now enrolled at Mercer, the records reveal that only 84 have registered as not belonging to any church, although of those indicated a religious preference.

Despite the fact that Mercer owned and operated by Georgia Baptists, a count made of the student body shows that more than 25 percent of those enrolled are of other denominations, of which there are seven.

The student distribution among denominations in the order in which the poll most are as follows: Baptist, 561; preference, 57; Methodists, 144; preference, 2; Presbyterians, 24; preference, 1; Christians, Primitive Baptists, 1; preference, Episcopalians, 10; Catholics, 8; Hebrew, 3; no preference indicated, 2.

Things to Worry About—  
What happens to Alligators when Bears attack them?



### Successful Students Must Have Good Vision

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