

Friday night and the following Saturday morning the spirit of winter sports held forth over the campus.

# 1863 Newspaper Deposited In Collier

Another interesting historical item has been acquired by the Collier Library of Florence State College. Mr. and Mrs. John Beggs of Florence have presented a copy of **The Daily Citizen** printed on wall paper in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and dated July 2, 1863.

A short time ago the Weekley Papers from the estate of the late Miss Jem Weakley of Florence were placed in the college library on loan from the Tennessee Valley Historical Society. Several persons have shown an

interest in depositing family papers at the college. College officials expect the historical collection to grow and the library to become an important depository.

The type was set for the Vicksburg newspaper only two days before the famous surrender of that Mississippi River bastion on July 4, 1863, but publication was held up until the surrender. A note at the bottom of the single sheet commented that the city had fallen. No more, said the editor, would

the paper praise the luxury of "mule-meat and fricassed kiten," staple items of diet during the siege.

The whole tone of the Vicksburg newspaper is one of defiance. Its editor described a Memphis newspaper editor of Union leanings as a "pink-nosed, slab-sided, toad-eating Yankee, who is a lineal descendant of Judas Iscariot." The paper prominently featured successes of General Robert E. Lee in Virginia at the time, and gave other evidence of fighting spirit.

The public is urged to deposit family papers of historical importance in the college library. Papers may be given to the college or placed on loan. College officials stress the need to place such items as the Vicksburg paper in a safe depository, pointing out that attics are not safe. A great loss of historical documents occurs each year through fires and carelessness. Often when the owner of such documents dies, the valuable papers are thrown out or burned.

A committee on historical materials, appointed by President E. B. Norton, will screen

all manuscripts and historical objects offered to the college. Miss Ruth Dacus, Librarian, is chairman of the committee.

Other members are Mrs. Bess McCrory, Curator of the Museum; Dr. Turner W. Allen, Dean; and Dr. Bernarr Cresap, Chairman of the Social Science Department.

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## Peacock Represents FSC On HE Council

Alabama colleges and universities have announced a joint effort to tell the story of how they serve the people of Alabama and of what they need if they are to offer greater service. For this job they have formed the Alabama Council for Aid to Higher Education.

L. O. Brackeen, Auburn, will head the new group, representing the state's colleges and uni-

versities of the same name which is already at work pointing out the job to be done to meet the nation-wide growth in enrollments.

"We will enlist the help of interested people in all of our 67 counties," Mr. Brackeen explained. "They will be people who share our concern that a  
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