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## Men Of Vision

"Whence did these persons with their limited opportunities obtain the vision which enabled them to build so wisely", was the theme of an address delivered by Dr. Fred Brown at the opening of the seventy-eighth session of Mars Hill College.

Men of limited means, to the glory of Mars Hill, have sacrificed their very all to place the college in a position to serve humanity. And in doing so they have founded an institution of "plain living and high thinking" with Christian ideals. May God continue to give us men who have vision and determination to further the cause of education.

L. T. H.

## Organized Cheering

Today we will meet one of the cleanest playing and hardest fighting teams of the season—Belmont Abbey.

To beat the Abbey, the Lions need your support. They are going to give their best for Alma Mater on the field and will expect those in the stands to back them.

We can give them support by *organized cheering*. We suggest to the college cheer leaders that they have a systemitized way of starting the cheers. With five hundred students in the stands, five cheer leaders, a twenty piece band, and a cooperative spirit, we see no reason why *organized cheering* should be a failure at Mars Hill today, or in days to come.

H. A. E.

## Blowing Fuses

For the past few days, there has been quite a bit of fuse blowing in the boys' dormitories.

It might be well for the perpetrator or perpetrators of this mischief to consider the harm caused by this offense.

When the lights go out, as a result of someone's thoughtlessness, the studies of a number of boys are interrupted. Such an act is certainly unfair to these boys who constitute a majority, and who desire to make use of the study hours set aside for them by the college.

Any boy who would so infringe on the rights of others certainly has no business in college. His judgment is under par. He is a menace to society.

L. T. H.

## Spirit In Mars Hill College

There is certainly one element apparently lacking among the greater number of students at Mars Hill. And that element is school spirit. When most of us graduated from high school we were filled with enthusiasm over the thought of going to college. And we certainly expected a continuation of the spirit found in most high schools. But do we have a continuation of that spirit at Mars Hill? I think not. At least, not in athletics. When we go to a football game the spirit manifested is certainly not what we expected. The cheer leaders may do their best, but they do not get the results expected. With the large enrollment now at Mars Hill, it seems that the cheering could be just a little "peppier". It is not the fault of the cheer leaders; it is the fault of the students. And yet what can we expect of the students when numerous members of the faculty are seen to leave the game before it is half over? Can we expect the student body to show the proper school spirit when their leaders do not?

We have a game this afternoon with Belmont Abbey. For once, let's turn out in full force and show the real Mars Hill spirit. Let's help our team to win.

L. T. H.

## 52 Grandchildren Now Enrolled At College

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enjoy the now improved opportunities. The number of such students is increasing from year to year, which is a record that the college should be proud of, since it shows the confidence of parents who have attended here.

## John Fisher Chosen To Head Euthalians

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English critic; Watkins Blane, collector; Earl Brockman, pianist; Jack Benson, expression critic; Tracy Church, debate critic; LaFayette Wrenn, reporter; L. B. Battle, time keeper; Edward Robertson, librarian; and Bob Costner, chorister.

The Euthalian Literary society extends a hearty welcome to all stu-

## THE HILLTOPPER

H. A. ELLIOTT

Last week I was assigned the gruesome duty of hanging our beloved president, Dr. R. L. Moore! With shaking hands I arranged the loop around his frame. Only a few, who happened to be in the library, witnessed the ordeal. Gathering around Miss Johnson, they too, watched from a safe distance the awful scene. With a sinking feeling inside, I slipped the noose over the clamps and with a critical eye set the handsome portrait of Dr. Moore in a place of honor just over the magazine rack in Montague Library!

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And while we are talking of Dr. Moore, let me tell you this one. I happened to be in Lawyer Mashburn's office in Marshall Saturday on business. The lady at the desk, finding out where I was from, informed me that I must be Doctor Moore's son. Upon asking her why, I found that she thought I favored him. Thanks!

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The most gentlemanly gentleman on the campus in my way of thinking is Jimmie Graves.

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Embarrassing moment: Insisting on "treating" your friend in the corner drugstore, and finding you do not have the necessary change to pay the bill!

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Today, we travel by airplanes and buses in preference to the iron horse, the wonder of a few years back. But, did it ever occur to you that the locomotive is the more dominant? If not, think of this paragraph the next time you are riding on a bus and have to stop at every railroad crossing!

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Passing remark made by Mrs. John A. McLeod: "John reminds me of Socrates. There is always a group of boys gathered around him." Nice compliment we think.

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Doesn't this autumn air give you a new zest and determination to go forward in a big way? Of all the seasons of the year, the mountains are the most beautiful in the fall when the leaves begin to turn and change the wooded hillsides into a gaily splashed artist's palette.

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Charles Laughton certainly is a wonderful actor. I hope that Mars Hill will eventually obtain the release of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street". It has been given "four stars" by all the important critics, and has three Motion Picture Academy Award winners cast in the major roles!

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While Henry Ford is paying tribute to McGuffey, let me see how many of you can pronounce the catchy word *sacrelegious*.

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So long. See you at the game this afternoon.

## GRADUATE GOSSIP

Among the welcome visitors at Mars Hill last week were the recent bride and groom, Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Brooks, both former students of the college.

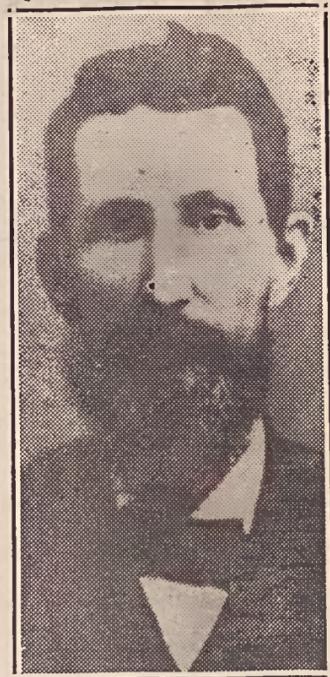
They were married Sunday, September 23, and stopped by en route to Knoxville, Tennessee, where Mr. Brooks will be assistant pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church. Mr. Brooks was graduated from Mars Hill in 1929. He then attended Wake Forest College. After finishing there he went to the Seminary in Louisville Kentucky, where he received his Th. M. this year.

Mrs. Brooks, formerly Miss Ruby Hayes, was graduated in 1931. From here she went to the Training School in Louisville, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Religious Education.

While here both Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page 3)

dents who have not joined either literary society.

## FIRST PRESIDENT



W. A. G. BROWN

## W. A. G. Brown 1830-1906

Professor W. A. G. Brown, the first president of Mars Hill College, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, May 23, 1830. He was the son of Deacon Jonathan Brown and Rebecca (Bowers) Brown.

In 1856 he graduated from Mossy Creek College which later became Carson-Newman College. Soon afterwards he married Margaret Amanda Pattison, who was a direct descendant of the Newman family, who played a large part in establishing Carson-Newman. He was the father of seven children, of which two are living today, Rev. T. L. Brown and Mrs. Sallie A. Walker.

Professor Brown was a modest man with a retiring disposition. Had he not been so timid he would have taken rank among great mathematicians in his day. He was a man of very broad culture. A thirst for knowledge was born in him. The first and last money he ever earned was spent on books. He had a large private library and was so thoroughly familiar with it that on the darkest nights he could place his hand on any book he desired from the numerous book shelves. He spent his life trying to help educate the poor and deserving.

Immediately after his graduation he was elected President of Mars Hill College. Here he served two terms of ten months each. In 1859 he left Mars Hill and went to Hendersonville, North Carolina and began the publication of the "Baptist Telescope".

In 1860 he returned to Tennessee and taught Mathematics at Mossy Creek. There he remained until the Civil War. He served four years in the Confederate army and was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga.

When the Mary Sharp College was a leading school for girls in the South he was chosen to teach Mathematics there. Ill health caused him to give up his position and return to upper East Tennessee. He then became president of the Masonic Female Institution at Mossy Creek.

In 1879 Professor Brown returned to North Carolina and became President of Judson College at Hendersonville. There he remained until a growing deafness caused him to give up teaching.

He died in Delway, North Carolina, August 25, 1906, and is buried at Fairview, North Carolina, beside his wife and preacher son.

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## POETRY

### Interrogation

H. ELLIOTT

Have you ever seen God?  
I have.  
In a lump of sod?  
I have.  
His beauty and grace  
I've met face to face,  
While digging for fishing worms

A heavenly feeling I had.  
T'was when I was only a lad.  
But I knew it was He  
When I knelt by the sea,  
While digging for fishing worms

### Courage

LUCILE BRYAN.

Courage has been defined as quality of mind that meets opposition with calmness and firmness. Today, as never before, there is a need for that firmness in the phases of life. With all of the temptations, disappointments, and failures of today there must be a courage equal to that of the ancients if our country is to get up on its feet again. It is such a temptation to give up a task that seems too hard or a lesson that seems too difficult. How hard it is to do when the crowd goes the other way! It is not easy to stand alone, though it is for the right; but one stands firmly without wavering. The next task is much easier. Give the other hand, if there is no other firmness, no boldness, no ideals, ambitions, and the problems of our land were more courageous. The problems would be so hard to and the future would take on a brighter appearance.

Bushnell has said, "There is great and lofty virtue that comes from courage, taking its name from the heart. It is the greatness of the heart, the repose and confidence of a man whose soul is rested in duty and principle."

## 150 Funmakers With Huge Circus

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Circus, the Greatest Show on Earth, made grand and glorious 1934 tour of the continent and definitely scheduled exhibit in Asheville, Saturday, 20, has assembled from the four corners of the earth—and points between—the greatest aggregation of clowns in all amusement history.

One hundred and fifty internationally-famous funmakers cavort about the seven ringed stages and the huge hippodrome this year in the most stupendous presentation ever offered.

Clowns have always been a important part of the circus and amusement world was amazed and delighted when an even hundred of them were brought together for the first time by Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. But when 150 funniest clowns imaginable are placed on the same program simultaneous display this spirit and enthusiasm of circus-goers know no bounds.

Several of the producing companies have introduced splendid ideas. (Continued on page 3)

The "HOUSE OF GIBBS" congratulates Mars Hill College for its growth in Service and especially Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore whom most of the credit is due. We have tried to serve faithfully at Mars Hill both in the capacity of Merchants and "Innkeepers" just 37 years, and are glad to have had our lot cast so close with that of the college and its people. Our greatest pleasure is to be permitted longer to serve.

Sincerely,  
R. S. GIBBS AND FAMILY