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FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING HAD ROMANTIC HISTORY

Erected in 1856 and Razed in 1910 Old Building Served Through Civil War.

(By GEORGE JARVIS)

The first building of Mars Hill College, which stood from 1856 to 1910, which is now The Circle and of which only a marker showing the location of the building remains, had long, useful, and romantic existence in the history of the college.

The building was a two-story, rectangular structure with gables, approximately the size of the present Music Building. It contained four large rooms, two contained and two stairs. The bricks with which the building was constructed were made only a few yards from the campus, near the present home of A. E. Carter. An interesting feature of the building was that the stairway was on the outside.

Construction Defective

The building was erected mainly by slave labor. The fact that faulty materials were used in its construction is attested by the fact that it became necessary to replace a portion of the wall. This defect in the structure was dramatically discovered when an exhibition, as commended by the building gave way.

The building was erected on land owned by the late Edward Carter. Funds for its erection were donated by people of the community, one of the most liberal gifts being that of \$500 by the Rev. J. W. Anderson, who became the president of the first board of trustees. In spite of the liberal gifts the building was not paid for upon its completion, and the contractors, Clayton and Shackleton, of Asheville, levied on Joe, a man belonging to the Rev. J. W. Anderson, for the approximately \$1200 still due. Each of the members of the board of trustees, despite the fact that money was about as scarce a thing in the mountains at the time, assumed a share of the debt, however, and Joe was brought back from Asheville the next day.

Used By Soldiers

During the Civil War the building was occupied by Captain Jim Keith's detail of the Confederate army, and (Continued on page 2)

Philomathians Elect Officers For Term

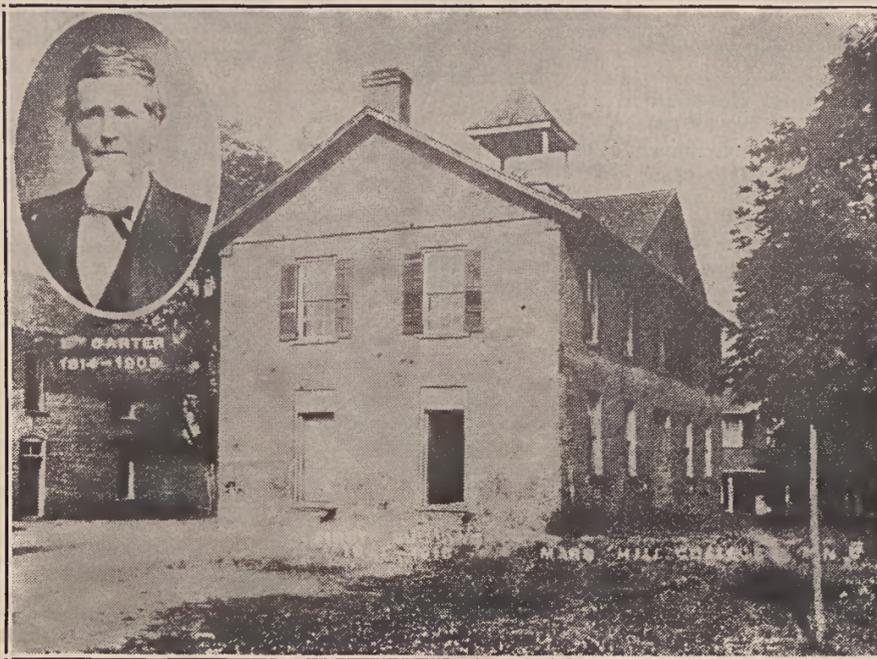
Lionel Hoffman Is New President; Harold McGuire Vice-President.

After a short but very interesting program, the Philomathian Literary Society, on Friday, October 12, elected Lionel Hoffman as next president. The officers were elected for a term of nine weeks.

The following officers were also elected by the society: vice-president, Harold McGuire; recording secretary, Arkold Plemmons; corresponding secretary, Glenn Boleh; censor, H. L. Hart; chaplain, Eddie Lieberman; English critic, James Reid; dues collector, Ernest Symms; expenses collector, Charles Woody; fines collector, Wallace Smith; janitor, Thomas Brown; marshals, Thomas Fulk and Major Arrowood; librarian, Lindsay Cannon; pianist, Ralph Bowen; orator, James Stone; Crumpler and Ling retain their offices as treasurer and secretary respectively as they are elected to serve for two terms.

The program which preceded the election of officers consisted of a dedication by Jimmy Reid, oration by Francis Gibson, reading by Cleatus Trentell, special music by Ralph Bowen, and an impromptu address by A. Moss.

The society has taken in a large number of new members and is anticipating a very successful year.



The first building at Mars Hill College which stood on what is now the circle from 1856 to 1910; insert Edward Carter who gave the land on which the building was erected.

Mars Hill Study Hall Distinctive Institution

Tutorial System Used Under Direction Of Miss Allen; Popular Resort For Students.

The study hall at Mars Hill College is becoming a distinctive institution, conducted after the order of the best tutorial systems rather than with penal emphasis.

The study hall, under the supervision of Miss Allen, is open each evening from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M., on Mondays and Wednesdays for the boys and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the girls, in Room 5 of the Administration Building. It is a Mars Hill product, produced by the suggestions, constructive criticisms and support of the college faculty.

All students are invited to enjoy the benefits of the study hall. There is no fee charged for this project. Those weak in any particular subject may attend regularly, but not spasmodically. Miss Pierce has made it possible for the young ladies to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The study hall faculty is selected by the regular professors from those in their classes who show an understanding of their particular subject and ability to impart that knowledge. As long as the high standing of the study hall teacher in his or her regular classes, as well as the progress of those coached continues, he or she may keep the position as study hall instructor. To those instructing there will be liberal rewards in the form of exemptions from tests or examinations and papers, as the regular professor may deem wise.

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Rev. Howard Brings Evangelistic Messages

Two Services Daily Eagerly Attended By Students And Faculty.

With an inspiring message on Monday night, October 22, Rev. Charles Howard of Buie's Creek, opened the fall revival meeting, which is held on the campus each year.

Mr. Howard is well-known among young ministers of the South, especially in North Carolina, having been state B. Y. P. U. president for two years. He is a lover of young people and delights in working with them.

Specializing in work among country churches, Mr. Howard has been unusually successful. Prior to his removal to the student pastorate of Campbell College at Buie's Creek (Continued on page 2)

Presidents of Mars Hill College

- William Albert Gallatin Brown, 1856-1858.
- John B. Marsh, 1858-1861.
- Pinkney Rollins, 1861-1863, and June, 1865, to April, 1866.
- John Ammons, April, 1866, to February, 1868.
- John Robert Sams and Meriwether Lewis, 1868-1871.
- John Robert Sams, 1871-1872. (Orphanage, 1873-1875.)
- J. B. Lunsford, 1876-1878.
- James Frank Tilson, 1878-1881.
- William J. Jervis, 1881-1888.
- Zebulun M. Hunter, with Mrs. Helen V. Hunter, 1888-1890.
- Thomas M. Hufham, 1890-93.
- J. M. Cheek, 1893-1894.
- J. H. Yarborough and C. P. Sapp, 1894-1895.
- Adcnas E. Booth, 1895-96.
- M. A. Maury, 1896-1897.
- R. L. Moore, 1897-

Dr. W. P. Few Delivers Founders Day Address

Society with institutions should be created and operated for the benefit of individuals, Dr. William Preston Few, president of Duke University, said October 12 at the Founders' Day services held in the college auditorium.

Speaking to more than 500, Dr. Few paid tribute to those who established Mars Hill and other institutions. Many educational institutions, he said, are older than the nations which they serve. He expressed approval of the effort of Mars Hill to give individual attention to students, to give morality religious sanction, to teach people to live together and to think well of each other in such a way as to prepare them for a worldwide brotherhood of understanding.

The Founders' Day program was opened by prayer led by Dr. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, following the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers" by the audience. President Moore introduced the superintendents of education, pastors, and descendants of Edward Carter present. He announced several gifts to the college, one of which was a gift of \$530 which the girls of the college had raised to begin a fund for a new dormitory for girls. Music for the program was furnished by the college glee club and orchestra. The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of Calvary Baptist church of West Asheville and chairman of the board of trustees.

New Library Books Are Popular With Students

10,000 Volumes And 70 Periodicals Now On The Shelves.

Montague Library has been the mecca for hundreds of students this year, particularly during the past two weeks.

The reason for this added interest to the readers of other than reference material is due to the new books that have been placed at their disposal.

Among the new accessions are books from the new Business Department; Smithsonian Science Series for the science department; poetry songs and plays for the French club; "The Adams Family" and "Grace Whitney Hoff" for the history department.

"Shadows on the Rock," by Cather, and "As the Earth Turns," by Carrol, are among the novels.

"Anthony Adverse" is soon to be placed in circulation.

The University of North Carolina has lent a case of books on the life, history, and accomplishments of the negro race by negro authors. Many have availed themselves of this opportunity to read of the negro.

The library has approximately 10,000 volumes on the stacks, with 70 periodicals. There are four daily papers and eight weekly papers on file.

20 Debaters Chosen For 1934-1935 Teams

Restriction Of Arms Shipment Subject For Try-outs Held Thursday and Friday

Eight girls and twelve boys won places as inter-collegiate debaters for 1934-35 in the try-outs which were held Thursday and Friday. The question for debate was "Resolved, That the Nations Should Agree to Prevent the International Shipment of Arms and Munitions." The judges were Miss Wengert, J. B. Huff, and Spencer B. King.

The debating teams will be composed of Judith Eller, Martha Glazner, Lucille Hartley, Georgia Ingle, Edna Jobe, Iris Rabb, Dorothy Lukhart and Mary Simmons, Major Arrowood, Tracey Church, Robert Costner, Charles Fisher, Carmon Greer, Neil Hartley, Lionel Hoffman, Raymond Hill, Lionell Hoffman, Raymond Midkiff, T. A. Morris, and James Randleman.

Melba Nanney and Jake English were selected alternates.

Professor J. B. Huff is the competent coach of this group.

TWO \$50 GIFTS ADDED TO DORMITORY FUND

All Local Firms Have Contributed For New Girls' Home; "Steamboat" Makes First Gift.

Among the contributions announced for the fund being raised for the erection of a new dormitory for girls are two fifty-dollar gifts from two of the leading business firms patronized by the college and by its students. These gifts come early in the campaign from J. F. Ammons, well-known Mars Hill business man, and from the Weaverville Steam Laundry, which does the laundry-work for the college and for the students. In addition to these gifts, both say that they are going to make further donations in the future.

"So far," states the main promoter of the movement, "giving has been 100 per cent throughout." This is very gratifying to the students who are doing their bit and to the ones who are fostering it at this time.

In addition to the two large gifts from the firms named, gifts have been received from all of the other business establishments of the town, and all who have thus far contributed have expressed a desire to give more to the cause in the future.

"Steamboat" McDowell, one-armed colored pressing club operator and owner, began the donations from the town with a gift of \$5.00. This gift, coming from a 20-year friend of the college, represents a real sacrifice and ably shows the spirit of Mars Hill people whose willingness to aid in any movement fostered by the college is full-hearted. "Steamboat" has lived in Mars Hill for years and has been known and loved by hundreds who have been students at Mars Hill.

It is understood that several of the faculty members have made sacrificial gifts in order that the new building plans may go forward. All request, however, that their names be kept from print at this time, but to them is due much credit in this movement. Several large gifts have been received from members of the faculty and others will be received in the future, according to information given to the Hilltop.

14 Students Attend Southwide Conference

Inspiring Program Offered Delegates To 3rd BSU Meet.

The third quadrennial All-Southern Baptist Student Conference is being held in the Municipal Auditorium of Memphis, Tennessee. The conference began October 25 and will close October 28. The two preceding conferences have been well attended, but this year all attendance records were broken, 2500 being present. Mars Hill had a fine delegation of 14 which left Asheville Wednesday via train for Memphis.

Many world-famed speakers including Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. T. G. Dunning, of London, Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. S. D. Gordon, Dr. C. E. Maddy, Dr. Geo. W. Leavell, of China, and Dr. I. J. Van Ness were among those who brought inspiring messages to the students.

This conference is held "Once in A Student Generation", and it truly lifted and inspired all those who had the wonderful opportunity to go from our campus.

Those who represented Mars Hill are as follows: Edith Baucom, Ethel Hill, Ruth Yates, Christine Roberson, Margaret Pattillo, Mrs. Fox, Brownlow Hastings, Eddie Leberman, J. N. Barnett, J. R. Thompkins, Bob Costner, John Wilder, H. L. Hart, and T. M. Randleman.