

# College Receives Lander Memorial Scholarship

Mars Hill College has received a grant from Concert Inc., the agency of the Robert Chesney Class of Myers Park Baptist Church of Charlotte, which will be used to establish a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of William S. Lander, Sr., also of Charlotte.

In awarding the scholarship, priority will be given to members of Myers Park Baptist Church and residents of Mecklenburg County. The selection will be based on scholastic achievements and potential, integrity, evidence of moral character, and a capacity to lead through service to church and community. Financial need will be observed, but not to the exclusion of the other considera-

tions. The scholarship may be renewed through the student's four-year career if he or she maintains a 3.2 grade point average and the other criteria continue to be met. The first recipient will be named during the college's Honors Day activities May 7.

"We are especially proud to be the recipients of this prestigious scholarship," stated James R. Cox, Director of Development at the Baptist-related college. "It will be of

immeasurable value in attracting the type of student Mars Hill College seeks to serve."

William S. Lander, Sr. was born in Lincolnton, served in World War I in France, and in 1931 founded the Rulane Gas Company. He moved to Charlotte in 1938 and began organizing various companies throughout the South. In 1951, he began the National Liquefied Petroleum Company and shortly thereafter founded the North Carolina Liquid

Petroleum Gas Association.

He was instrumental in bringing natural gas to most of the South and particularly the Carolinas. He introduced and installed the gas lines at Camp Lejeune Marine Base and sold gas to Army and Navy installations around Norfolk, Va. He also installed the first gas line on Mars Hill's campus, which ran to the chemistry lab. In 1952, he sold the gas company and retired. Even in retirement, however,

he stayed busy, starting the Southern Business Brokers Company and working with the merging of other gas companies to install many of the first gas lines into the South.

Lander was a life deacon in the Myers Park Baptist Church and was also a member of the Charlotte City Club and Myers Park Country Club. He was active in many phases of church and community life in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

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During the season, the college has received approximately \$3,000 in grant funds for three events. The first was the Atlantic Contemporary Dance Theater who gave a public performance, a special children's performance for 1,000 Madison County school children, and workshops which were open to the public. The second program which utilized grant funds was the national Theater of the Deaf, who gave four workshops for the college's drama department in addition to the public performance of "The Wooden Boy or The Secret Life of Gopetto's Dummy." The final funded program was the McLain Family Band who gave a public performance, conducted a "jam session" for all who wanted to sit in, and were guests at a dinner for the college's Appalachian Studies Program personnel.

According to Robert Karmar, associate professor of foreign languages and chairman of the committee, the grants made the 1979-80 season "something special." The committee has already signed the Vienna Boys Choir for the 1980-81 season and anticipates signing the Atlantic Symphony with Robert Shaw conducting and the Amazing Kreakin during the year.

## Westco Addition Completed

Jack Gouge, customer service superintendent for Westco Telephone Co., announced the completion of the 520-square-foot building addition to the company's Marshall dial office building.

Gouge said that the Mountain Shore Construction Co. from Arden was the successful bidder for the approximately \$43,000 project. He said the additional area was required for a planned dial equipment addition in the near future to meet the continuing customer growth in Marshall and the surrounding area.



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