

Students Greatly Enjoy Talk By Mr. Franklin

Founder of Crossmore School Tells of Life in the North Carolina Mountains

One of the most enjoyable and inspiring talks of the year was given Wednesday, in Y. P. M. by Mr. McCoy Franklin of the Crossmore Schools, Crossmore, North Carolina. At his first words Mr. Franklin had the audience rocking with laughter with an anecdote of his being asked to speak on prohibition, once when in Canada, which of course he knew little about, being from the western North Carolina! At that time the old Canadian preacher had brought the Lord to have mercy on the speaker but not especially on the audience. Delivering himself of the same sentiment, Mr. Franklin began his talk.

He is one of the Mountain people, those hardy, intrepid descendants of the first settlers from New America. Until he was twenty-one years of age, the wild, free, beautiful mountains formed his only school and his only church. It was on a bright morning when the slanting rays of the rising sun were touching the dew wet mountains to sparkling splendor, was to him a church service. For this, and thrill of the moment about him, he drew close to nature and the wild children of God. Then with easy familiarity, he held the audience spell-bound while he gave an exact and thrilling description of the coils of the different wild creatures, the titmouse, thrush, owl, sparrow, cardinal, bob-white, rooster, turkey, quail, snake, and even the lowly pig. These, he said, were his teachers, and the mountains his school-room—the mountains with their dark forests of waving pines, their clear crystal air, their apple orchards like snow-capped hills in the valleys, and their streams like ribbons of silver in which the rainbow trout flashed out every hue. All this gave him his first conception of God, for it made him realize that no mere man could have created it, and no one but God could have come father and made the human heart as the human mind.

It was after his twenty-first year that Mr. Franklin attended his first Sunday School, walking miles across the mountains to a little log hut and sitting on a split log bench beside the first educated people he had ever seen—a doctor and his wife. These people awakened in him a longing for an education such as he had never known before, and he resolved to obtain it in spite of all opposition.

That there was opposition is distinctly shown in Mr. Franklin's picture of nature life. His own mother made all the clothes for their "small" family of fifteen children. The smallness of the family was ever a source of humiliation to the father, for on either side of him were normal size families of twenty-two and twenty-three, respectively. Mr. Franklin stated that he had even attended a banquet recently at which eighty-nine grandchildren and fifty-four great-grand children were present at the table. Many of these large families live in tiny shacks. He cited one in particular which he had recently visited, where twelve men and women ate, lived and slept in one tiny room, where the only furniture was formed of blocks of wood, and the only table utensils were one battered knife and fork. Whole families, including his own, worked in the fields from daylight till dark, he himself beginning before he was six. His mother too, worked there in addition to all her other duties, taking the time to read a magazine, a newspaper or a train, and his father had warned him that if he tried to get an education before he was of age, he would forego it. Yet never in his his profession.

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Beta Beta Phi Honors Pledges

Initiation Culminates With Banquet

Beta Beta Phi Sorority of Salem College honored its pledges Saturday evening, October 25, at a dinner given in the private dining room of the Robert E. Lee. The initiation culminated with this annual banquet.

The private dining room was decorated appropriately in red and black, the sorority colors. Shaded lights, and red and white dahlia centerpieces carried out the motif. The new members' places were marked by silver picture frames which were engraved with the sorority insignia. Slender silver napkins engraved with Greek letters were given as favors, and a delicious five-course dinner was served.

The new members present were Misses Nina Hoffman, Ida Baker, Williamson, and Margaret Johnson.

Other Members were:

Bobe Hyde, Katherine Lyerly, Mary Norris, Anna Preston, Edith Lenke, Mary Virginia Pondergraph, Sarah Graves, Eleanor Platt, Eleanor Idol, and Minnie Hicks.

Alumni present were:

Misses Virginia Martin, Mount Airy; Elizabeth Strowd, Chapel Hill; Margaret Woolen, Charlotte; Mary Johnson, Raleigh; Catherine Greenbow, Eleanor Willingham, Anna Pauline Shaffner, Josephine Whiffner, and Mrs. Harry Grimsley, Winston-Salem.

Dr. Rondthaler Has Interesting Trip

Addresses Several Meetings In Different Parts of The State

Dr. Rondthaler was away last Saturday attending a meeting of the Southern Textile Association which met in Greenville, South Carolina. This meeting is an annual one and meets alternately in Greenville and Boston, Mass. At this time Dr. Rondthaler was the guest speaker and his topic for the occasion was "What Do You See When You See A Cotton Mill?" A special feature of the annual exposition was the displaying of the entire and most intricate new cotton mill improvements. These devices were seen in action and serve to show the vast expansion and rapid development of all cotton manufacturing machinery.

Tuesday Dr. Rondthaler went to Roanoke, Va. to be present at a Citizens Meeting at which time he assisted in the organization of a Community Chest. This work is one in which he is very interested.

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STUNT NIGHT PROMISES SURPRISING FEATURES

For weeks the dormitory basements have been hiding dark secrets within their walls. Tonight in Memorial Hall these mysterious proceedings will be disclosed. Senior boys seniors with knowing looks—Freshmen have only to look at one another and as a mutual thought flash from brain to brain, they burst into gales of laughter. Wise young Sophomores smile quietly up their sleeves, while the Juniors figure how many sandwiches can be cut out of their yearly program since Saturday night their treasury will be two dollar richer.

Hunt night! A night of hilarity and fun for many—for some a little trembling and temptation—new keeps the faculty, who knows! But ah! the art and talent to be displayed.

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Y. W. C. A. Finance Drive

All Contributions to the Association To Be Voluntary

In previous years the Y. W. C. A. was included with the other major organizations of the campus on the compulsory budget paid at the opening of the college year. This year it was decided that for an organization in which participation should be voluntary, obligatory membership dues are not right. Therefore at the Association meeting this week the following budget was presented and adopted unanimously by the members present:

National Council Pledge	\$ 75.00
Conferences	150.00
Travel	50.00
Printing and Supplies	40.00
Literature	10.00
Speakers	10.00
Room	10.00
Total	\$355.00
"Y" Store and Bazaar	\$100.00
Total	\$255.00

The amount for the National Council represents the contribution of this Association to the expense of carrying on the work of the National Council of the Y. W. C. A. which sends secretaries to the different colleges, distributes literature, sponsors a summer conference at Blue Ridge and other localities, and makes Christian contacts possible for girls who have no college opportunity. The amount set aside for conferences shall take care of the expenses for the four officers of 1931-32 to attend the North Carolina Student Officers Training Conference to be held at Greenville, N. C., and make possible the attendance of at least two Salem delegates at the Southern Regional Conference in Blue Ridge next June. The money set aside for socials includes expenses for the Association Meetings, teas during exam week, and incidental social functions at which the Y. W. C. A. may be hostess. Printing expenses include the cost of programs distributed at the beginning of the year, membership and finance cards, stationery, and poster supplies. It is the aim of the Association to buy each year a few books of religious interest for the use of the student body, in addition to music for the choir, hence the item for literature. The expenses for speakers include traveling expenses for any speakers whom the Program Committee may invite from out of town. The expenses for "Room" will include the redecoration and painting of the cabinet room in the north end of Main Hall. Contribution to this budget is absolutely voluntary, desired only if the student feels that the activities of the Association merit her financial support. The Association belongs to the members, upon their interest and participation depends its success.

SOCCER VARSITY CHOSEN FOR 1930

The Soccer season reached its climax in the final game which gave honors for the year to the Sophomores. Both teams showed instruction, as well as ability, to make the contest A hard, clean fight, and both brought forward new stars from the backfield and line.

After considering the individual players and assessing their claims to varsity status, the committee agreed on the following as all-stars, all-around soccer varsity material:

Walker	Walker
Chandler	Biles
Hadley	Meister
Kirkwood	Meister
Stough	Atkinson
Miller	Harris
Carson	Holcombe
	Thorppe

Mr. MacDonald Speaks To Sigma Omicron Alpha

Aim and Delivery of Debates Is Subject of Enlightening Talk

Wednesday evening Sigma Omicron Alpha held its regular meeting. After the business of the club had been disposed of, Mr. MacDonald gave some pointers on the delivery of debates.

Throughout his talk he stressed the aim of all debating which is to discover the truth. Therefore a debater should have a thorough knowledge of the question. His debate should be founded on fact so that a listener may gain well rounded information. Above all his argument should never be based on personal opinion.

The debate should center around the points of difference. A consideration of these are essential to a clear discussion. Does a need exist for a change? Does the proposal recommend itself by its soundness and its ability to afford relief? Are there any ultimate or immediate difficulties in the practice of the proposal?

The last point brought out was the method of delivery. There are two types, the reasoning and the bombastic. Mr. MacDonald advocated that as long as people considered themselves reasoning brings, it is only courteous to approach them in a thoughtful and reasonable manner, rather than to overwhelm them with a blast of sound. In closing he emphasized again the aim of debating to discover truth.

May Court Chosen In Chapel Saturday

Elizabeth Allen Is to Be Queen Of Annual Affair

As a result of the vote of the entire student body, the following were chosen to be in the May Court for 1931.

Queen: Elizabeth Allen
Maid of Honor: Millicent Ward

Court:
Anna Preston
Bobe Hyde
Alice Caldwell
Kitty Moore
Mary Gwynn Hickerson
Milfred Hanes
Mary Lillian White
Sara Sutton
Annie Komey Sutton
Elizabeth Cox
Eva Hancey
Margaret Davis
Billie Stocks
Francis Fletcher

Y. W. C. A. HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

On Wednesday evening at nine o'clock in the recreation room of the Louisa Biting Building the Y. W. C. A. held its monthly meeting. There was a business meeting of the Association first, and Elizabeth Marx discussed the budget plan for the year. She gave the amount which each committee will need to carry on its work, and asked the association for their approval. This year a new plan is being instituted, by which the members of the Y. W. C. A. are asked to give any amount which they feel that they can. There is no amount which is compulsory. The entire budget is to be made up of voluntary contributions.

At the conclusion of the business meeting there was a delightful social hour. Dr. Willoughby told a splendid breath-taking story, "Our Last Walk," by Conway.

Miss Mary A. Weaver Is Heard at Vespers

Member of Academy Faculty Gives College Students Food for Thought

An inspiring vesper service was held in the Alice Clewell campus living room on Sunday evening, October 26. A prelude "Melodie" by Bachmannoff played by Dorothy Blair opened the service, and the opening sentence, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," sung by the choir followed. Elizabeth Marx led in a prayer which preceded the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and Mr. MacDonald rendered the invocation. From the scripture lesson read by Sara Graves, was taken the general theme of the evening, "Judge not that ye be not judged." Katherine and Mary Schlegel followed with an instrumental duet, "The Rosary" by Nevin.

Miss Mary A. Weaver, of the Academy faculty was the speaker of the evening, and took for her subject, "Farming Hands." Miss Weaver began her talk with an example of a farmed and wonderful woman, Judge Mary Bartolomeo, who is "Little Mother" to over three hundred homeless children who come to her for sympathy and advice. All day she exercises her splendid fairness and impartiality in passing judgment on the unfortunate who are brought before her, and her success in this work is largely due to her understanding heart.

This woman offers a wonderful example for us. Forming hasty opinions of people is a practice to be avoided by every one, especially college students, who often take for granted that the first opinion of a girl is the correct one and in this miss an acquaintance which might prove worthwhile. A true friend is one who knows all about us and yet loves us. Judge Bartolomeo is that to every girl who comes to her, and she is willing to listen to their stories and to try to help them without the faintest trace of hasty judgment that many of us exercise in our daily contacts.

It was the custom of Appellate to paint a picture and put it outside his door, and hide behind it to listen to the criticism which came. Once a shoemaker criticized the shoes in a picture and was pleased to find them corrected the next day. Very much elated, he ventured to criticize the legs, whereupon Appellate stepped from behind the picture and warned him to save his criticism for subjects he knew something about, for those things which he did criticize were his own. He should leave alone. This rule works well in daily life, especially when we venture to ignore the inner hearts of our contemporaries and be prejudiced by exterior manifestations. If everyone followed the golden rule, so well expressed by Elbert Hubbard as, "Do unto others as though you were the others," there would be far fewer misunderstandings. Few persons are in position to pass adverse criticism on their fellowmen, for no one person is perfect without fault; it is in practically every life in some form or other. The golden rule should be used by all to strengthen and to help keep a clear conscience in one's dealing with his fellowmen. Miss Weaver concluded her talk with a little prayer beginning, "Oh God, if man could see a little clearer," which further expressed the need of our seeking for man and his desire for help from God.

After Elizabeth Marx had led in prayer, and the hymn, "Master, Let us walk with Thee," had been sung, the service was concluded with the Benediction and a choral Amen.