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## FAIR BATTLERS



## Debaters Close Season With Divided Honors

### Out of Three Contests One Decision Won and Two Lost

In her forensic contests Mars Hill's achievements have been marked with both victory and defeat. The literary zeal of the college has been well shown in the debates by all the teams representing both boys and girls of the college this year.

We have participated in three inter-collegiate debates. The first debate was with Furman University, in which we won a two to one decision for our negative at Mars Hill and a like decision at Furman for Mars Hill's affirmative. The other two were triangular debates between Weaverville, Rutherfordton, and Mars Hill by the boys, in which our teams lost to Weaverville at Rutherfordton two to one, yielding a like decision to Rutherfordton at Weaverville. The girls' triangular was between Cullowhee Normal, Virginia Intermont College, and Mars Hill. In this decision Mars Hill girls lost by a three to zero vote, debating Cullowhee at Cullowhee and Virginia Intermont at Mars Hill, yielding a three to zero decision against Mars Hill in each contest.

### MISS BOWDEN PERFECTS DESIGN FOR COLLEGE RINGS

Miss Bulah E. Bowden, head of the Fine Arts Department of Mars Hill College and head of the College Library also, has, after very intense and diligent work, perfected the design that has been adopted as standard for the rings and pins of Mars Hill College.

The design is as unique as it is original. It is in reality a copy of the bird's eye view that one gets of the college from the southern entrance at the foot of Little Mountain. The task of portraying Mars Hill College, together with Balley Mountain in the background, on so small a space as is afforded on the mounting of a ring was not an easy one; yet Miss Bowden has accomplished it so well that even the minor details of the scene have their places on the design and stand out discernibly. Indeed, the feat can be compared to that of writing the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin!

## B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINS

An interesting and unique social was enjoyed by the B. Y. P. U.'s of Mars Hill College Saturday night, April 9. In fact there were five distinct socials on different parts of the campus. Each social room was named for one of our North Carolina Baptist Colleges. One B. Y. P. U. social and five B. Y. P. U. socials. How was this done? Here's the plan which was successfully followed.

In the auditorium the faculty of Mars Hill presented a clever and most interesting stunt. Each was dressed in colonial costumes, and the songs and pantomimes were effective in carrying the mind back to the "good old days of long ago." The imagination was again used as the unions went to their halls. They went not as "C," "D," "K" unions of Mars Hill College, but as Chowan College B. Y. P. U. in like manner "F" and "I" represented Wingate Junior College; "E" and "J" Wake Forest; "B" and "H" Meredith with "A" and "J" as Mars Hill Junior College. Each group enjoyed a complete evening of games, stunts, songs and jokes. At a signal, they went back to the auditorium where the Queen of B. Y. P. U.'s sat enthroned on her white throne ready to bestow the crown of "Merit" upon the best B. Y. P. U. A representative from each college plead for the crown in an appealing and effective manner, showing the merits of his particular B. Y. P. U. The crown was given to the representative of Mars Hill Junior College, Hillary Caine. The silver-tongued orators of the other groups were: Chowan, Paul Caudill; Wingate, Knolan Benfield; Wake Forest, Paul Brown; Meredith, Gwyn Gambill.

Miss Bowden, however, is very modest toward all laudation of this unique display of workmanship. It is through the columns of THE HILLTOP, therefore, that we wish to take advantage of her modesty in order to present to the student body something of the real extent and magnitude of her accomplishment—her veritable *chef-d'oeuvre*.

## C-I Boys and Senior Girls Win Class Basketball Tourney

The recent tournament conducted by Coach Oren E. Roberts to determine the class champions in basketball of both boys and girls was won by the C-I boys and the girls of the Senior Class.

The C-I boys won all of the eight games that they played, thus ending the tournament with a percentage of 1.000. The C-II boys were second in the tournament, winning five out of

the eight games that they participated in. The two Academy teams fought it out to see who would be the cellar champs; the A-III team of the Academy won two of their games and the A-IV team won only one of their eight games, and that was from the A-III team.

Only three classes placed girls' teams in the championship race. The C-II girls won the coveted title of the girls; only losing one game. The C-I girls were a close second, winning four out of the six games that they played. The A-IV girls failed to annex a single victory during the tournament, losing all six contests.

The tournament was one of the most successful inter-class tournaments that has ever been staged here at Mars Hill. The basketball played by the men would have done justice to the varsity team. And the brand of ball that was exhibited by the girls certainly would have done credit to any girls' team in Western North Carolina.

The A. G. Spaulding Company donated a full-size silver basketball to be used as a trophy in the tournament. The winning teams have the name of their class engraved on the trophy.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Mars Hill is, indeed, fortunate in securing such able speakers for her commencement exercises. It is a rare selection in which there are no bad choices, but such a selection we seem to have been fortunate enough to secure. During the course of the commencement, which lasts from May 25 till May 27, the following men will address Mars Hill audiences: Dr. F. K. Poole, Professor of Bible of Furman University, will preach the annual sermon on Sunday, May 22; Hon. O. Max Gardner, Shelby, N. C., will deliver the literary address on Thursday, May 26. Rev. Porter M. Balle, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lakeland, Fla., will give the alumni address on Friday, May 27. The Alumni Association, of which Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, is president, will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, May 26, 1927.

### Summer School Opens June 7.

The first session of six weeks of the Mars Hill Summer School will open on June 7. This allows a brief interval, about ten days between the regular Spring Semester and the summer school, in which the students who are contemplating taking work in the first session of the summer school may relax.

## HARD FIGHTERS



## Mars Hill Wins First Ties Second With Catawba

### Ten Innings of Crazy Baseball Result In 11-11 Tie

In the first game of the series with Catawba College, Mars Hill won by the score of 6 to 4. The features of the game were the stellar pitching of Grady and the all round play of the Mars Hill team. Catawba was completely at the mercy of Grady who only allowed the visitors to collect four hits off his delivery and who caused six of the opposing batters to go back to the bench by the strikeout route.

The local "Murderers Row" composed of Isenberg, Honeycutt, Bowden and Joyner spelled defeat for the Catawba team. The last three players smashed out a couple of hits apiece during the game and all six of Mars Hill's runs were made by this trio.

Kennedy, visiting first baseman, made the longest hit of the game when he stepped on one of Grady's fast ones and poled it out for a three-cushion blow. This was the only extra base blow of the game.

The box score:

Mars Hill:	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Isenberg, 1st b. ....	4	0	1	0
Honeycutt, lf. ....	3	2	2	0
Joyner, 3rd b. ....	4	2	2	0
Bowden, c. ....	3	2	2	0
Lineberger, 2d b. ....	3	0	1	0
Miller, c. f. ....	3	0	0	0
Furches, r. f. ....	2	0	1	1
Matherson, ss. ....	3	0	0	2
Grady, p. ....	2	0	0	0
..	27	6	9	3

Catawba:	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Holshouser, 1st b. ....	4	0	0	2
Sofut, lf. f. ....	4	1	0	0
Farmer, l. f. ....	4	1	0	0
Kennedy, 1st b. ....	3	2	1	1
Boone, p. ....	4	0	1	0
Ryan, 3rd b. ....	4	0	1	0
Smith, 2d b. ....	4	0	0	0
White, r. f. ....	4	0	1	0
S. Peeler, c. f. ....	2	0	0	0
Fesperman, c. f. ....	1	0	0	0
..	34	4	4	4

Base on balls off Grady 1, Boone 3. Wild pitches Boone. Struck out by Grady 6, Boone 3. Three-base hits, Kennedy. Umpires Allen and Peck.

The second game of the series between Mars Hill and Catawba will be played on Friday, May 27.

## JINX HOVERS OVER TEAM ON TRIP

On the road trip recently made by the Varsity baseball team, Mars Hill failed to win one out of three games that were played. The first game was with Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory, N. C. Although Mars Hill lost this game by the score of 12 to 5, they outhit their opponents. In this game Matherson, Joyner, and Bowden lead in the attack for the local team. Joyner found the Lenoir Rhyne pitcher for a home run and a triple out of five times at bat.

On Saturday the team played a double-header with the Catawba team; the game on Friday had been called off on account of bad weather. Both of these games were lost by Mars Hill by the close score 4 to 3. As at the Lenoir Rhyne game Mars Hill collected more safe hits than their opponents, but it seemed as if "Old Man Jinx" were camping on their trail. In the first game Miller, Bowden, and Joyner did the heavy hitting for the locals; while in the second game it was the

## SOCIETY CONTESTS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The Oration and Reading Contests for the Clio and Nonparell Literary Societies were recently held in the respective society halls. A large number of contestants participated in each. Unusual interest and ability were shown by the types of readings and orations selected this year. The Oration Contest for the Clio Society was postponed to be held at an early date. However, those winning the first three places in each, and thereby being the Commencement Representatives, are:

- Nonparell Readers: Sarah Blackwell, Ona Woody, Mary Carter.
- Nonparell Orators: Reba Lowe, Barbara Freeman, Sarah Lacy.
- Clio Readers: Opal Pryon, Mae Plemmons, Ruth Singleton.
- Clio Orators: Edwina Dalrymple, Nina DeBruhl, Bessie Tysinger.

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