



SUPPORT CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

REGISTER FOR STUDY IN MISSIONS

MARS HILL, N. C., MARCH 24, 1928

No. 11

Western Campaign To Open Tuesday

HISTORICAL PAGEANT OF MARS HILL IS READY TO PRESENT

Large Cast Includes 275 Members.

Wider Support Serves Cooperation Is Necessary.

The pageant interpreting the history of Mars Hill College is ready for presentation. The cast is made up of 275 members of the college personnel. Maud Ahsworth is to present the Spirit of Christian Education. Reba Lowe and O. H. Foreman play the parts of Jenny Deans and Jerry Lewis, the proverbial lover-opposed to Jerry is David Evans, the traitor, acted by Wade Worthington. E. C. Glasgow is cast as the slave dear to the memories of Mars Hill's friends. Chas. A. Fry is Rev. Keith and E. F. Carter is Mr. Edward Carter, the father of the college. C. H. Sullivan has the part of J. W. Anderson, first chairman of the trustees. J. Swanson is the black mammy at the home of the Deans.

Along with these the cast includes a number of other equally interesting characters and impersonations. There are citizens, contractors, professors, students, pupils, soldiers, bandits, orphans, Klux Klansmen, orphan renegades, society presidents, visitors, farmers, sailors, nurses, lawyers, musicians, artists, literary men, home economists, journalists, and missionaries. A giant thing!

Every part is a big part. One day a friend returned, after several days absence, to the studio of Angelo. "What have you done in my absence? Everything as it did when I visited you," he asked of the great artist. Angelo unveiled a piece of statuary in the corner and pointing to the mentioned parts said, "I have a little strength here, softness there, and altered the expression of his curve."

The visitor looked at him—and smiled. "Why those things are trifles!"

"Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle," replied Angelo. "matter how small a part may be, it is a big part. It is 'extension,' 'strength' or 'softening'; when the smallest part half done spoils the whole scene or act. All who love the cause of education, who love Mars Hill for what she has done, for what she may do, or for her benefactors, have a chance to receive service and honor due to the Alma Mater just in a small way by doing everything in their power that this pageant goes across a success. Though originally written by the Scribblers, it is now the Mars Hill Pageant—yours and mine!!!"

(Continued on page 5)

C-II CLASS VOTES \$1000 LOAN FUND

The students of 1928 Senior Class have planned definitely to aid the Alma Mater in a way that they feel will be of great service to her. They have had struggles in acquiring the portion of education they now have and can sympathize with those who are yet to be educated at Mars Hill.

For some time Earl Bradley, class president; W. L. Parker, vice-president; Emma Hartsell, secretary; Mrs. Robinson, class sponsor, and others have been earnestly working on the plan which has now been endorsed by the C-2 Class. The aim of the class is to raise \$1,000, \$500 of which is to be reached by Commencement of this year, and the other payable any time between Commencement and July of 1930.

The money which is to be paid is to go through the Centennial Campaign which is now being carried on throughout the state of North Carolina. The interest from \$1,000 is to be used at the discretion of the trustees of the school, and is to be set apart for the aid of worthy girls and boys who are future students of Mars Hill College.

In the near future the class will elect a permanent president and secretary whose duty it will be to keep the interests of the school before the 1928 class. A great deal of work already has been done by some members of the class. They have received hearty co-operation from all the seniors which they have interviewed about the Loan Fund and expect to increase the amount already pledged as soon as they have completed their canvassing. It appears that every college senior is anxious that the amount of the Loan Fund shall exceed \$1,000.

SPECIAL C-I ISSUE NEXT

The next issue of The Hill Top will be the sole work of the C-I Class. All the class brags and accomplishments will be included in a paper which may be printed on stock of the principle class color.

The committee of which Nathan Brooks is chairman, has been working overtime, getting everything possible about his class in shape to be slung through the press at the poor defenseless C-II's. In addition to the C-I items the regular news will be carried, written by C-I editors.

Lenoir-Rhyne Defeated In Dramatic Contest

THE VALIANT IS USED BY LOCAL ACTORS

Representatives of the Mars Hill College Dramatic Club will meet in the near future and probably on the home stage, the winner of the preliminary held between High Point and Catawba won the final preliminary in the State One Act Play Contest for Colleges. They have already won the decision over Lenoir-Rhyne. If they win this victory, they will have the championship of Western North Carolina and render Mars Hill eligible for competition at Chapel Hill with the eastern champions. The decision there will decide the state championship.

The Mars Hill College cast, presenting "The Valiant" by Hall and Middlemass, won a two to one decision of the judges over Lenoir-Rhyne and feels itself fortunate in its victory over such a strong cast as that which presented "Suppressed Desire" by Cook and Glaspell. One member of the opposing cast was a university graduate and a performer of wide experience. The

(Continued from Page 2)

CENTENNIAL DRIVE CELEBRATES HUNDRED YEARS OF BAPTIST WORK

I.R.C. ADMITTED TO SOU. CONFERENCE

At the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on International Relations held at Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina, March 8-9-10, the International Relations Club of Mars Hill was voted entrance into the Conference. Mars Hill is the first and only junior college in the association.

On the program of the Conference were several widely known international speakers who lectured on such subjects as "The International Mind," "The Accomplishments of the League Toward Compulsory Arbitration," "The Accomplishments of the League of Nations," "The Russian Riddle," and other international topics of the day.

The Mars Hill club was represented by three delegates who returned with knowledge worth a great deal to the club in the future.

The week following the Anderson meeting Miss Amy Hemingway Jones, secretary of the National Conference on International Relations and assistant in the work of the Carnegie Endowment for the Promotion of World Peace, spoke to the club in Mars Hill and added much to its growing knowledge of foreign affairs.

This year the club has been discussing international and national subjects. The procedure for national problems is like the U. S. Senate; for international affairs the discussions are carried on in the form of the World Court.

There are 23 members in the club. The membership is limited to 30. Applications for membership are being received each meeting. The club meets on Saturday every two weeks, and H. C. Isenberg is president.

Dr. Fred Brown Expected to Speak.

MANY ACCEPT

Committee Report Outlines Aim of Drive.

The Centennial Campaign to celebrate the completion of one hundred years of organized Baptist work in North Carolina by raising \$1,500,000 to conserve the investment and pay the debts of the denominational schools will be opened in the western section at an informal dinner to be held in Mars Hill, headquarters for the French Broad Association, Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 o'clock. Five hundred invitations have been sent to the statewide leaders, the pastors and directors of the eight western associations, and a host of the school's friends and patrons. Advance acceptances indicate that a great number will be present. Dr. Fred Brown of West Asheville and Knoxville, is expected to be one of the speakers.

The Mars Hill College Orchestra, the Farr Quartet, and the girls' sextet will furnish music for the occasion.

The following report of the Centennial Committee gives the purpose and aims of the celebration:

"The organization of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at Greenville on March 26, 1830, was a notable event. It laid the foundation of a century of Baptist achievements in religion, education and social service, and has profoundly affected the total life of the people of North Carolina. It is fitting that such an event be worthily commemorated. Loyalty to far-seeing and noble pioneers demands it, and we ourselves require to refresh our spirits and gird our loins for yet larger work by some review of these hundred years so signalized by the Divine guidance and favor.

"Accordingly, the Centennial Committee presents with all respect and deference the several recommendations following:

"That one full day of the session of the Convention in the year 1930 be set apart and devoted to the observance of the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Convention, and that a program committee be appointed at once to arrange and publish in due time the order and content of these memorial exercises. Such a committee might prefer to present in the forenoon of that day the Historic Background (general situation and personnel) of the event commemorated; in the afternoon Progress and Achievement (in education, evangelism and missions); in the evening

(Continued on Page 6)

Pageant Revives History of Mars Hill College

Almost symbolic of the remarkable growth of Christian education is the intensely gripping story of strife, of adventure, of romance, and of accomplishment in the work of pageantry recently completed in the first attempt to revive the history of Mars Hill, young and old, with all its colorful and merited glory.

The strife, struggle, and sacrifice of the institution's founders are faithfully presented: Their purpose, the unwavering ideal, is held aloft by word and action. Romance of love and adventure is abundant. Mars Hill has weathered the crisis of two wars. Once her buildings were converted into a garrison; later one was burned, and another gravely damaged only to be replaced in gigantic proportions. A faithful slave was torn from his master as security for a debt on the initial building when the big hearted founders were able to contribute no more, and was forced to lay for two

months in jail before he was released.

During the Civil War necessity caused the closing of school doors. Following the war, the buildings served for a while as an orphanage, but the school was soon reopened and added to the romance of adventure and the beautiful silken thread of love centered in Jenny and Jerry which crosses the warp and woof of trouble as a ray of sunshine through the broken clouds is also the romance of development.

From the inception of a Baptist school for mountain boys and girls in the minds of Rev. William Keith and Mr. Edward Carter, progress has been continued. Originally known as French Broad Baptist Institute, the name was changed in 1859 to Mars Hill College. Interesting indeed is the scene of discussion and suggestion of the new name and its actual adoption. The original campus consisted of about four acres.

Today it includes eighty-five acres. The years preceding the Civil War were prosperous, and students flocked to the school from a wide range of territory.

From the re-opening following the Civil War in 1866 amid the gloom and wreck and poverty until 1890 school was carried on with varied success. However, with the election of T. M. Huffham the tide was turned in favor of continual progress. At present there are ten main buildings and six cottages included in the college plant. In 1926 the total enrollment was 576. The faculty has increased from one to 25; and the territory represented covers 73 counties in North Carolina, 14 states in the Union, and four foreign countries.

But along with the portrayal of material progress the pageant attempts to depict the unchanged Mars Hill. The Mars Hill of the found-

(Continued on page 6)