

Remember  
The Orphanage  
Sunday

## Third Annual High School Declamation

More Than One Hundred High Schools Are Invited To Participate.

Mars Hill College will play host to best readers and declaimers in Western North Carolina when the third annual high school students' readers' and declaimers' contest is held at this institution on December 14 and 15. Mr. Lee, chairman of the committee, has sent form letters to over one hundred high schools in the western part of the state, and he hopes that within the next week he will be able to publish a complete list of the schools that will be represented here. A total of twenty-two schools were present last year and an even larger number are expected this year. The contest last year was very close, and the contestants acquitted themselves with credit. At the close of the contest the judges decided that Miss Betsy Perrow, of the Hall-Butcher High School, of Asheville, was the winner of the girls' contest, and that Tilson Fleetwood, of Mars Hill High School, was the best in the boys' group. In the letter of invitation Mr. Lee explains that the purpose of the contest is to quicken the interests of the students in public speaking and to give them an opportunity to learn more about Mars Hill College. The contest last year was a great success, and the one this year should be attended with even greater success if the plans now in existence are carried out. The rules of the contest are simple. The contestant must, of course, be a bona fide student of the school which represents and must not be under sixteen or over twenty-one years of age. Each school may enter one boy and one girl. The preliminaries will be held on December 14, and the best readers and the five best declaimers will be chosen to compete in the final contest held on Saturday morning in the college auditorium. Each speaker will have at his disposal not more than eight minutes. (Continued on Page 4)

## Music Department Gives First Recital

Since school began each music student has been looking forward with interest to the time when student recitals would begin. On Wednesday afternoon, November 14, at four o'clock, they had the opportunity of assembling in the college auditorium for the first recital of the year. These recitals will continue to be held every two weeks throughout the year. Music recitals are all required to be prepared, and a cordial invitation is extended to others to attend. The following program was given Wednesday afternoon: "Ladita," (folk dance), "Klapp Danzen," (folk dance), "Children's Rhythm," "Evening Song," (folk melody), Neil Stewart Whitaker; "March Music," (Miessner), Francis G. Morse; "Little Wooden Shoes," (folk melody), Preston Calvin Gifford; "Lady Moon," (Miessner), Mary Alice Huff; "Sylvia," (folk), Donnie Mae Norman; "Allegretto in F," (Hayden), Irene Strom; "An Old-Fashioned Town," (folk), Irving Mason; "The Sweet-Flower That Blows," (Hawley), Sue Gribble; "The First Butter-Flies," (Forjussen), Robert Robinson; "Brown Bird Singing," (Wood), Enslay; "Morning," (Speaks), a Dark; "Caprice," (Goodrich), Frances Snyder.

## Physics Class Measures Altitude of Old Bailey

Tuesday afternoon a crowd of physics students was seen winding its way up Bailey Mountain. They carried a barometer and were often seen stopping to read the altitude. After a great deal of persistent climbing the summit was reached, and each one stopped to look back on the college grounds. A telescope was carried, and objects on the campus were plainly seen.

Every person was glad to rest while a few of the more diligent students adjusted the barometer and read the altitude; then the discourse was begun. There were roars of laughter as each member of the party took turns in falling down the mountain side. It is understood that Miss Aileen Gold was the only person who did not score at least one touchdown before the foot of the mountain was reached. Of course, the crowd went by the apple trees, and, after feasting for a while, wended its way homeward, reaching the campus tired and hungry, but just in time for the evening meal.

Although their object was to measure the altitude of Bailey, lots of fun was had on the way; and every member of the physics class is grateful to their teacher, Mr. Wilkins, and to Mr. England for making the trip possible for them. They found the height of Bailey Mountain to be 477 feet above Mars Hill.

## Contributions To Swimming Pool Coming In Slowly

Over Two Hundred Dollars Short of Five Hundred Dollars Goal.

The drive for funds to complete the swimming pool started two weeks ago is by no means reaching expectations, according to J. K. Blackburn, chairman of the swimming pool committee. He says: "I know that we cannot raise the required amount unless the students start giving. Some have gone so far as to give their whole room deposit, but about half of the student body have not given anything at all. It seems that they could donate at least part of their room deposit."

Only two hundred and ninety dollars had been received at the last report. The five hundred goal is still looming in the distance. Mr. Blackburn again says: "Of course, we could let it run to the end of school, but that would only mean that we would not have the swimming pool this spring. The money has to be obtained in a few days if we are to meet Mr. McConnell's generous proposition."

Those who compose the committee are: J. K. Blackburn, chairman; S. G. Morse, manager; Geraldine Meahaffey, Donnie May Norman, Alice Beckwith, Frances King, Henry Furches, Clarence Mock, George Oates, Romolus Sparks.

J. O. Jones was walking down the street in Hickory during the past summer, and just as he started to cross a street, he had to run to keep an automobile from hitting him; but as he dodged the automobile, a motorcycle hit him. He got up rubbing his hip and said, "By jinks, I didn't know them things had colts before."

## Lions Lose Hard Fought Game to Tenn. Teachers

Mud and Hard Playing Are Some Features of the Game

Old man Jinx has left the camp of the Tennessee Teachers for the football season of 1928. He has entered the ranks of the blue and gold. Even when his team-mates appointed Dick Anderson a committee of one to carry the pigskin down the home stretch for a six point marker, still they failed to hold the opposition in check and lost the game 24 to 7. The big raw-boned dispensers of knowledge seemed highly elated over their victory and well they might be; for just one year ago those voracious mountain lions had invaded the roosting place of the former and carried off the blue ribbon with a 19-0 verdict. Hence the rosy lads from Tennessee had a slight occasion to be ambitious.

The game was played on a very slow field, because of a steady drizzle of rain throughout. Had it not been for this, local fans would probably (Continued on Page 4)

## Seniors Will Dedicate Annual To Mrs. Moore

At the meeting of the class last week the Seniors voted unanimously to dedicate the 1928-1929 edition of the Laurel to Mrs. Moore.

The class could not have found one who so richly deserves this honor as Mrs. Moore, who is now Bursar of the College. With the possible exception of President Moore, no one has done more to make Mars Hill a reality and support her through the years than Mrs. Moore. Serving the College in different capacities for more than thirty years, Mrs. Moore has given herself unstintingly and with unparalleled efficiency to the religious, social, and financial well-being of the College, and the community as well.

## Science Club Has Faculty As Guests

Interesting Program and Original Entertainment Given Monday.

The Science Club meeting on Monday evening, November 19, proved to be one of the most interesting of the year. Due to the suggestion of the president, Miss Irma Henderson, and the sponsor, Mr. W. E. Wilkins, the club decided to invite the faculty members who do not teach in the department of science. Mesdames W. E. Wilkins, R. L. Moore, W. E. Wilkins, Jr., and Messrs. Grubbs, Lee, Furches, and McLeod were those who favored the club with their presence.

The program was given as follows: "The Analysis and Synthesis of Water," was explained and demonstrated by Mr. Basil Castellow. Mr. E. Y. Fox answered the question, "Will Anything Other Than Oxygen Support Combustion?" in the affirmative by a very clever explanation and demonstrations. Miss Hazel Welch showed a very good display of "Some Interesting Alloys," and Mr. Leonard England told and demonstrated "How Old Time Gunpowder is Made."

The initiation of the new members was deferred until a later date, and instead a most pleasant social hour was enjoyed. The visitors were invited to look at the Science Club room and chemistry laboratory which have been renovated; but before this Misses Ruby Whitmire, Aileen Gold, Evalee Snelson, Messrs. Nathan Brooks and Robert Barnes served lemonade in beakers, cake on filter papers, and ice cream in evaporating dishes with splinters for spoons. Then a box of candy dumb-bells, which was sent by the International Relations Club, was enjoyed by those present.

## Twelve Win in Try-outs for Intercollegiate Debate

Unusually Heavy Schedule For Men Is Proposed; Work To Start At Once.

## Elect Bowman - Beal In Ministerial Conference

The young ministers met Thursday, November 15. After a song and prayer, led by Mr. Davis, the conference entered into the business part of the meeting; and Mr. C. W. Rogers brought a proposition before the conference to the effect that a regular treasurer be installed. Mr. Rogers put this in the form of a motion which carried, and Mr. Ray Bowman was elected treasurer. Immediately following this, Mr. L. B. Hager offered his resignation as reporter. His resignation was accepted and Wm. A. Beal was elected.

After the business meeting the following program was rendered: Mr. O. J. Graham spoke on "Judgment." Mr. C. L. Weston delivered a splendid talk on "The Way, the Truth, and the Life." Mr. L. D. Usery made the closing talk on "Prayer." After the closing song Mr. Roy Griffin dismissed the conference with prayer.

## Dramatic Club Presents Play "No Men Wanted"

At the second monthly meeting of the Dramatic Club, Tuesday, November 13, the comedy, "No Men Wanted," was presented under the direction of Katherine Bennett. The characters were as follows: Elizabeth Rawley, Francis King; Isabelle Granger, Nera McCoy; Pynella Abercrombie, their maid, Bessie Stephenson. Because of the illness of Frances King it was necessary for the director to take her part. Under such difficulties, however, the play proved successful and every member present commended it. The first and second best actresses were voted on with the result that Bessie Stephenson won first place, and Nera McCoy, second. The stage manager for this presentation was Helen Woody. (Continued on Page 3)

## El Circulo Adalante Is Name of Spanish Club

Twenty New Members Admitted At First Meeting of Organization

The Spanish Club held its first meeting Monday night in the regular Spanish classroom. Miss Olympia Fletes presided in the absence of the president. The most important feature of the business was that of deciding a name for the club. After much discussion El Circulo Adalante was decided upon.

The following C-1 students were received into the club: Hattie Sue Whiteside, Hazel Welch, Sara Cooper, Sara Holland, Lucile Miller, Anne Bishop, Hazel Wyne, Ruth Carver, Lena Mae Chaffin, Evelyn Hannow, Jessie Owen, Grace Garret, R. L. Snyder, Walton Angel, L. E. Usery, D. A. Hasty, B. Brown, Gene Baird, Hugh McCracken, and C. L. Parriot.

After the new members were voted in, a very interesting program was rendered as follows: The Life of Cervantes, Olympia Fletes; Cervantes' Masterpiece, "Don Quixote," Era Stewart; Song in Spanish, "O Sole Mio," Olympia Fletes. Many Spanish games were played under the direction of Mrs. Vann, which were enjoyed greatly. The club expects to accomplish many things this year and to learn more about Spanish customs and language. (Continued on Page 3)

After much discussion and careful consideration twelve promising young speakers were chosen to represent Mars Hill College on her intercollegiate debating team this year. Of these, four will act as alternates and eight as regular speakers. The try-outs were held in the college auditorium on Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10. Those who rendered the final decisions were Miss Pierce, Mr. Grubbs, and Mr. Blackwell.

Some thirty-four candidates were held in suspense until Saturday afternoon when the decision was posted. Those whose efforts were successful are Carl Meares, James Baley, Basil Castellow, Frank Huskins, Pelham Renfrow, William Capel, Samuel Morse, James Cherry, McLean Grogan, Wade Baker, W. Scott Buck, and Clarence Patrick. Although the remaining aspirants did not make the "lawyers' roster," it is expected of them to make it next year and probably later on in the season.

A meeting was held on Monday, November 12, to discuss immediate and future plans. At this meeting Carl Meares was elected secretary, and Mr. Grubbs, the debating coach, took charge.

All definite plans were not completed, but Mars Hill is expected to oppose such teams as Furman, Milligan, Tennessee Wesleyan, Campbell, Elon, High Point, and Biltmore Junior College. If the contract can be obtained, the team will also debate Wake Forest freshmen, Carolina freshmen, and N. C. State freshmen.

The question, which will be debated the first part of the coming season, is "Resolved, that the United States Government should own and control all the water power in our country." Later on either the Farm Relief or the proposed Department of Education question may be taken up.

## College Players Present "The Arrival of Kitty"

Much Talent Shown by Members of The Dramatic Club in Play.

The Dramatic Club presented a farce in three acts, "The Arrival of Kitty," in the college auditorium on Saturday night, November 17. There were several out-of-town visitors besides a good representation of the student body.

The characters were as follows: William Winsler, John Blackburn; Aunt Jane, Ruth Singleton; Jane, Katherine Bennett; Bobby Baxter, Sammy Morse; Benjamin Moore, Henry Bridges; Ting, Carl Brown; Sam, W. F. McLester; Kitty, Roberta Bryant; Susette, Belle Howell.

The setting was as the Holcyon House, a quaint inn in the Catskill Mountains. W. M. Winkler wanted to marry Jane, his niece, to a certain Benjamin Moore, for which he was to receive the sum of \$10,000. Jane was absolutely opposed to this marriage because she was in love with the handsome Bobby Baxter. In order to solve this uncomfortable situation and incidentally to get \$10,000 more, Aunt Jane, Winkler's oldmaid sister, was substituted to be the bride. Winkler was captivated by the infamous actress, Kitty Benders, and Bobby Baxter won his beloved Jane, whom he so honorably deserved. All in all it was a real farce. (Continued on Page 3)