

N. C. C. P. A. PROVES TO BE BIG SUCCESS

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In the evening an enjoyable trip over the city, was given by the Hickory Kiwanis club. A wholesome banquet at the Country Club followed. Music was furnished by Harold Little's orchestra. The important speakers of the occasion were D. Arp Lawrence, secretary of the North Carolina Press Association, and Ward Threat, of the Charlotte Engraving Co., better known as Charlotte's own "Will Rogers". Mr. Lawrence declared in his speech that "many star reporters come from the schools and colleges, because publishers know that the double barreled sarcasm that sometimes gets into the collegiate publications has an unusual amount of genuis and personality behind it."

Friday morning the delegates gathered at the Administration building where they plunged into their first business session with youthful enthusiasm. The program consisted of welcome address by Dr. Schaeffer, President of Lenoir-Rhyne college, after which followed reports, appointment of committees, discussion of publication problems, and a lecture by Charles Pegram, Editor of the Granit Falls Times. Mr. Pegram dealt with the problem of the small town newspaper and gave his hearers an intimate insight into the psychology of the weekly newspaper.

As compliments of Lenoir Rhyne college, luncheon was served the delegates in the college refectory. At this time Professor H. L. Hackmann gave an interesting and instructive lecture on journalism; also selections of popular music were rendered by the college quartet.

Following this a hair-raising football game was played between Erskine and Lenoir Rhyne colleges. All delegates were given complimentary tickets.

More than one hundred representatives of the N. C. C. P. A. attended the banquet given at the Hickory Hotel sponsored by the Hickory Daily Record. The feature address of the evening was delivered by Dr. P. E. Monroe. The college orchestra and quartet gave a number of highly appreciated selections. Each publication was represented in the go-going contest. J. K. Blackburn of Wake Forest college won the unanimous decision of the judges; while Miss Covington, of Meredith College was victorious in the contest of the fairer sex. As they left the hotel each delegate was given a nice souvenir by the Hickory Daily Record. From the hotel the delegates were directed to the Rivoli Theater, where they were guests and enjoyed the famous college picture, "College Love".

Saturday morning brought the delegates to the final business meeting. Pete Roberts, of North Carolina college, was elected Vice-President; reports of the various committees were given; and High Point college was chosen as the place for the spring convention to be held. Luncheon served in the college dining hall brought the convention to a close.

SAMS FAMILY PLAYS IMPORTANT PART IN LIFE OF MARS HILL COLLEGE

(Sam Rich)

Last summer there gathered on our campus a group, or rather a clan, of men and women, some of whom have not only been Mars Hill students but have helped to make Mars Hill College possible.

During the middle of the seventeenth century three men boarded a ship bound for Charles Town, as it was then called. They reached Charleston and there settled on three islands out in the bay. They then received grants for these islands from the king of England. Two of these brothers settled permanently on these islands while two others went to Florida.

It is thought that the Samses of Mars Hill and surrounding territory migrated from this Charleston group during the period when so many South Carolina families moved to the "Flat Rock" section below Hendersonville, to escape the extreme heat and also the sieges of malaria which sprang up in the "Black Border" region of South Carolina and other Southern states. It may be said here that the next Sams reunion will be held on these three islands in the Charleston Bay.

In the year, 1859, Mars Hill College received her first charter. The college then consisted of a four-roomed building. Mars Hill was not and Asheville then was about the size of the Mars Hill of today. It may be stated here that Mars Hill was considered a more valuable piece of real estate than West Asheville, and when Mr. Burnett traded a piece of land in West Asheville for a piece of similar acreage southeast of Little Mountain his friends congratulated him and told him it was a fine trade.

During the years of the Civil War school was discontinued, and the school building was used as a bunking place for the soldiers. Parts of it were burnt or otherwise destroyed.

In the year 1868 there were several local students who entered the college who were of the same family. Among them were J. P. Sams, J. R. Sams, Miss Mary Carter, and Miss Mary E. Phillips. Professor Lewis, who remained with the school for two years, was then head of the institution. He lived in an old two-roomed shack with a shed built behind it. With him lived his wife, three girls, and one boy. These assisted him in his work as much as possible. The college enrollment at this time ran between one hundred and one hundred and twenty-five, with about an equal number of boys and girls. School started in March and lasted ten months, closing just before Christmas. The students under the leadership of Mr. Lewis, worked the building over into a respectable school building.

At this time there was only one literary society at Mars Hill Col-

lege, which was known as the Mars Hill Literary Debating Society. This society continued until several years later when the students realized that the society would have to be divided. There was much campaigning, and one afternoon the students went into the meeting place. After several speeches Mr. Doc Burnett rose and said for all who were going to be Euthalians to rise and follow him. W. S. Sams rose and made a similar invitation. The older members followed Mr. Burnett and the younger ones followed Mr. Sams. Among the Phis were O. E. Sams, Edd Huff and others.

There are about 600 members of the Sams clan at the present time. At the reunion last summer 400 registered, who represented fourteen different states: Among those registered we find the names of such men as C. W. Sams, head of an enormous Coca-Cola bottling plant in Richmond, Va.; R. O. Sams of Gaffney, S. C.; J. R. Sams, head of one of Columbia's leading newspapers, of Columbia, S. C.; Dr. O. E. Sams, president of Bluefield College, Bluefield, W. Va.; Senator A. F. Sams, one of the leading lawyers of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Hon. J. O. Tilson, floor leader of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

There are many others too numerous to name. Few individual families have ever or ever will mean as much to a school as the Sams family has meant to Mars Hill College.

A Freshman's Letter to the Home Folks

by Creasman Brown
mars hill n. c.
nov 1929

deer pa and ma,
well i gess i will sea you all in about a month now and i mean i will bee some glad to git back to that kinder civilization agin. i deClare i aint seen the rode since i been hear and i ain't even herd a train. some of the boys goes to Asheville About ever week, But i mean i dont. why i like to never got out of that place that tme when i was comin up here, Why there was people and cars a comin from every direxion and i like to get run over about a half a dozen times befour i ever got out of that plase. i'm Beet'n my "old lady" (thats what we calls our roommates up here) by gittin my name on the bulletin bord more than him, why i got it on there fore times on a list of names that they posts every month, i didn't never no what they was for until i asked a boy and he said that it was a distinguished list, so you see i'm gittin mighty prominent aroun here. why the other day i axually spoke to mr. moore. you know they makes us all go to chapel six times a weak an

i never found out nothin about it until i was up hear a hole week, So i got my name on that bulletin bord too times.

it Shore does git cold up hear in these mountains and that red flannel underwear shore dont feel bad, I am jist wearin one pair of it now but if it gits much colder i am goin to put the other pare on.

they has more bell aroun hear than any place i ever seen. why they has to ring a bell fur you to git up by, an one to study by, an one to go to the dining room by an you can't turn aroun without hearing one. there goes one now so i got to close now an go to chapel. i will sea you all in about a month.

Your affectionate Sun
Cornelius Asberry Knickerboaker.

ANNUAL WAKE FOREST TAPPING AT MARS HILL

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Mr. Ralph R. Fisher, successful attorney in Brevard, has recently made a trip to Florida and Aalabama.

Dr. W. Locke Robinson has recently located himself at Mars Hill. Mr. Robinson is expected to be of great value to the community.

Wake Forest college has scheduled four debates for the winter session. Three of the four debators, who will handle these debates, are former Mars Hill students. They are H. H. Deaton, Wade H. Bostick and Sam Miller.

Carl Mears and James Baley have made remarkable records in debate try-outs at the university of North Carolina. Both of them made the team with some to spare. We are proud of our debators.

Professor A. K. King, of the University of North Carolina, is conducting a Department for teachers of History in the High School Journal printed at Chapel Hill.

H. T. Caine has recently been promoted to circulation Manager of the Durham Sun.

Mr. T. N. Cooper, Wake Forest college, Miss Mabel Smith, Morganton, N. C., Mr. I. J. Summers, S. C., and Mr. C. L. Parrot were visitors at the college during Thanksgiving.

Dr. and Mrs. Vann were visitors at the college recent Vann made a chapel talk that joyed by all the students.

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