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DRAMATIC CONTEST

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DEBATORS START
SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Mars Hill Defeats Asheville College in Dramatic Contest

Local Cast Presents "Marching Men" to Win Western Championship.

h Plays Show Much Thought in Preparation and Are Well Acted by Capable Casts.

On Saturday evening, March 15, Mars Hill Players, under the direction of Miss Bonnie Wengert, defeated the Asheville City College, 1929 champions, and earned the right to represent the western division of the state in the final contest to be held at Chapel Hill, April 11, and 12.

The plays were presented smoothly on schedule, beginning promptly at eight o'clock with the presenting of the Asheville play, a comedy, "Pat and the Law," a character study of tenement life of an Irish family by Mary Aldis. The play had a plot of the love of Nora, the wife, for shiftless Pat and the attempts of a welfare worker to have him arrested for cruelty, ending with the triumph of Pat. The play was clever, the setting was very realistic, the players using the interior of a tenement as the set. Sue Hare, the crippled son, Jimmy, gave a clever interpretation of the part, while the dialect and expressiveness of Elizabeth Auld as Mrs. Pat was very good. James Elgin was very good as Pat.

The school orchestra rendered several numbers while the stage was lit and John Cain rendered a solo. The trained corps of stagehands quickly changed the scene and Mars Hill play, "Marching Men," by James O'Neil, was presented.

The scene opened in the grassy cemetery near Chau Thierry in the dim and misty light that precedes dawn. The characters, a group of hard-boiled soldiers, the captain, and the nurse, were awakened by the clarion of a distant trumpet. They meet together, and gradually it dawns upon them that they are dead and that judgment day. The scene of the

Nons Give Reception for Mrs. William Sidney Porter

It is the custom of the Nonpareil Literary Society to dedicate yearly one of the literary programs to the beloved writer, the late William Sidney Porter, better known as O. Henry. At the program, which was on February 27, it was the privilege of the Nons to have as guest Mrs. Porter, who is residing near Asheville where her family home has been for the past ninety years.

In answer to roll call each member of the title of one of O. Henry's stories. The devotional was conducted by Mr. Blackwell. The program consisted of a piano solo by Frances Snyder, vocal solo by Donnie Mae Norman, and a play, "The Last Leaf," by Margaret

After the program Mrs. Porter, who is also a noted writer, gave a short address, relating some of the incidents in the life of O. Henry as she had observed them, and gave an interesting facts that one does not gain from books. To meet Mrs. Porter and hear her speak was in a pleasure and privilege. The members of the faculty and Scriblerus Club were present. There were also present Mrs. Gill of Asheville, and Mrs. Erskine of Asheville.

Immediately following the meeting an informal reception was held in the hall to which the members of the Clio Society were invited. The Nonpareils are very grateful to Mrs. Porter for this visit and are sure that it may be repeated annually.

reunion of the nurse and the captain reaches a climax when the men refuse to march. Then the sound of the trumpet is again heard and a divine light breaks from the heavens, gradually growing brighter. The captain barks a command and the men file off toward the light that comes from the throne of God.

Belle Howell, as the nurse, was the only girl in the cast, and she gave a masterly interpretation of the lines. The men were: the captain, Tom Dysard; the soldiers, Ray Tolbert, T. Carl Brown, W. C. Capel, Val Edwards, and Paul Fox.

Dysard was very successful as the captain of the troupe, while Ray Tolbert as a beligerent soldier brought smiles to relieve the dramatic tension of the play.

Mrs. Leroy Jackson directed the Asheville play, while Miss Bonnie Wengert was the director of the Mars Hill presentation. Wade Baker was business manager of the group; Richard Moore, Cooper Gretter, and James Coachman were in charge of the stage work. Clemmer Campbell assisted in the effects with the bugle calls. Clifford Camp directed the technical work of planning the stage and designing the lighting effects.

Visitors Attend Eu Impromptu Program

Officers for Term Are Announced at Recent Meeting.

The Euthalian Literary Society held its regular meeting in the society hall Friday night, March 7. A very interesting and entertaining program was rendered despite much of it being impromptu.

The first number on the program was an oration by Eli Callahan, which was followed by an impromptu speech by Jose Cardenal. James Holmes then rendered several interesting selections, part of which were original. Cooper Gretter then gave an impromptu speech on "Friendship," after which those present were entertained by an impromptu trio, Bill Ayers, J. T. Morgan, and Willard Robinson. The following number was an impromptu speech by G. D. Wilson. The last number on the program was the debate, which was also impromptu. The query for the discussion was, "Resolved, That a High School Education Is More Beneficial Than a College Education." Val Edwards and Troy Estes maintained that the high school education was the more beneficial while Paul Reese and W. O. Rosser contended that the college education was the more important. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative.

There were several visitors present whom the president recognized. Among them were some Non sisters, and a group of high school debaters from Beech Glenn High School who were under the direction of Mr. Ray, a former Eu, and Miss English, a former Non and now principal at Beech Glenn.

The following officers have been chosen to serve the Eu Society during the next term: president, Ray Tolbert; vice-president, Preston Gibbs; secretary, T. L. Austin; corresponding secretary, H. A. Lynch; expression critic, J. M. Moore; English critic, Paul Reese; debate critic, T. M. Hamby; chorister, J. T. Morgan; pianist, W. W. Reece; janitor, W. C. Capel; assistant janitor, A. J. Butler; chaplain, Val Edwards; time-keeper, Troy Estes; librarian, C. G. Lampley, and sergeant-at-arms, Gregory Dyches.

Mr. R. Knolan Benfield is teaching at the high school at Bunn, N. C.

MAY QUEEN



Patty Moore, who will be crowned Queen at May Day Exercises May 3.

Patty Moore Will Be May Queen at M. H.

May Day Celebration to Be Held on May 3rd.

"It is the queen!" The sound is echoed by the lips of all her subjects. She will preside over the festivities of the May, much as she rules her womanly domain. "Why has she been chosen queen of May?" you ask. There are several requisites for her who shall rule this gay celebration. Beauty? Yes, she must be beautiful. That is, she must have the qualities of a truly beautiful woman. Not only must she be physically attractive, for that alone does not constitute beauty, but she must have real depth of character. Certainly her popularity and her well-rounded personality influence greatly the decision of those who elect their queen. Our queen to be beautiful must be a good student, for surely there is no such

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Faculty Vote Change in System of Grades

Change to Become Effective at Mars Hill College Next Fall.

Upon recommendation of the executive committee the faculty at the last regular meeting voted to change the present system of grades. Under the new system, D will become a passing grade; E will represent a condition; and F will indicate failure.

The new system of grades will be as follows: A from 95 to 100, B from 85 to 94, C from 75 to 84, D from 70 to 74, E condition, F failure. A, B, and C will remain as in the present system, and the passing grade will be lowered from 75 to 70. While D will be a passing grade it is understood that this grade will not give one the quality points which are necessary for graduation. The new system of grades will go into effect next fall.

Apology

Those responsible for this edition of The Hilltop are as follows: Editor-in-chief, T. Carl Brown; associate editors, Edna Wilhide, Alice Beckwith, and Graves Mumford. We wish to acknowledge our great debt to Mr. McLeod for his advice and co-operation, and also to the other members of the Senior class who have contributed to this issue.

We acknowledge by far our greatest debt to the juniors for their excellent model in the Junior Edition of the Hilltop. Realizing that they have made the most of their higher intelligence in preparing this model of perfection, we have attempted to follow it in every detail.

Debaters to Invade Tennessee in Opening 1930 Contests

State Titular Series for Junior Colleges Arranged.

The debate club of Mars Hill will open the 1930 season by sending an affirmative team into Tennessee on a trip that will include several Tennessee institutions, culminating with Tennessee Wesleyan. The tentative schedule for this trip, which begins March 21, will include Milligan, Tennessee Wesleyan, Maryville, and possibly Tusculum.

It is as yet undecided whether more than one team will invade Tennessee, but it is settled definitely that the veteran debaters of last year will get the first call.

The query that will be discussed in all debates here this year is, "Resolved, That a Plan of Complete Disarmament Should Be Adopted Except Such Forces as Are Needed for Police Protection."

On March 26 and 27 the negative will open the home season with clashes with the negative teams from Milligan and Wesleyan, and on March 29 the affirmative will meet the strong Furman varsity team in the home auditorium. The scheduling of the Furman varsity should prove to be quite an addition to the schedule, and the debate should be of keen interest.

Indications are that Cherry and Capel will debate this team, but debate coach Grubbs has not definitely stated which team will take the floor that night.

A little later on in the season the Wake Forest varsity team will be met, possibly in a no-decision contest.

This year a series of debates with all the junior colleges of the state has been arranged in order that a contest might be held for the state title. With this in mind the different colleges have been paired and the contests will be held sometime in April.

Last year Mars Hill had a record that was hard to equal in the state and was only surpassed by Appalachian State Normal. This year the Hilltoppers are out to win the state title in debate.

In the home contests the latter part of next week the team of Buck and Jarrett will more than likely meet the visitors from Tennessee.

Interesting Program in Phi Hall Enjoyed by Beech Glenn Visitors

The Philomathian Literary Society which met Friday night, March 7, was favored by the presence of the Beech Glenn debating team. All present enjoyed the splendid program.

As first on the program Ralph Waldrop rendered the poem, "The death of Sir John." This number was well received by the large audience. Next Nelson Jarrett gave two selections in his usual fine way. Then Richard Moore and William Middleton for the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That Congress Should Enact a Bill Creating a Farmer's Union in the South," engaged the negative side, composed of T. Carl Brown and J. E. Martin, in a hotly contested debate. After much consideration, the judges awarded the decision to the affirmative side by a 2-1 vote.

The modern Orpheus, Bill Cox, who is one of the society's outstanding musicians, favored the audience with three selections played with his musical harp.

J. L. Suttle, making his debut as a reader, made a most favorable impression by the manner in which he rendered his poem, "The Sorrow of the Sea." After a short business meeting, the society sang Clio-Phi and was adjourned.

Last year Mars Hill defeated Milligan at both places, and this year they are coming with a determination to win. Mars Hill will also be set for Wesleyan, as two years ago that team married an otherwise perfect record.

Preparations are being made to bring about several more debates before the junior titular contest.

Work on the schedule for the girls has gone forward rapidly and the first clash will come sometime in the near future.

Scriblerus Club Holds Monthly Meeting

Officers for Term Are Announced and Interesting Meeting Results.

The Scriblerus Club met Tuesday evening in its regular monthly meeting, with the new officers in charge. A very enjoyable, interesting, and educational program was given by the new members received into the club. The subject, "Singers in Literature" was discussed from three phases: "Greek Singers," by W. V. Cousins; "Troubadors in Spain," by Frances Barnes, and "The Scap and Gleeman," by Neva McCoy. The program was exceedingly entertaining and showed that the new members were entering into the work with enthusiasm. The new officers are: president, A. T. Usher; vice-president, Lillian Turbeyfill; secretary, Edna Wilhide; treasurer, Frances Barnes; reporter, Cooper Gretter; janitor, T. L. Austin.

Clios Present Very Unusual Program

The program presented in the Clio Literary Society hall last Thursday afternoon was a most original one. Taking advantage of the widespread interest in the affairs of Andy Gump, the program committee arranged a program that met with the approval of all. Andy Gump, cleverly portrayed by Julia Maddry, was tried in court on account of a love affair with Tilda, his cook. Min, played by Sibyl Pace, was suing for divorce. The many witnesses gave a large amount of varied testimony. It seemed that there was much confusion over the fact that Andy had been seen in swimming with Tilda. Bessie Stevenson, solicitor, and Florence Johnson, attorney for the defense, both made excellent pleas for their respective sides. The solicitor evidently presented the stronger argument, for the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." Ruth Cooper, the austere judge, pronounced upon Andy and Min the sentence of a long and happy life.

Mars Hill to Be Host to Western North Car. B. Y. P. U. Conference

Student Leaders Will Attend Meeting Here April 5-6.

The Western North Carolina Student Conference will be held at Mars Hill Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6. This meeting is primarily for the old and new B. S. U. officers, the purpose being that of training these student leaders for their task. Some outstanding student leaders will be with us for that meeting. Miss Ethel McConnell, Southwide Baptist student secretary, will be one of the leaders. Miss McConnell is one of the outstanding and finest of our student secretaries and we are very fortunate to have her for this conference. The school represented will be Appalachian State Western College, Boone, N. C.; Western Carolina Teacher's College, Cullowhee, N. C.; Fruitland Institute, Mars Hill College and perhaps others.