

Dr. Oscar E. Sams Elected Vice-President of M. H. College

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET SETS MARK AS M. H. STELLAR EVENT

It can be said, and truthfully, that one of the stellar events of the semester took place Saturday evening in the dining hall. Why, of course, it was the Junior-Senior Banquet to which so many had eagerly been looking forward. You who, for some reason, were not there, surely did miss something worth while. You just ought to have seen the hall. Why, you wouldn't have known it for the same place we daily eat "zip" and put butter. The posts were decorated with beautiful vines and lilacs (you could almost smell them!). Each table had for its center-piece some pretentious flower. Oh, yes, the senior class corsages were seen everywhere. The chairs were decorated with pink and green bows (sometimes with green tulle!). Pink and green mints in pink baskets and horns were at each place for place cards. It was quite amusing to find your place. Instead of bright lights, there were candles lighting the tables. (Almost as good as the moon.)

Now, I ask you, who wouldn't have a grand and glorious time" in all of its festivity? Then, to make it more realistic, the orchestra harmonized beautifully at the intervals in the program. Mr. Nelson Jarrett (some call him the campus Jack-of-all trades but we won't call him) acted as toastmaster in a most excellent way, although he did step on the toes of some of those on the program. After the search for places was over, Dr. Sams gave the invocation. Mr. George Stroupe, president of the Juniors, welcomed the Seniors and was answered by Mr. Levi Dilday, the senior president. Wait just a minute, don't begin to think that there was no permission, in which one might talk one's—er—date. Yes, that weakness is always provided for. Next, the toastmaster recognized the sponsors of both classes. These most popular individuals, Miss Coon, Mr. "Paddy" Blackwell, Mother Milstead, Mr. "Jasper" England, hemmed and hawed as usual (just the men, the ladies), finally saying something good to hear.

Mars Hill Wins State Debate Championship

To successfully conclude a season Mars Hill wins the Mars Hill debate team the undisputed title for the state junior colleges. The title was won after a series of eliminations had gone through with. Boiling Springs, Campbell, Wingate, Rutherford, Mars Hill, Weaver, Biltmore and McRae were the entering schools, forming two triangles and a debate. The three winning teams Mars Hill, Wingate, and Rutherford, met on neutral territory to decide the championship. Mars Hill defeated the Rutherford affirmative at Wingate and Nelson Jarrett and Edna Wilhide earned a three to nothing decision there, while at the same time Charles Cherry and Bill Capel were giving a two-to-one decision over Wingate negative at Rutherford to win the title. In the other debate Rutherford negative licked the Wingate affirmative at Mars Hill by a two to one count.

The tourney was a marked success this year and in all probability will be used again next year in deciding the state champs for a second year. Spirited contests marked the course of the debates and all of the decisions were close throughout, the Mars Hill team again having the edge in the total number of votes cast, winning eleven out of twelve. This tournament will end the official debate season and unless a few follow as extra debates there will be no more boys' debates this year. The girls tournament was won by Mars Hill in a dual with Davenport.

of the campus, whether alligator or little negro, Mr. John Cain, who sang "The Road to Mandalay." Mr. Jarrett called the attention of all to the fact that \$250 is given by the Junior class in honor of the Senior class, to the endowment fund. Another \$100 is added by Mother Milstead, who, much loved by all, seems to keep right on doing things that endear her to us for all time.

Mr. Eli Calahan, that good colored son, gave a negro impersonation. Mr. W. T. Batson, one of the most original speakers on the campus, toasted the seniors in a very amusing yet sincere way. The response was given in a poem by Pattie Moore (something else we've found that Pattie can do.) Right here we had a most beautiful song by the college male quartet. This song was "Just a Wearyin' for You;" I heard somebody like Bessie Stevenson ask why they sang that song when he was right there. It's very seldom that there are two brilliant

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Mr. Elliott Resigns to Go to Cullowhee

The student body of Mars Hill College learned Thursday afternoon, April 17, that Professor P. L. Elliott, Vice President of the institution and head of the English department, had resigned his position to become head of the English department at Cullowhee.

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LAUREL STAFF FOR 1931 ELECTED

Tabulations of the balloting by the junior class revealed that the following had been chosen for positions on the 1931 annual staff: Cooper Gretter, editor-in-chief; Ray O'Brien, business manager; Paul Fox, advertising manager; Frances Barnes, literary editor.

The Laurel is edited each year by the Senior class, with representatives from the other classes. Nominations were made by the 1930 staff, representatives from the junior class, and faculty representatives.

The newly elected staff is beginning work already to make plans for the annual for next year.

Widely Known Educator to Assume New Duties at Opening of Fall Term.

Edna Wilhide Chosen Nonpareil President

The Nonpareils at their regular meeting enjoyed an impromptu program consisting of a vocal solo by Donnie Mae Norman, talk on "Why girls should not string boys" by Bonnie Dolen, vocal solo by Sharon Buckner, jokes by Ena Snow and Hazel Higdon, and a short talk by Virginia Isenhour.

The members were glad to welcome as visitors Miss Louise Wilkins, Mr. J. W. Huff, and Dr. Barton from Coker College, who made a short talk.

After the program the election of officers was held. The following were elected: president, Edna Wilhide; vice-president, Margaret Allen; secretary, Mary Allen; chaplain, Kate Allison; corresponding secretary, Eleanor Maxwell; pianist, Marjorie Choate; chorister, Willa Mae Dills; censor, Nellie Budler; janitors, Hazel Higdon, chief, Ruth Griible and Alice Beckwith, assistants.

Dr. Oscar E. Sams, president of Bluefield College, and formerly president of Carson-Newman College, has announced his acceptance as vice-president of Mars Hill College. Dr. Sams, who was elected at a recent meeting of the board of trustees, is well known and loved at Mars Hill. After finishing Mars Hill, Dr. Sams received his A. B. from Wake Forest in 1898; B. D. at Rochester Theological Seminary, 1902; D.D. from Carson Newman, 1919; LL.D. from Wake Forest, 1921.

Through the years Dr. Sams has manifested his interest in Mars Hill. While pastor of the Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, he raised the necessary funds for erecting the dormitory which bears the name of the church and the B. S. U. building, first used as a dining hall. When the present dining hall was built his name was transferred to this hall. Several years ago, at a meeting of the alumni, Dr. Sams put on foot a movement to secure funds for building the present gymnasium. At the meeting he secured pledges to the amount of \$10,000 for the building. It is believed that the election of Dr. Sams as vice-president will prove an important step in the present building and endowment program of the College.

Dr. Sams is also a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Among the important churches he has served as pastor are the First Baptist Church of Harrisonburg, Virginia; Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia; First Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Nelson Jarrett of Mars Hill Elected Head of Southern Junior College Press Association

NEXT CONVENTION TO BE AT CULLOWHEE

The first Southern Junior College Press Convention met at Biltmore Junior College April 4 and 5, with five Junior colleges represented. The convention, the first of its kind ever to be held in the State, was planned by the staff of the Biltmore Junior College publications.

Nelson Jarrett of Mars Hill, and Miss Edith Downes of Cullowhee were chosen to preside at the meeting of the convention next year, which will be held at the Western Carolina Teacher's College, Cullowhee, N. C., the first week of April of next year.

The five junior colleges of the state that were represented at the convention included Wingate College, Carolina Teacher's College of the City of Asheville, Mars Hill College, and Biltmore Junior College.

The plans for the permanent organization of the association is being made by the president and the secretary. All junior colleges of the South are eligible for membership, and it is expected that next year's convention will be attended by representatives of practically every junior college in the South.

The convention opened the morning of the 4th of April with an address of welcome by Dean Connelly of Biltmore Junior College. The delegates heard addresses by prominent newspaper men of Asheville throughout the remainder of the afternoon. The delegates were the guests of the Biltmore Junior College newspaper staff at a banquet that evening at the Biltmore College cafeteria.

The meeting opened the next morning at 9 o'clock with a round-table discussion, the delegates taking up the following topics: "Staff Organization," "Composition," "Make-up," "Cooperating with the Print-

er," "Editorial Writing," "Financing the Publication," "Sport News," and "Circulation Methods." After a picnic lunch on the college campus, the convention adjourned for a trip through the Biltmore Estate. At the afternoon session the convention awarded prizes to the best literary magazine, and newspaper represented. "Bluets" the magazine of the Biltmore Junior College, won the cup for the best magazine, and "The Asheville Archive," College of the City of Asheville news-sheet, won the cup for the best newspaper represented.

Delegates to the convention and the schools that they represented are as follows: From Cullowhee, Martha Mayfield, Jane Plott, and Edith Downes. From Wingate College, Robert Secrets, Miss Mary Emma Anderson, assistant faculty advisor, and Alice Cornell. From Asheville College, William Butterick, Hefling Keeling, and Charles W. Miller. From Mars Hill, Nelson Jarrett.

New Hilltop Staff Nominations Announced for '30-'31

As the time had arrived to select the persons to fill the various responsible offices on the campus for next year, the present Hilltop staff has assumed the position of a nominating committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the staff for next year.

The members of the Hilltop staff serve for a term of one year. Each spring the staff then serving with the help and advice of Mr. J. A. McLeod, the faculty advisor of the Hilltop, select from the student body persons whom they believe merit a position on the staff of this publication because of their high standard of work during the past year, their general interest in journalism, and a manifestation of a degree of thoroughness and promptness. The persons thus selected are submitted to the student body as nominees for the positions indicated. If they are accepted by the student body they then become the members of the Hilltop staff for the ensuing year.

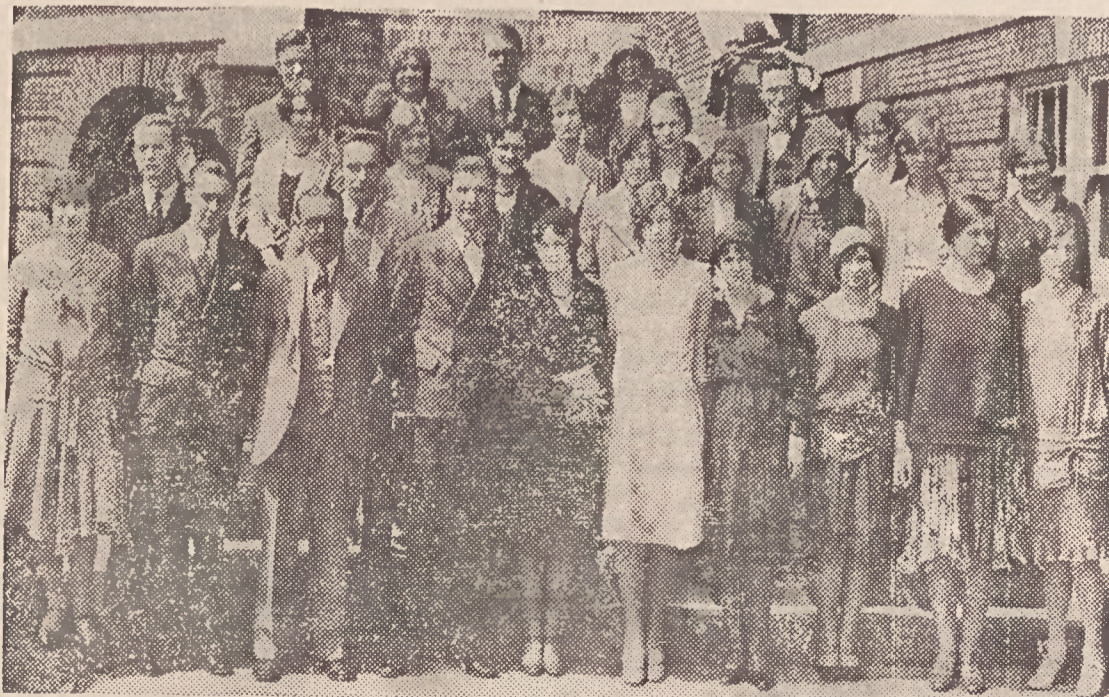
After a careful consideration of the present student body and with discreet selection, the following persons were nominated for the various positions on the staff for next year: editor, Nelson Jarrett; associate editors, Frances Barnes and B. G. Leonard; society editor, Boyd Brown; athletic editor, Howard Camnitz; poetry, D. L. Stewart; alumni, Cooper Gretter; business manager, J. D. Carr; circulation manager, Hoyle Lee.

The above persons will be submitted to the student body as nominees from the present staff subject to their approval or disapproval.

"All one's life is Music, if one touched the notes rightly and intune."—Ruskin.

"Labor and trouble one can always get through alone, but it takes two to be glad."—Ibsen.

Leaders of First Press Meet



Leaders of the first Southern Junior College Press Convention posed for their picture at Biltmore College recently. Left to right, they are as follows: front row, Miss Virginia Bryan, Biltmore faculty adviser; William Buttrick, editor of the Asheville Archive; Nelson Jarrett, of Mars Hill; Junius Allison, Martha Mayfield, from Cullowhee; Dossie Beaver, Pansy Lindsey, Marion Wells, Catherine Current, and Lela Mae Spivey, chairman of the Convention. Second row, Charles Waverly Miller, from Asheville College; Heflin Keeling, also of Asheville; Marjorie Patton, Jane Plott, Cullowhee delegate; Mary Coggins, Edith Downes, also of Cullowhee; Imogene Herron, and Helen Gores. Third row, Helen Wells, Fanny Miller, Louise Hanner, Mrs. Margaret Lawson, Pearl Duckett, and Georgia McCall. Back row, Robert Secret and Alyce Cornell, both Wingate delegates; Charles McConnell, Miss Mary Emma Anderson, Wingate faculty adviser, and W. E. Byrd, Cullowhee faculty adviser.