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## Greetings

Mars Hill campus is alive again with that same jovial, happy, earnest, and determined spirit which has marked the beginning of seventy-five school years in the past. Many new students have decided to continue to help Mars Hill maintain that high standard of excellence that has been hers in the past.

New students, we congratulate you heartily upon the wisdom of your choice. We gather that you have come here with a purpose. We welcome you heartily into the realms of good-fellowship manifested on our campus. We are glad to have you, and it is our earnest hope that when we throw our torch next May the same spirit and willing hand will receive it that is shown by you now.

Again we congratulate you and welcome you to Mars Hill. Help us to uphold the honor and name of Alma Mater. J.N.J.

## Our 1930-31 Policy

Following in the footsteps of tradition, we find it a necessity and a pleasure to give to the students, in our first edition, the policy of the staff for the year 1930-31.

This edition of the paper is the new staff's first organized attempt at publishing a paper. We realize that our readers are cosmopolitan in number and interests. It is the aim of the new staff to have something in the paper that will be of interest to all of its readers. New problems will arise which have to be solved by new methods, and it is our hope that the students will co-operate with us in solving such problems as may arise.

The Hilltop staff hopes, more than ever before, to make the paper the real voice of the campus. Your words of approval and criticism will be gladly received. Always do we try to encourage every one to write. Your contributions will always be welcome. The Hilltop is your paper. Help to make it what you want it to be. The Staff.

## Societies

For the purpose of providing worth-while training in literary works there are at Mars Hill four literary societies, all of which offer to students excellent opportunity for individual training and development. During the past years the work of the four societies has been outstanding in its value to the students. No one can receive all that Mars Hill has to offer unless he identifies himself with one of the societies and allows himself to become interested and enthusiastic in the work. To the girls the societies offer training in composition, dramatics, music, debating, and reading. The boys' societies offer practice in declamation, debating, and oration. The societies hold weekly meetings and each presents one public program during the year. In the Spring semester contests are held between the societies in debate, reading, declamation, and oration. These contests sharpen the interest in work and keep up the spirit of contest which is conducive to hard work. Realizing the benefit derived from work in these societies, every student is expected to become a member and to do his part in carrying forward the society activities.

F. B.

## Alma Mater

Oh, dear Alma Mater, we praise thy great name  
For the lives of the ones thou hast taught;  
Through struggles and cares thou hast won thy great fame,  
And great are the deeds thou hast wrought.  
Thy sons and thy daughters hold mem'ries of days  
When they labored and toiled in thy care;  
They are blessing the world and are giving the praise  
To thy name, Alma Mater, so fair.  
Oh, wonderful teacher, thy beauties and truths  
Are moulding our own lives like thine;  
A model thou art for thousands of youths;

Thy truths with our lives we entwine.  
We share all thy gains; thy losses are ours;  
As thou art may we ever be;  
May we give all our lives with their talents and powers  
In service learned here from thee.  
Thy hills in their beauty inspire us to climb  
To the heights that are noble and great;  
Thy rippling brooks and thy bowers sublime  
Have lessons for each to relate.  
Should we live to old age, our hair silv-ry grey,  
Ever faithful and true we would be;  
And with hearts full of love we would bless the day  
When destiny led us to thee.  
—Edith Mayes.

## LINES for LEISURE

### SUMMER EVENING

By Corinne Pannell.

See the golden sunlight now  
Tinge the mountain's misty brow,  
Over field and meadow bright  
Shed a flood of golden light,  
Gild the lowly cottage wall  
And the trees so very tall.

Sweet the summer's evening hour;  
Gentle whispers seem to say,  
Soothing is its magic power;  
"Life is but a summer's day;"—  
And its close, if spent aright,  
Tranquil as a summer's night.

### FACING THE TASK

We will toil, labor, and work,  
And our duty we'll never shirk;  
We'll do our best every day,  
In our weak, yet humble way.

We'll face the task with a smile,  
We'll not grumble—it's never worth while;

We'll humbly walk and strive to win,  
We'll shun evil and leave off sin.  
Then, when life's trials are past,  
And we reach home at last,  
We'll enjoy the peace and rest  
That comes from Him who knows best.

—Claude Hamby.

### AUTUMN TIME

The grand old autumn time is here,  
The gladdest season of the year;  
The leaves are tinted gold and brown,  
As through the trees they flutter down.

We are all happy, glad and free;  
The world is dancing round with glee;  
The birds sing merrily above  
A song of peace and hope and love.

The trees take off their emerald pride  
To meet the grand old autumn tide.  
They're taking off their coats of gold  
To meet the winter's mighty cold.

The cooling frosts the nuts have browned;  
Now they're falling to the ground,  
Tossed gently by the autumn breeze  
That shakes the towering chestnut trees.

Off to the woodlands now we go;  
And here and there and to and fro  
We gather chestnuts, far and wide,—  
We're ready for Old Winter's tide!  
—Bernard Bradley, Class of '29-'30.

## The Popularity of the Soupline

Many jokes have been told about the soupline and about its origin; many tales have been recited about certain people who have developed a "soupline complex" because of the manner in which their Sunday evenings were spent; and possibly several hundred Monday classes have been neglected and have consequently become distinguished as the sections in which low grades predominate; but the popularity of the bunion-derby is evidenced by the growing throngs of laughing young swains that congregate around the water fountain and in front of the porch of the Spilman Home each Sunday afternoon about four o'clock.

Even when the weather is inclement, certain couples gather for their "bun conferences." These conversations are seldom serious but are usually mischievous and humorous. For instance, one boy will say, "Old lady, don't wear a hole in my new pair of socks;" or "Bill, don't forget that you must clean up the room when you come back!" and sometimes they yell, "Mary, don't do anything that I wouldn't do." By the time that the last chaperon has disappeared in the distance the crowd begins to disband until the time when the soupline becomes visible a short while before supper.

There is surely some fundamental reason for the popularity which this Sunday recreation enjoys, not only among the students but also among the faculty members. Is it not reasonable to suppose that they likewise are thrilled when they think of the grandness and majesty of the panorama which they enjoy under circumstances that are somehow different from the routine of their weekly days? Surely they have learned to cherish the beautiful strolls that are rapidly becoming one of the most popular events of the social calendar of every attractive collegian.

## FEW CHANGES IN FACULTY LINEUP AT M. H.

Many Active in Study or Research Work During Summer.

The work of the seventy-fifth session of Mars Hill College began Monday, September 8, with few changes in the faculty. Dr. Oscar E. Sams, for seven years president of Carson-Newman College, and for three years president of Bluefield College, assumed the duties of Vice-President. Professor J. B. Huff returns to the head of the department of English after several years' absence during which time he was professor of English at Carson-Newman and president of Wingate College. He takes the place of Professor P. L. Elliott, who was formerly his student. Professor Elliott has accepted similar work in Western Carolina Teacher's College.

Mr. W. D. Smith takes the place of Mr. Juredine in the Physics and Chemistry department. Mr. Smith received his B. S. at Furman University. He later attended Tulane University where he received his Master's Degree in Science. For the past three years he has been in industrial work in dye stuff, application, and manufacturing. This will be of great value to him in his work here.

Professor Otis Trentham returns to his position in the Biology Department after a year's study at Duke University where he completed the work for his master's degree in science. Miss Rowanetta Allen, who supplied during his absence, will be missed greatly in our campus life. Professor A. N. Cordpening, of the Greek and Bible department, has been granted another year's leave of absence for study at Cozer Theological Seminary and at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor W. M. Grubbs, of the History department, has been granted a leave of absence for graduate study in history at the University of North Carolina. Miss Ethel Gregg returned to the English department after a semester of study at Columbia University.

Others of the faculty have been studying during the summer. Mr. Blackwell, professor of Greek and Bible, has been studying at the Union Theological Seminary at New York, where he won singular honors. Mr. McLeod, of the English department, has completed the work for his master's degree at the University of North Carolina. Mr. I. N. Carr was with the officer's encampment at Camp McPherson, Atlanta, for two weeks following the first summer term. He also did some research work toward his doctor's degree. Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, of the Latin department, after a period of travel in New England, has been serving as camp mother at the Dr. Pettit Camps of Long Island. Mrs. O. E. Roberts, head of the department of French, has been studying during the summer at St. Genevieve's of the Pines.

## Mars Hill Community

"Glad to see you!"  
"Glad to be back!"

How often in the last week have these simple, joyous greetings reverberated around Mars Hill. Could other words better express the friendly relationship between the people of the community and the teachers and students of this little mountain village? What need of glaring placards of welcome? The welcome at Mars Hill is personal and genuine. We meet it everywhere: on the buses, in the stores and other places of business, on the campus, and at church. The smile, the handshake, the fine spirit make those returning feel as if they were coming home.

Those who are new express their appreciation for your welcome, saying they have never encountered a more friendly spirit than that at Mars Hill. We need your co-operation in helping them to make the most of their opportunities here. Fortunately are those who can be here at all. Many see their way for only a few months; others will have to leave at the close of the semester unless conditions improve. The majority seem to appreciate the sacrifices being made for their education and are here to succeed. They, too, will soon learn to love Mars Hill as we do.

Some who came early had the privilege of being with the community folk in the close of their quiet and

## MOTHER'S CORNER

By Mother Milstead

Greetings! And a hearty welcome to students, both old and new, and to members of the Faculty.

The message I would bid you cry in your hearts is this:

"Today is the finest day that God has ever made,  
And o'er its dawning, noon and eve,  
His loving hands are laid.  
And things we've said, the things we've done are gone with yesterday,  
Tomorrow with its promises is centuries away,  
Today is the finest day. Oh, live gloriously!"

"Pretend it is the only day you have on earth to live,  
And drain it of each ounce of joy that can be made to give,  
Uplift your eyes—adore the world for which He dearly paid!  
Today is the finest day that God has ever made."

"What though it bring to you or me sorrow, pain, and tears?  
To make this day the Lord has tolled many million years.  
There's joy upon the mountain tops—there's joy in deepest glades,  
Today is the finest day that God has ever made."

"Oh, clasp its moments to your heart and crowd each precious hour.  
Radiate the Master's gift of hope—and love and power.  
Perform at least one worth-while deed before you let it fade.  
Today is the finest day that God has ever made."

effective revival. Surely God has brought Dr. Sams back to his home town to be a blessing to both community and college. The Sunday services were spiritually inspiring to us who have come to begin a new year's work. We rejoiced with you in the baptism of so many of your fine juniors and intermediates, dreaming, as you did, of a few years hence when they shall take your places as consecrated leaders in church and community life. What a challenge they are to those who lead and train them! To have seen many families united in hopes and purposes for their children; to have rejoiced with you in the rededication of lives of older men and women; to have resolved anew with all of you that we want to live this year for God in a very real way—to have come into this fine Christian atmosphere is indeed a blessing.

May God bless us all, friends. We are here to live and work with you. May He direct and unite our efforts in Christian training and service. As we saw the great congregation of community people, we regretted that many would soon give their places to the college students. Shall we not pray and work for a church where instead of the 600 who now fill its pews 1500 may unite in praise and worship! Shall we not make this the happiest year we have ever had together!

"Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." Psalm CXLIV:15.  
—One who loves Mars Hill.

## OPEN FORUM

I wish to take this opportunity to voice to our readers and students the appreciation of the entire staff for the services rendered The Hilltop during the summer months by Mr. D. L. Stewart.

I realize the handicaps under which Mr. Stewart worked in editing the summer editions of the paper. It took courage, will power, and an unquestioned ability to edit papers of such high standards under such circumstances. He and his co-workers published two editions practically perfect in make-up and content. We believe always in giving credit to whom credit is due, and I realize that too much credit cannot be given Mr. Stewart and his co-workers.

Again on behalf of the staff, I wish to congratulate Mr. Stewart upon his fine work, and thank him for the splendid services he rendered the paper and the school during the summer months.

(Signed) J. Nelson Jarrett, Editor.

It is the duty and sacred privilege of every Mars Hill student to stand when the "Alma Mater" is being played.