

# FIFTH ANNUAL DECLAIMERS CONTEST DEC. 12

over a Hundred High Schools  
of Western North Carolina  
Invited to Participate.

Fruitland Winner Last Year.

Mars Hill College will hold its fifth annual Readers and Declaimers contest for the high school students of Western North Carolina, December 12-13, 1930. Invitations have been sent to nearly one hundred and thirty-five schools, inviting each of them to send one boy and one girl to represent their school. The faculty members and the students are looking forward to this event with pleasure and a hearty welcome to the representatives from each school to the campus. The purpose of these contests is to quicken the interests of high school students in reading and declamation and to have them learn more about Mars Hill College.

All contestants are expected to be on the campus by twelve o'clock on December 12. While on the campus these representatives will get their impression of Mars Hill College, not after they go home and hear some one talk about it. It is up to the students and faculty members to make Mars Hill what its name signifies.

To the school winning each contest, silver loving cup will be given, with the name of the representative engraved thereon. The cup will be held for a period of one year, or until won by some other school. If any school should win the cup two years in succession, it shall become the permanent property of that school.

Last year, for the fourth annual Readers and Declaimers contest, only the following twenty-one schools were represented: Alexander School, Inc., Almond H. S., Brevard H. S., Black Mountain H. S., Burnsville H. S., Lane Creek H. S., Fairview H. S., Fruitland Institute, Gastonia H. S., Lees-MacRae Institute, Mars Hill H. S., Micaville H. S., Rutherfordton Spindale, South Mountain Industrial Institute, West Hickory H. S., Sylva Collegiate Institute, Valley Springs H. S., Deyton Bend H. S., Beach Glenn H. S., Hayesville H. S.

This year the college is planning to do for many more than this number. Last year both cups were won by the Fruitland Institute representatives. The boy winning was Roy Lail. The girl was Martha Stack, who is this year a student at Mars Hill.

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES

The Poetry Club of American University employs a very successful as well as an unique method in the selection of its members without embarrassing the unsuccessful applicants. The poetry is submitted under a "nom de plume" along with a sealed envelope that contains the author's real name on the inside and the fictitious name on the outside. The club, after considering the poetry, takes a vote and opens the envelopes of those accepted. The remaining ones are discarded unopened.

We wish to acknowledge exchanges from the following other publications: The Salemite, The Indian Leader, Queens Blues, The Hornet, Old Gold and Black, The Carolinian, The B. B. Bee, The Spotlight, The Tech Owl, The Wingate Triangle, The Crow's Nest, The Wa-Hi Journal, The University Hatchet, and Cardinal and Dream.

A tennis club has been organized at Campbell College and has a membership of 40. From this membership the team that will represent the college in intercollegiate matches will be selected.

A Writer's Club has been organized at Chowan College for the purpose of developing the dormant journalistic talent in the student body and in the college faculty.

They say that "Doc" Moore, the lad from Vandalia, Illinois, is quite a road jumper. He specializes in fire escapes.

## GRADUATE GOSSIP

M. L. Kesler, Jr., graduated at Wake Forest in 1929, and is now taking a course at Cornell University.

Thedie Greene, now Mrs. W. F. Hodge, 404 Kimsey street, Raleigh, has a stenographic position in the Mayor's office.

Wade M. Jenkins is, and has been for the past three years, the principal of an eighteen-teacher school at Wingate, N. C. He graduated at the University of South Carolina.

John Holmes, Raleigh, is representative of the New York Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the choir of the First Baptist Church and leads evangelistic meetings often.

Wade Bostick who married Miss Haywood, has a good position with one of the leading firms of Durham.

John W. Bradley, who graduated here in 1904 is now taking work at Southeastern University, of Washington, and will receive his degree this spring. One of his sons graduated from the University of Maryland and now has a good position with the General Electric Company.

J. Kelly Stiles is teaching this year at Hayesville, N. C.

C. E. Cowan has been elected judge of the recorder's court of Burke county. He is located at Morganton.

Hubert Olive, of Lexington, N. C., is the district governor of the Carolina Kiwanians. He has been judge of the recorder's court of Davidson county.

Bill Reeves, Lucy Bennett, and Hazel Martin are teaching at the French Broad Baptist Academy.

Bessie Leiby is taking a nurse's course at the Reading Hospital, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Grace M. Riddle, of New London, Connecticut, was married early in November to George H. Wright.

Mr. W. M. Grubbs, who taught here last year, is having a successful year at Chapel Hill. He hopes to finish early in the year.

James Allen, of Newton, N. C., is connected with the Catawba News-Enterprise there.

Cary Parker, a law student at the University of North Carolina, has made the Pi Beta Phi fraternity.

News is received of the marriage of Dan Hall, professor of mathematics, at Texas A. and M., to Miss Inez Ethridge.

Edward B. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rutherfordton, is conducting a series of religious articles in the News of that town.

D. G. Watkins is farming near Princess Anne, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Landers are now located at Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Landers is holding a position in Philadelphia.

E. R. Tweed, Jr., was married the other day.

A committee composed of George Fort Milton, editor of The Chattanooga News; Dr. Howard Odum, of the University of North Carolina; Julian Harris of the Atlanta Constitution; Alex W. Spence, attorney-at-law of Dallas, Texas; Dr. W. P. King, book editor, Methodist Episcopal Church South, Nashville; Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, president Furman University; Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute; President John Hope of Atlanta University; Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University of Nashville, and President B. F. Hubert of Georgia State College have undertaken the first scientific study ever made of lynchings and will strive to create an effective preventive by removing the underlying causes. The Commission of Interracial Co-operation will sponsor the work of these prominent men.

## Staff Enjoys Party at Home of McLeods

Those who furnish the student-body and faculty of Mars Hill College with such varied and interesting reading matter were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod on the evening of November 8, 1930. The couples knew as they left Spilman porch that it was an unusually beautiful night for a party, especially one that required a brief walk under a moon ordered particularly for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod showed their good-natured hospitality by opening the whole house to their guests. Those possessing culinary arts repaired to the kitchen where with Mrs. McLeod they made candy of such excellence as might make Mr. Whitman envious.

While the fudge was bubbling away, the interesting and interested young ladies and gentlemen were enjoying games under the direction of Miss Mamie Kelley. With contests, progressions, word charades, and wink, the game called barber shop proved, by popular acclaim, the most interesting. If any critical reader should doubt this and wish for more definite information, he is referred to B. G. Leonard, who felt the need of two shaves.

That American trait of brotherly love was predominant (ask Mr. Boyd Brown). Miss Martha Stack in her innocently childish, though natural, way gave two readings which were truly appropriate for the audience of such intelligence. These were "A Happy Tomboy" and "The Moo-Cow-Moo."

Miss Frances Snyder added much to the program with her popular piano selections. But somehow or other, Miss Johnnie Wannamaker "took a likin'" for the radio. (Don't ask her why!) Joe Webb made quite a conquest in the heart of one lady present; little Miss Clyde McLeod became quite attached to this woman-hater! Well, yes, Cooper Greter was there, too. By the way, have you noticed that red spot on Cooper's lip? What? Oh, no, he just ate too much candy.

It was with great reluctance that each one sang "Good Night, Ladies." The one consolation was that "last walk together" to Spilman.

## Wide Territory Is Represented at M. H.

Students Hail From Sixty-seven Counties and Fifteen States.

There are 436 students in school at the present time. These students represent a number of counties in this state and several other states. In all, sixty-seven of the one hundred counties are represented. Madison county, of course, leads with 59, with Buncombe county second with 21. Rutherford sends 19, Henderson 18, and on down the line. One interesting thing is the fact that Pitt, way down on the coast, sends 11.

There are fourteen states in addition to our own, represented on the campus. South Carolina has the greatest number of any, with 45. Tennessee is next with 20, followed by Florida with 8. Then comes Georgia with 7, Virginia with 6, Mississippi with 3, and Alabama and West Virginia with 2 each. Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, and Ohio each have contributed one. To have fifteen states represented in a junior college is remarkable. Few, if any others, achieve this great number.

North Carolina's total runs to 337, and all others total 99. Where's the other one from outside the state? He must have been lost in the rush. Everyone should be proud of this record.

At the end of last year, there were twelve states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries represented. This figure included the summer school. It seems that we have already reached the total of states represented last year; and when the second semester starts, we shall have more.

"This is the state of man: Today he puts forth  
The tender leaves of hope; tomorrow blossoms,  
And bears his blushing honors thick upon him;  
Then there comes a frost, a killing frost."  
—Shakespeare.

## Armistice Day Program Given in College Chapel

Dr. A. B. Thrall Is Speaker of the Occasion.

At the regular chapel service on November 11, a special musical program was planned by Miss Biggers, Miss Coon, Miss Elkins, and Mr. Robinson, in addition to the address given by Dr. A. B. Thrall of Asheville.

After the orchestra had played a number, little Preston Calvin Stringfield, Jr., played "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Immediately following the college chorus sang the recessional with music by DeKoven. The solo part was sung by Mrs. P. C. Stringfield. "Our Director" was next played by the orchestra under the direction of Mrs. D. M. Robinson. Then came an octet composed of Miss Coon, Miss Elkins, Madge Linney, Mamie Perry, Paul Reese, Ray O'Brien, Silas Johnson, and Joe Farmer. The solo part of their selection, "In Flanders Fields," was given by Ray O'Brien. The last number was given by Miss Coon and gave a fitting close to the program, the title being "The Americans Come," by Foster.

Mr. Carr then announced the speaker of the morning, Dr. A. B. Thrall, the scholarly pastor of the First Congregational church of Asheville.

In his address, Dr. Thrall said that in declaring the late war the Kaiser sinned against "Germany, his own race, the human race, and high heaven." He also stated the fact in brief, poignant words that even though armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, still it is only an armistice and not peace. Dr. Thrall quoted Premier MacDonald when he said, "We have not learned the lesson yet. . . . Let us pray for it."

Dr. Thrall closed by getting on a more personal plane with the students themselves. He asked why they were at college. As a brief summary of the reasons, he suggested that they were at college, first of all, to learn how to think clearly and accurately. Then he suggested that they were at college to form those habits which give opportunities for free, moral thinking.

## International Relations Club Gives Splendid Program on India

Miss Bonnie Wengert Lends Treasures of Indian Art.

On Tuesday evening, November 11, a most interesting program on India was given by the International Relations Club at the home of Mr. Carr, with W. O. Rosser presiding.

The first number on the program was an interesting and full discussion of "The Country and People of India," given by Walter Smith. Margaret Allen next explained the deplorable condition of womanhood in India under the title, "The Women of India." Then Edna Stroude read a very striking article on "What Next for India?" In this unusual discussion she clearly stated the present position of both England and India, showing why it is impossible for England to let India become free. The only hope for India, she declared, is in the rise of an intelligent class that can accomplish their freedom. The most interesting feature of the entire program, perhaps, was "The Art of India," given by Florence Johnson. Miss Wengert was kind enough to lend her some priceless specimens of Indian art for the evening. This made the subject much more interesting, and by showing many pictures of distinguished buildings of India Miss Johnson was able to awaken the desire within each one to visit those famous and mysterious edifices of far-away India.

W. O. Rosser changed the line of thought by giving a clear and definite account of the life and work of the famous Mahatma Gandhi. He said that Gandhi is one of the six most famous men of the world; that he is India's apostle of self-rule, and that he is called the Uncrowned King of India.

Due to the absence of Mr. Mayo, Florence Johnson gave a brief discussion of the many religions of India.

In the business session which followed, the constitution was read to the new members. The subject decided upon to be studied at the next meeting is New China.

## OLGE MEADOWS

Olge Meadows, what a peaceful rural scene the name brings before one's innocent eyes. The fond dreamer thinks of a gently rolling plain, with rippling brooks and shading trees. But alas! Such idle thoughts are far from true. So listen, my children, and you shall hear how we poor mortals found facts so drear.

Two trucks, reminiscent of sardine days, moved majestically away from Spilman Home. This was life—glorious, zestful life—and fifty voices of the happy throng attested to this fact. The trucks toiled slowly up to the summit. But alas! was it the summit? Summit? To our sorrow, no! The girls scrambled blithely up the steep and rugged way, leaving three dinnerless boys to the ignominious fate of pack horses. Later these same hungry boys appreciated the sentiment of that beautiful poem, "Woodman, Spare That Tree." Then came the old familiar call, "Soup's On." Need we say more?

Camp was made in the lee of the house. And now as time rolled on in its appointed course and the setting stars suggested sleep, taps faintly resounded from the far-off hillside. Ten bells and all was well, when an unavoidable circumstance caused a hasty removal of camp to a distant hillside. Hillside? Ah, Yes! Hillside! Sunday morning at four-thirty o'clock reveille ended a restful night and all trooped up to the highest peak to see the sun rise. It rose at six-fifteen. We all rolled back to camp where we ate heartily. We then lazily roamed o'er hill and dale until we were called in for a little prayer service and dinner. We bid farewell to dear old Olge Meadows. Shall we ever forget it? No, never!

E. B. G.  
A. L. B.  
H. C. C.

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