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Waynesburg College of Pennsylvania to Be First Opponent.

The debating season for the college is rapidly approaching. Preliminary debates were held in November, at which twelve were selected to represent the college this year. The first contest is scheduled for March 2 with Waynesburg College, of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. This is a four-year college with a wonderful debating record behind it. The negotiating team, which will debate our affirmative team here, will be on a tour visiting twelve or fifteen states.

The second forensic encounter will probably be held between an affirmative team of Furman University and a negative team of Mars Hill College. Dr. Harrison's team will also be on a tour, and this contest will be held here on April 2.

The third debate will be a double-header between the girls of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Mars Hill, and it is scheduled for April 17. This will be followed by a dual encounter with the girls of Western Carolina Teachers' College, and is scheduled for April 4.

The Junior College Debating Tournament for both boys and girls, in which it is hoped all such institutions in North Carolina will take part, will be held in the intercollegiate contests for the year. In the preliminaries and finals of this tournament some half a dozen or more debates should be held.

Some of the questions as Chain Scales, Wage System, Independence of Philippines, Old Age Pensions, Emergence of Modern Women, and Free Trade have been debated.

Length Nelson Jarrett and W. O. Ross will represent Mars Hill in the debate with Waynesburg. The debaters on the other subjects have not yet definitely decided upon.

Those composing the intercollegiate debaters' teams this year are as follows: boys—Cooper Gretter, Johnson, Ned Jarrett, Milton Hammon, Bill McLester, Fred Bose, Ben Clarence Mayo, Evan Evans, W. H. Gosser, Ward Pittman, Hoyle Lee; girls—Mayme Kelley, Ruby Hayes, Ruth Reese, Sarah Fox, Bonnie Gertrude Blaylock, Lillian Mayhill, Kathleen Gilliland, Marie Hill, Martha Parker, Catharine Hill.

R. C. Discusses Foreign Customs

Recent Members Discuss Christmas in Other Lands.

Great interest was aroused among members of the International Relations Club as they made a brief survey of the Christmas customs in foreign countries on January 13, at the home of Mr. Carr.

The celebration of Noel in France and Germany was presented by Mary Florence Johnson. She gave some interesting facts on the celebration of Christmas in Bergundy, Abyssinia, Spain. Surely King's Day means a lot to the Spaniard. The gaudy festivities of the Turks and Greeks given by Corbit Carnes in collaboration with Elizabeth Wilburn.

Clarence Mayo, in a very interesting paper, told about the quaint customs observed in Norway and Sweden during the Yuletide season. The story of the customary quest of the Child in Mexico was given by Margaret Allen. Edna Stroude told of the peculiarities in the observance of Christmas in Bulgaria and the European countries. Bill Ross gave many apt and interesting current events in order to bring members back to the good old United States where Santa Claus and fills everybody's stockings.



Dr. W. J. HAYMORE, who on last Sunday night closed a week's revival services on the Mars Hill campus.

DR. HAYMORE CONCLUDES FINE EVANGELISTIC SERVICE SERIES

Delivers Series of Messages at Chapel on "God and the Holy Spirit."

On Saturday, January 31, Dr. J. M. Haymore, of Decatur, Georgia, completed a week's series of sermons in a most inspiring and heart-searching evangelistic meeting for Mars Hill community and college. The messages were delivered with effective sincerity and simplicity. Dr. Haymore proved to have that understanding which a true man of God needs. Some of his subjects were: "The Omnipresence of God," "What Is Your Life?" "The Omniscience of God," "The Omnipotence of God," "Sanctification," "God Is a Spirit," "The Personality of the Holy Spirit," "Sin at the Door," "The Love of God," "What Think Ye of Christ," and "The Office of the Holy Spirit."

Dr. Haymore has been pastor of some of the leading churches in the South. Among those which he has served are the First Church, Moultrie, Georgia; First Church, Gainesville, Georgia; First Church, Waycross, Georgia; and the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Georgia. For a number of years he was at the head of the department of evangelism in Missouri. Dr. Haymore stated that he was now going anywhere on earth that the Lord wanted him. Since North Carolina is his native state, his many friends here hope to be favored by future visits.

Mars Hill Men Abroad

Even in the far-away West Chohan Association, Mars Hill men have an important part. In the minutes of the last Association, Rev. J. L. Price, Rev. E. C. Andrews, and Rev. G. W. Burch are put down as pastors of eight churches that have a total membership of nearly 2,400. Price has in the past few weeks moved to Bloxom, Virginia.

Bank of Mars Hill Reopens for Business

The Bank of Mars Hill, which closed its doors December 15, leaving paralyzed the treasuries of many campus organizations and the private exchequers of many individuals, reopened January 24.

The bank reopened after an audit by the state banking authorities showed the bank to be in a solvent condition and after 93 per cent of the depositors had agreed not to withdraw their deposits. A splendid example of co-operation and public confidence in the community was manifested in making the reopening of the bank possible.

The officers of the bank are: N. W. Anderson, president; Dr. W. L. Robinson, vice-president; and L. Z. Eller, cashier.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY COURSE FEBRUARY 2-6

Seven Courses Are Offered by Strong Faculty.

Mars Hill's annual Sunday School Study Course week began Monday. The Sunday School Department could not have selected a more suitable time for this work. The forceful and inspiring messages that Dr. Haymore delivered last week serve as an impetus to make each spend more of his time in spiritual uplift and improvement. The courses being taught are listed below, with a brief resume of each book:

The Sunday School Normal Manual, taught by Prof. J. M. England, is a (Continued on Page 4)

MOTHER BIGGERS' CONDITION STILL SERIOUS

The latest report from the Mission Hospital, Asheville, where Mother Biggers has undergone a serious operation, is to the effect that her condition is still serious.

Mrs. Biggers was taken to the Asheville hospital several days ago, after having suffered for several weeks with an unknown malady. She is being attended by several of the leading physicians of that city. Her daughters and son have been constantly at her bedside.

STATISTICS SHOWING HIGHER GRADES ATTAINED THIS YEAR

Juniors to Edit Next Issue of The Hilltop

The juniors of Mars Hill College will edit the next edition of The Hilltop. Once each year the staff permits both the junior and the senior classes to edit one edition of the paper.

Those who will be responsible for the Junior Edition are: Conway Sams, editor, and Martha Stack, Catherine Curl, and Bruce Granger will assist him.

The Senior Edition of the paper will follow the appearance of the Junior Edition. Those who shall edit it have not as yet been elected.

U. N. C. SCENE OF CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY

Dr. Paul Harrison Will Be the Principal Speaker at Student Conference on Missions.

Dr. Paul Harrison, returned medical missionary from Arabia, and one of the best known present authorities in his field, will be one of the speakers at the Student's Conference on Missions to be held at the University of North Carolina from February 27 to March 1, it was announced this week by Charles W. Clay, student at Duke University and president of the N. C. Student Volunteer Union.

Dr. Harrison was recently awarded an honorary degree from Yale University for his work in Arabia. He has been called "one of the most outstanding of the younger missionaries in the whole world today." "Disease in the World; a Challenge to Christian Students" will be his theme at the forthcoming conference.

Among other speakers included on the program are:

Rev. E. McNeill Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, and for several years professor of New Testament in a college in China, speaking on the subject, "The Inadequacies of Non-Christian Religions; a Challenge to Christian Students."

Fay Campbell, head of the Y. M. C. A. at Yale University, secretary of "Yale in China," and a delegate to the Jerusalem International Missionary Council, speaking on "Economic Disorders in the World: a Challenge to Christian Students."

Mrs. Rose Aggrey, widow of the famous "Aggrey of Africa," whose missionary labors attracted world-wide attention.

Lee Phillip, a young Negro student and poet from Harvard University, (Continued on Page 4)

Faculty Entertains Students at Party

Saturday evening, January 24, the faculty entertained the student body at a very enjoyable party held in the Euthalian hall. The students were greeted at the entrance by Mother Millstead; Misses Coon, Elkins, and Pierce; Messrs. Lee, England, McLeod, Stringfield, and Moore. During the evening, many interesting games and contests were heartily enjoyed. The most interesting contest was one of letters which spelled the name of the beloved college president, Mr. Moore. A delightful musical was rendered by Misses Coon and Elkins with Mr. Lee, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Stringfield. After the entertainment, ice cream and candy were served.

The students join in appreciation of this evening's entertainment and in a suggestion that this policy become instituted in the annual activities of the college.

French, English and Math Take Cellar Positions.

Margaret Allen Makes Highest Mark.

The final examinations that were completed several days ago reveal some interesting statistics. According to an estimate made by The Hilltop of the grades in the registrar's office through January 30, it is found that the standard this year was somewhat higher than that of last year. It is interesting to note that a graph of the grades for the past three years would reveal a steady up-and-down curve. This year there was a total of 168 A's made; this is an increase of nine over last year. The total number of B's made this year was 546, an increase of 108 over the past year. The number of failures this year was 148, a decrease of 24 over last year's failures. The rest of the grades were C, D, E, and I's; they were not completed for publication.

No student in either the academy or the college registered A's on all subjects. Miss Margaret Allen approached nearest this coveted mark by making five A's and one B.

The Bible department led the school with the most number of A's made, it having registered 41. Education ran a close second with a total of 40 A's Latin registered third with 28.

The English department continued to set the pace for the first-place honors in failures again this year. This department reported 27 failures. This total, however, was 24 less than last year. It is interesting to note that the French and Mathematics departments last year led in the number of failures also, placing second and third respectively. These two departments again placed second and third in the total number of failures. The number of French failures being 25 to Math's 23.

No freshman English student made an A again this year, and just one A was registered on Senior English.

Education placed first in the number of B's, having reported 95. Bible came second with 83, and English third with 68.

The English department placed first in the number of C's made, it having reported 112. The History department came second with 88, and Health Education third with 70.

The English department also led in the highest number of D's made, registering this year a total of 59. History came second with 57, and Math third with 37.

The English department continued to take first place honors in the number of E's made. It registered 50, with Math following second with 27, and Latin third with 23.

The highest number of I's were made in the History department with a total of 26. English placed second with 10, and Chemistry third with 9.

The following is a complete list of the grades of each department exclusive of the Gym sections. These grades were taken from the grades turned in to the registrar by January 30, 1931:

English department: 3 A's, 68 B's, 125 C's, 59 D's, 50 E's, 27 F's, and 13 I's.

Latin department: 28 A's, 45 B's, 1 C, 24 D's, 23 E's, 4 F's, 6 I's.

History department: 9 A's, 63 B's, 88 C's, 57 D's, 15 E's, 17 F's, and 26 I's.

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NOTICE!

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