

Asheville Musicians Give Fine Recital

Mr. Alderson and Choir Soloists Bring Chapel Program.

James E. Alderson, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Asheville, with Mrs. William Roy Griffin, soprano soloist of the First Baptist Church choir, and Mrs. Brock Phillips, contralto soloist of the First Baptist Church choir, gave a program of music during the 30-minute chapel a few days ago.

The program given was as follows: "Bells of St. Mary's" (Adams), solo by Mr. Alderson; "Do You Know My Garden?" (Haydn-Wood), solo by Mrs. Griffin; "Tommy Lad" (Margeston), solo by Mrs. Phillips; "Love Divine" (Stainer), duet by Mr. Alderson and Mrs. Griffin; "Down in the Forest Something Stirred" (Ronald), solo by Mr. Alderson; "Neapolitan Nights," duet by Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Alderson; "There Are Fairies at the Bottom of Our Garden" (Lehman), solo by Mrs. Griffin; "Deep River" (arr. by Fisher), solo by Mrs. Phillips; "Songs My Mother Sang" (Cruikshank), solo by Mr. Alderson.

The program was under the direction of Mr. Alderson, who presided at the piano.

The visitors were accompanied by W. C. McConnell, who attended a meeting of the board of trustees of Mars Hill College.

B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Elect New Officers

The B. Y. P. U. department completed its election of officers for the spring semester on last Sunday. Among the new general officers were Miss Marie McNeal, treasurer; Miss Mabel Jones, corresponding secretary; Miss Lois Adams, pianist, and Mr. David T. Mashburn, chorister.

New presidents elected were as follows: Herbert Corder, Floyd Sams, M. H. R. Kendall, John Johnson, David T. Mashburn, David Taylor, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Mary Lee Pryor, Miss Martha Stack, and Miss Adelaide Craver.

Paul Reese, director, stated that all B. Y. P. U.'s were taking increased interest, and much better work was expected during the spring semester. The B.Y.P.U. department is the training ground of Christ, and every Christian on the campus should be a member of one of the B.Y.P.U.'s.

The following officers were reported as elected in the Sunday school: Ruth Class, Miss Pierce, teacher; Madge Linney, president; teachers in training, Miss Bowden, teacher; J. B. Bolt, president; Fearless Fighters, Mr. Carr, teacher; Andrew Albritton, president; Ever Faithful, Miss Gregg, teacher; Dwight Mullis, president; Gleaners, Miss Wengert, teacher; Margaret Hamrick, president; Crusaders, Miss Elkins, teacher; Harriet Hall, president; Workers at Work, Mrs. W. L. Robinson, teacher; Helen Beckwith, president; Berean I, Mr. McLeod, teacher; Charles Runion, president.

U. N. C. SCENE OF CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY

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well known in Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. circles.

Delegates to the conference will be from the different North Carolina colleges, and will include a number of foreign students. The total attendance will be limited to three hundred. A registration fee of \$2.00 will be paid upon arrival at Chapel Hill by each delegate. Lodging will be provided jointly in Chapel Hill and Durham, with meals served at reduced rates in one of the dining rooms of the University of North Carolina.

Special features in the conference include a daily musical program with an organ recital on Saturday afternoon as the highlight, special orchestra numbers, and a series of short addresses from foreign students on the theme, "Messages From the Nations." The general theme of the conference is "Human Needs and World Christianity."

Mr. N. B. McDevitt was again elected Representative in the next General Assembly from Madison County, a Democrat elected from a Republican county. Mr. McDevitt is also a trustee of Western Carolina Teachers' College, Cullowhee, N. C.

M. H. PLAYERS TO DEFEND TITLE GAINED PAST YEAR

One-Act Plays Are Entered in Forthcoming Contest.

The Dramatic Club has decided again to enter the contest in one-act plays sponsored by the North Carolina Dramatic Association, the finals to be held at Chapel Hill March 26-27-28; when the successful group from Western North Carolina will meet the winning group from the eastern part of the state. Last year, Mars Hill won the trophy after having defeated the renowned players of Asheville.

The play chosen this year by the Dramatic Club is "The Accomplice," by Abigail Marshall, an Australian writer. It is an unusual play depicting the struggle between body, brain, and soul. These respective roles are to be played by Val Edwards, Martha Parker, and Mildred Elmore. Other characters in the play are: bell-boy, W. F. McLester; the detective, Paul Fox; the policeman, Wade Baker.

The play will be presented here during the spring.

The club has gone a step farther in dramatic work this year in submitting two original plays, "His Heritage" by Frances Barnes, and "The Lonesome Gypsy" by Martha Parker. Since this is its first attempt at playwriting by any member of the club it is unknown just how far the venture will reach, but it is felt by all that it is a step in creative work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY COURSE, FEBRUARY 2-6

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practical handbook of principles and methods of religious education. It was produced to satisfy a real need of the average Sunday-school worker who does not have the opportunity to make an intensive study of the subject. It reflects the actual experience of workers in every type of Sunday school. The book attacks the problem from three points of view. The "how" of organization, including records, grading, and other matters having to do with efficiency in management, constitutes the first division. The pupil himself, with his changing "age-group" characteristics, is considered in the second part. The third division of the book is an outline study of the Bible. The completion of this Manual gives the Sunday-school diploma.

The state Sunday-school secretary, Perry Morgan, teaches **The True Functions of the Sunday School.** The functions of the Sunday school is considered one of the most significant problems of religious thought today. It is the desire of the author to show that the Sunday school presents an unparalleled opportunity for the successful promotion of the Christian life-principles. A new emphasis is placed on the soul culture of the individual. The first part of the book shows the marvelous scope and reach of the modern Sunday school. The second part shows that each of the activities that are given in the book has an important place in the Sunday school. In the third part the methods to carry out each of the activities are presented. Seals will be given to those who complete this course.

Miss Beulah Bowden is teaching **Religious Education in the Family.** This book rightly presumes that the family occupies a central place in the church. It is a guide to stimulate independent thinking and endeavor for parents and all members of a home, in their moral and religious development. It shows that mere drifting will never bring to pass real fruits of Christian home-life; but intense thinking, constant prayer, and unceasing work are the only things that will bring it to pass. The book deals with the relation of Christian education and the family. Seal number 8 will be given for this course.

Gregory's **Seven Laws of Teaching** is being taught by Mr. Stringfield. This book has been standard for forty years. It has been recently revised and is considered a most helpful work. The author was the first president of the University of Illinois and was a Baptist minister. This book will be of great value to any who are now teachers or to those who are planning to teach in the Sunday school. This course gives seal number 4.

Miss Gladys Beck of the State Sunday-school Board at Raleigh is teaching **Working with Juniors.** This book is meant not only for those especially interested in the junior work, but also

for those who are interested in any of the elementary departments. The discussions deal with things of vital importance to this department. The enrollment of juniors, their retention, the way of securing and maintaining their interest and co-operation, and various remedies for the correction of existing faults are studied. Seal number 5 will be given for the completion of this course.

A Quest for Souls is being taught by Mr. Owen. This book was written by Dr. Truett. In this course one can go with the cowboy preacher and watch him as he wins the backwoodsman, the cowpuncher, or the lawyer to faith in Jesus Christ. It will inspire one and instruct one how to lead others to Christ. This course gives seal number 2.

Young People and Adult Work is taught by Dr. R. L. Moore. It deals with the working of these departments. Valuable information on how to get them to work and how to keep them at work is given. This course gives seal number 5.

Ministers Choose New Officers for Semester

The Ministerial Conference is off to a good start this semester. The young ministers are showing much interest in the meetings and are deriving much good from them.

On January 15, 1931, the following officers were elected for the next nine weeks: Charles Runyon, president; Dwight Mullis, vice-president; Paul Fox, recording secretary; Vernon Brantley, corresponding secretary; Cornelius B. Jones, Hilltop representative; Silas Johnson, pianist; M. H. R. Kendall, chorister; J. B. Bolt, janitor.

On January 22, 1931, the conference had the pleasure of having President R. L. Moore speak to them. The talk was very much appreciated and the enthusiasm shown was evidence enough that this semester's work in the Ministerial Conference will be constructive.

GRADUATE GOSSIP

Miss Sarah Elmore is housekeeper and dietitian for the North Carolina School for the Deaf, Morganton, N. C.

Dr. Edd Adams, class of 1917, was back on the Hill recently for the first time in seventeen years. He is a leading physician and worker in Murphy, N. C.

Mrs. Abbie B. Bonesteel, teacher of English in Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C., and author of "Hidden Pearls," a book published by the S. S. Board which has had a wide circulation, has kept studying. At the close of the summer term she received the degree of Master of Arts at Mercer University.

Mr. Lamar Stringfield, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for the outstanding musical composition of 1928, has joined the Chapel Hill art colony, Chapel Hill, N. C., and will devote himself to the development of folk music. His earlier compositions have featured the native songs of the hills.

Judge T. L. Johnson in September resigned his place on the Superior Court bench to become senior member of the firm of Smathers and Rollins, taking the place of the late Thomas S. Rollins whose father was the first student registered in Mars Hill College. Judge Johnson has announced that he will not be a candidate for Governor in 1932, but his friends later.

urge that he be in the race four years. Former Senator Thomas C. Bowie, West Jefferson, N. C., is to give the alumni address at the approaching commencement. Mr. Bowie has also been mentioned as a candidate for the Governorship in 1936.

Mr. Carl Meares of the class of 1929, after a year at the University, has accepted a good position with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation. His headquarters will be at Fayetteville, N. C., though he will be in the field as collector and salesman most of the time.

Mr. Fred G. Hamrick, Route 2, Gaffney, S. C., was recently elected teacher of his Sunday school class and evinces a desire to do his part in a worthy manner, and he will.

A story sent out by the University and printed in many daily papers told of the struggles of a young man who was making his way through school. There was a familiar note in the story

earning nearly all of his expenses. Though the name was not given, we are sure the author is Quentin Plum-bley.

Rev. E. J. Ingle is now pastor of our church at Old Fort and is a leading spirit in the new Blue Ridge Association. He was succeeded at North Asheville Baptist Church by Rev. he told of some experiences at Mars Hill, rising at 4:30 in the morning, working four and a half hours a day, Frank L. Snyder, who had just returned from the Southwestern Seminary. The work at both places is making good progress.

The French Broad Baptist Church of Asheville has secured the services of Rev. L. Spurgeon Clark, a graduate of Rochester Seminary, recently pastor at Bloxom, Virginia.

Mr. Gus Jennings won the Master's degree at the University of N. C. Next year he will teach in the University of New York and pursue studies in Columbia leading to the Ph. D. degree.

Mr. Harry H. Harkins visited the school again after twenty-five years' absence in varied experiences. He is now back in Asheville connected with a tire company.

Judge T. Frank Hobson, St. Petersburg, Florida, has rendered an average of one hundred decisions a month for the past two years and has so far not had a case reversed by the Supreme Court of the State.

Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor at Rosemary, N. C., aided Rev. Elliot R. Stewart in a meeting at Rose Bay where seventeen years ago he was pastor-missionary.

Mr. Robert Harvie Barker on October 1, 1930, became director of a new division of statistics of the Department of Labor of Virginia. He has his B. A. degree from Furman, M. A. from Vanderbilt, and is finishing work for the Ph.D. degree in the University of Virginia. He has moved to Richmond.

Rev. W. A. Stephenson is pastor at Piedmont, S. C., and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Courier, being on the executive committee and one of the state chairmen.

Mr. Luther R. Vann, son of Dr. L. L. Vann, who was college physician in 1927-28, is now teacher in the Bakersville High school and president of the County Teachers Association. On the first Sunday in December he was ordained to the work of the ministry and made pastor of our church there, following Rev. P. L. Elliot. Dr. Sams and Pastor Owen aided in the ordination service.

STATISTICS SHOWING HIGHER GRADES ATTAINED THIS YEAR

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German: No A's, 4 B's, no C's and D's, 2 E's, 2 F's, and 1 I.

Greek department: 3 A's, 6 B's, 7 C's, and no D's, E's, F's, or I's.

Government department: 1 A, 5 B's, 4 C's, 2 D's, 1 E, 4 F's, and no I's.

French department: 5 A's, 25 B's, 41 C's, 32 D's, 18 E's, 25 F's, and no I's.

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Education department: B's, 21 C's, and no D's, I's.

Economic department: B's, 23 C's, 11 D's, 1 E, 7 I's.

Chemistry department: B's, 13 C's, 26 D's, 21 E's, 9 I's.

Biology department: 26 C's, 28 D's, no E's, 7 F's.

Bible department: 41 A's, 43 C's, 18 D's, 10 E's, no I's.

Expression department: B's, 5 C's, no D's, E's, or F's.

Physics department: No A's, 5 C's, 6 D's, 3 E's, 2 F's, 2 I's.

Health Education department: A's, 12 B's, 70 C's, 12 D's, and no I's.

Spanish department: 1 C's, no D's, 13 E's, 9 F's.

Plays and Games: 3 A's, C's, 9 D's, 4 E's, and no F's.

Mathematics department: 39 B's, 51 C's, 37 D's, 27 E's, and 6 I's.

Art Education: No A's, C's, 5 D's, and no E's, F's, or I's.

Music department: One A's, 39 C's, 9 D's, 2 E's, no F's, or I's.

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