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Welcome

You have come, new students, with your high hopes and ideals. We welcome you to the campus and all its activities. It will be you who shall fill the places of the old students next year. May you prove worthy successors and loyal supporters to the Alma Mater we love. M. M.

The Herd Instinct

In the labyrinth of human lives, very often an individual finds himself in a niche for which he is ill fitted. Far too bewildered to extricate himself without losing his bearings, he becomes a derelict—a failure.

A college career can either guide a student through toward his goal or confuse him utterly in his purposes. The greatest testng field inaugurated by civilization has been a four-year course of higher education. If in the acquaintance of varied and cosmopolitan pursuits, a student does not find his own particular ability, it is probable that he will nexer rise above the mediocre.

Those who have entered an institution this fall with a casually chosen course will do indifferent work. Following in the footsteps of the crowd tends to keep the eyes down on the heels of others, causing one to forget to look up and out at the great territory still untouched by human feet.

Imagination, original thinking, and the courage to stand alone are the requisites for true distinction. To be individual and not imitative is accomplished by strength and personality, and is rewarded with respect and admiration. —Madge Myers.

Notes From The Editor

The Hilltop does not belong to the staff, neither does it belong to two or three individuals, but to the student body as a whole. We welcome any literary or news contributions at all times by those students who are not connected with the staff. There is also a space reserved for open letters that concern the school in general.

Do not feel because you are not a staff member that your articles are not welcome. Our policy is, to print anything of the right nature, provided it is good enough.

"We were very much pleased on the first meeting night when such a fine array of new material came down to align themselves with the Hilltop for the coming year.

We are exceedingly fortunate in that among those who expressed their desire to work on the paper were three former high school editors-in-chief; two business managers; three interested in writing poetry; one professional writer; and several reporters.

Among those who answered the call for prospective writers are: Sara Corpening, Martha Wager, Hazel Herndon, Lillian Crowe, Herbert Johnson, Dot Johnson, Falk Johnson, James Matthews, Carl Rogers, Helen Lucke, Geraldine Barrett, Thomas Speed, Ruth Moore, George Mimms, Ruamie Carroll Squires, Bessie Chaffin, Mary Greene, Willard Greggs, Zelma Price.

Last Sunday night some loyal decendent of Attila gave vent to his physical emotions by rolling a large stone down the concrete steps that lead up to the boys' dormitories.

We hope that this person was not a college student as the editor as well as everyone who takes a pride in our college was deeply incensed by this useless act of vandalism.

If the person who committed this act reads this article, as I sincerely hope he will, I would like to brand him as a vandal and not fit to be in Mars Hill College, unless he makes the proper amends.

Full Attendance At Ministerial Conference

The Association of Ministers, or the Ministerial Conference, as it is more familiarly known, approached a hundred per cent. in attendance in its first two meetings of the semester. This large attendance indicates a strong interest to start with. Why may it not continue? Let us earnestly hope and urge that the young men in school at Mars Hill who are professedly the ministers of Jesus will put heart and service into the con-

ference throughout the year. Neglect not the assembling of ourselves together—neglect, rather, if something must be neglected, some less essential association or club. It is to be doubted whether any other duty is so necessary to our spiritual and social existence when the association hour arrives. Our life work and common destiny should be a mutual and constant bond of fellowship; and certainly an hour a week is in the sight of Jesus a pitifully small minimum dedicated to this purpose. The Association of Ministers numbers 29 this semester.

Nosin' 'Round

From all appearances the Mars Hill boys do not seem overly fond of fruit—especially dates.

In outlining the Harmony work for the year Miss Elkins explained to her class that they would be required to analyze hymns. Frances Frisbie enthusiastically yelled out, "Oh, goodie! I like to analyze hims!"

Mr. Huff's star pupil, Joe Farmer, wants to know how to make out a tileliography card.

Miss Pierce has informed the girls that the reason Mars Hill has the prettiest girls of any college in North Carolina is that they get plenty of rest and sleep. We wonder if that is the real reason Miss Kelley is sending Beatrice Johnson and Lillian Crowe to bed every night at nine o'clock?

Bruce Grainger, who is placed in a very precarious position between two ladies at the table, sent an S. O. S. to Marion Justice the other day.

All of the policemen in the Dining Hall "got a ticket" Sunday morning.

Students are wondering why the C-II girls have discarded their alarm clocks this year. The reason is simply this—some of the new students have been starting Spilman off with a bang every morning at five o'clock and keeping it rocking until six-thirty.

We also happen to know of two C-I girls who sat up until eleven thirty waiting for the ten thirty lights?? They are taking no chances breaking rules. How about it Sou and Emma?

Marion Justice feels that it is his duty to carry on a "strictly business" correspondence with Jerry Barrett, thereby enabling him to determine her ability as a creative writer.

It seems that the librarian has received some new tips on her work this year. A very ambitious young freshman came to the library and asked for a history parallel written by Ibid, and another for the Biology of Abraham Lincoln.

"Doc" Murphy seems to have taken a special interest in seeing that the Joneses felt perfectly at home in Hendersonville this summer. We believe the "Interest" was transferred from Hendersonville to Mars Hill for a few days this month. Eh, "Doc"? —L. Crowe.

On First Awakening

The long years press down upon us as the dampness from a long continued rain. Life seems extremely futile, and the future holds naught but bleak despair. We cry out in supplication to whatever gods there be, but no bright rainbow of promise spans the distant dismal horizon. Once life was gay and beauteous—From the "Gem in the emerald ring of hills" emanated sounds which only carefree and happy youth can conjure. But now the air is oppressive, and heavy, and still.

What somber clad pipe has intoned his dreadful tunes and carried away to the fastness of the forest the bouyancy of our youth? It is not the dread demon of war, nor is it pestilence, nor plague, nor famine. It is a decree more fearful than any handed down by a Caesar of a Pharaoh. It is a decree which takes the blue from the heavens, the bloom from the flowers, and the laughter from lips. It is a decree which says, "There shall be no more Souplines."

Friends, how can we endure our cup of bitterness through the years that are passing like greyclad phantoms over the highway of existence? Cannot some Joan of Arc arise to deliver us from this evil?

Or some poet attain immortality by penning these lines:
I remember, I remember,
The Soupline as of yester morn—
And the little roadway,
Which is now from laughter shown.
—Bruce Grainger.

To The Followers of The Blind Goddess

Just a word to the boys and girls who have answered the call of the law field. It appears to me that this field has been placed on the side line. Many young fellows going off to college, with no purpose in view, register for law, without giving a thought to whether or not they want to practise law. The law students should feel the call for service as much as those of any other calling. The field of law is one of the widest fields we have today. We need men who will stand up for the law at all times, help make laws that will hold our country together. We need statesmen who will work for the good of the country instead of self-interest. We need another Jefferson, another Patrick Henry, another Henry Clay. Fellow law students, may we feel that we have been called to give our lives to the service of our country and mankind; so that when we have gone on the people may say, "He gave his best." —A. G. Kennedy.

Phi's Open Year Huge Program

Forty-three Join Society The First Evening.

On Friday night, September 11, 1931, the Philomathian Literary Society swung back into action after a three months' holiday during the summer.

The meeting was called to order by H. C. Cox, the president, and the following program was rendered.

Hubert Smith gave as the first number a declamation. This was followed by another declamation by Charles Morgan. Next came the debate. T. R. Cutchin and M. H. R. Kendall advocated the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment in fiery language, but Reeves Colville and Dick England proved to the satisfaction of the judges that the amendment should remain as it now stands. The newly recruited Phi Orchestra then furnished the occupants of the hall with musical selections. After two humorous readings by Douthit Furches the program was brought to a conclusion by Bradley Taylor, who rendered jokes.

At the end of the program the new men were heard from, and forty-three of them signified their desire to join the Phi ranks.

Many visitors were in the hall, among them being Dr. Sams, our vice president and one of the founders of the society; Mr. H. C. Cox, Sr., father of the president of the society; two former presidents of last year, J. Nelson Jarrett and Clarence Mayo; and several members of previous years.

On September 18 the Philomathian Literary Society held its second meeting of the term.

After the devotional exercises C. V. Jones gave a declamation entitled, "The Kitten and the Crater." This was followed by an oration on divorce by Tracy Burton. Next William Kirk recited a poem entitled "Keep Agoin'." In the debate, "Resolved, That the Philippines Should Be Granted Their Immediate Independence," the negative represented by Virgil Holloway and H. C. Cox gained the decision over Mard Pittman and Wilson Lyday of the affirmative. Turning to things of a lighter nature the Phi Orchestra, under the direction of Joe Farmer, rendered a musical number. Next Albert Suttle, a new member, delighted the society with an impromptu speech. Fred Cockrell brought matters to an end with some amusing jokes. —Sam Justice, Reporter.

"M Club Holds First Meeting

The "M" club held its first meeting Monday night, September 14. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rankin Leeper, and plans were made to continue the club throughout the year.

The "M" club is an organization, of which every athlete desires to become a member. The club is composed of those who have earned a major letter in some branch of athletics. The purpose of the club is to discuss various athletic questions and to promote clean and sportsmanlike athletics.

GRADUATE GOSSIP

We are pleased to hear of the marriage of Miss Vonnie Whitaker G. B. Murphy. The couple will reside in High Point where Mr. Murphy is in the employ of the Imperial Life Insurance Company.

M. L. Kesler, Jr., having finished year of research work at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., has accepted position with the Amalgamated Staff and Chemical Works, New N. J.

The following graduated from Wake Forest Summer School: T. Cooper, W. M. Futrell and C. C. Bulars.

A wedding of interest is that of Miss Charlotte Ruth Nelson to M. Luther Gift at Raleigh, N. C.

Judge Tam Bowie was on the campaign a short time ago and spoke at Chapel He has lately made known his candidacy for U. S. Senator.

Calvin R. Edney has opened a new office at Marshall, N. C.

Hubert R. Eaton is located at Coolee, N. C., where he is shipping clerk for the Irwin Cotton Mills.

We learn of the marriage of Mich Rogenia Dare Meadows to Roy Griffin at Mountain Park, N. C.

Miss Zora Riddle is teaching in the year at Little Switzerland, N. C.

William Conger with his family visited the Hill a few days ago. He resides in Statesville, N. C., where he is in the insurance business.

We learn of the marriage of Marie Ramsey to Mr. Howard Bearden. They will reside in Spartanburg, S. C.

Rev. M. T. Ware is located at Toccoa Falls, Ga., where he is principal of Toccoa Falls Academy.

A. S. Gillespie has been chosen to take the place of the late Dr. Eugene Sallee, in China. This is a very responsible position.

We hear that Miss Ruth Walden has married M. G. Henderson Campobello, S. C.

Miss Viola Randall was recently married to P. B. Price, Forest City. They will reside in that place.

E. C. Duckett is principal this year at Johnston Elementary School, West Asheville, N. C.

V. W. McGee is located now with the Vann-Langdon Shops at Wilson, N. C.

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