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High School Tournament to Open Thursday

CHARTER DAY IS OBSERVED

Walker and Hipps Are Speakers On 73rd Anniversary Program

"Charter Day" was observed at the chapel exercises of the college on Tuesday, February 16, with Mr. C. Walker of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., at Asheville, as principle speaker.

The event marked the seventy-third year since the North Carolina legislature granted the first charter to Mars Hill College. It was recalled that B. M. Edney presented this district in the Senate and that John A. Fagg was the legislator when the charter was granted in 1859.

After a prayer by Dr. Sams, and a violin solo, "On Wings of Song," Mrs. D. M. Robinson, W. H. Hipps, attorney of Asheville and a trustee of the college, presented the speaker for the day. In his introductory remarks Mr. Hipps paid a beautiful tribute to the "uncrowned heroes," those pioneers who worked for the establishment of this college and to whom is due the admiration of every student. "You are enjoying the blessings that come from the sacrifices of these uncrowned heroes," said Mr. Hipps. Mr. Walker made a very inspirational address on "World Conditions and World Opportunities," presenting a short review of the effects of depression, the opportunities open to students today.

Mr. Walker stated that this is the (Continued on page four)

22 Enroll In Mission Classes

Courses Will Be Held Weekly This Year.

The annual mission study course being held differently this year than that of previous years. Instead of the classes being held daily one week, they are meeting once each week for five weeks. Attendance on the classes is voluntary this year, those who prefer, attend in chapel. The first meeting of the course on Thursday was attended by

the following courses are being offered: "Europe and the Gospel," taught by Mr. Wood and Miss Bowmond; "Outriders for the King," taught by Misses Coon, Elkins, and Wengert; "The Great Heart of the South," taught by Mr. J. W. Huff; "Mr. McLeod," "Yoruba Life," taught by Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Nathan; "Livingston, the Pathfinder," taught by Mr. Moore and Mrs. Hipps; "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," taught by Misses Rutherford and Pierce; "Preaching Value of Missions," taught by Dr. Sams and Chadwick; "Ann of Ava," taught by Misses Biggers and Gregg; "A Day in Black and White," taught by Mr. J. B. Huff and Miss Johnson; "Looking Ahead With Latin America," taught by Mr. Carr and Mrs. Hipps.

EVEN JOIN I. R. CLUB

Recent International Problems Discussed at Recent Meeting.

The regular meeting of the International Relations Club was held Tuesday night, February 9, in the Session Studio. After the roll call which was answered with current events, the following program was presented. Robert Burnett discussed the English parliament. Kent Clark brought out the British Foreign Policy in connection with (Continued on page 2)

DR. OWEN TO BE WASHINGTON BIRTH-DAY SPEAKER

Dr. William Russell Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, will deliver an address on some phase of the life of George Washington in chapel Monday, in a special program commemorating the bicentennial celebration of Washington's birthday. This will mark the climax of a series of chapel addresses on Washington and the founding of our country.

MOORE HEADS EU SOCIETY

Election of Officers Follows Strong Programs.

The first number on the regular program of the Euthalian Literary Society on February 5, was an oration by Claude P. Dills and was followed with a declamation by Ben Kirby.

The debate query was "Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Control and Censor All Motion Pictures." John Holden and John Bailey represented the affirmative; Luther Matthews and John McGeehee, the negative. The decision was rendered in favor of the negative.

The program was concluded with two vocal selections by Luther Hawkins, who accompanied himself at the piano.

Visitors in the hall were Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Asheville, and four Nonpareil sisters: Pauline Hall, Robie Grey Elmore, Doris Gibbs, and Kathleen Roberts.

The program of February 12, opened with an oration by Marion Justice, after which Marvin Harris gave a declamation.

The subject for debate was "Resolved, That Intoxicating Liquors Are More Destructive Than War." David Mashburn and Paul Taylor set forth the argument for the affirmative, while Max Isenham and Albert Beck upheld the negative. The negative received the decision.

Andrew Chesson concluded the program with a humorous selection.

In the business meeting Tom Moore was elected president to succeed Ben Cox. With a brief speech, the new president accepted the chair and continued the election of officers as follows: vice-president, Luther (Continued on page 3)

CASTS CHOSEN FOR PLAYS

Three Original Plays Have Been Entered In State Contest

At the regular meeting of the Dramatic Club on February 16, the casts for the original plays written by the expression students were read. The cast for "Hearts Asleep," an Irish fantasy by Ruamie Squires, is as follows: Colleen, Ruamie Squires; witch, Dorothy Hon; Leprechaun, Charles Alexander. The cast for "Red Velvet," the folk play written by the mother, Elizabeth Corpening; by Sara Anne Corpening is as follows: Judy, Mary Ella Newbrough; the father, Douthit Furches. The members of the cast of Madge Myers' play "Whose Move?" are: John Honeycutt James Matthews; Jim Honeycutt, Tom Moore; Minerva, Azaleen Kickleighter; wife, Grace West.

The casts were chosen after try-outs before Miss Wengert and members of the faculty. The three plays have been entered in the state contest at Chapel Hill. A public performance of the plays will be given in the spring.

SHRUBS GIVEN TO COLLEGE

Campus Is Beautified By Valuable Gift of Shrubbery.

For several weeks a movement in shrubbery planting has been noticeable about the campus. Several loads of many varieties of shrubs were brought to the college as a gracious benefaction from an interested friend. Much credit is due Professor Trentham, who lent his energy untiringly to see the shrubbery delivered and properly set. Many of the students, directed by Mr. B. H. Tilson, showed a fine co-operative spirit by taking time away from school work to help beautify the Hill.

The details of the project have purposely been withheld and will not be given publicity at the present time. It has been authoritatively estimated that the value of the gift at a conservative estimate is approximately \$1500. The gift was a valued supplement to other donations of a like nature which were made several years ago. It was Mr. W. L. Hart, of Asheville, who gave, for his daughter Thelma, a graduate of 1925, the shrubbery that is seen in front of Spilman. As the years have passed much has been added to make the campus more beautiful.

LANGUAGE CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Agnes Stack Is Made President of Latest Scholarship Club.

The Language Club, the latest scholarship club to be formed on the campus, was organized, Tuesday evening, February 9, in the French class room.

The sponsors present for the meeting were Mrs. O. E. Roberts, of the French department; Mrs. Vann, of the Spanish department; Mrs. Wilkins, of the German department; and Mr. J. W. Huff, of the Latin department.

Agnes Stack was elected president by ballot, and the following officers were chosen by acclamation: John Champion, vice-president; Mary Ella Newbrough, treasurer; Clara Stover, secretary; Reeves Colville, reporter.

Although the membership of the club is not complete, the program committee has been appointed to begin plans for the semester's work. With several departments represented, the programs promise to be varied and colorful. Mrs. Roberts has invited the club to her home for the next monthly meeting.

Dramatic Club Gives Public Program

On the evening of February 16, the Dramatic Club presented two plays in a public performance. The first was a one-act comedy entitled "Mrs. Rushington's Rest Cure." Mrs. Rushington's physician has advised her to set aside one day for complete rest—hands in lap, tongue quiet, and mind a blank. On her day of rest many unforeseen and unheard-of things occur. It turns out to be a most hectic occasion, and Mrs. Rushington finally gives up in disgust. The parts were well played and most effective. The cast was as follows: Mrs. Rushington, Sylvia Ammons; Mandy Ann, Ruth Robertson; Nona and Nina, Mrs. Rushington's flapper daughters, Sue Stuart Moore and Julia Cox; Miss Parsons, a book agent, Lorene Smith; Miss Hobson, the village gossip, Pearl Owenby; Mrs. Clark, president of the organized charities, Elizabeth Roberts; Mrs. Emmons, president of the aid society, Beatrice Johnson; Mrs. Lee, chairman of the city beautiful committee, Doris (Continued on page 3)

Sixteen Teams Have Been Selected to Play On February 25-27

CLIO PROGRAMS ON PRESIDENTS

Original And Patriotic Programs Given In February

The first two programs of the Clio Society for February were outstanding in the high quality of work presented, which did not fail to hold the appreciative interest of the entire audience. Original compositions in poetry, music, and prose were featured on the afternoon of February 4, at which meeting the society enjoyed the presence as visitors of Miss Winnie Rickett, Miss Mabel Starnes, and Miss Bonnie Wengert. Two new members were also welcomed. The program of the following week commemorating the lives of Lincoln and Washington, whose birthdays are in this month.

The numbers on the original program were, a poem by Ruamie Squires, an essay by Mildred Moore, a piano solo by Alberta Ivy, a short story by Madge Myers, poem by Frances Saunders, and a piano solo by Helen Keller.

Much constructive criticism was given to the creative work of these members.

The first part of the historical program consisted of interesting biographical sketches, "The Rail-splitter," by Martha Jo Boroughs; "George Washington," by Rose Bradford; and "The Secret of Lincoln's Power," by Eula Sprales. Some well known quotations from both of the presidents were read by Ruth Rose. After a piano solo by Pauline Morgan, the climax of the program was reached in a very effective dialogue, "An Episode in the Life of Lincoln."

In the darkened hall, Abraham Lincoln and Anne Rutledge appeared from out of the past in a forest setting of logs and foliage. The great lovers, played by Gerca West and Mildred Elmore in costume, inspired the society in a reverent spirit as the weight of discouragement and unbelief on Lincoln's heart was met and conquered by the faith of Anne Rutledge.

Before entering the business session, the society sang "Clio-Phi" and enlisted another new member under the banner of blue and white.

NONS PRESENT TWO PROGRAMS

Valentine Day And Washington Are Featured

A most romantic element was introduced in the Nonpareil program for February 11. The spirit of valentine was vivid in all the numbers. Dan Cupid's influence was felt in the first offering, a vocal solo, "It Is My Heart," sung by Frances Frisbie. "Hearts," a one-act play by Echar Golden, was presented under the able direction of Muriel Carroll. The play, as the title would indicate, was especially appropriate for a valentine program. Mrs. Cavendish, a fascinating widow of thirty-five, portrayed by Elizabeth Corpening, schemes to reunite an estranged couple; Marion Carew, her beautiful niece was played by Lillian Crowe; and Jerome Rutledge, a young man from the west, portrayed by Dorothy Hon. Matters are abetted by the maid, played by Sara Corpening. Cuthbert Deulin, a bachelor of forty, played by Ruby Young, discovers at last that he is in love with Mrs. Cavendish rather than her niece.

The society was glad to welcome (Continued on page 3)

EDNEYVILLE WINNER 1931

Next Thursday morning some 120 odd lads will pour into Mars Hill for the biggest athletic event of the season—the seventh annual Western North Carolina High School Basketball Tourney. They will come from all sections of the western part of the state, bringing to our campus the cream of the high school quint-crop for this season.

With the largest entry list in the history of the tournament Coach Roberts and his aides found considerable difficulty in weeding out the weaker teams, but when the final 16 were picked it was discovered that eight county championship teams, two county runner-ups; three former Mars Hill winners; the state Class B champions of last year, and two other strong clubs, composed the list.

Teams Are Selected

The teams selected are: Edneyville, defending champions; Henderson county champions; Glennwood, McDowell county kingpins, and runners-up for the Mars Hill title last winter; Hudson, title winners of Caldwell county who are yet undefeated this season; Crossnore, Avery county victors; Burnsville, Yancey county titlists; Mars Hill, victorious in Madison county play; Tipton Hill, Mitchell county champions; Sylva High, tied with Sylva Collegiate Institute for Jackson county honors and two times winner of the Mars Hill event; Sylva Collegiate Institute, co-holders of the Jackson county championship; West Buncombe, one of Buncombe's leading quints; Bee Log, runners-up for Yancey county honors; Candler, strong Buncombe five; Spruce Pine, Mitchell county team; Red Oak, another strong Buncombe aggregation; Barnardville, also of Buncombe county, and Bakersville, Class B champions of North Carolina last year.

Coach Roberts stated today that all the teams were strong, and had piled up such fine records this season that any of them seemed capable of winning the crown.

Hudson champion of Caldwell county, is regarded as something of a "dark horse" and may go far.

Sylva High and Sylva Collegiate Institute, now tied for the Jackson county honors, will have a chance to settle the argument at the coming tournament. There is a chance that they will meet in one of the early rounds.

The Mars Hill tourney was started seven years ago by the Mars Hill "M" Club, but grew to such proportions that the college heads were forced to take it over. The event has become one of the outstanding (Continued on page 2)

Memorial Service Held For Mother Biggers

On February 17, a memorial service was held in the college auditorium for Mother Biggers, who passed away last February. Mother Biggers was the beloved matron of the girls' home, a position that she had filled faithfully since 1920.

The service began with a softly-played song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Mother Biggers' life of service was described by scripture readings of faithful womanhood. Her lovely character, loyal service, and Christian ideals were recalled as inspirations for all. The college was presented with a portrait of Mother Biggers, to occupy a conspicuous place in the office of the girls' home. Prayer which offered thanks for her beautiful life concluded the service.