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## US and NONS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

### DECLAIMERS FROM FLAT CREEK AND WAYNESVILLE WIN AWARDS

Declarers Contest Goes To Miss Ponder, of Waynesville, Declaimers Cup Captured By Ponder, Flat Creek

### SCHOOLS IN CONTESTS

Waynesville Gains Permanent Possession Of Readers' Cup

Declarers and declaimers, representing thirty-two high schools of West North Carolina, participated in the seventh annual contest held here on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9th and 10th.

Norine Lowe, of Waynesville high school, was awarded first place in the girls' division, and Graham Ponder of Flat Creek high school, won first place in the boys' division.

Waynesville Often Victor

Miss Lowe gave as her reading, a court scene from "The Merchant of Venice." Miss Lowe's victory gives Waynesville high school permanent possession of the trophy cup. As a representative of Waynesville high school, Evelyn Morgan, now a student at Mars Hill, was awarded first place in the declaimers' contest last year. Waynesville won permanent possession of the cup last year when it was won for the second consecutive time by a representative of that school. The last was won year before last by Ponder of Mars Hill, Robert Lowe of Waynesville.

Winner To Enter Mars Hill

Ponder, winner in the Declaimers' contest, gave as his selection "The Confederate Dead." He received the unanimous vote of the five judges for first place. He is a senior at Flat Creek high school and plans to enter Mars Hill college next year. A large number of the 32 contest-school representatives are planning to enter Mars Hill next year according to their present indications. Young ladies who were in the final contest Saturday and their selections were:

Miss Mary J. Maney, of Valley Forge high school, "The Going of the White Swan"; Miss Emily Sue Ponder, of Candler high school, "Gypsy Flower Girl"; Miss June Ponder, of Mooresboro high school, "My Dear"; Miss Katherine Morley, of Andrews high school, "John-rahm, Diplomat"; and Miss Virginia Ingle, of Weaverville high school, "The Going of the White Swan." Four other boys who competed in the finals for the Declaimers' cup were: Carroll Ponder, of Oak Hill high school, "A Soldier's Arms"; James Coffey, of Leitchfield high school, "Dixie's Dead"; Robert Brown, of Mars Hill high school, "The Masterful Man of the West"; and Vaughan Whitaker, of Mooresboro high school, "Abolition of Slavery."

Thirty-two schools participating and their representatives were Alexander Ponder, Inc., Russell Pierce and James Tate; Andrews high school, Robert Heaton and Katherine Morley; Belwood, Robert Peeler and Ella Ponder; Candler, Stanton Wilson and Sue Mallowee; Henrietta-Carroll, Lomar Kennedy; Cullowhee, Daniel Tillery and Jane Hunter; Edler, Daniel Pryor and Kathleen Ponder; Flat Creek, Graham Ponder; Waynesville, Marshbanks; Fruitland Institute, Bruce Dixon and Thelma Melton; Murphy, Paul Posey and Mary Ponder; Mooresboro, Vaughan Whitaker and June Blanton; Ruth Spindale, Carland Hamric and Holler; Sand Hill, Jack Walker and Ruth Hartshorn; Stearnes, (Continued on page 4)

### Whelps Get Letters

Twenty Mars Hill football men and one manager have been awarded letters for their gridiron service on the 1932 roster.

While awarding the monograms, Coach Roberts praised the spirit and work shown by both these "M" men, and the football candidates who had not seen enough varsity action to receive a letter.

Those receiving letters were:

Backs: Captain Fox, Bethea, Nettles, Anderson, W. Rabb, Hodges and Roberts.

Ends: Stroupe, Lumley and Icard.

Tackles: Ammons, McLeod, and Bailey.

Guards: Edwards, Myrick, Freeman, and Corbitt.

Centers: Lowrance and Crawford.

Manager: Powell.

### CLIO SOCIETY HAS RECEPTION

42nd Anniversary Differs From Usual Program; Huge Cake Served

On Nov. 26, the Clio Literary society celebrated its 42nd anniversary by entertaining the Phi brothers, and former members with a reception instead of the customary public program.

At 7:30 the Clios formed a receiving line on the stairs leading to the society halls, and welcomed the guests as they entered. In addition to the Phi's and former members of the two societies who were present, there were members of the faculty, and presidents of the Euthalian and Nonpareil societies.

#### Visitors Welcomed

The visitors were first conducted to the Eu-Non hall, where they were greeted by Miss Agnes Stack, president of the Clios. After many of the visitors had been recognized, Miss Elizabeth Shipman entertained the audience with a reading entitled, "The Angelus." Then came a piano solo rendered by Miss Mary Childs. Following this came a humorous reading, "China Blue Eyes," given by Miss Flora Huffman, a former Clio. Next Miss Sue Stuart Moore read several short selections of poetry. (Continued on page 4)

### SALARIES FOR EDITORS ADVOCATED AT STATE COLLEGIATE PRESS MEET

New Resolutions Passed At Fall Meet Held At Wake Forest College

#### HILLTOP HEADS APPROVE

At the fall convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, held at Wake Forest college, several resolutions were adopted that are expected to affect many of the college publications throughout the state.

The outstanding features of the resolutions are salaries for editors and business managers of college publications and freedom from faculty censorship.

Up until this year the Hilltop has been a member of the state collegiate press association, and although it was not represented at the convention, the heads of the paper voiced their approval of the resolutions.

The resolutions adopted by the convention are reprinted in full below:

Resolution Adopted at the Fall Convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association.

1. That the 1932 Fall Convention of the N. C. C. P. A. goes on record as extending its thanks to the Wake Forest administration and students, to the Castle Theatre, and to the companies furnishing transportation.

2. That the N. C. C. P. A. favors absolute freedom from faculty censorship in North Carolina colleges where this is not now the case, believing that college editors are sufficiently capable and responsible to have this privilege, and that colleges will benefit through the resulting opportunities for expression of free editorial opinion and the establishment of a news policy without faculty interference.

3. That the N. C. C. P. A. favors a salary for editors and business managers of college publications in colleges where they do not receive payment for their services, feeling that they sacrifice more time and have more definite duties to perform than any other officials of a student body and that such recompense would materially improve the quality of publication through the increased incentive to work for the position and the greater responsibility to the student bodies.

That the N. C. C. P. A. lends its whole-hearted support to a campaign by college editors to obtain information in the college papers, and to make editorial recommendations on the basis of this information along with other editorials on problems about which all college editors of the state agree.

4. That with the new ideas and enthusiasm gained at this meeting of the N. C. C. P. A. the members of the Association will look toward larger and better publications to submit at the spring convention.

RUTH OWENS, Chairman,  
MARY YOUNG,  
FRANCES HARVEY,  
R. S. POOLE, Resolution Committee.

### EUS PUT ON TYPICAL PROGRAM WHILE NONS STAGE RECEPTION

#### NEW M. H. CLUB MAKES BOW

The Expulsion Fraternity, circumscribing membership to those students should who have previously been expelled from institutions of learning, was recently organized here (unofficially).

The first meeting was held in Pope's Pharmacy during chapel period at which time officers were duly elected as follows: President, Phil Stevenson, vice-president, W. B. De Brule, secretary, Bill Edwards. Claud Dills (otherwise and better known as "Al Capone of the Dormitories") was in a unanimous rising vote elected to honorary membership.

Mr. Stevenson states that the purpose of the fraternity is obvious; the ways and means, dark, bloody, and subtle.

#### GOOD YEAR SEEN BY DEBATE HEADS

Mars Hill Has Already Engaged In Three No-Decision Contests With Weaver

Prospects for the 1933 forensic contests are more promising than they have been in several years according to the Mars Hill debate coaches.

Two double-headers have been held with Weaver college debaters in no decision contests. Friday evening, December 9, Roberta Nestor and Kate Huskins, represented the affirmative side and Millicent Young and Louise Bowles the negative angle of the question which is being used in colleges all over the United States this year: "Resolved, That the United States should agree to the cancellation of all Interallied War Debts."

#### Boys Debate

Monday evening, December 12, Falk S. Johnson and John McGehee upheld the negative here and W. W. Jones and C. B. Jones debated the affirmative in a no decision contest with Weaver representatives.

The first debate of the spring schedule will be held January 10 when an affirmative and negative mixed team will meet Biltmore Junior College in a double-header.

There will be other decision contests in preparation for the preliminaries on March 10, in which ten Junior colleges will compete.

Negative Team Of L. C. Childs And Luther Atkinson Win Debate On Universal Divorce Laws

#### NONS' PROGRAM UNIQUE

Spirit Of Societies Wedded As Presidents Assume Marital Roles

The Euthalian and Nonpareil Literary societies held their anniversaries on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, respectively, the Euthalian anniversary being in the form of a regular public program, while that of their sister society took the form of a reception.

Shortly after seven-thirty o'clock the Euthalian program was opened with a song, "Faith of Our Fathers," by the audience. Immediately following, Prof. P. C. Stringfield, a former Euthalian, led the invocation. The Euthalian president, John McGehee, then commented on the spirit of rivalry and competition between the societies and issued a three-fold challenge of manhood, loyalty to tradition, and to excel at commencement to the Philomathian Literary society. Carl Rogers, Philomathian president, accepted the challenge and promised the Euthalians the cleanest and best representatives the Philomathians had to offer for the annual commencement contests.

The society program proper opened with an oration, "Out Yonder" by Franklin B. Wilkins, a former president of the society. "The Unknown Speaker," a declamation by W. Harold Saunders, followed this number. Next came a violin solo, "Souvenir" played by Herbert Baker of Brazil, accompanied by Miss Martha Biggers.

#### Berry Gives Oration

Paul Berry, of Virginia, delivered a forceful oration, "Life's Highway," which was followed by a practical, present-day declamation by Carl M. Lanford, entitled "Eyes That See Not."

One of the most impressive parts of the program was the trumpet trio composed of Frank Powell, Bruce Ellen and Kenneth Stoner, who played "Old Rugged Cross," as a memorial to Rosser Berry of Bakersville, N. C., a Euthalian who died during the early part of the school year of 1931. While this number was being played the picture of young Berry was flashed upon the screen as the audience rose in silent tribute to him. W. L. (Continued on page 2)

#### President Moore Addresses Alumni

Work Of College Discussed At Meeting Of Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Alumni Association

President R. L. Moore addressed approximately 100 alumni of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Alumni association on November 16, at Charlotte. He discussed the work of Mars Hill college and its outlook for the future.

Talks were made also by Dr. Marvin Scruggs, who made the address of welcome, and Reverend J. Marcus Kester of Wilmington who used for his topic "The Stamp of the Institution." A dinner was served which offered a social attraction of the meeting of the Baptist state convention. Music was furnished by the First Baptist church.

The Rev. W. L. Griggs, pastor of the Ninth Avenue Baptist church of Charlotte, was elected president of the association at its organization a few weeks previous. Other officers are: Dwight Mullis, vice president; and Miss Virginia Isenhour, secretary.

### CAROL "STUD" POSEY FOUND GUILTY IN MOCK TRIAL BEFORE PHI SOCIETY

Packed to its walls the Philomathian Literary society was entertained here last Friday with a mock trial in which Carol "Stud" Posey was convicted of "destruction of the dormitories and assault on a faculty member," and was sentenced to ten to twenty days of hard labor under Prof. B. H. Stilson.

The front of the Phi hall was transformed as much as possible into a court room and all the participants were dressed to look the part. The judge, Carl Rogers, was dressed in the robes of a jurist and sprouted an imposing beard and wig to further make him resemble a dispenser of justice.

#### Defended by New York Lawyers

The state was represented by C. B. Jones and Freeman Wright, while Richard England and Robert Richardson, two barristers from New York, defended the accused. Both the defending attorneys were dressed in frock coats and did much to impress the hick county court with their big town ways. Lawyer Richardson

was very impressive by continually wagging his cane in the faces of those whom he addressed.

The trial opened with the selection of the jury. Many prospective talesmen were turned down by the most exacting attorneys. Some were turned down for not knowing the defendant.

The state opened the case by showing that Posey had wantonly destroyed dormitory property and had caused Prof. Hoyt "Daddy" Blackwell to have a concussion of the brain by throwing a bottle so close to his head that the breeze created by the passing of the missile laid the Bible teacher low.

#### Mother Harmon Star Witness

The state presented its case through a series of witnesses of whom Mother Harmon (Ed Bunker) was the star contributor to the testifying of the black deeds done by the said Posey. Another witness who helped blight the chances of the defendant was none other than Herbert "Homebrew" Johnson, who alleged that he

witnessed both the assault on the dormitory property and upon the house father. Other state witnesses who contributed to the downfall of Posey were Jesse Hilliard, Knox Rowan, and Faison Butler.

In reply, the defense attempted to discredit the witnesses of the state and to put up an alibi for the whereabouts of the defendant on the night of the attack. They also tried to show that Prof. Blackwell had not been seriously injured by the missile and that he was not in the hospital at the present time, as the state had alleged. The witnesses for the defense were: Bill Martin, John Wilkins, Jack Dale, Ray Bryant, and Sheriff Gholston Myrick.

Upon the rendering of the verdict of "guilty without mercy" the defendant fainted dead away and was revived only by a hypodermic.

Many participants in the Seventh Annual Readers' and Declaimers' contest were present together with some members of the Clio society and their parents.