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DR. O. E. SAMS TO BE PASTOR

Of Piney Mount Baptist Church

Succeeding Hoyt Blackwell, who is Attending Yale

Dr. Oscar Ernest Sams, vice president of Mars Hill College and a well known Baptist minister, has accepted the pastorate of Piney Mountain Baptist church near Stockesville, it was learned recently.

Dr. Sams succeeds the Rev. Hoyt Blackwell, formerly of Mars Hill, who has entered Yale University for a special course of study, and who will also go to Jerusalem next spring for three months of further study.

Dr. Sams will preach at the church at both morning and evening services on the first and third Sundays in each month.

Native of Tennessee

Born in Flag Pond, Tenn., a town near the North Carolina state line, Dr. Sams is the son of Jacob Patterson Sams and Clarissa Elizabeth Blackstock Sams, well known residents of East Tennessee.

Dr. Sams received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1898 and his B. D. degree in 1902. The following honorary degrees have been conferred upon him: D. D., Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1919, and LL. D., Wake Forest College, 1921.

On May 8, 1906, he married Miss Pauline Lacey Cone, of Riverton, Va. They have two sons, Oscar S. Sams, Jr., a teacher of English in the Knoxville, Tenn., high school, and Conway Sams, a junior at Carson-Newman College.

Former College Head

Dr. Sams is former president of (Continued on page 4)

STUDENTS

React Favorably to

Messages of Dr. Gibson Davis

Dr. E. Gibson Davis of the First Baptist of Asheville led a series of revival meetings here beginning Monday, November 6, and continuing twice daily through Friday.

His thoughtful, stirring talks were source of inspiration to the students.

Dr. Davis spoke first of all concerning Christians. As if weaving a pattern for our use, he continued by telling the duties of the Christian, the great passion of Christ, reasons for being a Christian, and the process of becoming acquainted with God. As Dr. Davis wished, these talks returned to the students after he had gone. The thoughts became a source of consideration and debate, which were their purpose.

Not since Dr. Gordon spoke here, have the students been privileged to listen to such a gifted speaker. Dr. Davis occasioned a spiritual uplift among the students and promoted a revival of thought that will not be forgotten in a short while.

lower cases

We are hitting the low spots this week as you may see from our position in the paper. but don't get worried we might elevate this column.

Mark Orr spent a very weak end in Asheville we here, I mean there.

Since Elizabeth Grubbs is in the market again (not well's market) a large number of bidders are getting (Please turn to page 4)

Succeeds "Daddy" Blackwell



DR. SAMS

DECLAMATION

And Reading Contest

Will Be Held Here December 8th and 9th

The eighth annual Declamation and Reading Contest will be held here December 8th and 9th.

All the high schools from twenty counties are invited to send representatives for this contest. They are required to send one reader and one declaimer. About 32 contestants entered last year. The preliminaries will be held on Friday, December 8 and the finals on Saturday, December 9, at 9:15.

The winners for last year's final contest were Graham Ponder of Flat Creek. His subject was "The Confederate Dead." Norene Lowe of Waynesville read "The Court Scene," from "The Merchant of Venice."

Rules Governing the Declaimers' and Readers' Contests

1. No contestant may be under thirteen nor over twenty-one years of age.
2. Each speaker shall have at his or her disposal not more than ten minutes.
3. Preliminaries for the contest will be held Friday, December 8, before (Please turn to page 4)

DEBATERS

For College

Announced By Judges

Winners in the try outs for the inter-collegiate debate teams for men here were announced recently by Professor J. B. Huff, chairman of the debate committee.

Out of 32 contestants for places on the 1933-34 teams 13 have been chosen: L. C. Chiles, Corytown, Tenn.; Robert Costner, Greensboro; Lorin Dover, Shelby; L. T. Hamrick, Swannanoa; N. C. Hartley, Wilkesboro; E. W. Jones, Cameron; Clyde Meredith, Asheville; Earle Parker, Middlesex; Henry Parker, Vernon Hill; Frank Powell, Louisville, Ky.; William Wright, Raleigh; Thomas Merrill, Hendersonville; W. M. Arrowood, McClure, Va.

Girl debaters are: Virginia Ballard, Louise Bowles, Janie Britt, Evelyn Crawford, Miriam Early, Margaret Hale, Iris Rabb, Margaret Hines, Lillian Whitehurst, Nina Gray Liles, Edna Earle Nanney, Margaret Owen and Millicent Young.

The subject for the preliminary contest was "Resolved, That the Power of the President of the United States Should Be Substantially Increased as a Settled Policy," which will be an intercollegiate debate query this year.

DR. MOORE IS APPOINTED

Member of National Committee

On Administration of Teacher Training

Paul C. Stetson, superintendent of schools, Indianapolis, Ind., and president of the department of superintendence of the National Education Association, has announced at Association headquarters in Washington, D. C., that Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, has been appointed a member of a national committee on the administration of teacher training. This committee will meet and report at the Cleveland convention of the department of superintendence, February 24-March 1, 1934.

The appointment of this committee is an important item in a fundamental reorganization of the convention plan followed by the educational leaders in their national professional organization for many years. The change was made to extend greater responsibility to individual members in the department's attempt to plan more effectively for meeting the current crisis in education.

Seven such committees have been appointed by President Stetson. These groups will give their attention respectively to problems of teacher training, a comprehensive program of public education, financing the schools, education for the new America, a national outlook on education, the interpretation of the schools to the public, and public education and public welfare.

HONOR CLUBS

Present Programs

Of Interest

On Tuesday night, November 14, the Science Club was called to order at the home of Mr. S. O. Trentham. The program consisted of the following numbers: "Endycromes" by Haynes Baird, a report taken from the Science Magazine by Howard Whistnant, and two articles on "Sleep" and "Colds" by Oscar Carter. These reports were followed by general discussion on "Storms," after which delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Trentham; and the meeting closed with an enjoyable social hour.

The International Relations Club held a very enthusiastic meeting at the home of Dean Carr Tuesday evening, November 14. After the roll was called and answered by a current event, by each member, the following program was presented; "Leadership in Great Britain," by Bill Dancey; "Germany and Hitlerism," by Woodrow Jones; "Russia's relations with the United States," by Henry Parker; "Fifteen Years after the Armistice," by John Greene.

After the program Dean Carr presented some new books and pamphlets to the club. Mr. King spoke a few minutes on a current event of interest (Please turn to page 4)

The Hilltop proffers sincerest condolences to Shirley Johnson in the loss of his mother; to Mrs. W. F. Robinson in the loss of her brother-in-law; to Mrs. Douglas Robinson in the loss of her mother; and to Miss Ethel Gregg in the loss of her grandmother.

National Committeeman



DR. MOORE

HEARTS ON TRIAL

Are Acquitted by

Audience Jury at Dramatic Club Play

On Saturday night, November 4, the Dramatic Club presented its annual fall play in the college auditorium. The play given this year was "Hearts on Trial," by Lindsay Barbee.

The story centered around a delightful love story intermingled with comedy and humor, which made it much more enjoyable.

All were interested in the outcome of the "rushing" of an attractive freshman by two of the college sororities. The main plot was centered around the marriage of Dudley Van Antwerp to Honor Dale, a simple, uneducated, western girl. There were several sub-plots which portrayed sorority life on a college campus.

The costuming for the play was beautiful in its simplicity, and the girls looked lovely in their dresses of all the rainbow colors.

The new blue cyclorama, which was bought by the Dramatic Club was formally initiated. This was a real help in making the stage more attractive.

A large audience witnessed the performance.

REVELATION

Affords Study of

Students' Scholastic Records

That even delinquent lists may afford interesting reading to those who can view them without too much emotion is shown by the following significant data compiled by Miss Allen from the two lists which have been on display this fall.

The first month the names of 127 boys and 33 girls appeared on the lists, showing a 26 per cent delinquency for the boys against 9 per cent for the girls. The second month the names of 99 boys and 41 girls appeared, showing 19 per cent delinquency for the boys against 11 per cent for the girls.

The masculine contingency on the campus may exult to note that the second list shows the ratio of delinquency decidedly in their favor. The percentage of delinquency among the boys dropped from 26 to 18 per cent; whereas that of the girls rose from 9 to 11 per cent.

The first month there were among the boys one delinquent on five subjects, two on four, 19 on three, 27 on two, and 78 on one; among the girls none on five subjects, none on four, two on three, four on two, and 27 on one. The second month among (Continued on page 4)

EUTHALIANS GIVE PROGRAM

In Typical Style

To Full Auditorium Saturday Night

The Euthalian Literary Society celebrated its forty-second anniversary in the college auditorium Saturday evening with a public presentation of one of its typical weekly programs.

To open the evening's program the audience sang "America the Beautiful" which was immediately followed by a prayer led by P. C. Stringfield.

Robert S. Burnett, president of the society, spoke for a few moments upon the rivalry between the Philomathian and Euthalian societies and challenged the Phis to manhood, loyalty of tradition and Commencement competition. The challenge was accepted by Bill Martin, president of the Philomathians, who promised good sportsmanship for his society and in turn challenged the Euthalians.

Vance Hardin, president for the evening, made an appropriate address of welcome and told of the work the society has been doing. Leroy Yorboro acted as secretary.

The society program proper was opened with an oration "More Stately Mansions" by Ralph Rhyne. This was followed by a Declamation, "Viva La Marine" by Kahn, delivered by William Harkey. Next was a quartet "Asleep in the Deep" sung by John Benson, J. L. Barnett, Edgar Kirk, Brownlow Hastings, with Miss Martha Biggers at the piano.

William Leister of S. C. delivered a declamation, "The Unknown Soldier" by Barton, which was followed by an oration, "A Fireside Apparition" by Mark Taylor Orr.

Calvin Padgett played a trombone solo, "Kiss Me Again" by Herbert. He was accompanied at the piano by Miss Geneva Messer of the Nonpariel society.

The climax of the evening came when debaters Frank M. Powell, Jr. of Kentucky and L. C. Chiles of Tennessee of the Negative won a two-to-one decision over L. T. Hamrick and (Please turn to page 4)

STATE B. S. U.

Holds Convention

At Campbell College

The State Baptist Student Union convention, held at Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C., October 27-29, 1933, was one of the most inspiring meetings that the Baptist students of North Carolina have ever held. Three days were crammed with interesting conferences, lectures, and demonstrations, directed by some of the state and south-wide leaders: Dr. S. D. Gordon, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Mr. Perry Morgan, Miss Lucile Knight, Miss Winnie Rickett, Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, Miss Cleo Mitchell, Dr. F. C. Feezor, Miss Mabel Starnes, Miss Pearl Bourne, Dr. Charles E. Maddy, Dr. J. W. Beagle, Rev. Charles B. Howard, Dr. W. L. Poteat, and Dr. Frank K. Poole.

At the last meeting, held Sunday afternoon, October 29, Vance Hardin, the director of the B. Y. P. U.'s on the campus, was elected Second Vice-President of the State B. S. U.

Those attending the convention from Mars Hill were: Margaret Hale, Margaret Hines, Miriam Early, Robert Costner, Brownlow Hastings, and Mr. R. M. Lee.

EUTHALIANS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY