



EUTHALIAN ANNIVERSARY IS SATURDAY NIGHT

Readers And Declaimers Contest December 7-8

JOE DICKSON TO PRESIDE

Forty-Third Anniversary To Be Celebrated By Typical Program; Debate To Be Feature.

Ninth Annual Contest To Be Held Here; 100 High Schools Invited To Send Representatives.

The ninth annual Readers' and Declaimers' contest, sponsored for the eighth year by Mars Hill college, will be held at the college on December 7-8, 1934. This year, invitations to participate in the meet have been sent to 100 high schools scattered throughout 20 counties in the western part of this state. Last year, 43 schools were represented in the contests.

Dean Lee, who has charge of the contest, says, "We can count on at least 100 representatives, including chaperones or teachers who will accompany the contestants." A good presentation from all of the counties is expected this year.

Last year, the contests were won by a boy from the Sparta high school, and a girl from Old Fort high school. These two are ineligible to participate in the contests this year, but their winning does not bar their high schools from entering the tournament. Some of the schools send their full quota—a boy and girl as contestants and one chaperon. Some, however, send only one contestant.

The contestants and the chaperons are given free entertainment, including rooms and meals while they are in the college campus. All of the contestants are expected to be present and registered by 12:00 o'clock on Wednesday, December 7.

The letter of invitation sent to the principals of the high schools gives the purpose of the contest as, "We believe that through these contests we are helping boys and girls to better express themselves before the public, to improve their ability as public speakers, and to become better citizens. We are, therefore, inviting you to send one boy and one girl to represent your school at the contests."

Briefly, the rules governing the contests are: no contestant under 13 or over 21; no speech of over 10 minutes; each representative must be registered by December 4; no winning student of any previous contest may participate again; school winning first place twice in succession gets permanent possession of loving cup given from year to year.

Robinson Infirmary Has Imposing Entrance

Mrs. Rex Hensley Donates Lintel; Adds To Natural Beauty Of The Architecture.

Atop the imposing main entrance to the new natural stone infirmary of Mars Hill college, there rests a lintel rock which is 8 feet long by 12 inches wide by 24 inches thick.

When the new infirmary was begun, Mrs. Rex Hensley, daughter of Lee Ramsey, donated this stone for the purpose that it now serves. It is now the main lintel rock over the front entrance to the Dr. W. F. Robinson Memorial Infirmary now under construction.

The stone comes from the farm which formerly belonged to Mr. Ramsey, but which now belongs to Mrs. Hensley. Mrs. Hensley had intended using the rock as a lintel rock in an antique fireplace in her new home which is to be constructed some time in the future near the spot from which the stone was obtained and on the farm now owned by her.

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ANNUAL CLIO RECEPTION IS BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Unusually Fine Program Presented By Talented Group; 200 Guests Attend 31st Anniversary Reception

The Clio Literary Society of Mars Hill college last Saturday night, celebrated its thirty-first anniversary with a reception for its Philomathian brothers in the college administration building to mark the opening of a series of social high-spots of the institution with a guest-list of over 200 students and patrons.

The reception climaxed the literary achievements of the Clio society for the first semester of the scholastic year. The program was given in form of a radio program with Jimmy Reid as principal announcer.

The program was given as follows: Reading, Elizabeth Fleetwood; music by James Reid and Ralph Bowen; reading by Mildred Pittman; duet by Joe Crumpler and Nina Gray Liles; jokes by Ernest L. Symms, Jr.; vocal selections by Elizabeth Hicks; dialogue by Charles Fisher and Mildred Pittman; piano solo by Judith Eller; reading by Doris Johnson; selections by the girls' quartet; piano solo by Lois Church; reading by Georgia Ingle; vocal solo by Eleanor Salters; duet by Melba Nanne and Herbert Miller; clarinet solo by Harold Tysinger; jokes by Erskine Plemmons; piano selections by Christine Nash; reading by Golda Tillery; pianologue by Nina Gray Liles, "That Reminds Me", as compiled by Loris Dover.

Parts of the program were given twice since the reception was held in the two society halls of the college.

After this part of the program had been completed, a pageant on the spirit of Clio-Phi was given. Clio was shown to mean one of the muses—the muse of history. Mary Simmons, representing the Clio muse, stood back of the presiding officer and read the history of the Clio society from a scroll. She sent her three goddess-helpers to earth as Truth, Purity and Fidelity, these three being the foundations of the society. A mortal, Elizabeth Denham, president of the Clios, accepted the challenge given her by the three goddesses. The three mem-

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HEADS PASTORS



REV. I. BUNN OLIVE

44th PHI ANNIVERSARY ACCLAIMED SUCCESS

Intricate Figure Executed By Members; Hoffman and Arrowood Awarded Debate Decision.

On Saturday, November 17, the Philomathian Literary Society of Mars Hill college presented its forty-fourth anniversary program to open a season of keen rivalry between the societies of the College.

The Philomathian Anniversary preceded the Euthalian Anniversary by a period of two weeks. It is thus that the society which gives its anniversary program first each year sets a goal which the other society endeavors to better for itself.

For the anniversary program the following officers, chosen by the members of the society, presided. President, Earnest Dudley from Virginia; and for secretary, Harold McGuire of North Carolina.

The speakers for the evening were: Robert Fleetwood, Wallace Smith, Lionel Hoffman, Major Arrowood, Erskine Plemmons, Clay Hemric, H. L. Hart, and Charles A. Fisher.

The high spot of the program was the intricate figure formed by the Phis and Clios at the conclusion of the program. The stage was artistically decorated with Phi colors, flanked by candelabra on either side, and was bathed in soft lights. On the

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N. C. SCHOOL SYSTEM IS CONTEST SUBJECT

Best Letter On Defects Of Public School System To Receive Prize; Contest Ends February 15.

What is wrong with the public school system of North Carolina?

If you were head of the state school board would you be satisfied with present conditions?

From your own personal observation in the high school that you have just come from you have seen many defects. What are they?

Was discipline a problem in your public school?

Were the teachers fit for their assigned work?

Was a science teacher required to be a Latin teacher because there was a very limited fund for the salaries of the teachers?

Were athletes given too much consideration? Was it easy for them to "get by"?

Was cheating a daily pastime?

Were the teachers, who were capable, receiving decent salaries?

You are probably wondering what has called for all of these direct questions. The Hilltop, cooperating with a committee appointed by Dean I. N. Carr, is starting with this issue a contest—its object to accumulate from you students a wealth of information about the defects of the public school system in this state.

Says Mrs. Jeanie M. Frank, of El Paso, Texas, in an article in the December American Magazine, entitled, "From a Schoolteacher's Notebook":

"Some teachers are 1890 minds in 1930 classrooms.

"A child should not be taught to do better than someone else, but to do better than himself.

"Everything a teacher says and does in the classroom is remembered—for good or ill—by some child.

"We should show the youngster the sense and purpose of what he is learning."

Next spring, the legislature of the state of North Carolina will hold its session in Raleigh. We believe that the attention of the lawmakers should be called to the present situation in our schools. Along with Parent-Teacher associations and other

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THANKSGIVING IS OBSERVED TRADITIONALLY HERE

Mars Hill has its own way of celebrating Thanksgiving Day. What has become a traditional mode of observing the day is not only picturesque and colorful but most appropriate and in keeping with the spirit of the college.

One spending his first Thanksgiving Day at Mars Hill is usually deeply impressed by the experience. The silence of the early morning is broken by the strains of hymns and patriotic songs, such as "Come Ye Thankful People, Come", "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart", "America, the Beautiful", "America", as a chorus of trained singers move from place to place in the village or on the campus. One looking out to see from whence the singing issues sees a band of pilgrims and Indians solemnly strolling through the dawn.

As one enters the dining room at breakfast, he is greeted by this same band in their picturesque costumes, grouped against the opposite wall and singing their Thanksgiving Day songs.

When the students and teachers have taken their places at the tables, the Indians and Pilgrims lead in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", and take their places among the others. After breakfast no Indians or Pilgrims are seen until the chapel hour. At the eleven o'clock chapel assembly the group again appears at the rear of the auditorium and marches singing down the central aisle to the rostrum—stalwart men in knee-breeches, broad-brimmed hats with bright buckles, carrying guns; demure women wearing sober dresses, quaint caps and collars of white, carrying Bibles or leading children. Following these are a group of Indian men and women with one or two Indian children. These take their places on the platform, which is appropriately adorned with Thanksgiving decorations, where they remain during the program.

The program usually consists of suitable musical numbers, reading the

Thanksgiving proclamation, prayer, and an address by some visiting speaker. A feature of the program is the tabulation and announcement of gifts to the orphanage at Thomasville, an offering in which nearly all teachers and students participate and which usually amounts to several hundred dollars. After the chapel program all adjourn to the college dining hall for the annual Thanksgiving dinner, usually of turkey, cranberries, and all the rest. The event of the afternoon is the final football game of the season on the college athletic field.

Since many of the students live too far away for the college to adjourn for the day, a modified schedule of classes is maintained in the morning and a half holiday declared for the afternoon.

This year the Rev. Wayne Williams, pastor at Oteen, brought an inspiring address as the principal speaker of the day. The football game was the state championship contest with Brevard College.

The forty-third anniversary program of the Euthalian Literary Society will be celebrated Saturday night, December 1, with the presentation of a typical Euthalian program by the anniversary representatives chosen by the society, in the college auditorium, after weeks of persistent planning and preparation. This event will mark a long continuation of honest effort on the part of the society members.

The presiding officers for the anniversary program have been elected by the society and they are as follows: Joe Dickson, of North Carolina, president; and William Hill, of Pennsylvania, secretary. These men will serve in this capacity only during the anniversary program. The regular president is John Fisher, of Tennessee.

Among those who will appear on the program are: Jack Benson, Watkins Blane, Brownlow Hastings, Raymond Midkiff, Tracy Church, Robert Costner, Neil Hardy, and Edgar Kirk.

A vital question that concerns everyone either directly or indirectly, will be debated between four of the society's best debaters. This debate promises to be the feature of the evening and will bring the program to a climax.

The Nonpareil Literary Society, sister to the Euthalians, will give their brothers a reception a week from their anniversary, honoring them at this time for their forty-three years of training and service on the Mars Hill campus.

During the evening the following Eu's and Non's will marshal: LaFayette Wrenn, chief; Garlon Hamrick, Leslie Griffin, Kathryn Hollowell, Pauline Livesay, and Evelyn Shepard.

Mr. Tilson To Beautify Old Tennis Courts

The new formal garden and the informal one leading off from it toward the rear of the Moore Hall is rapidly taking on its final appearance under the able engineering of Mr. Tilson, superintendent of buildings and grounds at the college.

The garden is an idea of Mr. Tilson's to replace the space formerly occupied by two tennis courts which were too small to be of standard size and which were too close to a main building to allow the players to play in the full comfort necessary for the game.

The work that is being done on the garden is all being accomplished by student labor. The cost for the material is very low and the garden when finished will have cost very little in comparison to its utility.

The garden will be ready for use by the students by next spring or early summer, promises Mr. Tilson.

The main portion of the garden will be of a formal pattern with a pool and fountain in the center, with a background of shrubbery and white lattice work. The chief court will be of grass with rustic stone benches placed at various points in the scheme to harmonize with the general theme of the garden. Leading from this part of the garden into the other part which is situated behind the Administration building, is found an informal rock garden which is centered around a rustic pool of native stone. This part was added to the main garden merely to utilize the space and to eradicate the ugliness of that portion of the campus.

The space occupied by the sunken

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