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PROMOTION NUMBER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CULLOWHEE AND EDNEYVILLE WIN IN W. N. C. SPEAKERS TOURNEY

Thirty-Five High Schools Of
W. N. C. Participate In 9th
Contest Sponsored By
College.

The ninth annual Readers' and Declaimers' contest, sponsored for the last eight years by Mars Hill College, ended last Saturday with Jane Hunter from Cullowhee and Junior Pressley from Edneyville winning the readers' and declaimers' cups respectively for the first time. The cups of the year were won by the Saluda and Old Fort high schools.

About 95 students and chaperons were on the college campus during the days of the contest: last Friday and Saturday. These came from 32 high schools throughout Western North Carolina.

The students who took part in the declaimers' contest were: Altamont, Sam Ledford; Andrews, Carl Scott; Black Mountain, Thomas Summey; Candler, Jerry Israel; Cullowhee, James Hooper; Edneyville, Junior Pressley; Fairview, Paul Bishop; Flat Creek, H. B. Buckner, Jr.; Harpers, Lawrence Buchanan; Hayesville, Jim Parsons; Leicester, Charles Weaver; Murphy, Jack Barnett; Pleasant Gardens, Guy Rabb; Sand Hill, James Lawrence; West Buncombe, Mack Bell, Jr.; Woodfin, Grover Penland; Valley Springs, Woodfin Rhodes; Wintland, Bob Morgan; Ellenboro, North Allen; Hollis, Hubert Melton; Marshall, Ray Frisby; Mooresboro, Tom Whitaker; Oak Hill, Glenn McLeod; Old Fort, Jack Hughes; Bowman, Harry Cook; Waynesville, Eugene Francis; Weaverville, Allen Onda; Wilkesboro, Lee Settle; Bardsville, Harry Brown; Robbinville, Wayne Williams; Bald Creek, Earl Maney.

The readers in the contest were: Altamont, Annie Williams; Andrews, Abitha Abernathy; Black Mountain, Cornelia Brown; Candler, Frances Morgan; Cullowhee, Jane Hunter; Edneyville, Kathleen Bailey; Fairview, May Boone; Flat Creek, Loline Burleson; Harris, Helen Green; Hayesville, Myrt Padgett; Leicester, Edith Morrow; Murphy, Dorothy Ann; Pleasant Gardens, Irene Hensley. (Continued on page 5)

Progress Seen In Campus Organizations

Sunday School Has 323 Members; B. Y. P. U. Has 262.

Under the leadership of Bob Costner, the College B. S. U. president, and the other 14 members of the B. S. U. council, the religious organizations on the campus have been making steady progress since the opening of school in September.

Included on the council are representatives from the Sunday school, Y. P. U., Y. W. A., Ministerial Conference, College Church, and Y. M. C. A. Union.

The Sunday school, of which Brown Hastings is the superintendent, is the largest single religious organization on the campus, having eight classes with a total enrollment of 323.

Miss Margie Ingle is the general secretary.

The B. Y. P. U. is the second largest organization. It is composed of 262 members. The general officers are: Jack Bendure, director; Miss Thelma Killian, associate director, and Miss Annie Kie, general secretary. Next in size is the Y. W. A., having an enrollment of 122, which is 9 per cent of the total number of young women enrolled at the college. Miss Annabel Lee is president of the Y. W. A. council. The (Continued on page 6)

Contest Letters Are Coming In Fast

Loris Dover Writes: Others
To Be Printed Next
Issue.

Mr. Elliott:

In response to your plea for letters regarding the high school situation in our state, I write this complaint against the high school which I attended as compared with the other high schools represented at this institution.

At the high school that I attended, the mathematics course was rather lightly touched and therefore, when I came to this college, I was sadly delinquent in this course and it was only with extreme study that I managed to keep ahead in this group.

My suggestion, since I found that numerous others were in the same predicament that I was, would be for a complete state and perhaps sectional standardization of all courses which are required for college entrance and college preparation.

Perhaps this is a somewhat foolish suggestion, but I truly believe that it would have a tendency to eliminate such radical variances in the preparation of high school students when they reach the several college campuses of our state and nation.

Yours sincerely,
LORIS DOVER.

Faculty Well Equipped To Serve College

Sixteen Hold Graduate Degrees;
Three Awarded Honorary
Degrees.

The teachers of Mars Hill College are well prepared for the positions which they hold on the faculty.

A survey shows that sixteen members of the faculty hold advanced degrees from American universities, three hold honorary degrees, and four have studied abroad. In addition to these the teachers in the departments of fine arts have studied under widely known instructors in their fields. A study of the college catalogue shows that each teacher is specially trained for the subject which he or she teaches.

The leading American universities and graduate schools are listed among those attended by members of the faculty. Among those listed are: Duke University, University of North Carolina, Columbia University, Cornell University, Yale University, University of Tennessee, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Peabody College, University of Pennsylvania, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ottawa University, Pratt Institute.

Gifts Reported For Dormitory Fund

By KATHERINE ELLIS.

Donations for the girls' new dormitory are coming in slowly, but steadily. These gifts range from five cents to three hundred dollars, and each gift makes us more eager to see the first stones laid and the first hammers beating on this long desired project. Contributions have been made by the college students, including both the young men and the young women; by faculty and friends; by (Continued on page 8)

CONTEST WINNERS



Jane Hunter and Junior Pressley, Winners of the Ninth Contest.

Pres. and Mrs. Moore Serve College 37 Yrs.

Heroic Devotion To College And
Education Of Youth Marks
Years Of Service.

Working for a cash salary as low as twenty-five dollars a year, and refusing the presidency of several larger colleges, taking the covering from their own beds for needy students and giving back to the college a large part of their meagre income, are representative examples of the material sacrifices which President and Mrs. Moore have made for thirty-seven years at Mars Hill College.

Coming to Mars Hill in their youth, they have literally given thirty-seven years of their lives to the College and community. The self-denial, the labor, the dreams, the prayers which they have devoted to the institution through a third of a century will never be fully known. They have done their work not for the praise or reward of man, both being averse to blatant publicity and having consistently refused to permit any laudation of themselves or their work. Indeed, the fact that they have been so absorbed in their work that they have not been aware that they were doing anything unusual, and were entirely unconscious of their own heroism is one of the glories of their service.

When President Moore took charge in 1897 the affairs of the College were at low ebb. This part of the country was passing through a period of financial depression; the College was poorly and inadequately equipped; there were no dormitories, the building which is now Treat Dormitory being unfinished and sold for debt; under previous administrations the College had been running a deficit for current expenses. In the face of these discouraging conditions, the trustees leased the institution to President Moore, themselves assuming no financial responsibility. Since that day, Mars Hill has never run a deficit for operating expenses; it has steadily grown in physical equipment, today having an ninety acre campus, eleven buildings for dormitories. (Continued on page 4)

Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the Philomathian Literary Society: Harold McGuire, president; Ernest Dudley, vice president; Clay Hemric, recording secretary; Ernest Symms, corresponding secretary; Major Arrowood, censor; Erskine Plemmons, treasurer; Carmon C. Green, seer; Thomas Fulk, chaplain; Reid Smith, chorister; Glynn Balch, English critic; Wallace Smith, expression critic; Roland Bittle, fines collector; James Reid, dues collector; Ralph Bowen, news reporter; Charles Fisher, janitor.

Euthalians Present Typical Program

Forty-Third Anniversary Celebrated; Costner And Church Win Debate.

Before a large crowd of friends and members, the Euthalian Literary Society presented its forty-third anniversary program in the college auditorium, Saturday evening, December 1. Two weeks ago the Philomathian Society gave its forty-fourth anniversary.

Serving as officers for the occasion were: President, Joe Dickson, and Secretary, William Hill. The officers of the society during this term are: President, John Fisher, and Secretary, Edgar Kirk.

The speakers for the evening were: Jack Benson, Watkins Blane, Brownlow Hastings, Raymond Midkiff, Tracy Church, Robert Costner, Neil Hartley, Edgar Kirk. Those giving musical numbers were: John Fisher, George Bauman, and Earle Brockman. Miss Mary Sue Barnett was the accompanist for these numbers.

The climax of the formal program was a debate between the four best debaters of the Euthalian Society: Tracy Church, Robert Costner, Edgar Kirk, and Neil Hartley. The subject was Resolved: That the Principal Features of the NRA Should Be Continued. Church and Costner upholding the affirmative side were given a two to one decision by the judges.

The highspot of the evening came at the finale when the entire society formed on the stage a beautiful figure, using Miss Kathryn Ellis, President of the Nonpareils to lead. The stage, bathed in soft lights, was decorated with the society colors, with the throne for the "Fair Nonpareil" dominating the scene.

Marshals for the occasion were: Lafayette Wrenn, Chief; Garlon Hamrick, Leslie Griffin, Kathryn Hollowell, Pauline Livesay, and Evelyn Shepard.

Service Of Staff Totals 414 Years

The 32 members of the faculty and administrative officers on the Mars Hill College staff have served the college in aggregate 414 years. The tenure of office for individuals range from one year to thirty-seven years. Nineteen have been at Mars Hill for ten or more years.

President and Mrs. Moore have served the college longest, having been at Mars Hill for thirty-seven years. Next to them in point of service are Mrs. Robinson, Miss Bowden, and Mr. Stringfield.

The character of the college is in no small degree determined by these who have devoted their lives to Mars Hill through the years.

NONPARIEL RECEPTION DECLARED SUCCESS

300 Guests Attend; Aeroplane
In Afternoon Thrills
Members.

The Nonpariel Literary Society of Mars Hill College held a reception in the administration building Saturday evening, December 8, at 8:00 o'clock to celebrate their thirty-eighth anniversary.

There were three hundred guests in attendance, who were greeted by the four presidents of the literary societies: Miss Katherine Ellis, Nonpariel; John Fisher, Euthalian; Elizabeth Denham, Clio; and Lionel Hoffman, Philomathian; Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore, and Dean and Mrs. I. N. Carr. Among the guests were faculty members, former Nons and Eus, and several members of the Clio-Phi society.

As the guests assembled, a musical program was rendered in the Clio-Phi Literary Society hall. After which the guests were invited into the Non-Eu hall, where the past, present, and future of Nonpariel was depicted.

The past was presented by Dr. Erma Henderson, a practicing physician in Asheville, and a former president of the Nonpariel Literary Society. The present was represented by the present president of the Nonpareils, Miss Katherine Ellis of Clayton. Miss Ellis was accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary Sue Barnett and John Fisher on the marimba.

Immediately following, Miss Martha Mae Glazener rendered an essay entitled "Non-Eu", written by David Mashburn, a former Euthalian. This essay deals with the ideals and wonderful spirit of the two societies. Miss Mary Stringfield and Calvin Stringfield, Jr., as future Nonpariel and Euthalian members represented the future. Miss Stringfield played a violin solo accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary Sue Barnett. Mr. Stringfield played a piano solo entitled "Tango".

After the society songs, the guests were then given gold keys at mementoes of the occasion, and as keys to pure gold hearts of Nonpareils. The guests then assembled in the Art studio. A large cake in the form (Continued on page 8)

115 Are Enrolled In Music Department

Glee Club, Orchestra, Chorus
Are Popular.

One hundred and fifteen students enrolled in the music department of Mars Hill College this year. As compared with the enrollment of last year this number shows a considerable increase.

The Mars Hill College is becoming widely known for the unusual opportunities it affords in the field of music. Courses are offered by well trained teachers of recognized ability in nearly any phase of music that one might desire.

Besides the regular curriculum there are several organizations to which students who have shown some degree of musical talent may belong, such as the glee club, orchestra, male chorus, and male quartet.

Live Extra-Curricular Organizations

Last year the glee club visited a number of churches in Western North Carolina, and gave programs which were very favorably received. The fact that the glee club travels makes it well-known, especially in the western part of the state. The organization consists of about thirty-eight members. Plans have been completed for trips to be made next semester.

Since instruction is being given in the playing of most of the impor- (Continued on page 7)