

FAMILIAR GLIMPSES



UPPER LEFT. A MONUMENT TO JOE; LOWER LEFT. ENTRANCE TO LIBRARY; CENTER. ENTRANCE TO GYM; UPPER RIGHT. THE CASCADES; LOWER RIGHT. THE BROOK.

Cullowhee And Edneyville Win

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ley; Sand Hill, Evelyn Morris; West Buncombe, Gladys Sprinkle; Woodfin, Evelyn Wyatt; Valley Springs, Grace Ingram; Clyde, Frances Fincher; Fruitland, Marian Sprinkle; Ellenboro, Sarah Bridges; Hollis, Moneta Price; Mooresboro, Selma Jones; Oak Hill, Mary Willis Deal; Old Fort, Exam Manick; Bowman, Jessie Gouge; Waynesville, Drama Lampkin; Weaverville, Audrey Ross; Wilkesboro, Helen Bumgarner; Barnardsville, Effie Mae Rathbone; Robbinsville, Mary Leone Hyde.

The chaperons were: Altamont, Miss Cecil; Andrews, Miss Chadwick; Black Mountain, Mrs. Tayler; Candler, Miss Jarvis; Cullowhee, Miss Hooper; Edneyville, Miss Turner and Mr. Cathy; Fairview, Miss Wertz; Flat Creek, Miss O'Shaughnessy; Harris, Miss Meroney; Hayesville, Miss Hyatt; Leicester, Miss Clark; Murphy, Miss Franklin; Pleasant Gardens, Mrs. Young; Sand Hill, Miss Candler; West Buncombe, Mr. Wells; Woodfin, Mrs. Welch; Valley Springs, Mrs. Cochran; Clyde, Miss Terrell; Fruitland, Miss Brock; Hollis, Mr. Price; Marshall, Mr. Daniel; Mooresboro, Miss Falls; Oak Hill, Mr. Stephenson; Old Fort, Rev. R. F. Smith; Bowman, Mr. Phillips; Weaverville, Mr. Hart; Wilkesboro, Mr. Story; Barnardsville, Mr. Bollard; Robbinsville, Miss Abbott; Bald Creek, Mr. Proffitt.

The winners in the girls' preliminaries were: Misses Hunter, Hensley, Manick, Abernathy, Bailey, and Ross.

The winners in the boys' preliminaries were: Messrs. Fronda, Pressley, Barnett, Brown, Weaver, and Morgan.

In the finals held Saturday morning, the winners were Jane Hunter, from Cullowhee, giving "The Revenge of Hamish," for the readers' cup, and Junior Pressley, from Edneyville, giving "A New Deal, A New Day," for the declaimers' cup. This was the first time that either of these schools has won the cup, and each school will keep the trophy won for one year. If either should win the cup next year it will become the permanent property of that school.

The contests are held from year to year to "help boys and girls to better express themselves before the public, to improve their ability as public speakers, and to become better citizens." This ninth annual contest held by the college was heralded a success by the authorities, and all contestants expressed an appreciation for the kindnesses shown them while on the campus by both students and teachers of the college.

Mars Hill Built On Heroic Giving

"The place whereon thou standest is holy ground" are words peculiarly meaningful to those who dwell on the Mars Hill campus. Almost every plot of ground, every building, and every dollar of endowment is hallowed by personal sacrifice.

The approximately one-half million dollars' worth of equipment and endowment which constitutes the tangible assets of the college has been accumulated mainly through small gifts. The year 1856 in a region remote from schools a group of farmers with their preacher conceived the idea of an educational institution in their community. They gave generously of their land, money, labor, and materials that their dream might be realized. From 1856, the year the college opened, down to the present the descendants of these and a widening circle of others have believed in the mission of Mars Hill College and have given heroically to the maintenance and growth of the college.

The story of Joe, the negro slave who was levied on for the balance due on the first buildings of the college, stands as a sort of symbolic example of the human values which have gone into the college. Besides those who are remembered by their gifts, there are unnamed thousands who have given of their necessity to the college during the seventy-eight years of its existence.

At a time when money was exceedingly scarce a small group of pioneers of education in this mountain region raised sufficient funds to erect the first buildings of the college on the tract of land donated by Edward Carter. Several of the same group serving as trustees of the infant college gave again to clear the institution of a debt of approximately \$1,200. What these gifts cost can never be known, but generations have already risen to call the givers blessed. Following in the footsteps of these, succeeding boards of trustees have for three quarters of a century given not only their time and thought but their money to the support of the college—without remuneration and without praise.

Merely to name those who have made material gifts to the college through the years, not to mention those who have given time and labor unstintingly, would require more space than we have available. The Rev. William Keith, who was active in founding the college, at his death divided equally his property between his family and the college; Dr. B. W. Spilman gave at one time all the property he owned to the college and later borrowed \$1,000 to make a gift for his wife who had passed on; the late Miss Meda Peek from her meager income as a teacher in the local school gave in installments \$1,000 and left a life insurance policy to the college. These are merely examples which might be multiplied many times over.

Physical Education Program For College

By SPENCER B. KING

The fact that Mars Hill College holds a position this fall in football second to no other Junior College team in the state is indicative of three things: first, a hardworking, thorough coach; second, good material; and, third, a spirit of loyalty in the team to their coach and school, and in the student body to their team.

This fact is not evidence, however, that football rules Mars Hill. The major sports—football, basketball, baseball, track, and tennis (those with which intercollegiate contests are held)—are only a part of a well-regulated and well-balanced athletic program carried on at Mars Hill College.

It is the will of the trustees and the administration of the College that "each student be required to register in a physical education class each semester," and Coach Oren E. Roberts, head of the physical education department as well as coach, is faithfully carrying out the regulation set down in the catalog. Besides physical education, all students are required to take a course in health education, "a study of personal, public, and social hygiene and health." This course gives two hours credit.

To this writer's knowledge neither Coach Roberts nor Mars Hill College has ever been accused of "twisting" around the rules of the associations to which the college belongs to gain an advantage. The college is a member of the North Carolina Junior College Athletic Association and the Southeastern Junior College Athletic Association. The position the college holds in these associations is an enviable one.

Athletics For All Stressed

For the past two years the College has been able to stress swimming, with the installation of a modern,

Friends in the local community, often of limited means, have given liberally to the college in many ways or aided directly needy students; teachers, students, alumni have continuously made heroic gifts; unknowns have made their contributions through churches and other organizations.

What such gifts have meant to the thousands of students who have come within the college walls and to those who are yet to come only eternity can reveal. On such a sacred foundation the college stands. Such hallowed gifts alone are sufficient to keep Mars Hill humble in gratitude and faithful in her mission as God gives her to see it.

Prayer In The Building Of Mars Hill

By ETHEL GREGG

Three quarters of a century should afford sufficient perspective for men to see the principal features in the shaping of an institution. Those most distinct in the history of Mars Hill College are faith, prayer, and sacrifice. Intangible, spiritual forces are not so apparent as the physical equipment and the size of the student body, but one soon finds that practically all visible equipment at Mars Hill came in answer to prayer and through sacrifice. Prayer also has helped to maintain the high ideals that send out hundreds of consecrated Christian leaders to serve in every walk of life.

"Let us ask divine guidance in the matter", was Pastor Keith's suggestion as he and Brother Edward Carter sat by the fire in a log house seventy-eight years ago and discussed

heated swimming pool in the gymnasium. The gymnasium came several years ago largely through the efforts and donations of W. C. McConnell, a trustee, then of Asheville, now of Fort Myers, Florida. The gymnasium is named for him. The pool is of the greatest advantage to the young women as their major sports are limited in comparison to those of the men. However, a full program is laid out for the young women. They, too, are required to take physical and health education courses. They are offered volley ball, soccer, archery, hiking and tennis, in which sport they compete with other schools. Physical education classes for women provide stunts, tumbling, pyramid building, etc. They are also taught playground supervision, general administration of physical education, organization of children for mass participation, singing and mass games, and practice teaching.

Just at this time of year the intramural basketball season is beginning. Eight teams are entered and interest is high on the campus. Intra-mural baseball also creates a great deal of interest in the spring. It is the aim of the athletic department to have as many students participate in these games as possible.

New Equipment Added

A field house was built last spring on the athletic field to keep certain equipment. Work has already been started on a new athletic field adjoining the one now in use which will have a practice football field, a baseball diamond and a regulation quarter-mile track as well as a field large enough to provide room for all field events. Spring will see this new field ready for use. It has been proposed that an equipment house large enough to keep track and baseball equipment and containing showers and dressing rooms be built on the new field. This will probably be done soon, making more room in the gymnasium for the physical education department.

Coach Roberts is assisted by Miss Eula Mae Hester, in the health education and physical education department. Mrs. Roberts coaches the girls' tennis team, Professor Vernon E. Wood coaches the men's team, and Professor S. B. King assists in track.

Some Immediate Needs

- \$200,000 additional endowment.
- \$ 40,000 for a science building.
- \$ 75,000 for a girls' dormitory.
- \$ 10,000 toward equipping self-help projects—department of crafts, printing plant, laundry.

for the first time the need of a Baptist institution here in these beautiful mountains. Prayer gave the vision and opened the way for the sacrificial gifts of those few citizens who made possible a school here before the Civil War. Through the many dark days following the War, when the torch of Christian education flickered and at times almost went out; through the many changes in administration in the next two decades; and through the steady progress of the past thirty-seven years under president Moore and other faithful workers—through all this period prayer has been a vital force in the building of Mars Hill.

Just before breakfast each morning a group of girls may be seen wending their way to the little B. S. U. room for morning watch, to begin the day with His Word and to pray for needs at home and abroad.

The most vivid memory the old students hold of "Mother Biggers" is her radiant, victorious prayer life. Eight o'clock every morning found her and a few others gathered in the same little B. S. U. room to claim his promise: "Where two or three meet together in my name there am I in the midst of them". School problems, teachers, student leaders, the unsaved in town and community, the church, sick loved ones back at our homes, courses of study—definite earnest prayer that expects an answer and joy in His service were the lessons teachers and students learned in that little circle.

To such men as Arthur Gillespie, Hoyt Blackwell, J. B. Hipps, R. Paul Caudill, and Charles Roper, Little Mountain was an altar where they came apart to commune with God and pray through life problems.

The noonday prayer meeting, held by students just after lunch was given by one person as her greatest assurance that Mars Hill will never lose her spiritual power. This turning aside of such a group amid the many duties of the day is indeed encouraging to those who need their faith strengthened in the earnestness of young people today.

Who would dare enter the holy of holies of many an individual's heart as he alone, or with a few intimate friends, communes with the Eternal in his or her daily devotion? Thank God for the prayer life at Mars Hill.

As we look forward to the enlargement program for the College, we should keep ever in mind the words of the Psalmist: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it".

WHERE WE EAT



Corner of O. E. Sams Dining Room