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## Merci!

No doubt a reader can recognize immediately that this issue is an amateur production. We are strictly accountable for any and all errors which a zealous critic might be able to see in our work; yet if we have produced any favorable effects on our readers, and especially the Class we represent, we shall not feel that we have utterly failed. We congratulate the regular Staff on their work, and look forward to the better issues forthcoming under their supervision. We submit, however, this result of our efforts to our readers for their approval.

Much credit is due to the numerous contributions by members of the Class, whose names may not appear on the list of the Staff or elsewhere. May we say that we appreciate to the greatest degree your efforts. Your work was indispensable to the making of this issue. We thank you. E. W. B.

## Spring Holidays!

Believe it or not, there's something new under the sun—spring holidays for Mars Hill students! This year, for the first time in the history of the school, the students of this institution are to be given spring holidays. Years ago someone predicted that some day this would come about, and in 1935 that prophecy is to come true.

What a relief to put away books and papers from March the twenty-first until the twenty-sixth, and be able to relax. Five days in which to rest and sleep! No math problems to work, no themes to write, no classes to meet—nothing, absolutely nothing, to worry about!

There is really a great deal of true value in these holidays. The long stretch of work from Christmas until commencement is prone to make the students lose their spirit and pep. Teachers as well as students welcome this short vacation. There is no doubt that every one will return in a refreshed and eager spirit. The only way to enjoy these holidays to the fullest extent is to be prepared for them. Keep up with your work so that you can go home on the twenty-first with a clear conscience and no back work to catch up with.

Hurrah for the first spring holidays of Mars Hill College! May they be extra long and unusually happy!

ERNEST HARRILL.

## Modern Rebellion

The Red Coats that Washington chased are gone these many years, but there is a mighty foe still threatening the stability of our nation. Perhaps you have observed the rebellion that prevails in the hearts of a great number of people everywhere. Whizzing cannon balls and clever strategy helped the Father of our Country gain his victory, but the battle that we face now is not a battle in slimy trenches of war. The fight at the present is the war against decay from within that has been so fatal to other great powers of the past.

Have you noticed the evidences of moral breakdown in our law? People today are content to live by aid of the government. This incident from Newton D. Baker's recent article in the *Atlantic Monthly* illustrates the seriousness of our state: A man gave up his job, informing his employer that he was going to the World's Fair, and that when he returned he was going on relief. People like that certainly are not true Americans worthy of the heritage our forefathers have given us.

Have you noticed the breakdown in home life? The very bed rock on which our land is founded has been slipping from year to year. Freedom—the right to live one's own life—is the common howl. Can one explain the increase in divorces of the present and feel safe in saying that our nation is still on the upward trend?

Have you noticed this inward rebellion on our campus? There are many who seem to want to go in the opposite direction to all that is uplifting. Many will go out of their way to be identified with evil. What is the matter with young men and women who set their ideals low and refuse to strive to become clean, wholesome individuals? Why are our dormitories strewn with trashy literature when our library has hundreds of the best books? With an ear to the ground, those who look to the future warn us of approaching doom. What would our first President say if he could see our plight?

Historians have written much of Washington as a Commander, but in one way of thinking the submissive Washington at Valley Forge accounts for the victorious Washington at Yorktown. One

## Accomplishments Of The C-I Class

By ELIZABETH HICKS

The C-I Class of Mars Hill College for 1934-'35 is a wide awake one, not easily daunted by the snags and obstacles that have obstructed the way thus far. The members have entered enthusiastically into the various religious and social activities of the campus. A large number of the C-I's may be found in the glee club, the dramatic club, the orchestra, the band, and other organizations. Dramatic talent, musical talent, speaking talents—all are represented in the group. Then there seem to be those talented in smiling, giving a cheery grin, a friendly handshake, or a pat on the back. There will certainly be no lack of campus leaders next year. Just think of the Sunday School class officers, B. Y. P. U. officers, society officers, and count the positions held by freshmen.

Nor only are members of the class represented socially and religiously, but also scholastically. The teachers were very much delighted to find such a large percentage on the honor roll of first year students. The scholarship clubs have had a wide range from which to choose their members.

The girls' dormitory project has secured their heartiest cooperation. Next year as C-II's they will still more greatly swell the ever-growing fund—our future dream.

Look out for the C-I's. They are out to conquer, to do, and to dare. Some day, who knows but there will be outstanding representatives in all fields of the educational, religious, musical, political, and social world from this year's Freshman Class? Looking back over their successful lives, may they say, "We started it at Mars Hill College."

## Tribute To The C-II's

To you who welcomed us so cordially the first day we came to Mars Hill College, we wish to pay tribute. You made us feel that we had been here always and that we knew everyone.

We feel sure that no other group of students could have been more cordial. We appreciate from the bottom of our hearts the friendly interest you took in us.

As C-II's next year, we hope to be able to fill your places and make the new students feel as much at home as you did us.

Again, we thank you for your interest in us.

Mr. Burder Hipps, of the class of 1904, a recognized educator, who is the Dean of the Baptist University, Shanghai, China, is a visitor in our state. Last week he visited his mother in Asheville. We are also proud of the fine record of this alumnus.

## Guilty!

(For this issue)

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## A Mars Hill Student's Opinion

From a Mars Hill student's viewpoint the Wake Forest-Meredith-Mars Hill summer school is the long awaited answer to the prayer for a four year fully accredited liberal arts course at Mars Hill. Students who

day when the final tests of the probing scientists are completed, and they learn what simple folk through all the ages have known—that is, that only truth makes one free—perhaps those who record the happenings in history will see an individual in his true greatness, that greatness being measured by his nearness to God. Lend your influence to the stemming of the tide of rebellion against the solid truths that centuries untold have now changed. Conform while here on the Hill to the ideals of our Christian leaders, and build unshakably within your own soul a building that the creeping decay of our day shall not destroy. J. R. T.

## George Washington—The Man

ATLASSE YEARGIN

To me George Washington is not a mere historical figure. I like to think of him as a human being with faults as well as virtues, failures as well as triumphs, and fears as well as faith.

I close my eyes, and I can see him. Ah! how gracefully he dances the minuet. As he bows and smiles to his lovely companion, he is a perfect picture of courtesy and refinement.

Now I see him at Valley Forge. He stands there poorly clad, cold, and hungry. But to his men he speaks words of comfort, cheer, and hope. He is a courageous and strong man.

Lo! the crowning triumph. He stands erect and firm as he is inaugurated President of the United States. His voice rings out clear and strong as he addresses his people, his eyes sweep over the multitude, and his heart is filled with love for them.

To me there is no person in history so great, so noble, so capable, or so lovable as he. George Washington—that great, white-haired, keen eyed, manly person—should be loved and honored, not as a statesman or military leader, but as a man.

## CITY NOTES OR SILLY NOTES

What would Ripley give for this bit of information? "Believe it or not": Approximately 200 city notes are exchanged daily between couples at Mars Hill College. An average of about two pages is the usual length of each note, which equals 400 pages a day used for this purpose. In my estimation I have found that 40 cents is the total cost of the paper per day, not to mention the ink and lead used. I might also consider the time spent in writing "city notes". It takes an average of an hour to compose such a representation of one's feelings, emotions, and thoughts. Consider 200 hours spent in this manner. Think what Father Time could do with an additional 200 hours a day. Conservative people may consider this a waste, but we students consider it time well spent.

Although these little *billets-doux* may cause many heartaches and disappointments, the passing of one's whole course may be determined upon so small, yet so important, an item.

If one-half the time spent in writing notes were used in preparing one's lessons, the first honor roll would more than double itself, and the second honor roll would be adorned by the names of the remainder of the student body.

When summer vacation arrives, Uncle Sam will find a tremendous increase in his income from the proceeds of the sale of stamps for letters from one Mars Hill student to another. This being true of our Alma Mater one can hardly realize the enormity of the assets when all the educational institutions of the United States take part. Surely the National Government could easily begin another project similar to that of the N. R. A. upon the launching of this plan.

Contemplate upon this potential question of today, and after giving it your careful consideration, determine whether or not you feel justified in continuing this routine of "silly nothings." JESSIE INDORF.

have been forced to abandon college training because no courses above junior college work were offered here will gladly grasp the opportunity to further their college work.

## POETRY

### To the Delinquent List

(With apologies to Kilmer and a girl back home)

JUDITH ELLER.

I think that I shall never see  
A more unwelcome thing than thee.

Upon thy page is placed my name,  
And my misdeed and when it came.

Than list 'pon which I shrink to look  
You make me seem an awful crook.

You show to all the world that I  
Have failed somewhere, or didn't try.

Thou art to me a part of fate;  
To be on thee is not to date.

Thou art abhorred by fools like me,  
But teachers still have use for thee.

### A Student's Wail

J. S. ELLER.

"The teachers are fogies;  
The place is a jail.  
I'm sick of it all—  
I do want some mail.

"I'd be willing to leave  
And start home, although  
I know it's absurd,  
For I haven't the dough.

"That teacher just failed me  
To take out her spile.  
I got called up today  
'Cause I left on my light.

"I want to go home  
Where I'll be understood,  
I'd start out right now,  
If only I could."

Of good, common judgment  
This is only a lack—  
For if we were gone,  
We would want to be back.

### From Eve Sore To Beauty Spot

ELIZABETH LILES

One of Mars Hill's ugly ducklings is being transformed into a beautiful swan. For many years the plot of land between the administration building and Spilman dormitory was used as a tennis court for the girls. That is, a few girls used it occasionally, but for the most part it was barren, serving only as an eye-sore to all passers-by.

Now all signs of the former tennis court are gone, and the outlines of a beautiful informal garden are taking shape. In order to hide the background, white pines have been planted on the back border, and flowering shrubs enclose the other sides. A rock lily pond centers the garden, and the plan is that the water from this pond will cascade into a smaller pond in the lower corner. The blueprint of the garden provides that flagstone paths, entering from the side, will zig-zag through the garden. Evergreen grass is to be planted, and clumps of attractive plants will be scattered here and there.

Especially the C-I students are looking forward to the time when the garden will be perfected. They think it will be in its prime by next fall. Already in their minds they can see the happy couples as they stroll through this beauty spot. It not only will be a boon to the students, but will add greatly to the attractiveness of the campus. Truly, the former tennis court is being glorified.

### John B. Wilder Is Ordained As Minister

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L. B. Olive preached the ordination sermon; Dr. O. E. Sams delivered the charge to the candidate; Dr. R. L. Moore offered the dedicatory prayer; and the Rev. J. A. McLeod presented Mr. Wilder with a Bible from the Mars Hill Baptist church.

No times College Bell taps in one term 95,760 times—Times Miss Pierce's bell taps in one term 12,600 times regular and as many times more as necessary.