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Plans Announced For Founders' Day Program, Oct. 10

Rev. S. L. Blanton To Deliver
Principal Address
Of Day

EIGHTIETH YEAR

Pageant Of Founding To
Be Given In New
Amphitheatre

Plans for Founders' Day have just been released through the registrar's office. According to the arrangements, Rev. S. L. Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C., will deliver the address at the Eightieth Anniversary of the founding of Mars Hill College.

The Glee Club and orchestra will provide the musical end of the program.

After dinner on the grounds the students of former days will meet in the Euthalian Hall, with Dr. Cecil Pless, vice-president of the alumni association presiding.

Selections from the pageant of Mars Hill will be given by the expression department under Miss Wingate's direction. This will be the first time the new Amphitheater has been officially used.

At 3:15 P. M. the Mountain Lions will tangle with Campbell College on the football field to draw the ceremonies to a close.

This occasion at Mars Hill corresponds to the homecoming celebrations at other colleges. A large number of old students will return for the celebration, and classes will be cut short in the morning.

Professor Hoyt Blackwell will present his annual report on the enlargement and endowment program of Mars Hill. The trustees will be represented by E. F. Watson of Burnsville, chairman of the board; and the Advisory Committee by Gilbert H. Morris, of Asheville.

The program follows:

10:30 A. M.
Hymn, Faith of Our Fathers, Temp; Prayer, Rev. Broadus E. Wall, Pastor First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C.; Music, Solo: Offertory, Donjon; by Marvin Oakes; Remarks by Professor Hoyt Blackwell, Director,
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Mars Hill College On Approved List

New York State University
Allows Full Transfer
Credits From Here

President R. L. Moore Saturday received a communication that Mars Hill College had been placed on the list of colleges approved by the University of the State of New York.

Since all the colleges and universities of New York are under the jurisdiction of the University of the State of New York, recognition by this body is sought by colleges all over the country. Students from approved colleges are permitted to transfer to the colleges and universities of New York with full credit. Mars Hill has been placed on the approved list after an extensive investigation of the organization and work of the college this summer.

According to Dean I. N. Carr, Mars Hill also is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the State Department of Education, is a member of the American Association of junior colleges, is on the list of colleges approved for pre-medical work by the American Medical Association, and is among the schools from which students may be admitted to the U. S. military and naval academies without examination.

Since students of Mars Hill usually transfer to senior colleges, universities, or professional schools after two years, the administration attempts to meet the requirements of all the accrediting agencies in whose jurisdiction the college lies.

Gerald W. Johnson Presents His Views

Writes On Public Affairs In
Harpers; Gives Candid
Opinions

For interesting reading we advise the September issue of *Harpers*. In it is an article, "The Bonus That Was Earned," by Gerald W. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, a former Mars Hill student, attending the college in 1907-1908, is now associate editor of the *Baltimore*
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Thanatopsis

"So live, that when thy summons come to join
The innumerable caravan,
Which moves
To that mysterious realm,
Where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls
Of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave
At night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but,
Sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust,
Approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery
Of his couch
About him and lies down to
Pleasant dreams."

The college lost a loyal son when James Lowell Griffin, received his "summons" Saturday. A C-2, although it was his first year at Mars Hill, "Red" was liked by all who knew him. He was a transfer from Fruitland Institute at which school he was a leader in campus activities.

The accident occurred when Griffin was in the college swimming pool. Upon discovery of his body Victor Workman, pool supervisor, and Billie Poteat, another student, gave artificial respiration until the doctor arrived.

Dr. Locke Robinson, college physician, arrived after a few minutes and pronounced Griffin dead, from heart failure. There was an insufficient amount of water in the lungs to point to drowning.

This is the first fatality in the college pool, which has been open for four years.

Griffin was buried at Fruitland Monday afternoon. A number of the students and faculty attended the funeral.

Haynes Brown Receives G.O.P. Special Honor

Young Republican Party Requests
Permission To
Use Letter

Haynes Brown, Laurel editor, recently received unusual publicity when the Young Republican Club requested permission to quote from a letter written by him.

Brown, a leader in the "Landon for President" club, received this distinction when he wrote to the committee in New York City asking for material for a debate. They replied by long distance telephone requesting permission to quote the letter on the Landon Hour, over the N. B. C. hookup.

Haynes Brown, who is not only editor of the yearbook, but a Euthalian officer and president of the Tennessee club won a medal for intercollegiate debating last year. The request for information was for the Euthalian Anniversary debate, in which he takes part.

When interviewed Brown said, "It's not that I'd vote for Landon as that I'd vote against Roosevelt. I'd indorse Shirley Temple if she were to oppose him."

The Landon Hour comes on daily at 4:30 P. M. over an N. B. C. hookup, including station WWNC.

Hilltop Staff Is Elected For 1936 By The Students

"Click" Elliott And John
Chapman Assume Man-
agerial Posts

In the elections held in chapel recently the student body voted to elect Hubert Elliott as editor and John Chapman as managing editor of the *Hilltop*, student publication. Elliott defeated Mary Brunson, acting editor, in the election, and Chapman was unopposed. Other officers elected were: Associate editor, Gloria Regan, business manager, James Randelman, and circulation manager, Victor Workman.

Hubert Elliott, of Edenton, was managing editor of the *Hilltop* in
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Entire 1937 Staff Chosen For Laurel

Editor Announces Letting Of
Contracts For Printing
And Engraving

The completed staff for the 1937 Laurel has been announced by Haynes Brown, editor of the yearbook. The nucleus of the staff, Haynes Brown, editor; Boyd Ray, business manager; and William K. Russell, advertising manager, were elected by the student body last year. The following were chosen to complete the staff: associate editors, Al B. Wester, Jr., Homer Allen, and Lucille Smith; literary editor, Beryl Stoker; feature editor, Mildred Lea Spoon; athletic editor, Ed. Hurst; and snap-shot editor, Sam Long.

The printing contract has been given to the Knoxville Lithographing Company, and the engraving contract to the Pictorial Engraving Company of Charlotte, N. C.

It is the aim of the staff to publish an annual that will last through the years, and one of which the class of '37 will be proud.

For each 40c the United States is receiving, it is spending \$1.00 reports a statistician. Of course there's no profit in it but just think of the turnover.

604 Students Mark Largest Enrollment Yet

Representatives Of Twenty-
Two States And Three
Nations Here

360 NEW STUDENTS

North Carolina Contributes
450 From Ninety-Four
Counties

Reports from the registrar's office point to the largest enrollment of students in any time in the history of Mars Hill College. Over 600 students are enrolled in the college and Academy classes. Of this number 360 students are C-1's. A number of the C-2 class however are on Mars Hill's Campus for the first time, or are returning after an absence of a year or more.

The students represent twenty-two states and three foreign countries. The countries represented are Cuba, Russia, and Brazil. The states from which students come are: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Texas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Alabama, Maryland, New Jersey, Michigan, Louisiana, New Mexico, Connecticut, and the District of Columbia.

In the state of North Carolina alone ninety-four counties are represented, covering most of the state. Counties with more than ten students here are: Madison 62, Buncombe 58, Wake 19, Yancey, 14, Mitchell 14, Mecklenburg 14, Gaston, 13, Haywood 12, and Forsythe 11.

Returning from last year are 186 C-2s, or about one-third of the total enrollment.

If we were to delve into the figures to some depth we would find that the students represent, at a Baptist college, sixteen religious preferences.

The Baptists leads with 487 members. The Methodists and Presbyterians come second and third with 61 and 27 respectively. After the big three come Catholic, Episcopal, and Christian with five, three, and three in each case. Several have two representatives, Moravin, Brethern, and Congregational.

VERNON E. WOOD RULES FAVORITE AS FALL SWEEPSTAKES DRAW NEAR

According to the Mars Hill Bucket Shop odds on "Booger" Wood have risen from 3-7 to 4-3 after he tore off a fast ten yards between the science lecture room and his gas-buggy. Since announcement of the annual "Fall Sweepstakes" odds have continually risen on the Wood side. At first considered to have only an outside chance he has rapidly risen in the betting, and today rules favorite to cop first place.

"Newshound" McLeod, No. 2 man on the Wood-McLeod team, bids fair to come in second, and if improvement continues, to beat Wood out of first place. McLeod has been working out under wraps for the past few days and shows marked improvement in style. His leg work and timing continues to improve and he is polishing off as

barrier time approaches.

"Preacher" Sams, No. 1 challenger, was observed circling the Bull Ring several times last week, and was clocked at 30 seconds. "Just improving my wind," he said when questioned.

"Beowulf" Huff constitutes the "dark horse" element in the race, remaining until the present an unknown quantity. Several secret practice sessions have been held from which the press was barred, so we have no dope on his condition. The sharpness of the curves and the dry weather both favor his style however, and he may spring a surprise.

Latest odds and changes in them are:

V. E. Wood 3-7 to 4-3, caused by public sprint from class to car.
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AMPHITHEATER NEARS COMPLETION BE USED FOR PLAY FOUNDERS DAY

If you're wondering just what is this shirtless band of pick-swingers, that seems to congregate every afternoon under your window at Melrose, here's your answer. No; it is not the Madison county chain gang but merely Mr. Tolson's gang, and it is these boys who are largely responsible for many campus improvements which have been made recently.

Most notable among the improvements is perhaps the Amphitheater which is located behind the administration building. Although this project has not been completed in a day, it has been in the process for only several months. The most recent addition to this project has been the completion and passing of the middle section of stage and seats. If sufficient donations can be secured for the

purpose within a month or so the back section of the stage will be lined with shrubbery. At present the seating capacity of the outdoor theater is 700. The pick and shovel gang is starting within a few days on the wing sections in hope that they can be finished before the winter weather sets in. The addition of these sections will bring the total seating capacity up to about 1,400.

Mr. Tolson's gang has also graded a new athletic field, which they hope to have grassed in a month's time.

The group, which is made up of students helping to pay their expenses is at present engaged in landscaping some of the land around both Brown and Melrose Dormitories.

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