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ELLIOTT:
There is
a Santa
Claus!

CHAPMAN:
There ain't
a Santa
Claus!

CAMPUS PARAGRAPHS

Christmas Carols sung by a group composed of Professor S. O. Penham's Sunday School class, Monday evening, were delightfully heard by students and townspeople. The singers, in old English fashion, moved about the campus, and in the village, lifting up their voices in praise of the Prince of Peace.

GIFTS

According to the December, 1936, issue of the *Quarterly*, gifts amounting to nearly \$10,000, have been given to Mars Hill by alumni, friends, faculty, and organizations. Encouraging is the news from Professor Hoyt Blackwell, Endowment Program director, that the first hundred thousand of the five hundred thousand dollar goal set to be obtained in five years, is virtually in sight.

DECORATIONS

rivaling the magnificent Yule decorations of cities, Mars Hill presents a picture of beauty and festive dress. With every street in town in gala array, the faces of citizens dotted with brightly lighted Christmas trees, the lobbies of the dormitories shimmering with the spirit of the season, the atmosphere is one of enraptured festiveness.

AWNINGS

The remodeling of Roy's Cafe, which led to the destruction of the ninety tin awning that sprouted across the sidewalk in unbecoming fashion, has shown to all what an improvement it would be if all the same type of awnings reminiscent of the Western frontier, were removed. Rumor has it that the city fathers will issue an ordinance to this effect.

ORGANIZED

Students representing Guilford, Vance, Person and Orange counties met Monday, December 14, and formed a sectional club. Following officers were elected: Victor Workman, president; Rita Waugh, vice president; Fred Lea Spoon, secretary; John Newman, treasurer, and Al K. Shelton, reporter. Coach Carson was elected sponsor.

CUP

The Library a silver loving cup bearing the inscription, "S. P. Press Assn. Awarded to M. H. Best Newspaper, 1932," is being displayed. It is to be noted that a trophy case will be provided for similar awards to other organizations.

GRANDCHILDREN

From year to year former students send their sons and daughters to their Alma Mater to further their studies. This year a total of 48 have enrolled at Mars Hill, representing, some of them, the cream of the crop on the campus.

VISITORS

During the recent holiday, many visitors were here to enjoy the festivities, and to attend the Anniversary program of the Euthalian Literary Society.

Lieberman Wins First At Strawberry Leaf

Nineteen Make Trip Entering All Contests, Morgan Best Debater.

Returning with a first place, a souvenir gavel, and a flock of promises to write, the nineteen students who made the trip to Winthrop College arrived on the campus again Saturday night, December 5, at 9 p. m. They reported that they had the largest entry list of any of the twenty-seven colleges competing. The Strawberry Leaf Speech Tournament, an annual affair, was attended by approximately 150 students from twenty-seven colleges in eight states. Winthrop College, with its 1,314 girls provided the scene of the competition lasting December 3, 4, and 5.

Mars Hill entered eight boys: G. G. Morgan, Bill Flemming, Haynes Brown, Robert Bellinger, Clarence Sinclair, Ed. Spangler, Boyd Ray, Harold Robinson, and four girls: Lillian Linney, Dorothy Walker, Frances Summerlin, and Ruby Hopkins in the debating contest. Jane Pope in the poetry reading, Charles Weaver in the oration contest, Boyd Ray, and Frances Summerlin in the impromptu contests, John Chapman in the extempore, and Eddie Lieberman in the after-dinner contest.

An informal reception was held Thursday night, and a formal one Friday when Winthrop and Dartmouth College were wedded. Charles Weaver represented Mars Hill in the wedding. In a limerick contest John Chapman won a half-pound box of candy, but was unable to preserve it intact. Friday night, in the after-dinner speakers' contest, Eddie Lieberman won a first place, being the choice of all three judges.

Saturday morning, G. G. Morgan was entered in the Best Debater. (Continued on Page 3)

Nonpareils Fete Eus With Fine Reception

Administration Building Is Scene of Festivities; Decorated For Holidays.

Honor was paid the Euthalians Saturday night, December 5th, when their sisters, the Nonpareil Literary Society, gave them a well-attended reception in the Robert Lee Moore Hall. The guests were entertained throughout the evening by varied programs taking place in both society halls.

The lobby and halls were attractively decorated with evergreens, and red and green ribbons. Two Christmas trees hung with lights, brightened the two halls, and added to the holiday atmosphere. The lobby was arranged as a garden, with trees and shrubs about, and rustic benches placed at strategic spots.

The guests, upon entering, were welcomed by a receiving line, after which they assembled in the halls upstairs. The musical part of the program included vocal solos by Bill Poteat, Henry Clay Edwards and Mrs. James Ramsey, and piano solos by Emmett Davis, Lois Stringfield, and Evelyn Hancock. Additional features were a double quartet, a saxophone solo by Powell Nanney, a violin solo by Powell Nanney. (Continued on Page 4)

Flat Rock-Swain High Win Contest Cups

Thirty-One Schools In Western North Carolina Enter Annual Contest

Elizabeth Drake, of Flat Rock High school and Fletcher Andrews, of Swain County High School were the winners in the finals of the Readers and Declaimers Contest held here December 11 and 12.

The contest, an annual feature sponsored by Mars Hill College, for High Schools of Western North Carolina was under the direction of Assistant Dean, Ralph M. Lee.

The contest this year in which 34 schools were represented, marked the eleventh year that such a contest has been held here. Each year invitations are extended to high schools in 20 counties in Western North Carolina, each school being entitled to enter two contestants, one boy in the Declaimers Contest and one girl in the Readers Contest. A Silver Loving cup on which the name of the contestant and his school is engraved, is awarded to the winner of each contest, to be held by the winning school for one year.

The cup awarded this year to Miss Drake becomes the permanent property of her school since this is the second year in succession that the representative of that school in the Readers Contest has been winner. This cup was won last year by Miss Ruth Hall. The Declaimers cup last year was won by Lee Suttles, of Wilkesboro.

State Board Names Six New Trustees

E. F. Watson of Burnsville Again President of the Board of Trustees.

The Baptist State Convention, which met at the First Baptist Church in Durham November 10, 12, appointed the following to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College: Mrs. Rush Stroup, Shelby; C. M. Wall, Lexington; C. M. Palmer, Albemarle; Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia; W. T. Myers, Winston-Salem; and D. C. May, Durham.

The following, whose terms expired this year, were reappointed: E. F. Watson, Burnsville, president of the Board; J. B. Eford, Charlotte; and the Rev. W. L. Griggs, Charlotte.

The Board is composed of 25 trustees in all, the new members being appointed on the recommendation of the old members.

Euthalians Vote For Watts As New Head

The Euthalians elected Walter M. Watts, Jr. president in the election of officers held on Friday evening, December 4. Bill Russell received the vice-presidency and Robert Jordan the position of recording secretary.

The other officers are as follows: French McCain, censor; Billy Eaton, chaplain; Emmett Davis, English critic; G. G. Morgan, expression critic; John Chapman, debate critic; Durwood Murray, collector; Dupuy Seers, pianist; Exum Griffin, chorister; James Randleman, reporter; Al McLendon, time keeper; Ben Favel, librarian.

SEVENTEEN DAYS OF REST NOW WORK BEGINS AGAIN JANUARY 4,

Candlelight Service Given By Glee Club

Christmas Service Given In Church Sunday Night By Glee Club.

Sunday evening, December 13 at 7:30 o'clock, the glee club and string ensemble of the college presented a Christmas candlelight service in the church. Entering with burning candles as their only light the glee club took their places singing an eighth century Gregorian melody, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," as the processional.

Sarah Woody, Polly Hartzell, and Lucille Smith, then sang "No Candle was There and No Fire," composed by Lehman. Still in candlelight the glee club then sang "Silent Night" as arranged by Gruber-Wetzel, while the echo choir answered from the darkness. After a prayer, by Pastor Lynch, the congregation joined in singing three Christmas hymns.

The string ensemble, composed of Mervin Oakes, Charles Reid, Mrs. Spencer B. King, James Sawyer, Francis Harris, Fred Taylor, and Mary Stringfield, played "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," by Praetorius. The remainder of the program was divided into sections depicting the Christmas story. The sections were: The Annunciation, The Shepherds, and The Manger. Billy Poteat, Billy Eaton, and Elizabeth Lee sang "The Annunciation," 13th century Bearnais air. The string ensemble played the Prelude from "Lohengrin," by Wagner, following which the echo choir sang "Silent Night." (Continued on Page 3)

Manag. Editor Quits; Strife Stirs The Staff

Elliott and Chapman Come to Parting of Ways; Disagreement Splits Accord.

Strife stirred the staff of the *Hilltop*, Mars Hill college student publication, as the news of the resignation of the managing editor, John Chapman, was made public. Chapman gave up his position on the staff after a stormy session with the editor in which epithets flew back and forth with machine gun rapidity. No reason for the resignation was given except the terse statement from Chapman that it "... was for the good of the general staff, and to bring about peace."

Chapman was elected managing editor at the beginning of the term when the students unanimously supported him for the position.

Editor Elliott, when questioned as to the cause of the dismissal demurred to make a statement, saying, "It pains me very much. I can say no more."

J. A. McLeod, faculty advisor, when approached said, "The details are still a mystery to me, but the general gist of it, as I see it, is that they couldn't agree. They have had several clashes before, but this one was evidently much worse than the others. I do not know the cause of their rupture."

Other members of the staff refused to make statements, or claimed to know nothing of the difficulty.

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All Cuts Before and After Holidays To Count Double.

FACULTY UNFAIR

Dr. Wm. Powell Hale to Read The Christmas Carol Tonight.

Beginning at 11:15 A. M., Friday, December 18th, and ending at 1:00 p. m., Monday, January 4th, the Christmas holidays this year last 17 days, an increase over previous years. This gives the students a full week to get home for Christmas, and a full week to recuperate and get back before class work starts, with one or two days in between. Several of the students will, as in years past, get a running start Thursday and be well on their way, if not home Friday. The faculty, in session convened, invoked strict laws, however, regarding cuts and changing classes. An absence counts double both before and after the holidays. Students may change sections to leave early if they wish, and can arrange it with the teachers, but no special sections, or tests are to be given. Thus say the cruel faculty, compelling hundreds to champ under the bit for 24 more hours.

For those remaining over Thursday night, until the official "go" is given, Dr. William Powell Hale, of Carson Newman college will read Dicken's "Christmas Carol."

For those who have heard him, Dr. Hale is a treat twice repeated, and for those that hear him for the first time he is a treat in the inception, according to former students that were here when he read the carol before. This immortal classic from the pen of a master is read annually throughout the nation at the Christmas season, and Mars Hill is unusually fortunate in getting so fine an impersonator as Dr. Hale to read it for her.

Classwork starts at 1 p. m., Monday, January 4, and all students must meet their classes. For those fortunate few who have no Monday afternoon classes, Tuesday, 8:15 a. m., is the deadline.

Following close upon the return to school comes the final examinations, the week of January 17th. The second semester begins January 25th. Registration is Saturday the 23rd.

Till then: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from *The Hilltop*.

Knight Is President In Phi Election

The Philomathian Literary Society selected John Knight, of Jesup, Georgia, as president for the next term. As vice-president, they chose John Yelton, with James Powell as recording secretary.

The other officers are: Corresponding secretary, Joe Prevette; censor, Bill Kennedy; chaplain, William Baites; English and Expression critic, Charles Weaver; dues collector, Wayne Oates; fine collector, Ed. Spangler; janitor, Clifford Brown; pianist, Clyde Carr; librarian, William Terry; reporter, Charles Reid; treasurer, James Gann; marshals, Richard Mansfield and Clarence Sinclair.