

# NINE LETTERMEN RETURN TO GRIDIRON

## Cross Country Is Being Planned

### Number of Lettermen Back For Work In Spring

Coach Dickerson's track squad will need a strong array of fresh runners to join with the seven lettermen in holding place in the victory column next spring. A cross-country squad is being planned for the development of distance men and the building of a better team.

Among the men who will be missed especially are Castelloe, holder of Mars Hill records in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, high jump, and pole vault; Beare and Chenault in the discus; and Summey in the shot-put. These gaps in the ranks will be filled by the reserve squad and by members of the college freshmen class. Coach Dickerson hopes for a winning squad again as Lettermen Crisp and Wright in the 440, Tiller in the 880, Thomas in the mile, Eaton in the two mile, Ed. Robinson in the low hurdles and broad jump, and Garret Valentine in the high jump and javelin have returned to lead the 1938 squad on the field.

### Officers Are Elected For Student Council

The student council met September 8 in the Brown assembly hall for the first regular meeting of the year. John Yelton of Shelby, member of the council last year, was elected president. Eugene Brissie was named secretary of the group.

The student council is composed of nine boys selected by the dean from a group recommended by the retiring council. They have charge of the government of the boys' dormitories on the south campus. Members of the council this year include: John Yelton, Eugene Brissie, W. T. Martin, W. R. Wagoner, Ray Bridges, Irvin Lucas, Billy Kellner, Russell Harris, and Cecil Aderholt.

### Vacations of Faculty Vary During Summer

Members of the faculty spent their vacation periods in several different ways during the past summer.

Miss Elizabeth Rutherford, of the home economics department, was in Washington City to do research work on her thesis.

Miss Martha Biggers attended the Juillard School of Music in New York City. Her sister, Miss Caroline Biggers, studied in the same city at the School of Education of Columbia University.

Miss Ella Pierce did research work at Harvard University.

Mrs. J. A. McLeod took French at the Mars Hill division of the Wake Forest-Meredith summer school.

Mrs. Walter E. Wilkins will not teach this year because of her poor health. She improved greatly during the summer, however.

Professor J. B. Huff spent a good part of his time at Cullowhee where he taught English in the Western Carolina Teachers College summer school.



BRANTLEY

"SPEC" VALENTINE

QUINCE BALL

THERRELL



ALEXANDER

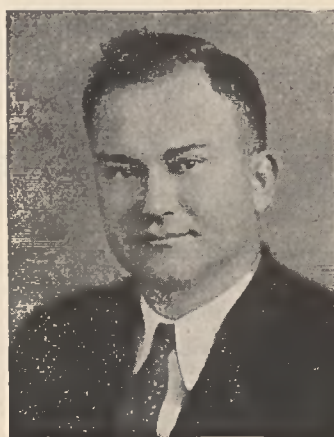
JACK MICHAEL

MARTIN

ROBINSON



FRED DICKERSON



O. E. ROBERTS

### SPORTING WITH THE LIONS

BY JOHN CRISP

The prospects for a championship team for the Mountain Lions this year are very bright indeed. A statement to that effect recently made by "Hoot" Roberts, head coach, is well backed up by the fact that nine lettermen have returned this year to form a strong nucleus for the team. Another good sign is that many of his candidates have seen experience; and a good line weight bolsters the odds for a winning eleven.

The local fans are anticipating several new trick plays from our two coaches and are looking forward to the first home game of the season on October 2 with Boiling Springs. Although little opposition is expected from that quarter, the game here with Biltmore College of Asheville on November 6 might prove a little more exciting than would be healthy for the Lions. Mars Hill's season ends with the tilt at Brevard on Thanksgiving Day. Brevard, which was formerly known as Weaver College, was until recently situated at nearby Weaverville. Keen rivalry exists between Mars Hill and this school and every student on the campus should look forward to winning what will probably be a hard fought battle with our traditional enemy.

The '37 squad has a crack backfield with four experienced Lions,

Brantley, Alexander, Ball and Michael, returning to carry the brunt of the burden. Briggs, of Bessemer City, looked like one of the most promising of the new candidates before he was injured in an automobile accident. It will be some time yet before he can get into a uniform again.

Ed. Robinson and Bill Therrell are outstanding as ends. Also there's the White boy whose playing reminds us a little of the badman of last year's gridiron, "Shipwreck" Kelly.

Jeeter Higgins, the local man mountain, is showing his stuff as a number one tackle. Martin, of last year's squad, will probably take the other side of the line in that capacity. "Red" Wright is due for a smash-up game as guard along with the all-western Greek, Gianakos. Neil Whitaker, a local boy, will be likely choice for center.

It is a known fact that many of the candidates will not make either the very real first or the intangible second team and several cannot hope to see action this year but these hard working beginners will compose our team next year and should be congratulated for their perseverance.

The team drilled twice daily for more than a week before the opening of school and is working for conference honors; but there is a noticeable lack of spirit here

at the beginning of our grid season on the part of the student body. Everyone should talk up the program and really try to support the team. The college band has already swung into two practice sessions; and the election of cheer

### Battle With Buffaloes Marks Start of Season

The Lions, short only six regulars from last year's eleven, roared at Johnson City, Tennessee, last evening as they swung into the first game of the season against the Milligan Buffaloes.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The results of the game were not yet known when The Hilltop went to press.

Gene Alexander, the Lions' only triple threat man in the past few years is expected to do most of the punting, passing, and running. Big Brantley, last year's star center, playing quarterback this year, will do most of the signal calling for the Lions this season. Briggs, flashy black from Bessemer City, and Michael, both lettermen, will assist Brantley in signal calling.

#### Linesmen

Ed Robinson and Bill Therrell, both lettermen, expect to hold down the flank positions while Brown, Higgins and Castelloe, all new men, will be called on to fill the tackle positions left open by Godwin and Cowan, last year's regulars.

The guard positions will be taken care of by Garret Valentine, Red Wright, both lettermen, Gianakos, all western guard from Hendersonville, and Pinnell, who hails from Richmond.

The Mars Hill Lions' starting eleven will average 175 pounds. That means one ton of well trained, hard-fighting material.

The football schedule for the coming year is as follows:

- Sept. 17—Milligan at Johnson City, Tenn.
- Sept. 25—Tusculum at Greenville, Tenn.
- Oct. 2—Boiling Springs, here.
- Oct. 9—P. J. C., there
- Oct. 16—Cullowhee at Canton.
- Oct. 23—Lees-MacRae, here.
- Oct. 30—Belmont Abbey, there.
- Nov. 6—Campbell, there.
- Nov. 11—Hiwassee, Newport, Tenn.
- Nov. 20—Wingate, here.
- Nov. 25—Brevard, there.

leaders which will probably be held soon will certainly add to the enthusiasm which should be our's. Let's support our team!

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