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### A Good Motto

The motto of the local coaching system goes, "Do not do for the student what he can do for himself."

It seems that in some cases the college student has never realized that he could do some things for himself if he so desired. When one reaches the phase of life known as college, then it is time to put away foolish ideas of inability and tackle this thing called life vigorously.

In all forms of battle the loudest noise never gets the decision. It is the impulse of ambition, determination, self-reliance, and pluck that keeps the tide from being one-sided.

However, one cannot know all the reasons for the "whys" of any course at the start; hence, instructors are employed. So with this, give it all you have and then when there seems no other outlet to accomplishment, let others help you do that which you cannot do for yourself.

—E. F. B.

### Robert Lathan

"A light has gone out of all our lives who were privileged to know him." These were the fitting words expressed by his co-workers when Robert Lathan passed away the other day. His passing marked the ending of a successful decade of work accomplished while affiliated with Asheville newspapers.

The end of the road for a man who has been in service to mankind as Robert Lathan has, leaves a place that will always be vacant. A native of South Carolina, he later moved to Asheville where he rapidly gained the admiration of his fellow-workers and the public. His service to people all over the state and throughout the South cannot be estimated. A typical power behind the wheels of welfare and success, he stirred many hearts with his editorials for one of which he was awarded the Pulitzer prize.

Still, there is somewhat of a vacancy in our hearts, because we never knew him personally. However, we hold in high esteem the things which he so gratefully contributed to those who knew him. His being such a friend to the people of Asheville and our own Southland made him a friend to Mars Hill.

—E. F. B.

### Let's Look Ahead!

One week from today Mars Hill College will recall its founding, eighty-one years ago. In those days the fathers of our institution had little to start with besides faith. They laid the foundation for an institution and left records that inspired others to continue the work they had begun. Carter, Marsh, Treat, and Spilman came in their time to keep the school on firm ground.

Today Mars Hill ranks high. It is, however, still in the period of growth. What are our chances of keeping on the upward trend, of following the principles of the founders? This year we have capable students in the campus organizations who ought to make our chances of progress good. Our faculty is well trained and willing to cooperate with the students.

Think, on Founders Day, of the handicaps of Edward Carter and his successors. Then consider our chances for development in the future.

Mars Hill, as we look back eighty-one years, let's remember also to keep looking ahead!

—A. B. B.

### Over 400 Enrolled In B. T. U. Courses

The B. T. U. concluded its second period of religious activity October 1 with the B. T. U. study courses. Over 400 students were enrolled in the courses this year.

Besides the study courses there

will be vespers conducted by Miss Mabel Starnes and the Reverend Mr. Nathan C. Brooks. The climax of the Student Union program will be reached in the third week of October as the college revival gets under way. The State B. S. U. convention will also be held during the week of the revival, and Mars Hill will be well represented there.



THE FIRST BUILDING

### Founders Day Brings To Mind Edw. Carter, Treat, Spilman, Other Institution Builders

BY SAM SMITH.

Few students realize that making an institution like our Alma Mater requires a great amount of faith, devotion, sacrifice, and love for the cause. Founders Day should immediately bring these thoughts to the mind—thoughts of Edward Carter, M. C. Treat, Dr. Spilman. Old Joe, Miss Meda Peak, Mr. Marsh, Mr. John Ammons, and our own beloved Dr. Moore. These names should be blazoned into the mind of each member of the student body because they are the heroes of our college and also because their lives are the kind for which we should strive.

The story of Old Joe is without doubt the most interesting of any. Joe was a slave of the president of the board of trustees. After the first building on the campus was completed, the board found it lacked twelve hundred dollars having enough to pay for its construction. The contractors for this building brought the sheriff of Buncombe County to try to collect what the school owed them. Old Joe was taken to the county seat and put in jail to be sold at twelve hundred dollars which was to be paid on the contracting debt. Joe, however, was not sold because the people here in Mars Hill collected enough money to buy him back from the firm of Clayton and Shakelford, contractors. He lived all the rest of his life thanking the good people here for getting him back to his master.

The story of Old Joe and the contracting debt on the original building reminds one of the story of "the Hill's" first graduating class. Invitations were received by many people who were interested in the school's inviting them to an "exhibition" to be held at the French Broad institute on July 4, 1857. This exhibition was the first commencement; however, it was not anything like what we have today. Each student had some part on the program; there was a spelling bee; there were several poems, orations, and a speaker for the graduating class. There were so many people in the auditorium that a sleeper broke, almost causing a panic until Mr. A. G. Brown, the first teacher here quieted the people by telling them that the creaking sound they

Moore Davis, and John Albert Fox to Miss Miriam Virginia Mohn.

Ralph Brown dropped down to look over the old campus last September. He brought his bride along with him.

had heard was not the flooring away but a window falling

The original building stood what we now know as the O. It was a rather large brick structure with two floors. Down there was a wide hall running from the front to the back on either side of this were classrooms. Upstairs the floor was one large assembly room. This building was completed in 1856 and torn down in 1910. Most of the brick in building is now in Am Store.

An interesting personality connected with this College was Mr. Marsh. In 1859 he through this town selling for a firm in New York. The ple liked him a great deal since he was a well educated they asked him to become the of the school. He truly built the school in his two-year Students came even from Gr boro which was a long way here in those embryonic days transportation. Mr. Marsh one of the finest president school has ever seen, but the ing ran so high in this se during the War between States that he was forced to. The tragedy of his life was thought that his relatives from north were killing his friend the south.

During the main part of strife between the north and soldiers were quartered here when they left, they burned of the school's much buildings.

R. L. Moore was invited in 1897 to be head of the lege. It seems that in those the duties of a college president included teaching and keeping accounts of the school as well various other jobs. Our president says that when he came were three small buildings one hundred and eighty-students, thirty of which were high school standing and six lege men. Dr. Moore has "g up with the college." He has it at its worst and made it its present high peak. He given "the Hill" the best of his life.

Because of these people built the school and because the rich tradition which has handed down to us, Founders Day should mean a great deal to the students here. Founders should make us look back with pride on the history of the lege and make us look forward to visualize what Mars Hill will come in the future.

### They're Gone But Not FORGOTTEN

BY HOWARD LA MONT.

Responsible Sons of our Alumni: WOODROW MCKAY, formerly of Mars Hill College, is now postmaster at Lexington, N. C.

NOAH HOLLOWELL is writing a column in one of the outstanding newspapers in Hendersonville. He calls it, "Wait a Minute," and it appears daily except Monday on which day he devotes his column to the weekly Sunday School Lesson. A commendable deed to be sure.

MR. J. T. JOYNER, of the Company of Hine-Bagby, Winston-Salem, N. C., is doing a fine job of helping worthy young people in his locality. His fine example should serve as an example for all Mars Hill students. He has been doing outstanding work as a member of the alumni also.

A. W. HONEYCUTT, of Lexington, N. C., and former superintendent of Hendersonville public schools has been named to succeed J. M. Gwynn as superintendent of the Chapel Hill schools. Mr. Honeycutt became associated with the Hendersonville schools in 1920 and went to Lexington as head of schools in 1932. He has served as headmaster of the Furman University preparatory department, as teacher in Duke, and as president of western and northwestern districts of the North Carolina Education association.

REVEREND E. F. BAKER, an alumnus of Mars Hill college, and who, by the way, was considered an "A" student during his stay here, was back to visit this summer. The Rev. Mr. Baker attended the ministerial retreat held on our campus and makes it a habit of returning once a year for this purpose. His daughter is a member of our present C-I class this year and if lightning strikes twice in the same place, we'll be hearing more from that young lady. At present, the Reverend Mr. Baker is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina.

### MARRIAGES:

W. G. Biggers was married to Miss Edythe Nell Koontz; Julius Eddy Martin to Miss Evelyn Bobe; Reverend Henry Leo Eddleman to Miss Sarah Fox; James Randleman to Miss Louise McCracken; Conway D. Sams to Miss Mary