

Much Progress Made On Girls' Dormitory

Roof To Be Completed Soon; Students To Pay For Cornerstone.

After an absence of two weeks, much progress on the new girls' dormitory can be noted. Rapidly it has taken size, shape, and form and it gives an entirely different view north of the main campus.

Already the building has cost approximately forty thousand dollars, and will cost a possible fifty thousand more before its eventual completion. It is understood that the steel in the new building has already cost more than the administration building completed as it now stands. It will have all of the modern conveniences of steam-heat, hot and cold running water in every room, paths on every floor, and will be entirely fireproof. It will be the largest building on the campus, having about sixty-five rooms and accommodating one hundred twenty persons, students and teachers. It will be the largest and best building in Madison County.

With the funds received from friends and donors of the college, the building has been completed to the extent of the putting on of the roof without creating a debt or the borrowing of money. Mars Hill is indeed grateful to those who have so kindly contributed to the cause, and hopes that more may become interested enough to share in the pride of its completion by their gifts.

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Murphy, Sinclair Are New Clio-Phi Leaders

Marie Murphy, of Southern Pines, N. C., was elected president of the Clio Literary Society at their regular meeting December 16. She succeeds Mary Lou Almond, who had served two terms in succession as president.

Other officers elected are as follows: Martha Moore, first vice-president; Helen Smith, second vice-president; Virginia Francis, recording secretary; Ruth Eller, corresponding secretary; Billie C. Henderson, censor; Marie Compson, chaplain; Betsy Ross Neilson, pianist; Julia Chiles, treasurer. The marshalls elected were Ruth Clark, chief, Nell Cook, and Ruth McKelvey. The critics are: literary, Christine Browning; music, Rebecca Hollowell; expression, Georgia Bailey; program committee, Mildred Hawley and Cynthia Lane Hemke; Altha Smith, poster chairman, Katy Ruth Grayson, and Elizabeth Rigby.

Clarence Sinclair, of East Flat Rock, N. C., was elected president of the Philomathian Literary Society at their regular meeting in December 10. He succeeds W. Wagoner.

The following officers were also elected at that time: Jesse Moore, vice-president; Joe Radford, recording secretary; Charles Reid, treasurer; William Bates, censor; James Gann, Seer; McLeod Bryan, chaplain; Fred Taylor, English and expression critic; Lloyd Farthing, collector; William Medlin, fines collector; Jarvis League, janitor; marshalls, J. E. Tate and Page Bryan; librarian, Jack Michael; Clyde Carr, pianist; Banner Shelton, chorister; William Prentiss, reporter.

DIXIE CHAMP



Lieberman Wins First Place In Tournament

Mars Hill Also Carries First Places In The Other Rounds.

Eddie Lieberman, of Greenwood, S. C., won first place in the grand finals of after-dinner speaking at the Strawberry Leaf Festival, which was held at Winthrop College in December. Mars Hill carried off several first places in preliminary rounds and made a good showing in everything that was entered.

According to statistics released at Winthrop, the following representatives won places. Eddie Lieberman, first place in grand final and Dixie final of after-dinner speaking; Flowers Clark, first place in second division of debaters; John Ball, Warren Smith, Thomas Freeman, Jesse Moore, Ruth Martin, and Eugene Brissie won rounds in extempore, oration and impromptu. Cynthia Jane Hempke won second place in three rounds of poetry reading.

Representatives from thirty-five colleges and universities ranging from as far north as Dartmouth University; as far south as Stetson University, and as far west as Oklahoma University. The range extended as far east as the Atlantic Seaboard and eight states were represented.

A number of local debates have taken place among the group since

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FIFTY STUDENTS HELP IN CHURCH PROGRAM

Results of the student night programs, that were discussed before the holidays, are reported as having been very successful. A total of 35 programs were held in various home churches with 50 students participating.

Those programs gave the students the opportunity to reveal what they had received while being affiliated with the B. S. U. in some way. In these programs the students explained the functions of the various religious activities and spoke in regard to their personal benefits from these activities.

Those participating in the various churches were: Billy Blaine, Cleobelle Moore, Franklin Baptist Church, Franklin, N. C.; Mac Norwood, Johnson Memorial Church, Raleigh, N. C.; Howard Cates, First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.; Mary Ruth Hardy, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C.; Ellen King, Jonesboro Valley Baptist Church, Leicester, N. C.; Virginia Anne Craver, Booneville Baptist Church, Booneville, N. C.; Catherine Etheridge, Atlanta, Ga.; Mary Elizabeth Stonestreet, Mocksville Baptist Church, Mocksville, N. C.; Mary Flack Jordon, Laurinburg, N. C.; Marie Powers, Jay Moore, Bill Baucom, St. Pauls, N. C.; Aileen Kennedy, Central Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.; Katy Ruth Grayson, Forest City, N. C.; Wylda Wynne, First Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn.; Gaither Aydeler, James White, Henry Lee Brown, Blackwell Memorial Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Sarah Lee Hopper, Ed Spangler, First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.; Vernon Bixby, Bristol, Tenn.; Edith Smith, Altha Smith, Ruth McKelney, Stanley, N. C.; Richard Geeslin, Culthbert, Ga.; Harold Lindsay, Duncan Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.; Lydia Mayberry, Statesville, N. C.; Joe Radford, Cain River, N. C.; Russell Harris, David Harris, Gibson, N. C.; Wayne Oates, First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C.; Daphne Penny, Louise Berry, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.; Jane Craddock, Cary Baptist Church, Cary, N. C.

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Dramateers Present Pageant; Candlelight Service, Parties Precede Christmas Holidays

Exam. Schedule

All English 1 and 3 classes, Friday P. M., Jan. 14. Classes meeting at: 8:15 M. W. F.—Sat. A. M. Jan. 15.
3:00 P. M.—M. W. F., Sat. P. M.
8:15 T.T.S.—Mon. A. M. Jan. 17.
9:15 M.W.F.—Mon. P. M.
9:15 T.T.S.—Tues. A. M. Jan. 18
10:15 M.W.F.—Tues. P. M.
10:15 T.T.S.—Wed. A. M. Jan. 19.
1:00 M.W.F.—Wed. P. M.
2:00 M.W.F.—Thurs. A. M. Jan. 20.
1:00 T.T.S.—Thurs. P. M.
2:00 T.T.S.—Fri. A. M. Jan. 21
All 7:30 classes will meet Friday afternoon, January 21; all health education exams will be held January 13 from 3:00 to 4:00. Chapel hour will be observed from 8:15 to 8:30.

B. S. U. Uses Ideas From Questionnaires

A questionnaire was offered by the B. S. U. in chapel some time ago and the returns have been, and are being used as useful suggestions from the students. In other words, the B. S. U., as it begins a new year, is going to use the suggestions offered by the students in a constructive manner to give the student body what it most desires.

The schedule for the new year and remainder of the school term is as follows:

January 16—Election of new Sunday School officers.

January 22—Installation of the new officers.

January 31 — The Sunday School study-course begins and continues through February 4. These courses are to be taught by two of our state workers and members of our own faculty.

The first week in March: There will be a week of evangelistic emphasis. It was hoped that we might get Mr. Chester Swor to lead the

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Entire Expression Department Participates In Play On Nativity.

STAFF, CLUBS FROLIC

Glee Club And String Ensemble Present Program of Music.

Many students participated in the several Christmas programs and entertainments given by the Expression Department, Glee Club and String Ensemble, and other organizations during the week preceding the holidays. The Christmas Pageant including all members of the Expression group, the Candlelight Service by the musical group, and several parties were given on December 11, 12, and 13 and 14 respectively.

As the first observance of Christmas season, Saturday night, December 11, in the auditorium, the beautiful story of the three wise men, the shepherds, and the birth of Christ were worked together into a Devotional Pageant by the entire expression group. The stage had a very effective setting for the manger scene with a background of fir trees. The stories of the three groups were fitted together as the shepherds led the wise men to the manger and the New-Born King, following the guiding star.

On Sunday night, December 12, in the church, the Glee Club and String Ensemble presented a special Christmas Candlelight Service of devotional music. The program was divided into several

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Library Gets Volumes On Ghosts, Sonnets

Books By Crawford And Auslander Are Added To Library.

"What is a ghost?" James Joyce answers, "One who has faded into impalpability through death, through absence, through change of manners."

"If I were you, I would never tell ugly stories about ingenious ways of killing people, for you never can tell but that someone at the table may be tired of his or her nearest and dearest. I have always blamed myself for Mrs. Pratt's death and I suppose I was responsible for it in a way . . . If I had not told that story she might be alive yet. That is why the thing screams at me, I fancy." How would you like to be haunted by a skull—go to bed at night—see it—hear it? F. Marion Crawford tells of this ghastly experience in "The Screaming Skull" from the new and popular "Chiller," *The Haunted Omnibus*. The book is illustrated in the most creepy manner conceivable and contains an excellent collection of ghost stories from some of the very best "chill" writers.

Those of you who have never been guilty of being in love—and how nice to be guilty of that—stop reading this little article right now because love sonnets should never be read by such unfortunate persons.

"Alas, how Love incessantly persists!

All day, all night, a thousand times I turn

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COVERING THE CAMPUS

Adds Classes

President Moore, who for some time now has been absent from his Greek classes, has announced that he will also teach a class in economics of the Bible and in mathematics during the next semester.

"Swell" Representation

Mars Hill attended the Strawberry Leaf Festival some thirty representatives strong. One first place was carried off in the finals by the local forensic squad and many first places were won in preliminary rounds.

Fail To Return

Several students failed to return to school after the holidays. Among these were Bob Bellinger, most efficient Business Manager of *The Laurel*, and our own Editor, Al Bellinger. Others that failed to return were Al Myer, Helen Gibbs, and Walter Prescott,

the latter two on account of illness.

Carry On

Quite a few of the students remained on the campus during the holidays and kept the home fires burning. From all reports, however, the holidays were spent in a lively manner, especially at the New Year's party.

Students To Leave

The campus will be minus several outstanding students at the beginning of the second semester. As they move on to continue their work elsewhere, may they have the best of luck.

Staff Entertained

The Hilltop parties are few and far between, but judging from the talk among staff members, all had a huge time at the one attended just before the holidays.

The staff was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod.

New Addition To Faculty

Miss Estelle Rush, of Clyde, N. C., is a recent addition to the faculty, as secretary to the Bursar. She takes the place left vacant by Wylma Fynn.

Mr. Stafford, pastor at Riverside Baptist Church, Asheville, before the holidays, took charge of the classes left vacant by the death of Miss Hodges.

New Year Brings Lots—Exams

As we greet another year, we greet it with the expressions that are so characteristic of examinations. Faculty members spent the holidays in making out exam questions and the students spent their time dreading them. Well, they are here, so here's to each and every one of you. Happy landing!!