

# International Summary

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With the Rebel drive to capture Barcelona, Spain again occupies the headlines in the international field. As 300,000 Rebel troops, largely made up of Italian and German volunteers, began their intensive air and land attack on the provisional capital of Loyalist Spain, every able-bodied man and boy in Catalonia was mustered to save the capital from the Insurgent onrush. Nevertheless, the Fascist troops of Franco marched victorious through the Loyalist defense lines to capture the last northern stronghold of government Spain. This latest victory of Spanish Fascism was highly significant in that it marked the close of the French order to the Loyalists, through which a great deal of the outside assistance had reached the government. It now appears that the Spanish Civil War is nearing an end, and if so it means another step in the advancement of totalitarianism.

Although the Far Eastern contest has somewhat lost its place in world interest, events of tremendous importance have been occurring there. The tentative defeat of the Chinese armies, led by Chiang Kai-shek, have forced China to join forces with her erstwhile enemy, Communism, and to form a virtual alliance with the Soviet Union in an effort to maintain a source of supply for much-needed war materials. Japan is obviously the victor, but it is doubtful that the economic conditions in Nippon will withstand further strain. Political, economic, and even military sanctions abroad, coupled with increased pressure from Great Britain and the United States, are contributing to the ready uncertainty of Japan's position.

"Continental Solidarity" in the Western Hemisphere has been at least partially realized by the Pan-American Conference at Lima. The chief accomplishments of the historic congress were in the fields of trade and economic understanding between the American nations. With regard to the rest of the world, the New World stands firm in resistance to foreign invasion, and the nations pledged their support to future American solidarity. Although no political alliances were made, the reaching of economic accord laid the foundation for inevitable local harmony.

The great persecution of the Jews in Germany has been greatly reduced, and with the introduction of a new monetary system Nazi high command was taken in the purge that dissolved the great Nazi financier, Schacht. His conservatism led to an inevitable dismissal, and his latest purge makes apparent more radical trends in the Nazi government. The drastic "Hakenkreuz" policy of the Hitler regime continues in the expansion and strengthening of German power in the smaller nations to the east.

Although friction is still present in many places, it does seem that war is much less imminent than before Munich. The sacrifices of democracy in recent years and the gains made by totalitarianism since its challenge to rise to power have temporarily appeased the dictators. Through this policy of appeasement the democracies have been able to preserve peace, and at the time they remain supreme in social, economic, and political power.

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## Large Group Attends Civic Concert In Asheville

Richard Crooks Gives Popular Performance

Richard Crooks, America's most popular tenor, was presented in concert by the Civic Music Association of Asheville, last Wednesday evening. Ninety Mars Hill students and faculty members were among the 2,000 who were delightfully entertained.

Those attending the concert from Mars Hill left the campus by special bus about seven p.m., reaching Asheville in time to hear Crooks present a well balanced and most enjoyable program. Included on the program were Handel's "Where'er You Walk" and "Sound An Alarm," Schubert's "Du bis die Ruh'" and "Mein," Strauss' "Freudliche Vision" and "Zueignung," and an Aria: "Lamento De Federico (L'Arlesiana), by Cilea.

Naturally more popular with the audience were several numbers which included "Schubert's Serenade," "Mother of Mine," and "Because." Also presented were "Through My Open Window," by Warren; "Sea Fever," by Ireland; "Do Not Go, My Love," by Hageman; and "War Song of Donald the Black," by Gilbert.

As a whole, the program was one of the most popular witnessed by Civic Music members of the Asheville Association this year. Several times Crooks cheerfully returned to the stage for encores and with each song he became more popular.

## Edgar Higgins Wins Annual Phi Contest

With a display of real talent, the Philomathean literary contest of the Asheville literary society was held Friday night with eighteen members, both old and new, participating.

Edgar Higgins was chosen the best speaker and was nominated along with David Hooks and Bartlette Dorr for the commencement speakers, with Charles R. Greene as alternate. Mr. Higgins spoke on "The Sacrifice of Sidney Carton," by Charles Dickens; Mr. Hooks rendered an anonymous poem, "A Vagabond's House." Mr. Dorr discussed "War on the Liquor Traffic," by Richard P. Hobson; and Mr. Greene spoke on "The King Can Do No Wrong."

For next year's anniversary speakers Bartlette Dorr and Charles R. Greene were chosen along with Earl Price as alternate. Mr. Price spoke on "An All Embracing Americanism."

Other participants were: J. E. Tate, Hugh Eller, Emmett Sams, Bruce Brown, H. B. Land, Warren Pritchard, Edwin Spangler, Rex Lockhart, Max Freeman, Carl Compton, McLeod Bryan, James Walker, and Carlyle Glance.

The judges for the contest were Rev. Lynch, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Guy George.



John Lewis, Laurel Editor

## Final Plans Made For Yearbook

According to John Lewis, popular editor of the Laurel, our yearbook this year will be bigger and better than ever before. Final plans are now being made and unless unforeseen circumstances take place the book will be in the hands of the students on or around May 1.

All pictures of the seniors have already been taken and these are in the hands of the publisher. The balance of the freshmen pictures, honor clubs, regional clubs and sports pictures will be completed within the next two or three weeks.

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## New Officers Elected To Serve In B.T.U.

News officers of the college B. T. U. elected to serve during this semester took office for the first time on January 22.

Newly elected presidents of the 12 B.T.U.'s are as follows: Excelsior, Bob Allred; Apex, Kate Robinson; Howard Roper, George Culpepper; Elliott, T. L. Cashwell; John Lake, Howard Keaton; Hustlers I, Robert Seig; Hustlers II, Spurgeon Helms; Treat, Roy Lee; Winnette, Libby Deese; Blackwell, Oscar Harris; R. L. Moore, R. R. Campbell; Ideal, Paul Hudson.

All officers of the B.T.U. are nominated by committees from the various unions, and are then approved by the B. S. U. council.

## Welcome, New Students! We're Glad You're Here!

Yes, we're glad you are here. And when we say this we mean everyone of you new students who have just joined us on the campus. We feel that when you selected Mars Hill as a place to finish your education you made a wise choice. We want each of you to feel that you are a part of Mars Hill and that Mars Hill is a part of you. Yes, we're glad you are here and we hope that you will find your stay on this Christian campus a most enjoyable one.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COURSES TO BEGIN TODAY ON CAMPUS

Students Are Urged To Take Advantage Of Various Courses

The annual study courses, held here each spring for the further development of Sunday School work, begin today and will last throughout the week. The eleven courses to be taught offer an excellent opportunity to all students and everyone who can is urged to take advantage of them. It is still not too late to sign up for a course and those who have not yet registered are urged to do so today.

Mrs. Nane Starnes, wife of the pastor of the West Asheville Baptist church, is to teach "The Fine Art of Soul Winning."

The other courses, which will be under the direction of our faculty, are: "The Sunday School Officers and Their Work," by Professor B. M. Canup; "Building a Standard Sunday School," by Professor R. M. Lee; "Personal Factors," in Character Building," by Miss Mildred Bingham; "When Do Teachers Teach," by Professor J. A. McLeod; "Daily Vacation Bible School," by Rev. William Lynch, pastor of the college church; "The

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## Clio Elects Wynne For New President

Wilda Wynne was recently elected president of the Clio Literary society, succeeding Rachel Templeton who served during the anniversary series.

Other officers elected to assist Miss Wynne are Mary Ruth Hardy, vice-president; Althea Smith, second vice-president; Sara Orren, recording secretary; Marguerite Hollowell, censor; Cynthia Jane Hempel, corresponding secretary; Kate Robinson, treasurer; Margaret Sparks, chaplain; Sally Teague, pianist.

Mary Alice Brown, chief marshal, Sara Hopper and Mildred Yates, assistant marshals; Louise Moore, chorister; Loudoris Parker, literary critic; Lou Alice Hamrick, expression critic; Johnnie Willoughby, music critic; Martha Stroupe, reporter; Clarence Braswell, poster chairman; and Margaret Patton, chairman of program committee.

## Penny Succeeds Wall As Non President

Succeeding Ada Wall, Daphne Penny, of Raleigh, was elected president of the Nonpareil literary society for the spring term on Thursday afternoon, January 12, 1939.

Other officers elected were Dorothy Drake, vice-president; Lula Mae Teague, recording secretary; Alice Humphries, corresponding secretary; Jane Heading, treasurer; Emeth Johnson, censor; Helen Crutchfield, chaplain; Helen Trentham, pianist; Miriam Pinnell, chorister; Emily Patrick, chief hostess; Leah Oglesby, Jane Spence, Peggy Brown, Francis Ellis, Bernice Carter, assistant hostesses; and Dorothy Lee Savage, reporter.

## Russian Quartette Presents Program Saturday Night

Liturgical, Folk And Gypsy Melodies Prove Very Entertaining

Those left at Mars Hill college between semesters were amply rewarded last Saturday night when the Russian Cathedral Quartette presented a program of songs in the college auditorium.

This nationally known quartet has met with high praise and recognition wherever it has been. It has not only made several tours of the United States but it has appeared in major film and stage productions and sung over the network of the National Broadcasting Company. The second tenor, who is also director of the quartet, is the main soloist on the program of Russian Melodies, heard over the same network.

Each of the four men was chosen by the Russian government from a nationwide contest. These four were then sent to the Russian Cathedral in New York City where their interpretation of their native songs soon gained them recognition. It is said that the basso of the quartet has the lowest register of any human voice in the world today.

The program given at the college consisted of liturgical, folk, and gypsy melodies of their homeland. After the performance they very graciously consented to giving their autographs for their many enthusiastic listeners of the evening.

## Ministerial Group Hears Arthur Dixon

A very interesting message, "The Pastor as an Executive", was delivered by Arthur Dixon at the regular meeting of the Ministerial Conference, January 17.

Mr. Dixon stressed in his talk the point that a minister should be thoroughly acquainted with all the departments of his church, and should personally lend his efforts in the carrying out of their functions.

Worth Grant, newly elected president, presided over the regular weekly meeting. Other officers elected along with Grant include A. F. Gibson, vice-president; Paul Early, secretary and treasurer; Eddie Emerson, corresponding secretary; B. C. Lamb, chorister; Charles Kuzmaul, organist; and Bob Allred, reporter.

## Campus Calendar

- Feb. 4—Movie, Marie Antoinette.
- Feb. 11—Exhibition, Girls' Gym Classes. Movie, The Citadel.
- Feb. 18—Movie, A Christmas Carol.
- Feb. 20—Michigan Little Symphony at Chapel.
- Feb. 25—Open.
- March 4—Open.
- March 11—Open.
- March 18—College Orchestra Concert.