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FOUNDERS' DAY

Next week is Mars Hill's birthday. Students past and present sing praises to her name, and friends will lay wreaths at her threshold. Friends of the college often speak of Mars Hill in the feminine gender. She is not so feminine after all; she doesn't like to tell her age. Next week, she says, is her eighty-fourth birthday. Her life has been long, and during a period of eighty-four years stories of heroism are remembered and forgotten. Unknown to many of the students on this campus are the stories that cling like spider webs to history of Mars Hill college.

The year 1856 is far away, but it is easy to see a dusky head leaning heavily in two big, black bands behind heavy iron bars. It is the head of "Old Joe," the negro who was taken by contract, Shackelford and Clayton, after they had finished the first college building in 1856. Old Joe's person must have had a vision of youth clamoring for the higher joys of life as he waited patiently for his white master to pay the debt for the first college building and remove him from

The historian will be interested in knowing that in 1856 the North Broad Institute became Mars Hill college, chartered "with power of conferring all such degrees and marks of distinction as are usually conferred in colleges and seminaries of learning."

The founders of Mars Hill college were a "little group of will-men" who feared only God and blazed the way for the beacon of education to cast its beams on the hills of Western North Carolina. Men like W. A. G. Brown and Edward Carter were Washingtons and Madisons of this institution, and this generation should justly honor them.

A eulogy to the builders of Mars Hill college would be adequate without mentioning Dr. and (Continued on page 3)

Students To Charter Busses For Games

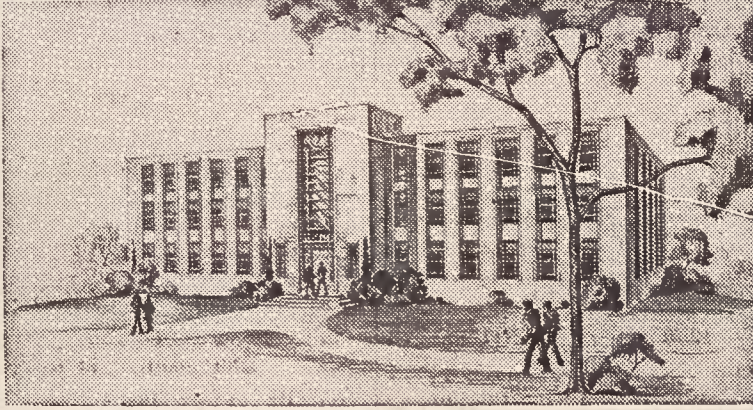
Students Offered Trips To Three Out-Of-Town Games

This year the students of Mars Hill college will be given an opportunity to attend three of the ball games that will be played from home. These games will be played with Lees-McRae at Spruce Pine, W. C. C. at Cullowee, and Brevard at Brevard.

According to Coach Roberts, the prices will be as follows: to Spruce Pine, round trip and ticket, \$1.00; to W. C. T. C., \$1.25 round trip, ticket extra; to Brevard, \$0.80 round trip. For the Mars Hill game there will be no admission charge for Hill students. These trips will be made in chartered Queen Buses. Students are asked to purchase tickets as early as possible in order that the number of buses needed for the trips may be determined.

Founders' Day To Be Celebrated, Oct. 12, As Alumni Return; Home-Coming Is Planned, Program Of Day's Events Scheduled

NEW SCIENCE BUILDING



Above is pictured the architect's dream of what the new science building will look like when completed. Construction of the edifice will start Saturday, October 14th, in a ceremony conducted at the selected site. The new building will provide the students of Mars Hill with better facilities for science courses. New literary society halls will be included in the structure.

Dramateers Meet, Elect New Officers

Tryouts Held For "The Romantic Age", Their First Production

The Dramatic club met September 18 and elected officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: president, Gordon Bernard; vice-president, Mary Corpening; secretary, Anne Lewis; treasurer, Ralph Jinette; reporter, Geraldine Shields.

After a brief business meeting, tryouts were held for the fall play, which will be given October 14. In their first appearance the dramatic club will present a three-act comedy, "The Romantic Age" by A. A. Milne. The cast will include as Henry Knowle, Gordon Bernard; as Mary Knowle, (Continued on page 4)

Founders' Day Events

10:45 A. M.—Program in Auditorium. Dr. Fred F. Brown will be the principal speaker. Music will be offered by the college orchestra and double trio.

12:00 Noon—Lunch served in the college dining hall for visitors and students.

3:00 P. M.—Football game with Lees-McRae at Spruce Pine.

8:00 P. M.—Play, "The Romantic Age," presented by the Dramateers in the college Auditorium.

Forensic Club Starts New Year

Officers Elected, Preliminary Query Chosen As Quarrelers Start Their Fuss

On Tuesday, September 19, a meeting of all previous members of the Forensic club was held in Room 6 of Moore Hall. This meeting was promoted by Bartlett Dorr for the purpose of reorganizing the members and arousing interest of talented and public spirited new students on the campus.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are as follows: chairman, Martha Lee Grayson; secretary, James Thomas; general assistant, Bartlett Dorr.

These officials, with the assistance of Mr. J. B. Huff, announced a query to the general assembly of all debaters and public speakers at the next meeting held on Monday, September 25.

The query selected is "Resolved that the section on arms and munitions in the Embargo Act of 1935 should be repealed."

Upon announcement of the query, affirmative and negative teams were formed. Seven teams of girls and fourteen teams of men debaters were chosen. Each team will have an opportunity to debate within the next few weeks in preliminary rounds to which the public is invited. The first of these debates will take place on October 9.

Through these early skirmishes the students are preparing themselves for clashes on the inter-collegiate query, which will be posted within the next few weeks.

Professor J. B. Huff, director of forensics here, has been delighted by the large number of enthusiastic students who are contesting for positions on the varsity teams.

Sebren, New Prof., Develops Good Band

Was Former Instructor At Black Mountain High, Berea College

Mr. Herbert Sebren, a new addition to the faculty of Mars Hill college, has performed the miraculous task of organizing an excellent college band in the short period of one month. He is the first faculty member to devote his entire time to instruction in wind and other band instruments.

Mr. Sebren was graduated from Mars Hill college with the class of '36. Before entering Mars Hill, he graduated from Asheville high school. He was an instructor at Black Mountain high school for two years before matriculating in '37 at Berea college, from which he was recently graduated.

Although Mr. Sebren was a student in Berea college, he became assistant director of the band and taught private lessons. In addition to this training he at (Continued on page 4)

College To Observe Its 84th Birthday

Dr. Fred F. Brown To Be Principal Speaker On Morning Program

Commemorating eighty-four years of useful service as an institution of higher learning, Mars Hill college will present its annual Founders' Day program next Saturday morning, October 12, at 10:45 in the chapel auditorium.

The highlight of the morning program will be an address by Dr. Fred F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, Knoxville Tennessee. Dr. Brown, an alumnus of Mars Hill, is one of the outstanding ministers of the South.

During the morning program, in which Dr. Brown will speak, a double trio and the college orchestra will present musical selections. The noon meal, served in the college dining hall at 12:00, will be open, not only to the students, but also to visitors. In the afternoon, at three o'clock, Mars Hill's eleven will play Lees-McRae at Spruce Pine and in the evening at 8:00 the dramateers, under the direction of Miss Bonnie Wingert, will present as their first production a three-act comedy, "The Romantic Age," by A. A. Milne. Gordon Bernard and Emily Patrick will head the cast. One of the major events of the day will be the breaking of ground to start the construction of the new science building. Several notables will take part in the ceremony.

During the morning program the music department will present a double trio and numbers by the college orchestra.

D.A.R. To Unveil Grave Marker Near Mars Hill

Memorial To Be Erected At Grave of James Jennings, Early Madison Settler

Under the auspices of the Asheville chapter of the D.A.R., a federal marker today will be unveiled at the grave of James Jennings, Revolutionary war soldier and one of the first settlers of what is now Madison county.

The unveiling ceremony will be held at the little cemetery, near Mars Hill and just off the new Asheville-Johnson City highway, where James Jennings was buried in 1837.

Mrs. J. G. Stikleather will represent the Asheville chapter of the D. A. R. Mrs. Herbert Winston, of Asheville, Mrs. John Smith, of Mars Hill, and Professor J. B. Huff, of Mars Hill, great-grandchildren of Jennings, are the committee in charge of arrangements.

Jennings enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war in Colonel Adam Stephen's Virginia regiment and fought in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, and Germantown and, according (Continued on page 3)

"Bazaar Of India" Presented Here By Mr. William Willett

"Who is the Czar of India?" asked a certain Mars Hill student last Friday morning. Soon everybody was asking the same question. No one seemed to be able to answer it. The new students were looking forward with high hopes to seeing the new Hindu ruler. One student was determined to get a little ahead of all the rest. She hastened to the library and consulted one of the largest encyclopedias. First she looked under "India," but she could not find the Czar of India. Then she looked for "Czar." Still she could find no information about this Indian dignitary. Finally she asked a faculty member about the Czar of India. With a downcast expression she returned to her room and there in the quietness learned from her roommate the horrible truth. There is no Czar of India. According to the announcement in chapel the Czar was coming, but there is no Hindu Czar. Was it all a joke? No, somebody had misunderstood.

On Saturday evening, September 30, Mr. William Willett, lecturer and former engineer who worked in India for six years, presented to the students and faculty "Bazaar of India." Beginning where the Orient begins, Port Said at the west and of Suez, all present embarked for a trip to India. After passing through the Suez Canal, the group sighted the place where Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea. A little farther east Mount Sinai was seen towering to the left of the sea. A brief stop was in Aden, Arabia. Here the first real glimpse of Oriental life was seen. And then came Bombay, with its population of over a million people, its 2500 castes, and its 45 races who speak over 200 languages and numerous dialects. The sacred quarters of the Zorastrians were visited. A bazaar was taking place in one of the market-places, and peoples of all types were crowding the narrow streets of this (Continued on page 4)