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GROUND-BREAKING FOR SCIENCE BUILDING



The gentleman with the shovel is Dr. R. L. Moore, president-emeritus, as he removed the first bit of earth at the site of the proposed science building. Left to right are Charles R. Greene, chief college marshal; Dr. R. L. Moore; Honorable E. Frank Watson, chairman of the college board of trustees; and Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college.

Founders' Day Is Celebrated Here

Ground For New Science Building Is Broken By Dr. Moore

The eighty-fourth anniversary of Mars Hill college was climaxed on Saturday, Oct. 14, as President-emeritus R. L. Moore took shovel in hand and broke the first ground for the foundation of a new science building. Honorable E. Frank Watson, Burnsville attorney and chairman of the college board of trustees, presided at the ground-breaking ceremony and introduced Dr. Moore.

Prior to the breaking of the ground, Dr. Fred F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Knoxville, Tenn., delivered the annual Founders' Day address and spoke on "The Vision of the Founders!" Dr. Brown drew applause from the crowd when he praised the work of Dr. Moore during his forty-one years as president of the college.

In the afternoon Prof. J. A. McLeod presided at the dedication of a little log church in Locust Grove. Rev. J. R. Owen, pastor of the French Broad Baptist church, of Asheville, delivered the principal address.

Two bus-loads of students watched Mars Hill defeat Lees-McRae 6-0 Saturday afternoon at Spruce Pine.

Drive For Laurels Begun This Week

Staff Starts Campaign For 500 Subscriptions In Chapel Program

The official drive for the **Laurel** began Monday, October 23, when the yearbook staff conducted the chapel program and announced that the week from October 23 to October 27 was "**Laurel week**".

Editor Pete Merrill had charge of the program and introduced Charles White, business manager; and Virginia Terry, snapshot editor. Alice Craddock gave a brief talk on what the **Laurel** had meant to her and called on Henry Brown, Tommy Evans, and Charles Greene, who spoke from the audience on the values of the yearbook.

The editor announced that the names of the first 300 students who subscribe will be printed in gold on the cover.

The **Laurel** is a student publication, and the present staff is a selection of the students. Prof. B. M. Canup is the faculty advisor.

Harper Heads C-II's

During a chapel period some time ago the class of '40 met in the college auditorium for the purpose of electing class officers for the ensuing year. The C-II class elected the following officers: J. Norman Harper, of Rocky Mount, president; Charles White, vice-president; Maude Bloodgood, secretary; and Mary Watson Corpening, treasurer. Mr. Harper has won recognition as a cheer leader and as drummer in the college band.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Missionary Prexy—

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of the W.M.U. Training School, of Louisville, Ky., addressed the faculty and students in chapel Oct. 10. Miss Littlejohn was brought to the campus by Miss Mary Currin, state young people's secretary of W.M.U. In candid, oratorical style Miss Littlejohn admonished the students to be honest, courageous, and reverent.

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Musical Noise—

Herbert L. Sebren presented his band in its initial concert, Oct. 12, in the college auditorium. Slender, efficient Mr. Sebren, one-time assistant band director at Berea College, modestly told the audience that the band was attempting to couple music with noise.

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Texas Parson—

Coming to Mars Hill from Asheville, where he had been conducting a revival, Dr. Perry Webb, pastor of the First Baptist church, San Antonio, Tex., spoke in the college service Tuesday, Oct. 13. Said he: "A man who chooses to follow the course of least resistance, like a river, never goes in a straight direction."

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Mrs. Lee Recovers—

Mrs. R. M. Lee, wife of the assistant dean of men, has returned to her home on Faculty Hill after an eight weeks' stay in an Asheville hospital, where she has been recuperating from a long illness.

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Heroic Co-ed—

Miss Vivian Crisp, of Collettsville, N. C., and a resident of Rivermont dormitory, nursed a wounded hand last week, but she was no less a heroine. A pair of pajamas was placed too near a wood heater, and great was the blaze thereof. With her bare hands, Miss Crisp extinguished the blaze, burned, and distinguished herself.

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Daniel Boone Returns—

Daniel Boone, with powderhorn and coonskin cap, last week returned to civilization and lived for a day or two where there was not even elbow room, in the metropolis of Mars Hill. This Dan'l is not only a pioneer but also a philanthropist. He presented several students with very lovely rings. Dan'l rang a little bell!

Long Leads Juniors

While the C-II's were electing officers in the college auditorium, the C-I's were in the auditorium of the church engaged in choosing their leaders for the year also. Their officers are as follows: Ed Long, of Chesterfield, S. C., president; John E. Farrar, vice-president; and Lucille Haywood, secretary. One of the largest undertakings of the C-I class will be next spring when they will entertain the C-II's at the annual junior-senior banquet. A C-I will preside as toastmaster at this occasion.

Concert To Be Given Saturday At Mars Hill

Miss Emma Pitt, contralto of radio and concert fame, and Robert Carter, head of the department of piano at George Peabody college, will present a concert before the students of Mars Hill college tonight at 8 o'clock.

Miss Pitt and Mr. Carter, both natives of Springfield, Tenn., will be featured on the program as soloists.

Miss Pitt, Tennessee state winner of the National Federation of Music clubs' contest for young (Continued on page 4)

PICTURES EXHIBITED BY MISS B. BOWDEN

Mountain Landscapes Are Shown In Asheville Art Gallery

A series of original oil paintings have been exhibited in the city hall art gallery in Asheville by Miss Beulah Bowden, of the Art department of Mars Hill college.

The majority of Miss Bowden's paintings are interpretations of landscapes in Western North Carolina. "The Flower Garden" of Mrs. William Sydney Porter, near Weaverville; "The Sydney Lanier Cottage," near Tryon; "Coleman Boundary Interior Woods," near Dillingham; "The Old Water Mill," near Mars Hill, are a few.

Miss Bowden began her study in art at Meredith college, Raleigh. Later she studied at Woodstock, N. Y., with John Carlson and Harry Laith-Ross for several summers.

She traveled and studied in Europe one summer, and also spent one session at the Students' Art League, New York, under Henry Brigrman.

She is a member of the Southern States Art League, and was asked by the editor of the art magazine, *La Revue*, in Paris, for a reproduction of a flower garden sketch and with it an explanation of her methods of painting.

Societies Choose Anniversary Heads

Duckworth And Greene, Hardin And Howell Are To Lead Literary Groups

Definite plans are being made for their anniversaries by the four literary societies under the direction of the newly elected officers who have replaced the C-I officers elected last spring. Bill Duckworth, of Asheville, will preside at the Euthalian anniversary, November 11. Charles Greene, of Rufus, will lead the Philomathians in their anniversary November 25. Mary Watson Corpening, of Granite Falls, is the new president of the Nonpariels, and Mary Louise Howell, of Loris, South Carolina, heads the Clios.

To assist Mr. Duckworth in the Euthalian anniversary will be Harold Sluder, vice-president; Norman Harper, secretary; Horace Small, censor; Ruth Beeler, corresponding secretary; Roy Lee, chaplain; George Blackwell, treasurer; Gordon Bernard, English critic; Bill Woltz, debate critic; James Thomas, expression critic; Bill Avera, chorister; Harold Spainhour, pianist; David Britt, collector; Bob Daniel, librarian; Roy Totherow, reporter; and T. C. Wagstaff, timekeeper.

The Philomathian officers to aid the president are as follows: C. C. Hope, vice-president; Tom White, secretary; Bartlett Dorr, censor; Rex Campbell, chaplain; Platt Turner, corresponding secretary; Bill Daniel, treasurer; Charles White, English and expression critic; Henry Wilson, chorister; Jim White, pianist; Russell Nipper, dues collector; Clyde Jarrett, fines collector; Caughey Culpepper, seer; Alex Moore, janitor; Ed Gullledge and Louis Beam, marshalls.

To assist the Nonpariel president at reception are Claire Hardin, vice-president; Hilda Stoker, secretary; Frances Bonkemeyer, censor; Dorothy Paine, treasurer; Irmeth Coleman, chaplain; Mir-

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Ministers Hear Dr. Peacock And Elect Officers

The Ministerial Conference elected officers for the first time this year on October 19. After a devotional thought by Morris Elliot and the singing of two songs, Dr. Peabody, former president of Shaw University, brought an inspiring message on scholarship attainment.

In the business meeting the following officers were elected: B. C. Lamb, president; Lester Stowe, vice-president; Samuel Avery, secretary; Dennis Riddle, chorister; Paul Bruner, organist; and Carl Compton, reporter.

HONOR CLUBS MEET; NEW ONE ORGANIZED

Latin And Greek Students Establish Classical Club

The campus was a full activity Tuesday night, Oct. 9, when the various honor clubs had their first meetings of the year. These meetings were given primarily to outlining the work of the year and to the welcoming of new members.

The formation of the Classical Club, whose membership is confined to Latin and Greek students, brings the number of honor clubs here up to seven. The presidents of the various clubs are as follows: Business Club, Carlyle Hall; Foreign Language, Harold Sluder; Classical, Louise Thomas; Scriblerus, Claire Hardin; French, Hilda Stoker; Science, Louis Weber; and International Relations Club, Thomas White.

Membership to each of these clubs is confined to first and second honor-roll students making above a "C" on the specific subject. New members are admitted twice each year. The unusual interest shown in these organizations justifies the common belief that this will be a successful year for them.