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EVERY OTHER WEEK

By Charles Greene

Editor's note: Because the editor believes that the average student is interested in national affairs if not international affairs, this regular "Every Week" will be devoted to editorial notes at the beginning of each year, a year of political events and battles—1940. The editor expressed in this column not necessarily sanctioned by the Hilltop or the college.)

Senator Borah
A piece of cloth with thirteen stars and forty-eight stars is the flag of our Republic, and a picture of a tall, gaunt yankee with a full chin beard and an inquisitive nose is affectionately known as Uncle Sam, the symbol of Americanism. For years the symbol of the most distinguished legislative body of the greatest republic. The symbol was William E. Borah, the "gentleman from Oregon" for thirty years the "gentleman from

Was Widely-Known
Through the newspapers, the plain citizens became as well acquainted with Borah's name and as they were with their judge. So typical was he of the United States senate that

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Walter Wilkins Returns To Hill

Walter E. Wilkins, known to thousands of Mars Hill students as "Mother" Wilkins, recently told a news correspondent that her health was much improved and she is enjoying life here stay at the college, although she feels it better for her to undertake regular teaching

sixty-eight year old former teacher who characterized herself as a "great big heart" is strong enough to host a host of admiring students and visit her, despite recent attacks of pneumonia

"Mother" Wilkins called Mars Hill her home because, she said, she was wrapped up in this place. Her husband, the late E. Wilkins, was a Bible teacher here with Dr. Moore before the dawn of the twentieth century. Her eldest son, Dr. Walter Wilkins, a prominent physician in Philadelphia, was once in the science department here. Her youngest son, Dr. Walter Wilkins, a physician of Mars Hill, N. C., graduated from Mars Hill, and her son-in-law, a prominent physician and lecturer also an alumnus of this institution.

"Mother" Wilkins, "as one of the spots on earth," said she had no former rearing children successful despite the fact that the rearing her children was solely on her shoulders because

Educational Survey Includes Mars Hill

Nation-Wide Survey Is Of Terminal Courses In Junior Colleges

Mars Hill college expects to participate, President Blackwell has announced, in a nation-wide study of terminal courses in junior colleges.

The American Association of Junior Colleges, of which Mars Hill is a member, has received a grant of \$25,000 from the General Education Board, of New York city, to finance a series of exploratory studies in the general field of terminal education in the junior college. Approximately 500 accredited junior colleges are now found in the United States besides another hundred which are not yet thus recognized.

Survey Needed
About two-thirds of the 175,000 students enrolled in these institutions do not continue their formal education after leaving the junior college. The new study will be concerned particularly with courses and curricula of a semi-professional and cultural character designed to give this increasing body of young people greater economic competence and civic responsibility. There is increasing evidence that existing four-year colleges and universities are not organized adequately to meet the needs of a large part of this significant group.

It is anticipated that the exploratory study will reveal the need and the opportunity for a series of additional studies and experimental investigations and demonstrations which may cover several years of continuous effort. The new study will include a large proportion of the junior colleges in the United States.

Immediate responsibility for the study will be vested in an executive committee consisting of Roscoe C. Ingalls, Chairman; Doak S. Campbell; and Bryon S.

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Lisk And Price Are Clio - Phi Prexies

Plans For Commencement Are Being Made; Other Dias Officers Chosen

The officers of the Philomathian and Clio societies who were elected to serve during the spring term are now making plans for commencement.

The Philomathians chose their officers December 15, 1939. Earl Price, of Forest City, N. C., was elected president. The other dias officers chosen were George Culpepper, censor, and Bruce Brown, secretary. Thomas White, of Washington, D. C. was selected as the new vice-president. Other officers are as follows: William Medlin, chaplain; Edward Gullede, treasurer; C. C. Hope, corresponding secretary; Harold Hearn, seer; Ernest Cox, dues collector; Hoyt Robinson, fines collector; Lowell Miller and Francis Mac Byers, marshalls; Kent Brannock, pianist.

The Philomathian's sisters, the Clios, have chosen the following as their officers: Virginia Lisk, of Asheboro, N. C., president; Virginia Terry, first vice-president; Stacy Wilburn, second vice-president; Mildred Dupree, recording secretary; Martha Lee Grayson, censor; Junita Ross, pianist; and Gladys Rienhardt, chorister.

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Dean Carr's Son "Kidnap" Victim

Dean's Son Escapes; So Do Captors — For A While

"Blackie" Carr, eight-year-old son of Dean I. N. Carr, was back safe in his fold today after having spent an hour in the hands of kidnapers.

Recently young Carr was returning from a basketball game at the college when ambushed and carried toward Brown dormitory. As his captors were resting, Carr scampered from their grasp and ran toward Mars Hill township. He was caught from behind and brought down with a flying tackle which bruised and scratched his body and caused tears to ensue from his big blue eyes. The bad, bold kidnapers, then fearing they would be apprehended by the authorities, gave Carr a nickel not to tell his dad on them, and the lad continued his interrupted way home.

His father questioned his lateness in returning home, but not a word could he get out of the boy. Then as little Carr undressed for bed his father saw earmarks of a struggle, and the boy broke down, told what had happened, but did not identify his kidnapers.

Dean Carr proceeded to Brown dormitory and began a room-to-room investigation. One of the kidnapers hearing of the Dean's tour grabbed a coat and ran out into the cold night to find a hiding place. He was last seen slowing down for a curve near Weaverville.

The other kidnapers sought the Dean and confessed all, betraying his "mob." As yet the culprits have not been dealt with by the authorities.

MISS ETHEL GREGG PASSES; MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD

Shortly after news was received here that Miss Ethel Gregg, for fifteen years teacher of English at Mars Hill, had passed away on New Year's day at her home in Staunton, Alabama, students and faculty members gathered in the auditorium during an extended chapel period to pay tribute to her in a memorial service.

The Rev. W. L. Lynch of the Mars Hill church opened the service with Scripture, reading from the book of Hebrews, and was followed by President Hoyt Blackwell, who spoke of her strong,

YOUTH RELIGIOUS SERVICES CONDUCTED BY MR. SWOR

Thor Johnson Gives Concert

Conducted by Thor Johnson, the University of Michigan Little Symphony, which was highly received here in its appearance last year, will again be heard on Feb. 5, 1940.

The concert will be presented in the college auditorium under the auspices of the University of Michigan.

When first organized in the fall of 1934, the Little Symphony consisted of fifteen playing members, all assistants in instrumental instruction at the University School of Music. For the current season the number has been increased to sixteen, a trumpet being added to the present combination of strings, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and two French horns.

During the five seasons since its organization the Little Symphony has played some three hundred concerts in half the states in the Union, winning acclaim

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Young Ministers Hear Blackwell

President Discusses Positive Preaching, Doctrines, And Messages

At the regular meeting of the Ministerial conference on last Thursday evening, Dr. Blackwell, presented by Lester Stowe, president of the organization, brought a message on the theme "positive preaching."

Reading some verses in I Corinthians 14, he stressed the need for ministers to have a positive doctrine, a positive message. He said that the world is waiting, not "for Greek philosophy, nor current events, but a positive, simple message heralding salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Illustrating this, he referred to the simple but forceful preaching of Dr. Finley Gibson, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville. Said Dr. Blackwell, "A thousand people go to hear him preach each Sunday, and I know that I can preach better than he, but a thousand people don't come to hear me preach."

He concluded his remarks in expressing his belief that there would be an outpouring of spiritual blessings in the youth revival.

Student Interest Is High, Intense

Mississippi Concluded Meeting Last Night

Chester Swor, professor of English at Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., and widely-known lecturer and youth leader this week conducted a youth revival.

Mr. Swor spoke twice daily, once in the morning in the chapel of the college, and in the church at evening. After the church service the Mississippi professor and revivalist discussed with those who wished to remain—almost the entire audience—questions which concern young men and women especially. Questions he discussed are such as "Is it right for girls to smoke?" "Do girls have to kiss and pet to be popular?" Other questions concern the right or wrong of dancing, etc. In the afternoon Mr. Swor scheduled conferences with students in the lobby of Treat dormitory.

Mr. Swor, although he is widely-known as a religious speaker, is not an ordained minister. He attended Mississippi College and the University of North Carolina.

Edna Moore Girls To Get Play Room

Recreational Facilities Are To Be Developed In Basement

As a part of the recreational program of the college, a playroom is being established on the ground floor of the Edna Moore dormitory. This recent addition to the social life on the campus has been received with much enthusiasm by the Edna Moore girls.

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George W. Sebren Dies In Asheville

George W. Sebren, father of Herbert Sebren, popular band director and English professor here, died at an Asheville hospital last week following an illness which occurred Thursday night. He was fifty-seven years old. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at three o'clock at the Morris-Gearing Funeral Home with the Rev. J. B. Grice officiating. Interment was in the Calvary Episcopal Church cemetery at Fletcher, N. C.

Mr. Sebren was born March 8, 1882 in Sabine parish, Louisiana. He studied at the Southern School of Music at Waco, Texas and has published many song books. He was very popular in music circles and singing conventions, being president of the National Singing Convention. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. At one time he directed the choir of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

For twenty years Mr. Sebren had been in business in Asheville. He owned and operated the book store on Rankin Street. He is survived by Mrs. Sebren, three sons, and several brothers.