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EVERY OTHER WEEK

By Charles Greene

Robert Alphonso Taft, a Republican, and Paul Vories McNutt, Democrat, are making political creak, and each is hot the collar as he focuses on next June, the month which both Republican and Democratic primaries are to be held. At present both men are hot potential candidates for presidential nomination, and



agree that they have one in common: a passion for presidential nomination for respective parties. Other than that Mr. Taft and Mr. McNutt are as far apart as the two

SENATOR TAFT

His greatest asset seems to be his name, which he inherited from his famous father, had the unique distinction of being both as president and justice. Mr. Taft is a colorful politician of the Coolidge era. Harvard-bred, he is a hard worker, a deep thinker, plain, honest, and a conservative in politics. That he is an lawmaker cannot be denied, when the tactless senator is called by the great occupants of the White House, it seems that he would make a better math than a chief executive.

MR. McNUTT

Whether or not Mr. McNutt's asset is his Hollywood feature, it can be denied that the platinum crest waving in the hair of the G. O. P. elephant make it snort like a bull; teased with a red cloth. His looks are his greatest political assets, beauty is more than deep. For the Federal Security Administrator knows the political woods, and he cleverly won in Indiana, a former governor of his native state, one-time high commissioner to the Philippines, McNutt is a mild solution of the same stuff of which P. Long was made. Cocky, egotistical, the white-haired Hoosier is closer to the president's chair than he ever been; but there are those who think that his handsome face would look more at home on a movie screen than it would in the White House.

He will have to wait until next year, however, to see if the next daughter will really be married and who will win the hand of Presidential Nomination in the primaries of the two major parties.

EU DEBATERS SELECTED

James Thomas, of Selma, was declared best debater in the Euthalian debating contest last night, according to the judges' decision rendered by Dean I. N. Carr, Mrs. S. O. Trentham and Professor Herbert Sebren. Horace Small will appear on the commencement debate with Mr. Thomas. Bob Holt was selected as alternate for next May's program.

The query for debate was: Resolved that the Trade Treaty of 1934 should be renewed. William Allred and Ben Johnson were the other two debaters entering the contest.

Debaters Score At Boone Meet

Culpepper, Hope, And Meyers Are Champions In Direct-Clash

Competing with speakers from 10 colleges of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, one of Mars Hill's direct-clash debating teams, consisting of George Culpepper, C. C. Hope, and Paul Meyers, went through three rounds of verbal battle undefeated and tied with Appalachian State Teachers' college for the co-championship at the recent Appalachian Forensic tournament.

Forensic director J. B. Huff and the following Mars Hill debaters attended the tournament: James Thomas, Bartlett Dorr, C. C. Hope, George Culpepper, Bruce Brown, and Paul Meyers.

Bruce Brown won third place in the direct clash individual awards. He also rated fourth best in extemporaneous speaking. James Thomas, representing Mars Hill in the I. R. C. program of question and answer, ranked third.

Ministers Choose Stowe As Prexy

Roger Crook Addresses Conference Before Election

The Ministerial conference, which meets regularly every Thursday evening, recently elected officers who will serve during the spring term. Officers chosen are Lester Stowe, president; A. F. Gibson, vice-president; Rex Lockhart, secretary; John S. Farrar, corresponding secretary; Wayne Levan, chorister; Gus Verdry, organist; and Norman Ellis, reporter.

Preceding the election Roger Crook brought the message of the evening on the theme "Every Man's Religion His Own." He said that Paul frequently referred to "my gospel."

"We should make our religion a personal matter," said Roger. He stated that ministers should place themselves in the phase of work in which they are best adapted. He mentioned several great Christian leaders who had given up preaching to do the thing that they could do best. He mentioned especially Lloyd C. Douglas, who presents the gospel through his novels rather than by preaching. Throughout the message he stressed the need for ministers to enter their work with the express purpose of serving humanity.

Laurel To Bloom On Campus May 1

Budding Yearbook Plans Sprout Into Shape

Four hundred and fifty copies of the 1940 Laurel have already been sold, according to an announcement made by Pete Merrill, editor of the yearbook, and the plan is to have it in the hands of the students by the last of April or the first of May.

According to the editor, the date of the Laurel's appearance on the campus will be determined by the cooperation of the students in having group pictures taken.

In order to give the yearbook a "campus" atmosphere and make it representative of typical college life, a campaign has been inaugurated for the purpose of securing prize snapshots. A free book will be given to the person submitting the best collection of snapshots to Virginia Terry, snapshot editor.

Tom White, sports editor, is having group pictures of the athletic teams taken, and Professor Stringfield has scheduled hours for taking individual pictures in room 1 of Moore hall.

The editor reported that Bill (Continued on page 4)

Talent Parade Held; Joe Harper Wins

An amateur hour, sponsored by the B. S. U., and under the direction of B. S. U. secretary Maude Bloodgood, was presented in the college auditorium February 7, between supper. Caughey Culpepper served as M. C. The amateur hour was inaugurated for the purpose of discovering talent among the students and giving clean, wholesome recreation.

Joe Harper, senior class president and band drummer presented a drum routine and was declared winner by the secret judges.

Others appearing on the program were "Stoney" Fisher and Stephen Hair rendering some musical hits on a guitar and violin respectively; Bill Duckworth and Tommy Evans singing "The Wash Cannon Ball"; the "Hungry Five," composed of Ben Galloway, George Walker, Dean Willis, Reid Lovelace, and Bill Avera, presented some numbers on their wind instruments; Stokes Leonard sang a solo; and Charles Greene gave some impersonations of the faculty and familiar speakers.

MICHIGAN LITTLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS WELL RECEIVED

Conducted by Thor Johnson, the University of Michigan Little Symphony, under the auspices of the University of Michigan, made its fourth appearance here February 5 and presented a concert in the college auditorium to an appreciative college group. The following program was rendered: "Overture to 'The Shepherd King,'" by Mozart; "Divertimento, op. 67," by Graener; "Air for the G String," by Jarne-Ronne; "Praeludium," by Bach; "Introduction and Allegro for Violin and Orchestra," by Kreisler, rendered by Italo Frajola, violinist; "Four Pieces from 'For My Little Friends,'" by Pierne; and

PHI DECLAIMERS CHOSEN

C. C. Hope, Jr., of Charlotte, was given first place in the Philomathian declamation contest last night. Seventeen contestants entered the forensic battle. Those who fired through to victory and will represent the society at commencement are: C. C. Hope, Cecil Hill, and Earl Price. Charles Greene was selected as alternate.

The C-I's chosen to appear on the Philomathian anniversary program next year are: Cecil Hill, and Paul Meyers. Charles Byrd was given an alternate position.

The Judges for the contest were Professors Lee, McLeod, and DeShazo.

Guy Roberts Heads Finnish Relief Fund

Madison Man Appointed To Collect Funds For Finns

According to the Marshall News-Record, Mr. Guy V. Roberts, well-known attorney of Marshall, has been named to head the Finnish relief fund in Madison county. Ex-President Hoover is head of the Finnish relief fund in America. In the state of North Carolina, he has named former Governor Ehringhaus, who in turn named Mr. Roberts in Madison county. Mr. Roberts says: "You cannot give to a more worthy cause. Any amount will gladly be received." Donations may be given to either bank, to the local paper, or to Mr. Roberts.

Claire Hardin To Lead Nonpareils

Program For Spring Session Planned; Officers Chosen

The officers of the Nonpareil literary society who were elected to serve during the spring session are now making plans for the temperance contest readings and other spring activities.

The officers selected on December 14, 1939, are as follows: Claire Hardin, of Morganton, president; Mary Catherine Adams, vice-president; Helen Trentham, recording secretary; Leah Oglesby, corresponding secretary; Miriam Pinnell, censor; Marian Hendricks, treasurer; Beth Hildebrand, chaplain; Omelia Robinson, pianist; and Anne Lewis, chorister. On the resignation of (Continued on page 4)

74 Students Make First Honor Roll

10 Percent Of Total Enrollment Ranks First In Grades

Out of a total enrollment of 760 students, 74 averaged a grade of at least 85 for the first semester and are eligible for the first honor roll, according to an announcement made by J. W. Huff, college registrar.

The entire first honor roll is as follows: Madge Allen, Thelma Baker, Arthur Beaman, Rush Beeler, Mallie Mae Bennett, Dean Bergen, Carol Bird, Maude Bloodgood, R. L. Bullard, Conrad Carter, R. L. Bullard, Conrad Carter, Coggins, Jr., Carl Compton, Ernest Cox, Ethel Croom.

Barbara Davis, Bartlett Dorr, Ethel Croom, Ruth Elliot, J. B. Ellis, Tommy Evans, Eleanor Fokes, Martha Fokes, Marjorie Francis, Kathleen Frink, Ben Galloway, Thomas Galloway, Martha Lee Grayson, Cleo Greene, Frank Grisette, Rebecca Gulley, Sheila Gulley, Carlyle Hall, Jewell Hamrick, Mary Nelle Hardin, Aubrey Hawkins, Randolph Hendricks, Beth Hildebran, Clara Holcombe, Bob Holt, Robert L. Hughes.

James Jollif, Ruth Jones, Jean Kuszmaul, Vivian Lunsford, Clifton Merrill, Lowell S. Miller, Martha Moss, Elizabeth McManus, John McMurray, Leah Oglesby, Joe Padgett, Vinita Jane Penland, Claude Peoples, Charles Phillips, Ruth Pierce, Richard Proctor, Frank Proffitt, Gwen Reed, Evelyn Rogers, Helen Sams, Hattie Scott, Constance Smithy, Harold Spainhour.

James Thomas, Louise Thomas, Doris Thompson, Roy Totherow, Paul Tysinger, N. S. Whitaker, Ruby Lee White, James Whitmire, Martha Wright, and Margaret Pritchard.

Five Honor Clubs Choose Officers

Bids Are Being Extended To High Rating Students

Five of the school's honor clubs selected as their presidents in recent elections Harold Spainhour, Alice Craddock, Conrad Carter, Caughey Culpepper, and Harold Sluder.

Harold Spainhour will preside over the Scriblerus club, and assisting him will be Emily Patrick, vice-president, and Mary C. Adams, secretary and treasurer. The membership of this club consists of those students who excel in English.

Alice Craddock, elected as president of the Science club, will be assisted by Mary Louise Howell, vice-president; Frederick Bruton, secretary; Constance Smithy, treasurer; Dean Bergen, censor.

At the head of the Business club for the coming semester will be Conrad Carter. Other officers elected were Martha Fokes, vice-president; Martha Nolan, secretary; Nina Fendler, treasurer; R. L. Bullard, reporter.

Leading the Spanish club, Caughey Culpepper will be aided by Martha Fokes, vice-president; Dorothy McElwain, secretary and treasurer.

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