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Growth

One of the most important words in our language is "growth." By it we mean the production of new things within ourselves without losing continuity with the past. It is never destructive, but predominantly productive. To grow means to live—to fail to grow means decay. In college life growth depends upon the student's ability to shut out competing attractions, to cultivate such virtues as courage, honesty, chastity, perseverance and imagination, and to learn to choose good from bad. Whatever helps growth is good; whatever obstructs growth is bad. Mothering, training, and schooling are all factors in growth, and they produce both suffering and enjoyment.

An individual has a growing-edge like the sap wood of a tree, and each person has to do his own growing from his own edge. Either success or failure, by challenging a person, produces growth provided either meets the growing edge. One grows by contact with great personalities such as Christ, Pasteur, Calvin, Knox, and others; by participation in varied activities such as church, school, civic, social and business interests; and by keeping a fair, open mind about life's problems.

A rich Christian life involves growth day by day. The vitality of Christianity is due to the fact that unlike followers of other religions, Christians are concerned not only with life after death but by life on earth: every day life in which one thinks how today's failures may be avoided tomorrow; how today's successes may afford opportunities to serve others in days to come.

Only the path of growth leads to life in its richest and fullest sense. To unravel the golden threads of former training and to weave new worthwhile patterns of excellence in the future is the inspiring task before each boy or girl at Mars Hill college today. Are you growing?
 —Shannon Otis Trentham.

Three Cheers

It is an established fact that appropriate recreational facilities are requisite for the proper development of a college student. That the diversion be of the correct type is essential. Certain base forms create the necessity for keeping late hours are detrimental to a student's physical and mental development.

In the past it has been apparent that the amusements on the campus have not fully reached their constituency. Not every student participates in the campus sings. Not everyone enjoys a ball game. Not everyone appreciates a movie. It seems that the talent parade creates more interest and draws larger crowds than any other type of diversion.

So we give three cheers for the talent parade. Here's to bigger and better performances.—J. N. E.

Music That I Care to Hear

Through the devoted work of Miss Martha Biggers to make the school more music-minded and the beneficence of the Carnegie Corporation, Mars Hill students have the opportunity to listen to almost any music of the great masters they care to hear. The advantages of a large library of recorded music are manifold, but the one outstanding advantage of such a library is the fact that the listener can hear the music he wishes to hear when he wishes to hear it. This is not so on the radio, because radio programs must be planned to suit the varied tastes of the countless listeners. On the other hand, with access to a library of recorded music such as Mars Hill college now owns, the music-lover can hear the grand opera, symphony, or lighter musical selections whenever he chooses.

It is interesting to note the tastes of the students who enjoy the recordings in this library. Although the tastes of the listeners are as varied as their personalities, there are several recordings which are more popular than others. "The Soldier's Chorus" from *Faust* by Gounod is at the head of the list of recordings played most frequently. Next in popularity are the "Overture" to *William Tell* by Rossini and the second movement of Tchaikowsky's *Fifth Symphony*. The recordings of compositions by Johann Strauss are played very frequently, the two most popular compositions being the waltzes, "The Blue Danube" and "Tales from the Vienna Woods." The most popular vocal selection is "Die Zauberflote" by Mozart, sung by the Viennese soprano, Meliza Korjus.—J. R. B.

DIDDAM AND DADDAM



By YOUR SNOOPERS

Of clever lines and valentines Mars Hill's had quite a share. Cupid's never shot more darts Nor trapped more co-eds fair!

This is poetry, if you didn't know. It's the truth when we say that Mars Hill lovelies were swept off their feet by the generosity and thoughtfulness of campus Handsome Harrys.

Now Ellie Mae have preferred the chocolates from the ole home town, which is really White of her, but Sara Dickerson clings to Mars Hill variety. It's no secret Plott either.

Jack Green has been feeling oh so Fritzy ever since school started. Here's to ya, Inez; Lisk-en, folks! We snoopers distinctly saw George Culpepper with Virginia at Charles Greene's Lincoln Day dinner t'other night. How 'bout that? Mr. Lee was there too, ably representing the town of Mars Hill and the Republican party.

Marjorie Aistock Saunders out 'most every night between suppers and there Francis is waiting for her. Do tell! Oscar Harris is never
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G.O.P.'ers Are Given Lincoln Day Dinner

Young Politicians Have Party Banquet At "Hermitage"

While Republicans throughout the United States were celebrating Lincoln's birthday, Mars Hill also had its Lincoln Day dinner held at the "Hermitage," Republican headquarters here.

Festivities were under the auspices of Charles R. Greene and J. Norman Ellis, inhabitants of the "Hermitage." Tables were set in banquet style, and the banquet room was decorated appropriately in red, white, and blue, with portraits of prominent Republican presidential candidates dotting the walls.

Guests upon arriving found their places designated by cards bearing the traditional elephant insignia and the monogram of the Young Republicans club. As the dinner got under way, J. Norman Ellis, toastmaster for the evening, rose and presented Charles R. Greene, who delivered the keynote address. Next in order was presented the speaker of the evening, the Honorable R. M. Lee, mayor of Mars Hill.

Mayor Lee delivered an inspiring address in which he called attention to the ideals and character of Abraham Lincoln, the great Republican, and summarized the Republican prospects for 1940. He suggested Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg as a logical candidate. Later in the evening addresses by the gentlemen from Georgia, George and Caughy Culpepper, were heard and also a duet by Misses Virginia Lisk and Gwen Reed.

A regal dinner was enjoyed by the sixteen guests present, who especially delighted in the *piece de resistance*, a Georgia ham furnished by two of the Georgia members of the club. Guests for the evening were George Culpepper, Caughy Culpepper, William H. West, Grady Dover, Mayor R. M. Lee, Ernest Cox, T. C. Wagstaff, the hosts, Charles R. Greene and Norman Ellis, and

INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

By GEORGE BLACKWELL

This issue we present a poll discussing current events and problems. The questions of this poll were asked a representative group of Mars Hill students and teachers. Among those interviewed were the faculty members in the various departments of the college, and at least one student from the various types of courses offered here. The majority of the students interviewed are surprisingly conservative, but the teachers went from one extreme to another. Below are the ten questions asked and the percentage on each side. The poll was conducted on a basis of ten percent of the student body. Therefore it does not represent the opinion of Mars Hill college, but of a group of ten percent interviewed.

I. Is the United States justified in lending money to a foreign country and allowing that country to use it as she sees fit? . . . Yes, 72%; No, 28%.

II. Do you approve of Roosevelt's foreign policy? . . . Yes, 72%; No, 28%.

III. Are you in favor of the United States - Japanese Trade Treaty? . . . Yes, 33%; No, 67%.

IV. Do you approve of closer cooperation between the Pan-American countries? . . . Yes, 94%; No, 3%; Undecided, 3%.

V. Do you approve of closer cooperation between the United States, England, and France? . . . Yes, 42%; No, 58%.

VI. What Democrat do you favor for the coming nomination? . . . Cordell Hull, 38%; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 35%; Paul V. McNutt, 14%; John N. Garner, 13%.

VII. What Republican do you favor in the coming nomination? . . . Thomas E. Dewey, 55%; Robert A. Taft, 25%; Arthur H. Vandenberg, 20%.

VIII. What political party are you in favor of? . . . Democrats, 42%; Republicans, 25%; Independents, 33%.

IX. Are you in favor of a war referendum by the American people before we send men overseas? . . . Yes, 38%; No, 62%.

X. Which column are you in favor of, the International Summary or Views From Abroad? . . . International Summary, 50%; Views From Abroad, 15%; to alternate, 35%.

Next issue: A Discussion of the Baltic Nations.

Letter By Butler Appeared In Life

A letter written by a Milton Butler, of San Luis Obispo, California, (presumably the young California student who died here last November) was published in *Life* magazine of July 10, 1939. The brief letter, which commended the magazine on a previous article, is printed in full here.

Sirs:

Great guns, didn't anyone notice the article on Track in your 19 issue?

At least I did! It was great!

Milton Butler
 San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Misses Gwen Reed, Lela Burgess, Gladys Turner, Mary Lee Ellington, Virginia Lisk, Emily Patrick, and Mildred du Pree.



CAMPUS

PERSONALITIES

By T. C. WAGSTAFF

TOMMY EVANS—

"Goody-buddy" Evans, editor of this noble publication and former president of the thalian literary society. In Kansas, he seems to be interested in this state and Carolinians. He is noted for a few things upon the campus, among which are his partiality for the city of Mars Hill. His physical characteristics might be described as black hair, black eyes, one inch tall, 28 inches in length.

CHARLES R. GREENE—

"Long, lean, Lincoln" he himself would put it. Editor of the *Hilltop* and former president of the Philomathian Literary society. A misfit the first water, he is an ardent Republican. With the voice of a horse and the political orator, he is known as "Judge" Greene on the campus. His longitude is on his right cheek are Lincoln's. Upon occasion assume the character of a rooster to W. D.

BILL TOM DUCKWORTH—

"Bloody" Duck, who is a separable companion of Evans, his "good buddy," a former lovely Nonpareil. Anniversary president of the Euthalian Literary class, and advertising manager of the *Laurel*, he takes an active part in campus affairs. Faded everyone are his renditions of *Wabash Cannon Ball*, "sweetness long drawn out" has a laudable capacity in making everyone his friend. One inquiring of the "feeling you please," can ascertain physical characteristics of you so."

GEORGE B. CULPEPPER—

A native of the town of Mars Hill, Georgia, president of the S. S. class and member of the Philomathian society, he is well known among Mars Hillians. Not by any means a Romeo, he is currently enamored of the daughter of the Clio Literary. Characteristic of him are a Georgia drawl and leanness! A pre-law student, he is able to make an excellent impression. He's six feet tall in his chest measures 36 inches when thrown out.

ALICE CRADDOCK—

One of the lovelier personalities on our campus is Cary. She is a former president of the Nonpareil Literary society and president of the Science class. A feminine Tantalus on Mars Hill campus, she is loved by many; dated by almost all. Her visual orbs azure as the morning sky, a crowning glory of brown luscious smile, and the manner of an aristocrat. Her distinguishing features, her interesting personality and her use of flattery give her a controlling others as a result. All necessary physical attributes may be secured upon following.

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