

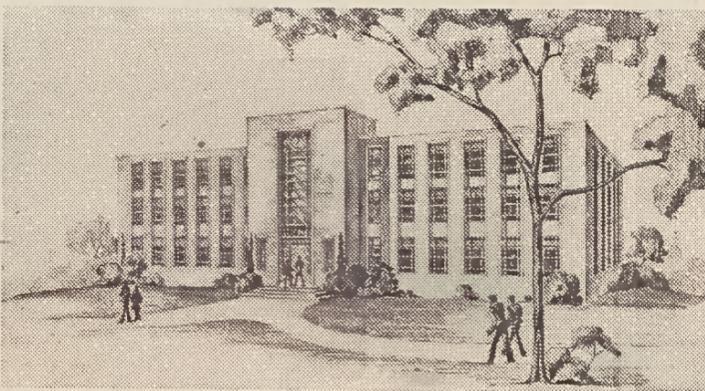
# The Hilltop

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## "Science" Is Grown Now



To their full stature rose the walls of the new \$100,000 science building here this week, as work continued according to schedule for the completion of the structure in time for use next term.

## STUDENTS WATCH WITH INTEREST THE RISE OF NEW SCIENCE BUILDING

**WHAT'S THIS?**  
This year (and other years, too) in review!  
That is the purpose of this special edition of the Hilltop—to picture and to present the life that has unfolded on the campus during months now gone.

### Three - Story Structure Is A Center Of Campus Attention

From the October day when tall President-emeritus R. L. Moore shoveled away the dirt in the ground-breaking ceremony for Mars Hill's new science building until now, when the roof caps the three-story walls, students have eagerly followed the progress of construction.

First they watched the plows and scoops eat into the red clay which had to be removed to make room for the huge basement which will be virtually the equivalent of a whole story.

Through the increasing cold of a severe winter they saw the walls, growing a little each day, begin to rise, the steel encased gaps indicating where the windows would be.

A short time ago the walls reached their full height, and the decorative glass brick began taking their place in the impressive facade of the building.

Almost every Sunday found some students—and faculty members, too, for that matter—strolling down to the building "to see how things are getting along" on the structure which will house classes and laboratories in the physical sciences, home economics, and mathematics.

## And Who Could Ever Forget The Black - Gold, The Blue - White?

The time was September 8; the occasion, the meeting of the two of the four literary societies. Young fellows, with grins so broad that they could whisper into their own ears without any difficulty, formed an irregular line from the lobby in the administration building to the society halls. Everybody was shaking hands, everybody was talking, everybody was happy.

When the seats in the halls were taken, in each society three dignified young men gallantly marched to the chairs behind the dais. Each president raised his gavel; both meetings came to

## Mars Hill Is Largest Junior College In South

**DEAN RETURNS**  
Dean I. N. Carr returned here this week from a meeting, held in Atlanta, for the Southern association of colleges and secondary schools—the primary accrediting agency for institutions of higher learning in the South.  
The only North Carolina college west of the Blue Ridge to have membership in this association, and the largest of the three junior colleges in North Carolina thus accredited, Mars Hill was admitted to the organization fourteen years ago, in 1926, with Dean Carr as the official representative of the college at the meeting of the association.  
In the last eight years credits from Mars Hill college have been accepted by 136 senior colleges, universities, and professional schools—adequate testimony that a Mars Hill grade counts anywhere.

## Students Come From Wide Area Rapid Growth Due In Part To Religious Emphasis

Delving into records this year, staff members have discovered that Mars Hill is now—and has been for the last few years—the largest junior college in southeastern United States.

Its present capacity enrollment of 784 students from 85 North Carolina counties, 18 states, and three foreign countries is the culmination of eighty-four years of growth, for the college was founded in 1856.

**Recent Growth Rapid**  
This growth has been especially rapid during the last ten years, during which the enrollment has doubled, the living and instructional facilities for students greatly improved.

Aside from an uncompromisingly high academic standards, perhaps the most influential factor in the growth of Mars Hill has been an equally uncompromising emphasis upon Christian education. Problems both for the student group as a whole and for the individuals are settled constantly in accord with the spiritual emphasis which is given the classroom, and in the chapel services which are held daily during the week and attended by all students.

Recently the erection of a thoroughly modern dormitory for girls, a broad program of landscaping and beautification of the campus of more than 100 acres, and the construction of the new \$100,000 science building have increased the attractiveness and effectiveness of the college.

## Special Courses Were Highlights

**Music, Art, Business, Expression Made Memories**

A brick building filled with pianos having different pieces played upon them at the same time; twenty-five typewriters clattering away to the rhythm of a phonograph record; a student at work on a half-painted canvas in a quiet room whose walls are nearly covered with copies of the world's masterpieces of art—these are memories of students in some of Mars Hill's extra departments.

The collective discords from the music building became pleasing accords to a student who entered one of the small studios, honeycombing the oldest structure on the campus, in search of his roommate—that is, if he happened to have the right roommate this year.

In Miss Bowden's studio, besides getting paint on their smocks and getting something of a mild affection for the way paint smells, students learned about

## Carnegie Grants For Books, Music Library, Music Department Receive Foundation Gifts

On those Wednesday mornings in chapel and perhaps in those special music appreciation hours at other times during the week, students were stirred—as really great music always stirs when well presented—by some of the 600 recordings the college has of the works of Bach, Beethoven, Wagner, Handel, and others.

And during those long winter evenings, either in the library or while curled up in a chair or in the bed at the dormitory, students read one of the hundreds of new books which the library received this year.

In these ways Andrew Carnegie made the Mars Hill experience a richer one this term. In the last few years he made, through the Carnegie corporation, two contributions to the cultural life of the college—one through a grant for

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## A Slave Jailed For Debt Here

**Joe, Slave Of Trustee, Was Surety For Mars Hill College**

He was a rather young, medium-sized, religious Negro, Joe was, and he was put in an Asheville jail for the benefit of Mars Hill college back in 1856.

That was when the college was just beginning; in fact, the construction of the first building was scarcely completed, and the contractors, unable to get their fee from the trustees of the toddling college, took Joe as a surety.

J. Woodson Anderson, first chairman of the board of trustees, was responsible for this. When the contractors came, determined to foreclose—thus shutting down the small mountain school—unless some satisfactory arrangement could soon be made, Mr. Anderson suggested that they take Joe, his most valued and his favorite slave, as security. They did.

**Money Raised**  
In the meantime Mr. Anderson and other members of the board of trustees tried to raise the funds needed; and during the weeks that followed they got the money, released Joe, and cleared the debt.

They went over rutted roads that were an angry red; they spent days in behalf of the school when their personal affairs needed them; and they "campaign" over much of the surrounding, mountainous country. But they got Joe out.

## Students Enjoy Mountain Hikes

**Scenic Beauties Of Famous Appalachian Area Are Open**

At least, the Blue Ridge; Southwest, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; any of the students are for the first time offered by the ever-wind-whipped which lead into Mars Hill initiated into the mysterious directions in this little village of approximately three hundred (census figures unannounced).

## Mars Hill Was Pioneer College

**First Chartered College In Western North Carolina**

Mars Hill was the first institution of higher learning established in Western North Carolina. It was founded in 1856 by sons and daughters of the pioneers in the region and chartered by the legislature three years later. Only ten families lived in the region at the time; the school was virtually impassable on its feet, it had to be built on its feet.

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