

## News Flashes

### Football Results

Mars Hill, 20; Davidson, 14.

### Next Saturday

Appalachian Teachers' College "B" vs. Mars Hill College. At home.

### Alden Family

Dorothy and Edgar Alden, duo-violinists from Raleigh, will give a concert next Saturday night in the college auditorium. They will be accompanied by Dorothy Phelps, pianist.

### Carnival

Begin saving your pennies, girls. The annual carnival at Edna Moore Dormitory will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23.

### Former Mars Hillians

Although Wake Forest College claims the largest number of Mars Hill graduates, the University of North Carolina is running the Baptists a close second. A total of 23 persons from the Class of '40 are now enrolled at the University. Of this number five are girls.

The list includes: Barbara Barrington, R u s h Beeler, Frances Bonkemeyer, Carroll Boyd, David Britt, J. B. Ellis, Frank Fulk, Norman Harper, Harrel Joines, Ruth Jones, George Long, Joseph Hamilton McKlesky, Pete Merrill, William Merritt, David Robinson, Harold Spainhour, Virginia Terry, Roy Totherow, T. C. Wagstaff, Walter Whitaker, Stacy Wilbourn, Ben Gallowsay, and Louis Shields.

### Soccer Match

The Dogpatchers triumphed in the final match of the Round Robin Tournament.

### Civic Music Concert

The first of the series of civic music concerts to be given in Asheville this year will be held tonight. Many students have purchased tickets and plan to attend.

## Chapel Gems

To the more observing students there has been a full harvest of thoughts reaped from the chapel exercises in the past few days. Accomplished speakers and thinkers have given much of their knowledge to the members of the student body.

Miss Wilma Buoy, who spoke to us in chapel a few days ago, has traveled all over the United States as her interesting talk clearly showed. She is a field worker for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The experiences she related in life on the fields in which she has worked were of interest and inspiration to the student body.

The program given by the Music Department showed that we are very fortunate in having many musically talented ones. Other enjoyable programs.

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## Dramateers Select New Officers

Under the direction of Miss Bonnie Wengert, the Dramateers, play-producing organization of the college, plan this year's work with the leadership of the following officers: Paul Meyers, president; Lucille Haywood, vice-president; Gwen Potter, secretary; Noah Burroughs, treasurer; and Shirley Saunderlin, historian.

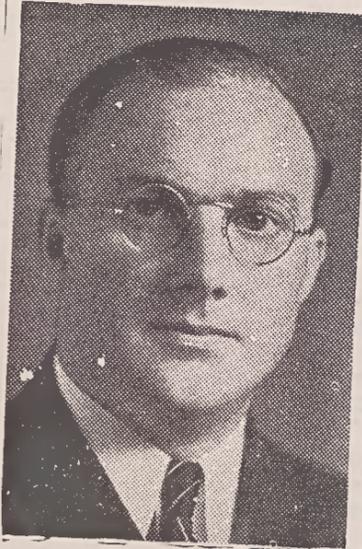
The first public performance of the Dramateers will be Saturday evening, Nov. 2, in which they will present two outstanding plays in a unified program with the theme of peace. The theme is derived from the well-known slogan, "Lest We Forget."

The program is unique, as the curtain opens on a darkened stage in the first play, "The Terrible Meek," and out of the stillness emerges the voices of the peasant-woman Mary, Mother of Christ; an army captain; and a soldier. The scene is the crucifixion of Christ.

In the second play, "Eleven Million," the scene changes to the World War period, as the characters strive to present to the audience the aftermath of the first World War.

Every member of the club will be cast in at least one play during the semester for the regular club meetings, as the purpose of the club is to study play-casting, staging, and play production. Several one-act plays have already been decided upon by the club to be presented this semester.

The Dramateers look forward to the Spring Festival at Chapel Hill, N. C., where they will take several plays and costume arrangements to be entered in the Playmakers' Contests. This trip will bring to a close the planned events of the Dramateers for this year.



### Dr. Binkley's Message To The Students

"My message to students may be briefly and simply stated. Accept the gracious invitations of Jesus: 'Come to me, believe in me, learn of me, and follow me.' Cultivate the idea of the holy which subdues the mind to wonder and softens the heart to worship. Learn to do thorough work every day, cast out fear with love and faith, and give yourselves in some field of endeavor to loving and intelligent ministry to human need."

The subject for Saturday night will be on "The Friends of Jesus." There are three groups of students: (1) Those who are indifferent to Jesus; (2) Those who are hostile to Jesus; (3) Those who are the friends of Jesus. If we hear his words and obey them, we are his friends.

Sunday morning we shall think of what it means to live a "Life worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

## Dr. O. T. Binkley Leads Fall Revival

For the past week the students of Mars Hill have been inspired by the uplifting messages of Dr. O. T. Binkley, head of the Religion Department at Wake Forest College. The college called him from his classes to lead our annual fall spiritual revival.

"I like Mars Hill very much indeed," said Dr. Binkley. "I like the serious attitude and the atmosphere of worship which prevails on the campus; I like the student response to religious activities. I also like the social life here which I miss at Wake Forest."

Dr. Binkley was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1928. From there he went to the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he studied until 1930. In 1933, he received his Ph.D. from Yale University.

For five and a half years, Dr. Binkley held a pastorate at Chapel Hill and since then has been head of the Department of Religion at Wake Forest College.

Although Dr. Binkley may be a stranger to some of us, he is well known throughout the state as an outstanding religious leader and speaker.

"The most important things in my life are my children," he admits. Dr. Binkley has two lovely daughters, one aged six years and the other eight months.

### Notice

With the comment on page two, we are introducing a new column into the paper. This column is to be known as the Open Forum, and is to be used for comments from the readers. We gladly accept all comments and suggestions.—Editors.

## Founders' Day In Review

### Chapel Program

The Founders' Day program of Mars Hill College, Saturday, Oct. 12, opened with the chapel exercises which were held from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock in the college auditorium. President Hoyt Blackwell presided and recognized the visitors, who came from all parts of the South.

Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, president of Wake Forest College, delivered the main address of the morning, which centered about the idea of the place of science in civilization.

Dr. Bert Cunningham, of Duke University, opened the Science Symposium by reading a paper on "Disintegration and Integration of Science." Miss Margaret Edwards, of W.C.U.N.C., then spoke on "The Place of Home Economics in Junior Colleges." "The Place of Science in a Christian School" was discussed by Dr. Milton Braun, of the Department of Physics of Catawba College, and Dr. C. G. Mumford, of the Department of Mathematics of North Carolina State College, had as his topic "Junior College Mathematics."

Music was furnished by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Ellison and by the orchestra under the direction of Miss Mildred Gwin.

### Picnic Lunch

Lunch was served picnic style at 12:00 o'clock to all the students. The fare consisted of sandwiches, pickles, salad, and fruit. The faculty and visitors were served in the dining hall.

### Dedication Of Science Building

At 1:00 o'clock the dedication of the new science hall began. President Blackwell expressed a wish that Mr. Palmer, the architect, could be present. He said: "He went away two years ago. In his passing, we lost one of the finest friends we have ever had." Mrs. C. M. Wall placed the bronze box in the corner.

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### Questions

1. Where is asphalt most abundant?
2. What is the definition of "to jubilate?"
3. What is the significance of these dates: 55 B.C., 597 A.D., and 1066 A.D.?
4. Where was Moses buried?
5. What were the five leading states of Italy during the Middle Ages?
6. What is the meaning of the following words and from what language do they come? (1) nomen, (2) metre, (3) puerta, (4) ocho.
7. Who is the Mayor of Mars Hill?

## Facts Concerning Life Of William Sydney Porter As Revealed By The Widow Of The Famous Writer

By James Stuart Dendy

(Written after an interview with Sara Coleman Porter, the widow of O. Henry.)

We should all be deeply interested in and proud of our great American short-story writer, O. Henry. Not only was he a southerner, but he was a North Carolinian by birth and spent part of his life here in Western North Carolina.

As a young man, William Sydney Porter lived in Greensboro, N. C., with his father, aunt, grandmother, cousin, and a lazy, slothful little negress known as "Gyp." His Uncle Clark, who had married a cousin of Sara Coleman, lived next door, and Sara lived in his home. When the interesting romance began, Sara was only 13 years of age, and her lover 19. Of course in that day it would have been unheard-of for a boy of this age open-

ly to show affection for one so young. Nevertheless, William's aunt allowed him to take Sara to the show with a chaperon. William was then working in a drug store as a prescription clerk. He emphatically denied being a soda fountain boy; but on the way back from the theatre he always dropped in the drug store with Sara and condescended to this rank just long enough to make a soda for Sara. It is of interest to us that this same drug store was the one in which the famous Vick's medicines had their birth.

William Porter was never a healthy person, and at 20 he left Greensboro for Texas, where he hoped to recuperate. There he lived on a ranch with friends of the family. Soon after reaching Texas William met a young lady, Miss Athal Estis. He married her and they had a daughter, O. Henry's

only child. This daughter died in 1927. At the time this child was born, William Porter and his wife were living in Austin. He was working in a bank and land office and doing writing on the side, having a regular newspaper column.

The tragic part in the life of William Sydney Porter began in the bank where he was cashier. Money was stolen from the cash drawer, and it seemed that the blame was being laid on Will Porter. He at once resigned his position with the bank and moved to Houston, where he secured a new job. On being summoned back to Austin for trial he was panic-stricken and went to Central America, a fugitive from justice, leaving his wife and child behind. Mrs. Sara Porter says that she can easily understand his doing this, as he was a very sensitive man.

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