

News Flashes

Students, attention! Our biggest rival is back again. Tonight Mars Hill meets Brevard in a basketball game here. Are you going to let them beat us again? Come out and cheer the boys on to victory. Remember—Revenge is sweet. Between halves, Mr. Sebren will give his Indian Club Drill performance.

Exams: Exams begin Wednesday, January 15, and go through Tuesday, January 21. Students will register for the second semester January 22.

Basketball game: Textile College Spartanburg, S. C., will meet us here in a basketball game Saturday, January 18.

Illustrated Lecture: Dr. Gahn, of the Redpath Bureau of Chicago, will give a lecture on South America on January 25.

Sunday School Study Course: The Sunday School Study course will be held from February 3 through February 7. Mr. Lawrence, the new State Secretary of Student Work, will be here during the course.

Chapel Gems

Since the holidays the students have been inspired during the chapel periods by Dr. Blackwell's message. Taking his text from the letters of Paul, Dr. Blackwell has endeavored to make a personal application of the truths these scriptures hold. Dr. Moore in his talk of January sixth taught the student audience the value of reverence and respect.

Programs brought to us in chapel by the dramatic department always prove of interest. The one of January eighth including a dramatic reading by Paul Meyers and a humorous reading by Georgia Coleman was most enjoyable.

The scheduled programs for the next two weeks are subject to change. However, here it is as it stands now.

- January 13: Dean Carr.
- January 14: Student Union.
- January 15: Music Department.
- January 16-21: Short Devotional talks by the faculty.
- January 23: Dr. H. B. Dendy.
- January 24: Dr. Blackwell.
- January 27: Mr. Wood.
- January 28: Student Union.
- January 29: Music Department.
- January 30: Mr. J. B. Huff.
- January 31: Mr. Lee.

The Junior Class has elected the following officers for 1940-41: Quentin Harper, president; Norman Caudle, vice-president; Jack Lucke, secretary; and Boddie Perry, treasurer.

Societies Elect New Officers

Before the Christmas holidays, the four societies elected new officers to begin their new term and new year. The following worthy and capable officers were chosen:

Nonpareil: President, Sheila Gulley; vice-president, Beth Hildebrand; secretary, Mavis Powers; censor, Shirley Sanderlin; chaplain, Joyce Sallee; pianist, Beverette Middleton; chorister, Omelia Robinson; corresponding secretary, Jewel Ray; treasurer, Patricia McCleney; reporter, Margaret Duckworth; English critic, Richie Harris; Music critic, Christine Pope; expression critic, Eleanor Fokes; and hostesses, Idella Aydlett, Iris Willis, Yvette Roberts, Mary Leslie Doggett, Mary Long Griffin, and Barbara Thomas.

Clio: President, Rose Marie Haynes; first vice-president, Mary Ezzell; second vice-president, Frances Davis; secretary, Helen Mangum; censor, Margaret Perry; corresponding secretary, Margaret Green; chaplain, Catherine Beattie; chorister, Mary Margaret Silver; pianist, Pauline Reed; literary critic, Mary Melton, expression critic, Nell Cochran, music critic, Carolyn Williams; treasurer, Virginia Lee Cox; and marshalls, Delores Holtzclaw, Nellie Pleasant, Jean Barker, and Marjorie Frances.

Euthalian: president, Edward Long; vice-president, J. C. Jones; secretary, Dean Willis; censor, Stanley Smith; chaplain, Douglas Aldrich; treasurer, Matt Summerlin; librarian, Claudius Huggins; corresponding secretary, Bill Clark; reporter, Noah Burrows; English critic, Tom Galloway; debate critic, John Farrar; expression critic, Joel Tyson; collector, James Jennings; and janitors, Matt Summerlin and Doyle Stevenson.

Philomathian: president, John McMurray; vice-president, Larry Williams; secretary, Grady Dover; censor, Frank Venters; chaplain, Walter Harsleon; chorister, Bill Clark; pianist, Ramond Glenn; treasurer, Jim White; fees collector, Hubert Burton; critic, Kent Brannock; and marshalls, Charles Ralton and Tommy Fraisure.

Mars Hill Wins First Place In School Efficiency Program

Mars Hill high school scored 800 points out of a possible 969 on the Madison County School Efficiency Program last year to win first place in the county.

The schools were rated on points such as the following: transportation, educational progress, percent of promotions, percent of average daily attendance, glee club, public school music teacher, sanitation, beautification of grounds, warm lunches served, agriculture, football, basketball, and many others.

GUSTAV GRAHN



Prominent Lecturer To Appear Jan. 25

Mr. Grahn Presents Travelogue Of Adventure.

Mr. Grahn was born in Sweden, a few miles south of the Arctic Circle. As a boy he was initiated into Arctic thrills. Early in life, in a true Viking spirit, his wanderlust brought him to America. Between years of schooling and the acquiring of a higher education, with graduate study at two European Universities, travel and a flair for the unusual became his vocation.

Gustav Grahn in person gives you adventure in thrilling moving pictures. Exciting battles with beasts of the jungle . . . native dances . . . some of the world's wildest and most inaccessible regions, never before traveled by the white man . . . pictures showing the gorgeous plumage and infinite variety of bird life fascinates both old and young alike.

The journey is interspersed with magnificent scenery of tropical vegetation, mountains and waterfalls. The course of the expedition is traced by animated maps and diagrams.

His outstanding pictures, his smooth delivery, his magnificent voice, his dynamic personality won him immediate approval as a lecturer both here and abroad.

Former Mars Hillian Honored

Janie Malloy Britt, playwright, was perhaps one of the most versatile students ever to graduate from Mars Hill College. During graduation exercises in 1934 Mars Hill was visited by an unusually potent electrical storm. Miss Britt was delivering a dramatic reading as part of the commencement program. She had to raise her voice slightly at intervals to make herself heard above the crackling thunder which chased the lurid glashes of lightning across the faces of her attentive audience. Janie Britt did not heed the clashing of the elements but continued her oration undisturbed.

Suddenly a crescendo of thunder shoved at the roof of the auditorium and every light in Mars Hill, including those in the chapel, went out. The auditorium, filled with sitting and standing spectators, was left in darkness.

For an instant a static restlessness swept backward and forward across the crowded room as mass hysteria threatened. But the spectators became breathlessly quiet as Janie Britt continued her reading without hesitation, with even more expression than before. At frequent intervals the room would flare up in a blaze of radiance, as lightning crackled without. By this light Janie could be seen accom-

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New Host And Hostess Occupy Boys' Dormitory

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon DeShazo have become the new guardians of the occupants in Brown and Melrose dormitories since Mrs. Martin McColl, better known to all concerned as "Mother" Jelks, left the college to become the bride of Mr. Martin McColl of Red Springs, North Carolina, during the holidays.

However much all regret the departure of "Mother" Jelks, they welcome enthusiastically the coming of the DeShazos, who are indeed well liked and admired by all their associates. Mr. DeShazo is a member of the English department and sponsor of the "Hilltop."

For most of the time since the return of the students to the campus Mr. DeShazo has occupied alone the suite which is to be their home for the next few months, because the honorable wife has been detained in the infirmary. The anticipation of meeting and getting acquainted with all their new neighbors and "children", however, made her recovery inevitable, and she is now adapting herself to her new abode.

The Melrose and Brown occupants are indeed honored and happy to be under the leadership of such able and delightful advisors and friends, and they give a written toast to the first family of Brown.

International Summary

By Cecil Hill

Cairo, Egypt—Bardia has fallen. The mighty offensive launched by the British four weeks ago has now resulted in the capture of 80,000 Italians one-third of the entire Italian African force, 45 light and medium tanks, and other Italian war supplies. Capture of 25,000 Italians in Bardia meant that Marshall Braziani, the Italian African commander now desperately strengthening his defenses at Tobruk, 70 miles west, must concentrate the rest of his forces at this mighty stronghold for a critical stand. Already the British warships and RAF have made extensive raids on the base.

London — German bombers are raining incendiaries nocturnally on the British Capital. The German Air Force has abandoned its "so-called" warfare on military objectives alone, and have dropped missiles on many residential sections in order to stir up panic among the citizenry. British moral remains high, however, and the population goes about singing as firebombs are extinguished.

Athens—Official spokesmen verify the statement that Greek troops have overcome Italian shock troops rushed from Rome and have driven them back of Fratarix. Fierce tank assaults were made by the Italian troops along the Adriatic south of Valona. Meanwhile Italian soldiers forced the Greeks to retreat along the Serman river. Fresh supplies promised by the United States have raised the Greek morale and assured them of ultimate victory.

Washington — President Roosevelt advocated further aid to the Allies in his annual address to the Congress last Monday. Not expecting immediate repayment for loans, he stated in the future repayment could be made in other forms than money. He did not suggest any definite sum to be loaned, but many intimate friends agree that \$10,000,000,000 is likely to be the final amount suggested.

Indian Club Drill

Tonight the students will be entertained by a special attraction between the halves of the basketball game. Mr. Sebren will demonstrate the Indian Club Drill that he brought to us from Berea College in Kentucky. He learned this from his roommate there. The drill originated at Springfield College in Massachusetts and is a spectacular feat enjoyed by everyone who views it.