

## BASKETBALL PERSONALS

By John Foster West

Another game has been added to the Lions' schedule. They are to meet Tennessee Wesleyan here March 1.

Introducing our basketball squad:

First we will take Hambright, a six foot forward from Grover, North Carolina. This is his first year in the cage racket for Mars Hill college and he is becoming known already. Hambright attended Grover High School and played two years of high school basketball under Coach C. H. May.

Next in line is Maynard Haithcock, the pinch pass grabber known to you from football season. Maynard also plays forward and towers six feet three into the stratosphere. When Haithcock is at home he is in Macon, North Carolina. This is his first year of service with the Mars Hill Lions and he shows promise of becoming high scorer this season. He played high school basketball four years under Coach Tilly while attending Macon High School.

Bill McMurray is the moon fixer of the squad, being six feet five inches in length. He plays center and is a veteran Mars Hill cager. Bill is from Swannanoa, North Carolina. He played basketball two years in high school there under Coach Sawyer and one year for Biltmore College under Coach Swicegood.

"Sot" Trentham flashes into the game at forward position. Sot is six feet two and one-half inches tall, but he has plenty of muscles. Trentham is from Mars Hill and attended Mars Hill High School, where he played one year of excellent basketball under Coach Sparks.

From under a pile of wrestling bodies zips Johnny Farrar, too fast to be seen clearly. Farrar is five feet seven inches low, but that only adds to his ability of flashing around the legs of the giants towering above him. Johnny plays forward on the first team. The race for high score this year will be between him and Haithcock. In one of the conference games they have played so far, Farrar tied with Haithcock, in the other, Haithcock was ahead. Farrar hails from Gastonia, N. C. He played three years of basketball for Gastonia Hi under Coach Jim Morgan and Coach Bert Shore.

Ickey Carr, the Lions' versatile fullback last fall, is only sixteen but he is an athlete, every inch of him. Carr is six feet and one-half inch tall, and large along with it. Add speed to this and you have an athlete. Carr plays guard but he can shoot goals as well as any forward. This is his first year at Mars Hill college. He is from Mars Hill and attended the local high school, where he has three years of basketball experience to his credit. He is also a product of Coach Sparks.

Next we will examine Jack Spratt, that five feet eleven forward from the foothills. Spratt is playing his first time with the Hillians this season, but he does a commendable job on the hardwood. Jack is from a suburb of Marion, North Carolina, known as Nebo. He attended Glenwood High School and chalked up three years of basketball experience there under Coach "Fig" Newton.

John McMurray will stand inspection next. He is a great basketball performer. John is six feet one and one-half inches from top to bottom, and plays forward. This is his second year on the Mars Hill floor also, and we like his style. McMurray is from Swannanoa. He attended Swannanoa Hi and played basketball two years under Coach Sawyer.

Brookshire came from a basketball playing school, Kings Creek Hi beyond Lenoir, N. C. He has brought quite a bit of ability along with him after four years of service for that school under Coach Livingston. Brookshire is five feet 10 inches. He plays an excellent game of guard position.

Louis McKinney, a five foot ten and a half guard from Greenville, South Carolina, has attracted our attention in the few games that have been played already. McKinney doesn't try for a goal often, but he doesn't seem to miss when he does try. He has run up several points so far. McKinney attended Parker High School, where he played two years of basketball under Coach Rheames.

Bobby Edwards is a five foot eleven and a half guard from Mars Hill. We know him as the stellar halfback from football season and also as the fast basketball player he has proven himself to be. Edwards is one of the most versatile athletes on the campus. He attended Mars Hill Hi where he chalked up the four years of basketball experience. He is another one of the many good products turned out by Coach Sparks and later improved by our own Coach Dickerson.

Praytor hails from Fletcher, N. C., where he played basketball for two years under Coach Youngblood. This is his first year on the hardwood at Mars Hill but he shows promise of becoming an even better forward than he already is. Praytor is six feet two inches tall and every inch a man.

Luby Royal is also an ex-grizzer, a veteran guard on the football team. Luby also plays guard on the basketball squad, and his speed and weight stand him in good stead on the floor. He is five feet ten inches tall, but he has a powerhouse build. This is his second year of action with the Hillians. Royal is from Smithfield, N. C.

"Cowboy" Blanton is a six foot one and a half inch youth from Asheville, N. C. He has played two years with the Lions, holding an excellent card at center position.

Frank Johnson is a five foot eight one-half inch cager from Greensboro, N. C. He is small but he is a great little player and one of the best sports you ever knew. He attended Monticello Hi at Greensboro, where he played basketball four years.

Last, but far from least, is Hollis. He is six feet tall, but he is probably one of the most powerful men on the entire squad and has speed along with it. This is his second year with the Lions. Hollis is from Copper Hill, Virginia, and attended Stewartville High School there.



## Down The Sports Trail

By Jerry Rogers

Jan. 25—

Greetings students, faculty, and everyone in general. How do you feel after that gruesome week of exams? It's funny how a person can be feeling just as young, cheerful, and gay, then go into an evil looking classroom and come out two hours later with a depressed spirit and with streaks of gray showing about the temples. Whew! Anyway exams are gone now for almost four months.

Our basketball game of Saturday the 18th was postponed due to the danger of spreading influenza; however the Lions do have a game this Saturday the 25th. They will play the Textile Institute in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where Textile Jr. College is located. The students attend this school for two weeks, and then work for two weeks. Pretty nifty, huh! According to Coach Dickerson they have one of the best ball clubs on the present roster. They have not been beaten so far. Last year they spilt with the Lions, each team winning one game. We're going to beat them in both games this year. The next Tuesday, Jan. 28, we have an encounter with Beacon Mills. Last year Mars Hill split with them also. This year they have a completely new team and may provide some real opposition. Beacon Mills hasn't been defeated this year and to top that, they were chosen to play the world famous Celtics. That game was played in Asheville Monday night.

Starting the week-end of the 31st, our boys hit the road for the next four games, but return the 8th of February to play Biltmore College here. On the road they play Appalachian "B" the 31st, Lees McRae the 1st of February, Beacon Mills again the 4th and finish off with Brevard the 5th. Appalachian "B" is expected to have quite a good team. It's the first time we've played them in a good many years, so there is no telling what to expect. Lees McRae won 3 from us last year while we won one. Here's wishing the Lion's plenty of luck while they are away. We feel confident they will bring both the fruits of victory. Goodbye for now! We'll see you at the game.

## Intramurals Feature Basketball Playoff

The two intramural basketball leagues, each composed of six teams, are fighting for a championship banner that only one of the twelve can claim in the final play-off. The public is invited to watch these games which are played during supper's every week night.

The National league consists of six teams. The winner of each league will play for the intramural Basketball Championship of 1941. The banner awarded will have the name of the team on it and will be placed in the athletic office.

Teams led by Bud Anderson, Jim Vissage, and Kemp Reese

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## Tumbling Team Gives Exhibition

Wednesday, night, January 22, between halves in the E. C. T. C. vs. M. H. C. basketball game the Sebreneets presented their first tumbling exhibition of the year.

The team will continue to work throughout the season but will give only two or three more exhibitions between halves in basketball games. At the end of the season Mr. Sebrene and his tumbling team will hold a final exhibition featuring only tumbling. In this presentation the boys will try for and receive their letters in this art.

Mr. Sebrene and Charlie (S. C.) Huff flavored the act with a little comedy on the side. They were excellent.

The mats were placed. All was quiet. Then, suddenly out of the wings came white clad figures. They cut forward flips across the mats; they returned and cut backward flips.

Suddenly they were halted by an apparition in white duck trousers and a blouse stolen off someone's clothes line, (probably from Spillman or Edna Moore). The Apparition (Mr. Sebrene) wound himself up, gave a "runigo" at the mats, jumped, and then—His momentum slipped down his legs and he fell awkwardly in a heap of joints and blond wavy hair.

This continued throughout the performance; while the tumbling team, fifteen with Charlie Huff the ground man, went through their acrobatic antics. One at a time the team leaped across from one to four men.

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## I SPY

We have begun our Spring cleaning rather early this year—and here is just the outer layer of dust and dirt. . . .

Who got that timely advice, upon leaving home to resume his studies (accent on studies), about "running off up here and getting married?" Reckon he thought his heart had a mind of its own? Or—should we say, "Vinita has a Hart of her own?" —Bill West, self-appointed Romeo, was caught between two young belles from the local high school entertaining them so successfully that none of them saw the ball game. How 'bout that?

Boddie Perry and Paul Garrison were wrecked recently coming from Asheville and turned over three times. The fact is it was just before the finals—Too bad it didn't work, boys.

We have often wondered why Ruth Pierce walks around he circle so much. 'Tis said that she has an S.P. around here — Speaking of S.P.'s Phyllis Rayburn has a new one, but she won't tell who he is. She did disclose that he is an artist—or something.

PLEA TO MRS. SHAW: What happened to the grits at breakfast? Those sausages used to slide down pretty well with grits.

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