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Montague Library Contains Over 15,000 Bound Volumes

CONTINUOUS GROWTH IS OBSERVED

Carnegie Corporation and Numerous Donors Contribute

The Montague library at Mars Hill college at present contains over 15,000 bound volumes.

Of this collection 1,851 are preference books, and 71 are novels translated from other languages. In the past year 1,422 volumes were added. The Carnegie Corporation provided 585 volumes. Forty donors gave 230 volumes and 607 were acquired by purchase.

The collections of Robert Percy Walker, Clive Elerbee Chambliss, and A. E. Brown are here for general use.

The Library also contains a "Southern Bookshelf," given by the Asheville Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which is added to frequently. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is also represented by a collection valuable on the subject of International relations. These are also shelved separately.

Montague library subscribes to 67 of the more acceptable magazines. Also 14 newspapers are received daily through subscription.

Two well-trained librarians and fifteen student assistants efficiently administer to the functioning of the library. Miss Martha Gladys Johnson (librarian since 1931, graduated from Mars Hill College, Coker college, and Pratt School of Library Science. She also at

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News Flashes

TONIGHT

"Pride and Prejudice" will be the movie tonight.

The comedy will be "Captain Spanky's Showboat."

Basketball

February 11—

Lees McRae—Here.

February 15—

Biltmore—Here.

February 19—

Textile—Here.

February 20—

Canton "Y"—There.

Student Revival

The Student Revival begins Sunday night, February 9, and continues through Saturday, February 15. Dr. O. E. Sams will speak each night during the revival. Students will have charge of the program each day in the chapel services.

The Home Makers' Guild held its regular social meeting Monday night, January 27. The new semester officers presided. They are as follows: President, Edith Bodenheimer; vice president, Pauline Merrill; secretary, Mabel Rodgers.

C-Is CHANGE OFFICERS

Martha Graham was elected vice-president of the senior class upon the resignation of Lynn Starkweather at a meeting held January 25.

Carol Bartling, Lewis Beam, and Cecil Hill were appointed as a committee to make suggestions for the senior gift to the college. Each student was assessed in an effort to obtain sufficient funds for the gift.

Students Register for Second Semester

Fifteen New Students Enroll

The Registrar's office reports that on February 5, 764 regular students had registered for the second semester, an increase of seven students over the registration of a year ago. This number does not include the special students in music.

Fifteen new students have entered Mars Hill to begin work this semester. They are listed as follows according to county or state.

North Carolina: Brunswick, J. B. Ward; Buncombe, Carol Carver; Haywood, William McCracken; Hertford, Maylon Baker; Lenoir, William Parker Gilbert; Madison, Donald Cox and Margaret Holcombe; McDowell, Abalean Crehon; Nash, John B. Smith; Onslow, Louise Foy; Wilkes, Paul Church and T. W. Minton.

Other States: Evergreen, Alabama, Sydney Cunningham; Covington, Virginia, Hettie Flint; Camp Taylor, Kentucky, Jane Miller.

Honor Rolls Posted

Seventy-one students have made the first honor roll, the requirements of which are a grade of "B" or above on every subject and a minimum of thirty-five quality credits. The number who made the second honor roll with a grade of "C" or above and a minimum of twenty-five quality credits is one hundred and fifty.

Several students made as many as fifty-one quality credits but still did not make a grade of "A" on every subject taken. Of the four students making all "A's," three are from the senior class. Clara Holcombe and June Rodgers, both of Weaverville and with forty-eight quality credits, have very similar records. Each is working toward a liberal arts degree and plans to do missionary work. Lucille Lawton of Orlando, Florida, has fifty-one quality credits; she is

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TO CONDUCT REVIVAL



Pictured above is Dr. O. E. Sams, who will conduct the student revival, beginning February 9 and continuing through February 15.

A SLAVE JAILED FOR DEBT HERE

Ole Joe, Slave of Trustee, Was Surety for Mars Hill College

Joe Anderson, better known as "Old Joe" was the negro slave levied on in 1856 as security for a debt against the college on the construction of the first building on Mars Hill campus. He was owned by Mr. Woods Anderson, chairman of the first board of trustees for Mars Hill college.

When the contractors, Shackelford and Clayton, finished the building in 1856, there was due the contractors fifteen hundred dollars for which the board of trustees was responsible. The board being unable to pay the amount, the contractors levied on Old Joe as security. Old Joe was carried to Asheville and put in jail to await the developments. The money was raised after some time and Joe was again free.

Joe was brought back to his owner and spent the rest of his life near Gabriel's Creek. He was buried near the old Huff home, where Mr. Ed. Huff now lives. On Founder's Day in 1932 his body was moved from the original site to the college campus where it is now. Old Joe has become a symbol of the many human values that have gone into the development and growth of Mars Hill college.

Ministerial Conference Elects Officers

The Ministerial Conference has elected the following officers for the new semester: President, Paul Brunner; vice president, Gus Verdery; recording secretary, Wade Hale; corresponding secretary, Everett Gwynne; choirster, Luther Copeland; organist, Elmer Powers; reporter, Douglas Aldrich.

Forensic Team Competes In Tournaments Throughout South

C-Is FOLLOW SUIT

Walter Harrelson of Mt. Rainier, Maryland, was elected President of the junior class on Saturday, February 1, to succeed Quentin Harper. Mr. Harper's resignation stated that his heavy work this semester would prevent his serving in such a responsible capacity. Mr. Harrelson is very popular on the campus, holding such offices as Society Chaplain and Advertising Manager of *The Hilltop*. He was previously president of New Hope B. T. U.

Contest at Appalachian Attracts Outstanding Colleges

Hill and Proctor Win in Smoky Mountain Tourney for Men

At the present time, the Mars Hill forensic team is competing at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, N. C. In this tournament they are meeting such strong teams as Wake Forest, N. C. State, Carson-Newman, Winthrop, and many others throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. Larry Williams, Dick Proctor, C. C. Hope, and Frank Venters are entered in the direct clash and regular debating. Cecil Hill will enter oratory, Paul Meyers will enter after dinner speaking, and Meyers and Hill will compete in impromptu and extempore. It was at this tournament last year that Mars Hill exhibited its full strength, and expectations are also high this year.

On February 15, a group of girls will enter the Smoky Mountain Tourney for Women at Virginia Intermont, at Bristol, Virginia. Gwen Reed and Eleanor Fokes will enter the direct clash debating, and the remaining contestants will be chosen from Willie Ruth Edwards, Rose Marie Haynes,

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Campus Personals

Virginia Hinton, a former Mars Hillian, visited on the campus from January 28 to Feb. 2. Another former student, Tommy Evans, visited for one day.

Rev. H. H. Welch of Hamilton, Ohio, spent Wednesday here with his daughter, Bobbie Annette, and spoke to Miss Dons' study course class at that time.

Harold McCrosky attended a meeting of the state B. S. U. officers in Greensboro.

The following have been admitted to the infirmary recently: Douglas Aldrich, Jack Seay, Carter Wright, Joe Wishon, Rufus Hambricht, Marshall Staton, Greer Hodges, Christine Staton, Sarah Yates, Ola Rook, Warren Briggs, Robert Coren, and Lucille Noland.

Alice Dare Watts has recovered from a case of the mumps.

Welcome to Hatch Crenshaw who was delayed at home for two weeks with the flu.

We appreciate the good work Miss Blake has done at the college infirmary during the past few weeks.

To each of our 15 new students, a hearty welcome to our college family!

Creative Writing Class Makes Visit

Citizen-Times Building Receives Inspection

All classes are not as dull as they might seem to be on Mars Hill campus. For instance, the Creative English class held its regular Saturday's session in the Citizen-Times' building in Asheville on January 25.

Our group was carried to Asheville in private cars, generously provided by members of the faculty. We were met in the lobby by a guide who told us a little of the history of the building. First, we were shown through the advertising and circulating department, and we viewed the modernistic equipment and methods of advertising. Next, we were shown through the offices of

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Chapel Gems

The two speakers in chapel last week provided the students with inspiration and enlightenment. They were Dr. Dendy of Weaverville and our own professor of chemistry, Mr. Wood. Dr. Dendy held the attention of his audience by his depth of thought and the logic of his speech. The example of Christ as applied to everyday living was the theme of Mr. Wood's talk.

The programs scheduled for the next two weeks promise to be very beneficial. During the week of the student revival these periods will be taken up with student speakers. On February 17th for the Charter's Day program Mr. James Baley, former Mars Hill student who is now an attorney of Marshall, North Carolina, will be the speaker. Mr. B. W. Thomasin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brevard, will address the students on February 20th.