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MARS HILL SPEAKERS DOMINATE DIXIE TOURNAMENT

Glee Club Presents Annual Christmas Program Tomorrow Night In College Auditorium

Candlelight Service Depicts Nativity

On the night of December 14 the Glee Club will present its annual candlelight service in the college auditorium. The program will be built around the story of the birth of Jesus with the songs and scripture telling of the prophecy, the shepherds and angels, the manger scene, the visit of the magi, and the adoration of the Christ as Savior of the world.

Many beautiful songs portraying the scenes will be presented by the Glee Club and special groups from the Glee Club. Familiar songs will include "Silent Night" by the entire group, "Go Tell It On the Mountains" and "We Three Kings." The congregation will join in singing some of the carols.

The following girls will sing several special numbers: Edith Cole, Carolyn Wilburn, Idella Aydlett, Betty Rae Gattis, Ruby Lyon, Frances Elam, and Florence Smith.

Boys having special parts are Jason Ross, Jack Lucke, Jack Floyd, Edward Clark, Fred Ellison, Charles Marsh, Bill Hamlett, and Walter Harrelson.

Miss Ellison will sing "Jesu Bambino."

Another feature of the program will be a number played by a string ensemble. This will be the prelude to the Third Act of "Lohengrin." The ensemble includes Mary Stringfield, David McAdams, Betty Virginia Mullinax, Russ Sims, and Henry Anderson.

News Flashes

Christmas holidays begin Wednesday!

Eus Elect

The Euthalian Literary Society elected the following officers for the forensic term last week: President, James Wright; Vice-President, Henry Anderson; Secretary, Wilmer Fisher; Censor, Warren Twiddy.

New Phi Officers

Last night the Philomathian Literary Society elected the following officers for the forensic term: President, William Gabbert; Vice-President, Luther Copeland; Secretary, David Dorr; Censor, John Robertson.

New Non And Clio Officers

The following officers were (Continued on Page 4)



International Summary

By Henry B. Huff

On Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1941, in New York, people were strolling peacefully down Fifth Avenue. In Washington, Secretary of State Hull was conferring with Japanese envoys, Admiral Nomuro and Saburo Kurosu. Along the famed beaches of Hawaii, soldiers were idling away the hours in the warm tropical sun. Suddenly these soldiers were startled into consciousness by the faint but rapidly growing louder drone of bombers. These mysterious planes, recognized sometime later as Japanese, began to loose their load of death and destruction upon the fortifications, air bases, and naval bases of the mighty island fortress. America and the rest of the world were stabbed into the mental realization that another front had been opened in this great war. This treacherous act by the government of Japan united America as never before. On Monday, December 8, at the request of the President, Congress passed a declaration of war upon the Imperial Government of Japan, with only one dissenting vote. Other freedom-loving countries have rallied (Continued on Page 4)

Girls Observe Annual Christmas Parties

The girls in Spilman, Treat, Edna Moore, and the New Dormitory will observe their annual Christmas parties on the evening of December 16. Names will have been drawn the preceding week and gifts put in a large box. After the gifts have been distributed by "Santa," the girls will return them to be given to needy children of the Mars Hill community.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The bells that tolled in days of old
Will ring again tonight.

The sweetest chimes of other times,
Echoed from Heaven's height,
Will chime again their wondrous song,
And souls recall their yondrous are long.

The star that gleamed, while shepherds dreamed,
Tonight will send its rays
Across the world, and joy enfurled
Within our hearts shall blaze;
And souls will know the peace and rest
With which the shepherds' hearts were blessed.

Stand up, arise, and to the skies
Send forth a prayer for those
Who cannot see this night, as we—
Where hateful terror flows.
If duty calls, tomorrow fight,
But let us pray this Christmas night. —J.F.W.

Wedding Bells For Mars Hill

Mars Hill campus hummed with excitement as Miss Estelle Rush became the bride of Mr. John Marr, Jr., in a beautiful ceremony on December 7, in the Mars Hill Church. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell officiated and Rev. W. L. Lynch assisted.

Music was furnished by Miss Mary Nell Hardin, soloist, and Mr. Clyde Carr, organist. Miss Hardin sang "At Dawning" and "Because."

Before an altar banked with evergreens and lighted by three seven-branched candelabra the bride was given in marriage by her brother Mr. James Rush. The brother of the groom, Mr. Billy Marr, was best man.

The maid of honor was Miss Mildred Hardin. Bridesmaids were Misses Frances Snelson, Rachel Templeton, Ruth Pierce, and Mildred Wright Eggers. Groomsmen were Messrs. Quentin Ferguson, Ronald Rush, James Whitt, and Guy Timberlake. The niece of the bride, Alice Goforth, was flower girl.

The bride wore a lovely dress of brocaded satin with a finger-tip veil and carried gardenias on her Bible.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held in Spilman parlor for out-of-town guests and members of the faculty. There was the traditional cutting of the wedding cake by the bride, and Miss Mildred Bingham served at the punch bowl.

Both the bride and groom are Mars Hill graduates. Miss Rush, whose home is in Clyde, has been bookkeeper in the Bursar's office of the college for the past four years. Mr. Marr is associated with his father in business in Norfolk, Va. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life together.

From the congratulations and best wishes of friends they escaped through a shower of rice thrown by a mob of admiring students. After a two-weeks' trip to Florida they will be at home in Norfolk, Va.

Hillians Bring Home Eight Championships

Triumph Over Leading Senior Institutions

Mars Hill representatives "stole the show" at the tenth annual Dixie Forensic Tournament held at Winthrop college in Rock Hill, South Carolina, on Thursday through Saturday of last week. Besides winning awards in practically every event, members of the Mars Hill college Forensic Council brought home the Dixie Championship in eight divisions.

The three-day tourney, sponsored by the Strawberry Leaf Society of Winthrop college, drew about 200 students from approximately thirty colleges in the southeastern part of the United States. The tournament was divided into 14 main divisions, consisting of rounds bearing names of schools or of famous southerners.

A list of the awardees received by Mars Hill students follows. The Dixie Champion is the final winner in each group.

After dinner speaking: Dixie Champion, women—Gertie B. Watts. Strawberry Leaf after dinner champion, women—Gertie B. Watts.

Debate: Out of 68 competing teams, a "Big Ten" was named. The second team listed consisted of Robert Harris and Henry Huff, who were also declared Junior College Champions.

Dixie clash (direct clash debating). Out of all the representatives participating, James Hall and Norman Caudle were declared Dixie Champions.

Oratory: Dixie Champion, (Continued on Page 3)

Alumnus In Air Corps

(Special to Hilltop)

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 29. Richard Miller Mansfield, of Leaksville, a former student of Mars Hill College, is now learning to become a pilot for the United States Army in the Southeast Air Corps Training Center.

Cadet Mansfield is now at the Replacement Center for cadets at Maxwell Field, Ala., headquarters of the training center. He will leave soon for one of the primary schools in the Southeast, where he will receive his first flight training under a skilled civilian instructor.

Upon completion of the 30 weeks' flight training course, Cadet Mansfield will be awarded his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.