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## STUDENTS EAGERLY AWAIT THIS YEAR'S LAUREL

### MARS HILL PARTICIPATES IN U. S. CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

#### Seven Students Qualify For Course

Classes In Ground Work And Flight Training Began On Thursday

There are seven boys on the campus of Mars Hill who hope, in due time, to take their places in the armed air force of the S.A.

For the first time in its history, this college is enjoying a part of the Civilian Pilot Training Program of the U. S. Government. The program is sponsored by Biltmore College of Asheville, and the boys began their classes on Thursday of this week. Though the course is one in flight training, there will be enough ground work to satisfy even the most avid of the embryo pilots. The classes, held three nights each week, consist, in part, of navigation, flight technique, and

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#### News Flashes

The Boys' Literary Societies have elected the following officers for the commencement term:

Euthalia: President, Carter Wright; Vice-President, Wallace Parham; Secretary, Richard Brantley; Censor, Clifton Edwards.

Philomathia: President, Kenneth Davis; Vice-President, John Robertson; Secretary, Tom. M. Davis; Censor, Hoyt Evans.

Do you like plantation music? Be sure to hear The Southland Singers in concert here on March 7 at eight o'clock. Their colorful and well-rendered melodies have been received enthusiastically by audiences throughout the nation.

Our Edith Floyd, C-I, from Denton, made headlines and political history when she delivered the keynote address at the annual meeting of the young Republican clubs of North Carolina in Greensboro on February 14. Edith is first vice-president of the young Republicans of North Carolina, and at Mars Hill she is a member of Mr. Huff's forensic group. It might pay one to keep up with this young lady.

We were fortunate in having Valter Harrelson drop anchor at Mars Hill for a short visit this week. Our love and good wishes go with him as he leaves for the scene of the Pacific conflict.

Mr. Sebren and Samuel Tushton played with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in Kinston last night.

#### LAUREL LEADERS



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Shown above are: Top left: Carlton Wright, editor-in-chief of the *Laurel*. Top right: Tom Davis, business manager. Bottom left: Carter Wright, advertising manager. Bottom right: Jean Combs, literary editor. The remainder of the staff includes: Bob Brissie, associate editor; J. C. Jones, sports editor; Clifton Edwards, organization manager; Perry White, organization manager; W. T. Thomas, circulation manager; Mavis Harden, circulation manager; Mary Grace Caudle, feature editor; Edna Anne Johnston, art editor; Henry Anderson, assistant advertising manager; Dorothy Gillespie, typist; and Henrietta Currence, girls' sports editor.

#### CHAPEL FORECAST

A number of interesting, inspiring, and entertaining chapel programs have been planned for the month of March. The programs for next week are as follows:

On Monday Dr. Blackwell will deliver to the student body a message on the subject "Daniel's Open Window." We are eager to learn in just what channels he will direct our thoughts.

The Baptist Student Union has charge of the program Tuesday. Douglas Aldrich, our

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#### Girls' Defense Program

The girls of Mars Hill College are doing their part for national defense. Friday night, Feb. 20, at an assembly in the auditorium the girls elected Maurine Coley as their captain. Under her leadership, the girls elected lieutenants in each dormitory. The lieutenants have appointed their sergeants. The rest of the girls are going to be privates.

Many new plans are being made and the girls are going to do many different things. They resolve to save the tinfoil around their candy, save their old newspapers, save all the tin cans and jars they have, and not to leave any food on their plates in the dining hall. In general, they resolve to **save!**

#### Varsity Show Proves To Be Successful

##### Promises To Become Annual Affair

After three weeks of contemplation and about four days of frenzied preparation, the curtains opened on the first Mars Hill Varsity Show Saturday evening, February 21, at eight o'clock. The stage was colorfully, even lavishly set for the opening acts with stars and moon set against a blue background, a band stand decorated in blue and gold at the center of the stage, and a stairway at the left, by which the performers entered.

The "Campus Favorites" band opened with a popular selection, followed by "Maria Lana" with Florence Smith as vocalist. The band is made up of nine Mars Hill boys and was one of the hits of the evening. Bob Clodfelter was master of ceremonies, a position which he filled very capably with his tux, derby, and a Dr. Kildare accent.

A comic opera, "Il Advertiso" was one of the novel acts; the singers sang of various products to the tunes of a variety of melodies, using elaborate gestures and all sorts of vocal gymnastics. An act involving the transfiguring of several boys into colored girls and pups had the audience in stitches (and little Spencer King in tears!). Just when the audience reached the conclusion

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#### YOUTH REVIVAL CLOSES

The outstanding news of the week is the Youth Revival which comes to a close tomorrow evening, as far as actual services are concerned; however, the inspiration and strength received from the excellent messages remain to give courage and new meaning to life for all of us.

Bill Farrar speaks tonight. Luther Copeland brings the sermon Sunday morning, and Douglas Aldrich delivers the final message on Sunday evening. Other students participating in the services have been Hoyt Evans, Carl Harris, Albert Young, Bill Gabbert, Henry Anderson, Ralph Langley, Harriet Orr, James Baker, Harold Killian, Cecil Davis, Elizabeth DuPuis, and Mary Lillian Culpepper.

Ronda Robbins has done a splendid job of leading the music. The special numbers have been greatly enjoyed, and the choir has been faithful in supporting the evening services.

#### Demonstration In Television Is Presented

On Wednesday night a demonstration in television was presented in the college auditorium by Mr. Lewis Hoskins, a representative of the Southeast School Assemblies of Green Lane, Pennsylvania.

A simple explanation and an actual demonstration of sending and receiving sets were presented. Two students, Margaret Bunch and George Blake, were televised on one of the largest screens ever used in this country for demonstration. Judson Tittle served as a model for a demonstration in television make-up.

Mr. Hoskins opened his

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#### GIRLS SUCCESSFUL IN FORENSIC MEET

Last Saturday Miss Gertie B. Watts won first place in oratory at the sixth annual Smoky Mountain Women's Tournament held at Bristol, Virginia, and sponsored by Virginia Interment.

Championship decisions were given in only two other events, extempore speaking and poetry reading. Eleanor Israel was awarded third place in extempore, and Mary Lillian Culpepper won fourth place in poetry reading.

In the debate contests four

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#### Unusual Production Shrouded In Mystery

##### 'Laurel' Began As Monthly Literary Magazine

Veiled in secrecy and hidden in some unknown vault completely obscured from the students of our college is an annual called the *Laurel*. For months we have been posin' for, or dodging from, Mr. Stringfield and his co-photographers, but nary a hint of what's going on have we been able to learn.

Approximately 650 copies of this mystic masterpiece have been sold to date. We do know, or at least we think we do—and we heard this from a reliable source—that this *Laurel* is to be in a unusual format and decidedly different from any other *Laurel* previously printed.

In the beginning the *Laurel* was a monthly literary magazine with the last issue of the year devoted exclusively to seniors. About 1926 an agitation began on the campus for a student newspaper. When the publication of such a paper was authorized, the question arose as to what to do with the *Laurel*, then the monthly magazine. The question of an appropriate name for the newspaper came up. Those responsible for the *Laurel* decided that the name was too beautiful to be wasted on a campus newspaper. It was decided that the monthly magazine should be killed and that some of the material which usually went

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#### Dramatics Report

The most recent production of the Dramatic Club was the play entitled "Senor Freedom," by Jean Lee Latham. The characters were taken as follows: Dolores, Claire Cox; Juan, Warren Reddick; Ina, Grace Westmoreland; Luis, Elliott Donnell; Bruna, Burnette Selph.

The Dramatic Club has cast the play to be taken to Asheville on March 13-14. There the plays presented will be rated first, second, third, and fourth. The play receiving first rating will be taken to the Dramatic Festival at Chapel Hill, April 10-11-12. The name of the play is "Trial By Moonlight," and the cast is as follows: Jerry Denison, George Blake; Angela Bemis, Georgia Coleman; Mrs. Bemis, Maurine Coley; Madame d'Hervilly, Eleanor St. John; Philip Charters, Wallace Parham; Bellboy, Luther Jarvis; Elsie, Claire Cox.

Two original plays have been cast to be put on here. These also may be taken to Carolina.