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### First Hilltop Editorial

(Ed. Note: This is a copy of the first editorial ever published in the Hilltop; it came out in the first issue of the Hilltop under the title, "Letter Of Introduction", published Sept. 25, 1926.)

The Hilltop bears this letter of introduction because it is a stranger on the campus and among the activities of Mars Hill college. But its strangeness is of a peculiar nature—a strangeness that may be turned into intimate acquaintance by merely turning its pages and glancing at its columns.

The Hilltop comes to take the place of its predecessor, the Laurel, in discovering and developing literary talent, in helping to create an atmosphere in which music of pure English is ever and abundantly present, in reviewing through its appearances that spirit which is so distinctly characteristic of Mars Hill, in encouraging athletics by acquainting the student body, the community and the surrounding country with each athletic enterprise, in making known the activities of the different religious organizations, literary societies, and the different clubs.

Last spring the Laurel ceased; this fall the Hilltop began. In between these phenomena lies the organization of the staff to meet the new conditions, and last, though least in the consideration of the staff, the vast amount of work and earnest endeavor which usually attends the change from a magazine to a college paper. In attempting this change in publication, the staff realizes that it is becoming venturesome, but it is glorious in possibilities. For, in the success of the paper are imprinted the sincerest hopes and the highest aspiration of the entire staff; therefore, do we invite, even request, your co-operation in making the Hilltop, your publication, a success. We are indeed "launched but not anchored." Will you lend a hand?

### To The Editors Sixteen Years Hence

Today the editors thought it would be a good idea to commemorate the birth, progress, and faith of the Hilltop, our campus newspaper. We give to our paper credit for helping to sustain the spirit of Christian friendliness manifested on our campus; and though we are the editors we want not only our public this year but the public of all years to come to be reminded that we realize our responsibility and that we pledge to uphold the faith placed in us to the best of our ability.

Although we are the editors, please don't mistake our awareness of our position to be egotism. The editors are not the paper, although they often receive for it more of the credit than they are due. The paper is composed of many individuals working under the same conditions, the same self-imposed rules, and the same honorable traditions that direct the thoughts and actions of the editors.

There was once a time, in the earlier days of our paper, when it was the custom for each succeeding editor to publish an editorial in the first issue of the year, setting forth the policy to be followed by the paper and the purpose for the paper's existence. As the years passed and the Hilltop gained a surer foothold, it took on a distinct personality; its policy was manifest in each column; its policy was in such close co-operation with the thoughts and traditions of the Christian atmosphere in which it lived that it was no longer necessary to publish an editorial of policy.

This is our sixteenth year of existence, our sixteenth anniversary, and we have found ourselves the willing instruments of the Hilltop, rather than the Hilltop an instrument of our changing moods and prejudices. The Hilltop is permanent and growing; after this year we become one with the past, one of the stepping stones holding, for a year, the honor of cooperation with our paper. We have not forgotten our predecessors; we dare to hope that the Hilltop will remember us as friends and servants. We ask only to be a link in the chain.

In this, our sixteenth anniversary issue, we beg the privilege of leaving in your hands another of the fine traditions that is woven into the framework of our college. We not only ask you, the editors of the Hilltop on this thirty-second anniversary, 1957-58, to celebrate in one issue the birth and honor of our campus newspaper, but we ask all those who shall follow us. Keep the Hilltop clean, vital, and informing. We leave in your hands what we have helped to support. Please keep faith with us.

### WHY THE SHAMROCK?

Shure and we can't be forgettin' Saint Patrick's Day. It was his own mither who kissed the blarney stone afore he was born.

Saint Patrick's Day has been celebrated by the people of America since early times, but few know the full significance of the day. Just to enlighten you here's the story:

Saint Patrick, according to the Roman Catholic authorities, was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, Scotland, in the year 387. When he was sixteen years old he was captured by Irish marauders and sold as a slave to a chieftain, who was a high priest, in the territory of the present country of Antrim. He remained in servitude for six years, learning meanwhile to speak the Celtic language. One day he made his escape from his captors and formed a band of religious workers. He and his companions were taken captive many times by the Druids. Once he was loaded with chains and condemned to death but fate would not have his life end so soon.

Saint Patrick's work to spread Christianity made him famous and many traditions have grown out of the story of his life. One which is regarded as authentic is that in an effort to explain to the Irish people the mystery of the Trinity, he plucked a shamrock and in-

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### International Summary

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Australia is the last remaining base in the southwest Pacific from which the United Nations may hope to launch an offensive of their own against Japan.

In Europe, the Russians are attempting to nip Hitler's long-promised spring offensive before it can get under way. It is probable that the German mechanized hoards will go toward the Caucasus's oil fields and Iran. If this drive is successful, along with a proposed Japanese attack through India, the great axis powers would be able to join hands and thereby strangle the British Empire, Russia, and China.

We see, therefore, that the southwest Pacific is not the only front upon which America must play an important part. This summer will probably be the most decisive few months of the entire war. We must during this time not only hold the Japanese and Germans at bay, but we must also strengthen ourselves so that in the near future the Allies may seize the offensive. If Germany and Japan are able to reach their goals this summer, the burden of winning the war will be thrown upon the American people, a task which will be almost impossible at America's present rate of production. Therefore, we must not only greatly increase our flow of vital war supplies to the threatened points, but we must also increase both our shipbuilding program and our arms program. There is a long, hard road to victory for the United Nations, but if we all strive together, victory will most assuredly be ours in the not-too-distant future.

### Possible Hilltop Editors For '42-'43

Each year the more important officers of the Hilltop staff for the following year are elected by the students from among the C-I's. This election determines the positions of editor-in-chief, managing editor, business manager, and advertising manager. The students usually have no criteria other than the candidates' campus popularity upon which to base their decisions. Consequently, it is possible for these responsible positions to be filled by persons who are altogether unfitted in many respects properly to execute their duties. This condition results not only in difficulty for the staff member concerned, but also in a great deal of worry and inconvenience on the part of the paper's faculty advisers.

To attempt to remedy this situation, we print this column, with the intention of attracting the attention of the student body to a few of those worthy students who have at least some background in newspaper work and who are truly interested in producing a Hilltop of which you, the students, will not be ashamed. As we learn of other students who promise to merit your consideration, we shall call your attention to their possibilities.

John Chandler, from Thomasville, North Carolina, could function admirably in one of the editorial positions. John worked in the Mills Home printing shop and helped turn

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### Ministerial Students Elect Officers

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Edwin Brooks will deliver sermons on March 26 and April 9 respectively. March 19 William Crowder will deliver a paper on "Ministerial Ethics." on April 2 Miss Gladys Johnson will speak to the conference on "The Minister's Library."

We look forward to the last posted program with great anticipation. On April 16 the Volunteer Band will meet jointly with the Ministerial conference, at which time Mrs. W. L. Lynch will speak on "The Mistress of the Manse." This joint meeting has been a custom for many years and has proved very inspirational and beneficial.

A timely poem published in the Hilltop on November 9,

### SOCKS

By Jessie Pope

Shining pins that dart and click  
In the fireside's sheltered peace,  
Check the thoughts that cluster thick—  
Twenty plain and then decrease.  
He was brave—well, so was I—  
Keen and merry. But his lip  
Quivered when he said good-bye—  
Pearl the seam-stitch, pearl and slip.  
Never used to living rough,  
Lots of things he's got to learn;  
Wonder if he's warm enough;  
Knit 2, catch 2, knit 1, turn.  
Hark! the paper boy again!  
Wish that shout could be suppressed;  
Keeps one always on the strain,  
Knit off 9, slip the rest.  
Wonder if he's fighting now,  
What he's done and where he's been;  
He'll come out on top somehow—  
Slip 1, knit 2, pearl fourteen.

### She Snoops To Conq



By Crackie

Guess who was the disappointed fella on the campus last week when he received a box from home posing it to be food, of course. He dived into it with his hands and found the contents to be: 1 pair of boots, 1 rag doll. Result: 1 reduced.

You have heard of the one who "just couldn't say 'HE BYE'?" Well, another Valdese boy has it bad. He lives in Valdese. He just will not keep from going home so often, and he's not sick. Better known by his name as "the handsome young man"—meet Sam Brinkley.

Anderson still hasn't given up report of his actions in the village during the snow storm. McAdams is also holding his own, but we'll get it and them one way or another and when we do!

Guess whose face was under the little red light show when the lights went out a bit too soon. Well, his starts with a T and it's with little.

Don't dare ask Tommy he did in Greensboro week. He's not saying, and associate doesn't plan anyone in on events. Tommy, "It was a good nature show, anyway."

Why doesn't someone Bill what he found or Corbin, Ky., that made and his old lady decided. The come back to the Hill why not ask "Scoop" feels to be a celebrity, picture in Life? The least can do is ask Henry Huf seems to know all the or Richie Harris, who all the questions and answers, usually delivered very pointedly.

Why not also ask Mr. why the majority of the presidents come from his or why his forensic team a reputation for winning notice all ye who would presidents and debaters!

Step right up, folks, that Casanova of the that dashing, romantic,

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