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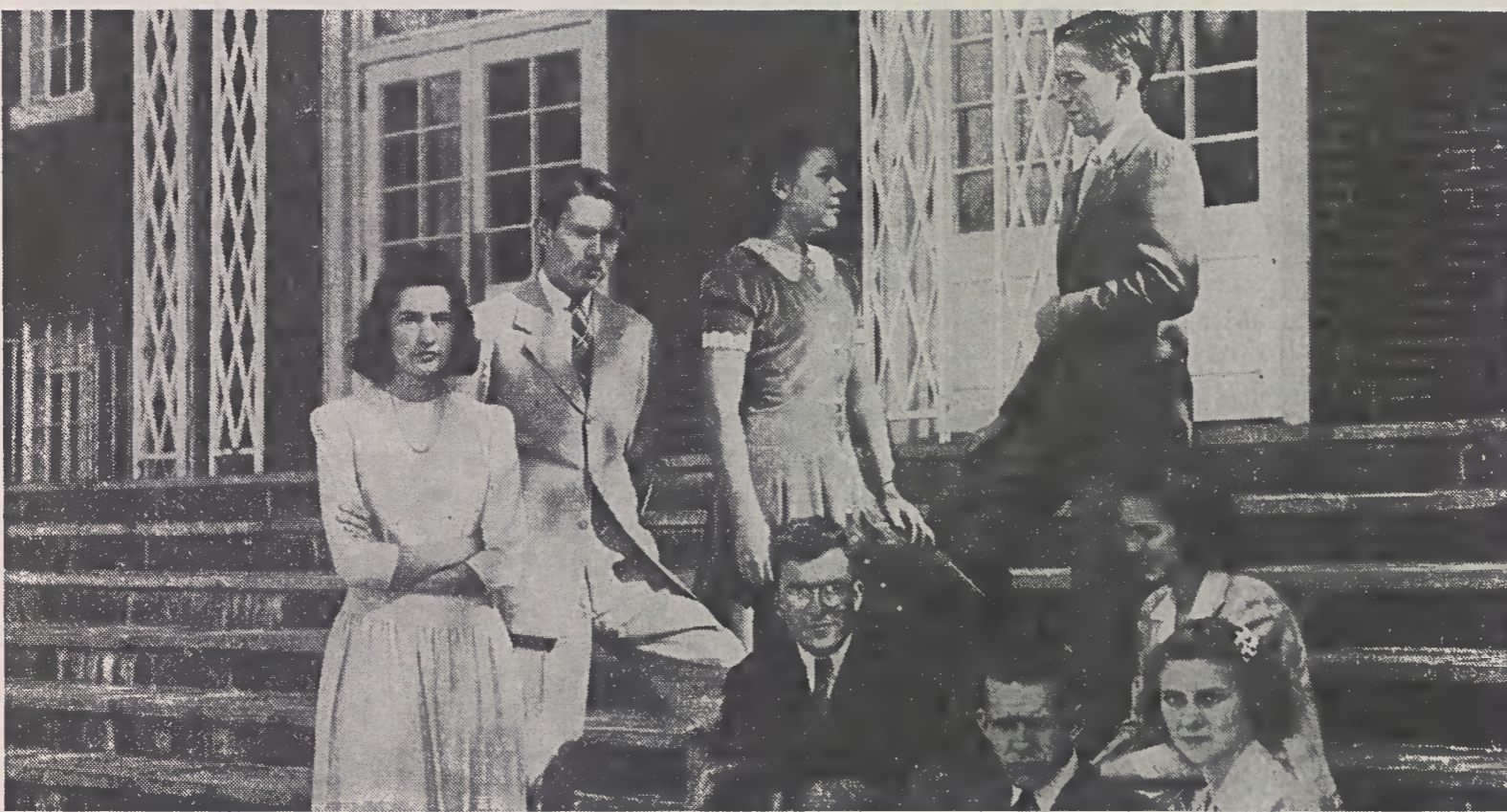
Associate Degrees Conferred By Mars Hill College

Mars Hill College is one of the junior colleges in the country conferring the Associate's degree upon its graduates, according to a study just completed by Dr. Walter C. Eells, executive secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Results of the study released today from the national headquarters of the association in Washington.

The study shows that Mars Hill College had conferred the associate's degree on 2,006 graduates up to 1941, having begun the practice in 1922. One of eight junior colleges in North Carolina now confers this increasingly popular degree which was comparatively unknown 25 years ago. During the past 25 years, over 125,000 young men and women have been awarded the Associate's degree, more than the total number receiving bachelor's degrees in the first 25 years of the history of higher education in the United States.

The Associate's degree is the one now recommended by the American Association of Junior Colleges to signify the completion of two years of accredited junior college education. While at present only 10 per cent of the country's 650 junior colleges have authority from accrediting agencies to award such degrees, the trend is toward making the degree of Associate in Arts or Science the universal, standard degree for two-year work at the college level, just as the bachelor of Arts or of Science is the standard degree for four-year college work.

Detailed results of the study, including the statistics on Mars Hill College, are published in a book by Dr. Eells, just off the press and entitled "Associate's Degree and Graduation Practices in Junior Colleges." This is the first work ever published on this recently recognized college degree.



Pictured above are the Clio-Phi anniversary officers. Standing left to right: Hank Cushwa, secretary; Wilton Creech, secretary; Nena Barr, president; Bill Hamlett, president. Seated left to right: Lee Wood, vice-president; N. A. Miller, censor; Ruth Taylor, vice-president; Anne Johns, censor.

Band To Play On Major Rector Day

Elaborate Program To Honor War Hero

Although his arrival was expected earlier, it is now probable that Major Edward Rector will not arrive in Marshall before the middle of November.

Major Rector is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Rector of Marshall. He is today a world-renowned hero, being one of the Flying Tigers. He has distinguished himself by winning medals and awards from the British and Chinese governments. Madison county can do no less than present its best in honor of this noble son who has done so much for his country.

When Marshall observes "Major Edward Rector Day," Robert R. Williams, prominent Asheville attorney, will deliver the principal address. Major Rector will be introduced by George Pritchard, another prominent attorney of Asheville. All business houses in Marshall will have patriotic window exhibits, and all homes in the county are planning to display the American flag on that day. The Major Rector celebration will be broadcast.

The Mars Hill band will furnish music for the part of the program which will be held in the auditorium. The band will play the following selections:

"Star Spangled Banner," arranged by J. Phillip Sousa; and "Salutation March," by Roland F. Seitz; "El Capitan March," by John Philip Sousa.

Hilltop Represented At A. C. P. In Chicago

'Russ' Jordan Brings Back Interesting Report

Russ Jordan, editor of the *Hilltop*, returned Monday from Chicago, where he attended the Associated Press convention held in Hotel Knickerbocker Nov. 5-7.

Kenneth E. Olson, Dean of Medill School of Journalism, welcomed the delegates to Chicago at a banquet held in the ballroom of Hotel Knickerbocker on Thursday, November 5. Fred L. Kildow, director of Associated Collegiate Press, was chairman of the opening convention. After this, the College Theatre of Chicago Teachers College presented *Tom Cobb or Fortune's Toy*, a hilarious 1890 melodrama by W. S. Gilbert. Next on the evening's program was the main address of the convention by Dr. Gerhard Schacher, noted author and foreign correspondent for the *London News-Chronicle*, who explained *Why Hitler Cannot Win This War*. Immediately after the address, a mixer was held in the banquet room sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi chapters at Northwestern University.

On Friday and Saturday roundtable discussions were held for the different departments of a newspaper. One of the principal lecturers of the editorial roundtables was Lt. Charles A. Lewis, Public Relations Branch, United States Army; and the other outstanding lecturer was Lt. Stewart S. Howe, Public Relations office, United States Navy. Both lieutenants explained how the college newspaper can also serve in the present crisis.

There were so many interesting... (Continued on Page 3)

Clios To Hold Annual Reception On Nov. 21

The Program Committee Plans Big Event

For the evening of November 21, in response to the Philomathian Anniversary, the Clios are planning their annual reception. Two programs have been planned paralleling the theme which will be disclosed next Saturday.

In accordance with the plan of the presentation of the theme, one group of the guests will be invited at eight o'clock to the program in the Clio-Phi hall; while the other group of guests will go to the Non-Eu hall for another program. In order that those who attend the reception may see a finished product, much hard work has been put forth in the past few weeks.

The following committee chairmen, together with faithful committee members, are putting their best effort into making this Clio reception a memorable event: Mary Lillian Cuipepper, Ruth McCoy, Harriett Orr, Callie Noland, Evangeline Grayson, Hazel Snipes, Helen Kennedy, Mary Frances Apperson, Nellie Young, Harriett Rutledge, Alice Melton, and Harriet Lee.

The College Library Receives Generous Donation

Dr. Ella J. Pierce, chairman of the Library Committee, announces the liberal gift of \$400 received this week from Mr. F. P. Drake, of Atlanta, Georgia. This fund will be used for the purchase of books which have been much needed for some time but which could not be secured because of the limited library budget.

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Plans For Program Are Completed

Bill Hamlett Leads Phis Tonight

Tonight at eight o'clock the Philomathian Literary Society celebrates its fifty-second anniversary. To the Phis go our heartiest congratulations and good wishes for a great evening and a year of equal success and progress.

The Phis face the footlights tonight under the capable leadership of Bill Hamlett, of Mount Gilead. Bill says that plans for the program have been completed but will not be revealed until curtain call! Joint meetings have been a source of inspiration, and those essential city notes have been invaluable in building morale.

Supporting Bill and the Phis is a loyal group of Clios led by Nena Barr, that vivacious young lady from West Jefferson. Weeks of hard work on the part of both societies have gone into making this anniversary a climactic event in the march of memories that endear Clio-Phi to every loyal member.

In the traditional spirit of friendly rivalry the Phis entered the commencement contests last year and emerged victorious, with John Robertson winning oration, Hoyt Evans capturing both declamation and temperance reading, and Norman Caudle and James Hall winning the annual debate. Norman was chosen as the most outstanding debater.

With fine records of past years as inspiration, the Philomathians are working enthusiastically and tirelessly to afford keen competition to the Euthalians in the contests this year.

In their preparation for this, the fifty-second anniversary, the Philomathians would not forget those brothers who, through the years, have given their time and talents to building up the ideals and traditions of Philomathia. Today, as brothers on every continent fight to uphold the ideals of a nation, the Phis pledge anew their loyalty to the cause for which they stand. With the truth of a Jefferson, the purity of a Washington, and the fidelity of a Wilson, the Philomathians pause at the dusk of an old year for the dawn of a new year in Philomathia.