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ARMY AIR CORPS RESERVE CALLED Glee Club Sponsors Music Contest

Groups Divided Into Competing Groups

Miss Fisher, of the Music Department, announced Wednesday in chapel a concrete step-singing contest to place this spring on the campus of Edna Moore dormitory at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The group contesting is required to present two selections of their own choice, to be judged at Mars Hill," written by Miss Fisher and introduced by the glee club to the faculty student body Wednesday afternoon. The groups shall elect a leader and then re-name of their leader, name of members, and their selections to Betty Roberts, secretary of the glee club, noon of March 1.

Following faculty members will act as judges: Mrs. Roberts, Miss Martha Lambeth, Miss Logan, and Miss

The schedule is as follows: **Monday, April 10**—ground floor of New Dorm, first floor of Old Dorm, and first floor of Edna Moore; **Sunday, April 11**—half of second floor of Old Dorm, the other half of second floor of Edna Moore, group including Treat, and first floor of Edna Moore; **Saturday, April 17**—first floor of cottages and town hall; **Sunday, April 18**—second floor of New Dorm, third floor of New Dorm, and third floor of Edna Moore; **Saturday, April 24**—first floor of Melrose, and first floor of Brown; **Sunday, April 25**—second floor of Spilman; **Saturday, May 1**—winners; **Sunday, May 2**—finals of three winners; **Sunday, May 8**—finals of two winners; **Sunday, May 9**—glee club contest. Congratulations to Miss Fisher and the glee club for an enjoyable plan. Our cooperation is yours.

Calendar

Monday Night, Feb. 20: Sun-School Socials.
Tuesday, Feb. 22: Mr. King.
Wednesday, Feb. 23: B.S.U.
Thursday, Feb. 24: Music.
Friday, Feb. 25: Dr. Blackwell.
Saturday, Feb. 26: Mr. Wood.
Sunday Night, Feb. 27: Basketball Game.
Monday Night, March 6: Revival.

Dramateers To Enter Dramatic Festivals

'The Black Blossom' By Russell Jordan To Be Produced In Asheville

The W. N. C. District Dramatic Festival will be held in Asheville, March 5-6, under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Welch, teacher of dramatics at Lee Edwards high school and president of N. C. Dramatic Association.

The Dramateers will present the dramatic play, **The Rescue**, by Rita Smith. The cast is as follows: Miss Elvira Warden, Yvonne Lawing; Anna, June Hallyburton; and Kate, Callie Noland. The theme of the play is the pall of insanity which hangs over every member of this New England family. The students assisting Miss Wengert in this production are Emily Jeanes and Russell Jordan.

An original play, **The Black Blossom**, by Russell Jordan, will also be presented at the dramatics festival. The following students constitute the cast: Eddie Woodworth, Douglas Davis; Clarissa Woodworth Ota, Mary Elizabeth Gaines; Tokitoshi Ota, Russell Jordan; Nishida Sentaro, Gordon Mathews; Head Soldier, Ned Austin; two Japanese soldiers, Hal Moore and Bill Goodman.

The Rescue and **The Black Blossom** are to be presented in the college auditorium March 13.

Plans for the Dramateers to present **The Rescue** at the State Festival in Chapel Hill are now being made. This festival is to be held the latter part of March.

Local Students Win In Poetry Contest

First Two Places Go To Harrison & Bennett

Miss Marjorie Harrison won first place in a poetry contest conducted by the N. C. Dramatic Association at Chapel Hill. Her poem, "Walking In The Rain," won top place in the junior college division.

The second place also went to a Mars Hillian. Maureen Bennett's "England—1938" received very favorable comments as runner-up.

Both poems were submitted by Miss Wengert, head of the speech department, through the Dramateers.

A Representative Of WAACS Visits Campus

Sponsored By Woman's Athletic Association

Lieutenant Dorothy E. Cooper, of the Army Recruiting Office, Charlotte, visited our campus as guest of the Woman's Athletic Association, Thursday, February 17. Lt. Cooper gave several conferences throughout the afternoon and a talk in the auditorium that night. All discussions were primarily informative, since most of our girls are under twenty-one years of age.

Lt. Cooper received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Ia., where at the end of a six weeks' period she was commissioned as a second lieutenant. She took two weeks of special training before being sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., on recruiting duty. From Fort Jackson Lt. Cooper was transferred to Charlotte, where she is now stationed.

Lt. Cooper holds a B.A. degree from Henderson State Teachers college in Arkansas and has done graduate work at the university of Texas and the university of Colorado. Her home is in Little Rock, Ark.

In her discussion Wednesday night Lt. Cooper stressed the urgent need of women to do vital war work, since every WAAC releases a soldier for active combat. There are four units of training in the WAACS—the administrative group (including all types of office work), bakers and cooks, motor transport group, and the communications group. In addition to these, the Army Air Corps has asked for women to do ground jobs, such as drafting, photographing, weather forecasting, and fabric work.

There are three WAAC training centers: Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. However, Fort Des Moines contains the only officers' candidate school. A girl entering the WAACS first receives a four weeks' basic training course at one of the WAAC training centers. At the completion of the basic training, a WAAC may apply to the officers' candidate school or she will be classified and sent to a school for specialized training. WAACS receive the same pay, rank and grade as regular soldiers in the army. (See Page 4—Col. 4)

Mrs. Shaw Resigns As Dietitian

'Miss Essie' To Fill Vacancy In The Dining Hall

Official announcement has been received that Mrs. Laura Shaw, who served as dietitian of the college for twenty-one years, has resigned her position on the staff. Mrs. Shaw left her position at the college in December because of ill health. Mrs. W. M. Edwards, assistant dietitian, has assumed Mrs. Shaw's duties and is efficiently managing the dining hall.

Mrs. Shaw came to Mars Hill college in 1921 and fulfilled her duties faithfully and efficiently. Under her management the dining hall was constantly improved and the cost of food kept at a minimum.

She is remembered particularly for her love of flowers and for the way in which she transformed the ugly places around the dining hall into beautiful spots. Three children of Mrs. Shaw were graduated from the college. They are Mrs. J. R. Riggan, Norfolk, Va., Miss Velma Shaw, Washington, D. C., and Tate Shaw, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Velma Shaw served as nurse for several years.

Dr. Pierce Is Named Acting Head Of English Dept.

Vacancy Caused By Ill Health Of Mr. J. B. Huff

Dr. Ella J. Pierce has been named acting head of the English department during the absence of Professor J. B. Huff, President Blackwell announced this week.

Mr. Huff, who returned to Mars Hill in 1930 as head of the English department, has been granted a leave of absence this year because of illness. He expects to return to his duties in September.

Dr. Pierce became a member of the Mars Hill faculty in 1925. She is a graduate of Meredith college and of the Woman's Missionary Training School. Dr. Pierce holds an M. A. degree and a Ph. D. degree from Cornell University. She has done graduate study at Columbia University and at Harvard University.

Sixteen Men Affected By The Order

To Take Basic Training At Miami Beach, Fla.

The members of the Army Air Corps reserve have received their notices to report for active duty on February 26 at the Army Air Corps Basic Training Center in Miami Beach, Florida, for their pre-aviation cadet basic training. The order affects sixteen boys of the Mars Hill student body.

Many phases of our campus life are going to be hard-hit by the calling of these men. The Philomathians lose their president, Napoleon A. Miller; Melrose Dormitory loses three proctors; and the school is losing some of its best students.

These are but a few instances which show the talent and ability in the group which we are losing. The men from Mars Hill who are affected by this call are:

George Buchanan, Estatoe; Raymond Dunn, New Bern; A. C. Edwards, Jr., Tabor City; Harrison Faile, Kershaw, S. C.; George Gaines, Lexington; Jack "Tuffy" Gates, Roxboro; R. P. Hall, Rocky Mount; Kenneth Haynes, Lewisville; Lawrence Helton, Timberland; Lee Hendley, Wadesboro; N. A. Miller, Seagrove; Howard Pinner, Candler; Durwood Rouse, Rose Hill; Rupert Strickland, Great Mills, Md.; Vernon Williams, Raleigh; B. T. Woolard, Washington.

To you boys, we who are left to carry on here at Mars Hill, bid a very sincere "so long," and our prayers and best wishes go with you as you lend yourselves to our country's service. Uncle Sam's gain is our loss.

Religious Emphasis Week

All who were present during Religious Emphasis Week last year are looking forward to the youth revival to be held from February 28 to March 7.

Plans have been made for daily chapel services to be given by various students. A student will speak each evening in the church auditorium. Music will be furnished by the choir, which is now being organized.

This is the week given entirely to student participation and leadership, and in the past it has proved to be one of the most beneficial and inspiring weeks of the year.