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DRAMATEERS TO ATTEND FESTIVALS

THE DEADLINE TO BE REPRODUCED



Pictured above is the cast for *The Deadline*, a three-act comedy by Russ Jordan, which was first produced here October 24, 1942, and is to be reproduced at Weaverville high school March 19 and at Mars Hill high school at a later date. Left to right: front row, Eloise Autrey, Russ Jordan, Sara Orr, Jane Gunter, and Doug Davis; back row: Emily Jeanes, Gordon Mathews, and Ruth McCoy.

Original Play And Production Play Presented Today

Are To Be Presented Here March 13

The W. N. C. District Dramatic closed in Asheville today at Lee Edwards high school. The Mars Hill College Dramateers presented two plays at the festival today.

The Rescue, by Rita Smith, was produced at 2 p. m. under the direction of Miss Bonnie Wengert, head of the speech department. The cast is as follows: Miss Elvira Warden, Yvonne Lawing; Anna, June Hallyburton; and Kate, Callie Noland.

The production was in charge of Emily Jeanes, assisted by Hal Moore.

An original play, **The Black Blossom**, by Russ Jordan, was presented today at 4 p. m. The following students constitute the cast: Doug Davis, Mary "Lib" Gaines, Gordon Mathews, Russ Jordan, Ned Austin, Hal Moore, and Bill Goodman. This production was under the direction of the author.

Miss Wengert and the senior dramatic majors attended the festival Friday and heard Prof. Koch give scenes from **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

The production play, **The Rescue**, will be produced at the State Festival in Chapel Hill the latter part of March. The theme of the play is the pall of insanity which hangs over members of this New England family.

The Rescue and **The Black Blossom** are to be presented in the college auditorium March 13. Between these two plays Marjorie Harrison will read her prize winning poem, "Walking In The Rain." This poem was awarded first place by the N. C. Dramatic Association in the junior college classification. Following her Maureen Bennett will read "England—1938." This poem was awarded second place.

Campus Visitor Tells Of Experiences In Alaska

Lt. Dan Pryor, of the Army, Air Corps, who has been stationed in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands for the past fourteen months, was on the campus with Jack Whitesides, a former varsity basketball player, last week.

Lt. Pryor told several of his friends on the campus of his thrilling experiences as a navigator, about the weather conditions, and the economic value of the vast lands of Alaska. (See VISITOR—Page 3)

Ensign J. R. Evans Meets Death

Outstanding As Student Here

February 13, Ensign J. R. Evans, of the Naval Air Corps, the fifth Mars Hill student to lose his life in service of the flying forces. He died as a result of major injuries sustained in an airplane accident in an airplane accident at the Naval Air Base in Christi, Texas.

Ensign Evans was regarded as an outstanding instructor at the base, and it was during his instruction period on February 13 that the accident occurred. The cadet at the controls is believed to have misjudged the landing distance; and because Ensign Evans could not get the plane, one wheel struck the ground, throwing the instrument panel against the instrument panel causing a concussion of the brain. He was taken to the naval base hospital where he failed to rally after an operation.

Ensign Evans, affectionately known as "Butch" to his friends, is the son of Mrs. Carrie Evans of Batesville, N. C., and the brother of Mrs. Evans, now attending the University Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. Ensign Evans is a graduate of Baylor University.

Ensign Evans was prominent in sports, music, and social activities. He was a member of the foreign language club, the glee club, the "M" club, the orchestra, and the band. He was an advertising manager for the *Hilltop*. He is remembered especially for his rich voice, which afforded pleasure and enjoyment to those who heard him sing.

The sincere sympathy of the Mars Hill students, and other students, and others extended Mrs. Evans in their sorrow.

Hill Debaters Clash With Team From State

Today night in the college auditorium three State College debaters will meet our teams in a direct clash debate. Our debaters, Bob Harris, Henry Huff, and Forest Denning, will debate against the team using the national method of Federal Union as a subject.

Three guest debaters, accompanied by their manager, Edwin H. Paget, who is the originator of the direct method of debating. This debate will be open to the student body, and a large number of visitors are expected to attend.

This Select Commencement Speakers

Mathews, Dorr, Huff And Grimes Rated First.

The Philomathian literary society of Mars Hill college recently completed a series of public speaking contests during which the representatives were selected for commencement week. The winners of these contests will represent their society in a speech tournament with their cousin society, the Euthalian literary society.

Gordon Mathews, of Ft. Valley, Ga., won first place in the oration contest. Ralph Langley, of Opelika, Ala., won second place and Bob Dorr, of Mt. Rainier, Md., won third place.

The winners of the declamation contest, in order of rating, were: Bob Dorr; Leonard Green, of Charlotte; and Luther Morris, of Lexington.

Henry Huff, of Mars Hill, and Bill Grimes, of Norfolk, Va., were winners in the debate contest. Lee Wood, of Mars Hill, was selected as alternate.

The winners of the temperance reading contest, in order of rating, are Henry Huff, Gordon Mathews, and Bob Dorr.

Youth Revival Closes Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening in the church auditorium our "Eight Great Days" of religious emphasis will come to a close, with Ralph Langley, our B. S. U. president, bringing the message.

These days have caused us to pause and take inventory of our daily acts and thoughts and to think seriously about the responsibilities and privileges we share as Christian young people. The simple, sincere talks straight from the hearts and lives of our fellow students have given us a new appreciation for the fullness of a life lived at its best.

On Sunday evening, February 28, Ralph Langley opened the series with a stirring message, "No Ceiling Price." Bob Dorr and Eleanor Israel brought their personal testimonies on Monday in chapel. Their thoughts centered around the importance and power of a life dedicated to a definite and worthy purpose. On Monday evening Bill Farrar clearly defined the responsibilities of Christians when he spoke on the text, "And Moses prayed for the people." There is no substitute for prayer in the life of one who would witness to others. A moving personal testimony was given in chapel on Tuesday by Bob Harris. (See YOUTH—Page 4)

49 Students Receive Red Cross Certificates

Forty-nine students of Mars Hill college were recently awarded both the standard and the advanced certificates by the American Red Cross, after having successfully completed the first aid course. O. E. Roberts, of the Mars Hill faculty, conducted the course during the fall semester.

Those receiving these certificates are as follows: June Ayers, Ruth Baker, Nena Barr, Richard Buchanan, Wilma Byrd, Dabney Caski, Gordon Cherry, Dorcus Clinard, Jewell Covington, Marie Lou Davis, Mary Ann Dendy, Miriam Eller, Ann Pauline Gillis, Irene Glass, Hazel Grady, Arlene Grow, Mildred Haney, Gleta Harris, Helen Hayes, Ethel Heinbuch, Charles Hendrix, Henrietta Holcombe, Ruby Mae Jeter, Marcus Jowers, Daniel Kirk, Mabel Laine, Harriet Lee, Jane Lee, Carolyn Linney, Irma Jane May, Margaret Miller, Bettie Moore, Edna Faye Myers, Larry New, Harriet Orr, Gwen Page, Howard Pinner, Hilda Poteat, Mary Ellis Reece, Augusta Reece, James Rice, Mary Rotella, Harriett Rutledge, Martha Lee Sawyer, Sarah Sigmon, Jewell Smith, Hazel Snipes, Bill Tate, and Hal Moore.