

## HISTORY OF MARS HILL B. S. U.

Many of the present generation of students who observe the successful functioning of the B. S. U. at Mars Hill under the efficient leadership of Miss Florence Gordon do not know that the Mars Hill organization is a pioneer in the field. The B. S. U. at Mars Hill, which is twenty years old this year, was the first one organized in North Carolina. It provided the first state president and has furnished four other presidents besides other officers.

The first idea of such an organization came from a paragraph in the **Biblical Recorder** in 1923. Some work similar to the Baptist Student Union had been going on in Texas, and other southern states were beginning to bring into being organizations later to be known as the Baptist Student Union. Definite work was started in North Carolina in 1922 with the appointment of Mrs. C. D. Williams as student secretary at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mrs. Williams established a campus council which was a forerunner of the present B. S. U. council.

The first North Carolina Baptist Student Convention was held at Raleigh in 1923. Mars Hill sent seven representatives, including Miss Beulah Bowden, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Gladys Johnson, L. L. Morgan, B. B. Jernigan, Joe Medlin, and Fred Moore, who also served as chauffeur. On the last Sunday of the spring term of 1923, partly as a result of this convention, Mars Hill organized its first Baptist Student Union. Miss Gladys Johnson was elected president; S. H. Jones, vice-president; B. B. Jernigan, Sunday School superintendent; and Joe Medlin, Baptist Young People's Union director. The purpose of the union was to unify and to utilize the organizations already on the campus. It was organized with the idea of keeping the church and the college linked together.

Little had been done towards further organization of the union when school closed, but during the summer plans were developed, and with the opening of the fall term it assumed one of its great duties, that of welcoming new students. No one knew just what the B. S. U. was to be, but as more was learned of it a keen interest sprang up among the students. With their cooperation Miss Johnson was able to lead the B. S. U. through its first successful year. One of the things that aided in the growth of the B. S. U. was the thorough report of Miss Johnson required from each department.

The constitution of the B. S. U. was not drafted for several years; nevertheless, there were certain requirements which had to be met. Before the nomination and election of officers the qualities of those persons to be nominated were stressed. It was necessary that the lives of all the officers be above reproach.

Already on the Mars Hill Campus were several religious organizations. These were the Sunday School, consisting of two classes—one for the boys, taught by Dr. Moore, and one for the girls, taught by Miss Bowden; the Baptist Young People's Union, later known as the Baptist Training Union, consisting of one Union; the Volunteer Band, then comprising only volunteers for the foreign fields, but which later included those interested in Home Missions; the Young Woman's Auxiliary; and the prayer meetings at which oftentimes only one person was present.

The weekly prayer meetings have developed until now there are a number of services during the week which are closely related to the prayer meetings. Vespers, held once a week, morning watch, noon-day prayer services, and dormitory prayer meetings are all in charge of students. Prior to this year the boys had meetings in their dormitories, but since they are scattered about so much this year, they have a central meeting in the auditorium.

Since the beginning of the B. S. U. other organizations have been started on the campus. These are the Ministerial Conference, the Youth Temperance Council, and the College section of the church.

There are a number of things that are distinctive about the Mars Hill B. S. U. One of these considered in this manner by Dr. Moore is the Religious Life and Training Committee composed of members of the faculty who work with the B. S. U. In most colleges having Baptist Student Unions only one member of the faculty serves as an adviser.

Each year the B. S. U. sponsors study courses for the spiritual growth of the students. Members of the faculty serve as teachers together with one or two visiting teachers. The

# Stars Defeat Bouncers - Wolves

purpose of these courses is that Christian young people shall have a well-balanced character training.

The B. S. U. sponsors the annual get-acquainted reception held on the first Saturday night of the fall term. In addition to this it has charge of the regular Tuesday chapel hour. Oftentimes outstanding personalities are secured for these programs, but they are conducted largely by the students. For the last five years a student revival has been held on the campus with students bringing the messages. A spiritual deepening of the student body has been the result of these meetings.

Many of the students of Mars Hill who were members of the Executive Council have continued their B. S. U. work. Paul Caudill was elected the first president of the North Carolina Baptist Student Convention in 1926. Charles Maddry, Kate Johnson, Bob Costner, and Wayne Oates are others who have become State Baptist Student presidents. L. L. Morgan, whose help was very important in the organization of the Mars Hill B. S. U., has been associated with the Sunday School work in North Carolina since 1927, first as field worker and then as secretary; Nathan C. Brooks, director of the Mars Hill B. T. U. while a student here, headed the B. T. U. work in North Carolina from 1935 until his recent resignation; Harold McCrosky, president of the B.S.U. in 1940-41, was elected second vice-president of the State B. S. U.

The roll of B. S. U. presidents of Mars Hill consists of the following: Gladys Johnson, 1923-24; E. C. Burnett, 1924-25; E. F. Baker, 1925-26; Paul Caudill, 1926-27; Charles A. Maddry, 1927-28; M. V. Parrish, 1928-29; E. M. Leonard, Jr., 1929-30; Val Edwards, 1930-31; H. Clay Cox, 1931-32; Luther Hawkins and Agnes Stack, 1932-33; Miriam Earley, 1933-34; Bob Costner, 1934-35; Thomas Fulk, 1935-36; Mary Lee Ernest, 1936-37; Wayne Oates, 1937-38; W. R. Wagoner, 1938-39; Robert Allred, 1939-40; Harold McCroskey, 1940-41; Douglass Aldrich, 1941-42;

## Who's Taking Who?

Are the Phis taking the Clios or is it vice-versa? Who knows? But, here's the lineup, thus far:

Those lucky desk officers and those on the program have to take just one date; or—maybe two!

Between Carl, Jimmie Sue, Joyce, and Bobby W. they had better decide who's taking who, and—quick!!

By the looks of things Harold Shoemaker has his "situation well in hand!" What about it Mary Catherine, Betty M., Jimmie Nell, and Martha?

It seems that J. C. had to do a lot of persuading to get an affirmative answer from Caroline!!

Jane Frazier has that "long sought after" date with Harold Spangler!!!

Jack Hughes says he has only one "original date" for anniversary! Could it possibly be that this "one" is "Bobby" Shope?

Jimmy Nolen has just about gotten his date "all lined up!" They are, so far: Gloria Pruitt, Norma Howell, and Frances Hobson.

Don, ole' boy, you seem to be taking two of the best!! Could they be "Goldie" and Merial?

Hm-mm-m-m. "Bobby" Dark seems to be doing O.K., thus far!!! He has Connie Peterson and Frances Tucker on his "hopeful" list!!

Crate Jones!! If you have asked Nancy to anniversary why don't you tell someone? Maybe Nancy or the dating committee would like to know!

Billie W., what would "Fats" say if he knew you were dragging Junior Hawkins around now and to anniversary, especially??

So far, Carlos Cooper has just two dates! Of course one is Nancy Wells, but we hear that the other **could be** Dorothy Collins!! What about it, Carlos?

And that isn't all!! Just wait until you see those Phis file in with all those dates!

Ralph Langley, 1942-43; and Florence Gordon, 1943-44.

## Thanksgiving Tilt Ends 12-6

The Mars Hill All-Stars defeated Mars Hill College in a Thanksgiving day football game. The two intramural teams of the college alternated in playing the All-Stars. The Bouncers played the first and third quarters while the Wolves played the second and fourth quarters.

Immediately after the second quarter, the All-Stars scored when Corn ploughed across from the two-yard line.

The All-Stars scored their second touchdown late in the third period when Simons plunged over center for the extra. Both of the tries for score points by the All-Stars were stopped.

The All-Stars threatened twice in the fourth period but the Wolves held for downs both times within their own ten-yard line. The second time they held, they began to move with Wood in the lead. He completed two passes that put the ball on the All-Stars' ten-yard line. Then M. Simons passed to Anderson for the score. The try for the extra point was no good. Shortly afterwards the game ended and the All-Stars were victorious 12 to 6.

Starting line-ups of the three teams were: **All-Stars:** McMahan, B. Ammons, L. Edwards, Holcombe, H. Edwards, Ramsey, McKinney, W. Ammons, Robinson, Roberts, and Corn. **Bouncers:** Turner, Taylor, Green, Gregory, Cooper, Westmorland, Carter, Hale, Martin, Thorne, and Hardin. **Wolves:** Simpson, Allen, Buckner, Medlin, Kimberly, Winfree, Shoemaker, M. Simons, Wood, Lee, and Anderson.

The added feature of the game was the marching of the band at the half. The band, led by majorette Grace Haynes, marched in front of the All-Stars' stand and formed the letter "T." They then marched to the other side line and formed the letter "M."

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"Mother, do folks marry in heaven?"

"The Good Book says they do not, Geraldine."

"Well, do they marry in—in—the other place?"

"I suppose not, my dear."

Geraldine shut the Bible with a bang.

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